

I visited Foots Cray Place, on April 26th, 1876, and found it in exactly the same state as when built for Bouchier Cleeve. Four porticoes, each surmounted by a lofty tympanum, face the four points of the compass, in the centre of each face of the building, and these are approached on three sides by flights of steps. A central hall, surmounted by a dome from which it is lighted, extends to the entire height of the structure, and is surrounded by a gallery. On one side of the Hall is the staircase, and on the three remaining ones the library, the drawing and dining rooms, of which the first is singularly handsome. Flanking the entrance lobby are two smaller rooms. The offices are on the basement. In front of the library is a terrace walk over-hanging the grounds, which are undulating and well timbered, and through which the canal or river mentioned by Hasted flows.

And ante, "Mr. Edward Townsend, of Brockley, joined with his wife in the sale of a portion of the demesne lands to Bouchier Cleeve, Esq., to enlarge his possessions at Foots Cray Place. Bouchier Cleeve above mentioned died possessing the estate in 1760, leaving by Elizabeth his wife, who died in 1761, one daughter Elizabeth, who in 1765 conveyed this seat with other large possessions to Sir George Yonge, Bart. In 1772 they joined in the sale of Foots Cray Place, to Benjamin Harenc, Esq., Sheriff of the County, in 1777."

Hasted also in his *History of Kent*, vol. 1, p. 303, says, under the head of Farningham Parish :

"John Fullarton sold the remaining part of this estate, consisting of Eglantine Farm, the Folly, and other lands adjacent to it, together with the lease of the Rectory, in 1756 to Bouchier Cleeve, of Foots Cray Place, in this County, Esquire, who died seized of it in 1760, leaving an only daughter and heir Elizabeth since married to Sir George Yonge, of Escott, in Devonshire, Bart."