

Robert, Lord Spencer, Baron of Wormleighton, owner of the manor of Althorp in Northampton, the great friend of the Washingtons of Sulgrave and Brington, as the old account books preserved at Althorp show* (see Col. Chester's paper already referred to). This was strong corroboration of the other evidence identifying this Mr. Lawrence Washington, if corroboration were needed, and it was also a complete answer to those questions which had been raised in my mind about the influences which brought Mr. Washington to Tring. This Sir Richard Anderson seems to have been by far the most important parishioner then living in Tring, where he died 3 August, 1632, and was buried within the chancel rail of the parish church. His widow, Dame Mary Anderson, afterwards lived in Richmond Surrey, but was buried at Tring, July, 1658. I examined the will of Sir Richard Anderson, and was gratified to find further evidence confirming my conjecture. It was as follows :

Sir Richard Anderson of Pendly in the county of Hartford knight, 5 October 1630, proved 27 August 1632. To the poor of Bitterly in Shropshire, Norton in Glostershire, Corringham in Essex, Albury, Tringe and Wigginton in Hartfordshire, to each parish five pounds. To the town of Tringe ten pounds to be added and employed, with that money already there in stock, to set the poor on work, which money of my own and some others given to that use is in ffeoffee's hands at this time thirty pounds. To my uncle Francis Garaway or, if dead, amongst his children, twenty pounds; to my uncle M. John Bowyer and my two cousins, his sons John and Francis, either of them, ten pounds. To my brother in law Mr. Thomas Cowly, now consul at Sante, twenty pounds.

Item I bequeath to Mr. Robinson's two sons, one of Pembroke College, the other of Albourne Hall, and to my cousin Larance Washington of Brasenose and to Mr. Dagnall of Pembrock College, to each of them forty shillings.

To my wife (over and above her jointure) bedding and household stuff, belonging in my father's time to a house he had in Chiswick, &c. &c. My bigger diamond ring to my daughter Elizabeth. I will and bequeath to my dear and only surviving sister the Lady Spencer of Offley twenty pounds. To the Right Hon. the Lord Spencer, Robert Needham Esq., Richard Spencer Esq., Sir Edward Spencer knight and Sir Thomas Derham knight, my worthy brothers-in-law, ten pounds each. Provision made for second

* It seems proper to state that these extracts from the Althorp documents were first published in 1860 by Rev. John Nassau Simpkinson, then rector of Brington, in Northamptonshire, now rector of North Creake, in Norfolk. This gentleman being greatly interested in the supposed identity of the emigrants to Virginia with John and Lawrence of his parish, wrote a very pleasant story about the Washingtons, and appended many extracts from the household books of Lord Spencer. When Col. Chester utterly upset this theory, Mr. Simpkinson wrote a manly letter to the *New York Nation*, printed 15th April, 1830, acknowledging his mistake. Now, however, that the fact seems established that all the facts collected related to the father and the uncles of our Virginians, it is to be hoped that his book will again meet public favor. Very curiously in that letter Mr. Simpkinson refers to Col. Chester's collections which had been shown to him in confidence, and adds, "that some of these documents seemed to me to supply strong presumptive proof that the emigrants would be found, after all, to have sprung from the Northamptonshire stock, though of a generation below that which was erroneously pointed out." This hint makes one seriously doubt if Col. Chester were wise in declining to print his collections and surmises until he had full proof, and also to hope that these collections will no longer remain secluded from our knowledge until they shall have lost all value and interest by the independent researches of others.—W. H. WHITMORE.