

off Ireland Defender off the faythe and yn erthe of the Cherche of england and Ireland the Sup'me heed the xvj day of Septe'ber I Jhon Shipway off beverstone and mangotsfield officer In the service off our sufferayne lord edward the vj man off armes by descent off my fforefather William Shipway of beverstone hereunto my seal fix as witnesseth leo lelo mann Sig. doman regis richard the fyrst william de longchainge chaunceller and justiciarye In the yere off our lord god 1192. . . . hole off my'd and o'tett of memory but sicke yn bodi make my last wyll in inam' & forme followy'g fyrst I bequethe my soule unto allmyghty god and my bodi to be buried in cristen buriall Secondly I give & bequethe thw my oldest son'e Jhon all those my horses sheep goodes houses possesyones monyes Jewelles papers and all thyngs that are myne and my son'e Jhon shall pourtion unto his own brothier Francis as seemeth hym wysc Item I doe desire my sou'e Jhon to provyde for all my servantes who are old and feeble I make my sou'e Jhon my sole executor of this my last will Thes beryng wyttness Syr nicholas band vicar there Wyllyam Sum'er Wyllyam Kynge and Jhon Oswald w^t other mo.

Endorsed—T. Jphis Shipway.

Of this will he obtained for Colonel Shipway a certified copy, as well as a photograph which was afterwards enlarged by the Autotype Company.*

Here in this will was distinct evidence of the grant of arms, and the purport of the document was plain enough and showed the connection of the Shipways with the two villages

* It seems probable that Davies, after making a copy of the Neime will, removed by chemicals the old writing and then re-copied certain portions of the original document, his interpolations being indicated above by italics. Cleverly written as it is, there is a distinct falling off in the portions he inserted. Some of the words are conspicuously modern in appearance, as "papers," "pourtion," etc., while letters are wrongly used as when we find a terminal "d" in the middle of a word. But, apart from handwriting, the evidence of the contents clearly shows the spurious character of the document. We have the double address of Beverston and Mangotsfield, the latter being written in modern spelling; a man bearing coat armour is styled a man of arms, a term which would be appropriate for a common soldier; and William de Longchampe is described as Chancellor at a date when he had ceased to hold office. The witnesses are probably genuine names. The will of a Nicholas Band, of the adjoining parish of Uley, was proved in 1553. Summer is a well-known Cam name. A Wyllyam Kynge a few years before had sold lands in Slinbridge to one of the Trolmans of Cam, while John Oswald had been constable of Cam. The expression "vicar there" of course is not applicable to Beverston or Mangotsfield, though it is appropriate for a Cam will. Enough has been said respecting the internal evidence of the will. Further detail would weary the reader.