

The following is a copy of the Will of Robert Ryece, Esq., extracted from the Registry of the Prerogative Court, at Canterbury :—

In the Name of that Almighty and Everlasting God who hath created all things, and one day with all Glory shall come to judge the World ; Amen. This seventh day of February in the latter days of this miserable World, from Christ's Birth One thousand six hundred and thirty seven, according to the Ch: of England, in the thirteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles, by the Grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c. I Robert Ryece of Preston, in the County of Suffolk, Gentleman, remembering the frailty of man's life, by how many innumerable ways even in a moment unexpected it is many times ended and finished, and knowing the most assured certainty of this natural death which every one must once overcome, before in that thrice blessed day of Redemption he can receive that Glorious Crown of Immortality, in respect whereof without great danger can none be unprovided of the same, as also every day more and more by many storms, and tempests, feeling the ruins of this earthly building to approach its certain overthrow, being now in good and perfect memory, (thanks be to Almighty God therefor) revoking and disannulling all former