

struck his heales and gave him that life which he w^d not aske.”*

St. Lawrence's Appleby has a beautiful organ and I find a letter from Hugh Machell, during his mayoralty, to the Dean of Carlisle, 28 June, 1683, thanking him for this this “Noble favour.”† I also discover a letter from the Rev. Dr. Hill, dated from Queen's College, 9 June, 1700.” I was very happy “he writes, “yesterday in y^r son's and my Lord's good company. They came into Oxon on frriday night . . . they were so very well thus fair on their journey that they never had been once weary. I had a long discourse with honest Hugh . . . and I think was so very free with me as to tell me the expences of their journey did not then amount to 10 or 12 shillings, tho' they comanded and look'd as big in every action as if that had been the ordinary expenses of one afternoon bate &c.” Does this mean that two people could then go from Appleby to Oxford, at a cost of 5 or 6 shillings apiece?

* Machell MSS. Carl. I. 457.

† “I had long ere this returned you my thanks,” he writes, “you have greatly obliged us and many others, so more espescially in bestowing an Organ upon our Church and I had returned you my thanks long ago for the intimation of this Noble favor but having got my shoulder hurt I was not able to hold my pen. I was informed it was your desire that we shoud have it set up in my marortality and I have been as quick as possible since your letter came least our slowness in embracing the favour might be an argument of unthankfulness in us, my brother Thomas who joined with me when we were at Carlisle in requesting this favour, on our Corporation being present at Mr. Smith's return subscribed towards putting it up, and yesterday everyone of the Aldermen did the like by which you may see how generally acceptable ye present is, which when I consider it seems there is a particular obligation on me that you did it at my request and instance. Whereas your own goodness not to mention your education which the town of Appleby may glory in more than any merit of mine who have oftentimes received your favours. Assure yourself if it ever lay in my power to serve you, you may freely command the utmost endeavour of your most obliged servant Hugh Machell.

Dean Smith replies from Carlisle, 29 June, 1683:—“Mr. Mayor, I have received by this bearer one Letter from yourself and another from your common council; both of them full of Civility and Kindness for which I return you and them my very hearty thanks and am glad that the present I have made you of our old organ meets with good acceptance from ye Corporation as you say it doth. I have desired Mr. Alderman Robinson ye best I can, how and where to set it up in your church, having also advised with our organist and the workmen here. I have only further to present my humble service to you all and to assure you I am, Sir, yours and the Corporations very affectionate servant.

(Signed,) Thomas Smith.”

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