Country Market Town, ſeeing it has neither a Power to make Freemen, or erect a Corporation of Trade; nor has any other Courts than thoſe of the Leet and Seſſions.

Though this City had the Honour of a Government conferr'd upon it by Parliament in the Year 1585. yet it had not that of Arms till the Firſt of *October*, *anno* 1601. when *William Dethick*, Garter King at Arms, and *William Camden*, Clarencieux King at Arms, granted it the Arms above exhibited, *viz.* In a Shield *Azure* a Portcullis *Or*, on a Chief of the Second, the Arms of King *Edward the Confeſſor*, between the Two united Roſes of *Lancaſter* and *York*.

Before I leave this Part of the Work, I think it will not be amiſs to ſay ſomething concerning a very great Work to be erected in this City.

The Inhabitants of *Weſtminſter* being of opinion that a Bridge acroſs the River *Thames* at their City, would be of great Advantage to them, therefore, in the Year 1735. they apply'd to Parliament for a Power to enable them to erect one: Their Petition being taken into Conſideration, it was thereupon enacted, That a Bridge be erected from the *New Palace-Yard* to the oppoſite Shore, with ſuch Materials as the Commiſſioners appointed to erect the ſame ſhall judge proper.

And for raiſing Money to defray the Charge of Erection, a Lottery for the Sum of 625000*l.* was granted; but the ſame not proving ſo advantageous as was expected, only the Sum of 431161*l.* was paid in upon the Credit thereof; and the Time mention'd in the ſaid Act of Parliament being elaps'd, the ſame was render'd ineffectual: Therefore, in order to revive the ſaid Deſign, and effectually put the ſame in Execution, it was by Parliament, *anno* 1736. enacted, That the Sum of Seven hundred thouſand Pounds ſhould be raiſed by [illegible] of *England* to advance the Sum of Six Pounds upon each Ticket undiſpos'd of, which they could ſafely do, without running the leaſt Riſk; for having receiv'd all the Caſh paid in upon the ſaid Lottery; after the drawing thereof, they were to return more Money to each of the Adventurers than the Sum by them advanc'd upon each Ticket. This Project ſucceeded ſo well, that it was no ſooner known that Tickets were to be had at Four Pounds each, than Purchaſers from all Parts came crowding in.

Though great Oppoſition was made by the City of *London*, Borough of *Southwark*, Company of Watermen, and the Weſt-Country Bargemen (who ſeverally petition'd the Parliament againſt erecting a Bridge at *Weſtminſter*); yet the ſame was ſo little regarded, that the Acts aforeſaid were paſs'd in Favour of the ſaid Bridge.

Divers Projects for erecting the intended Bridge being taken into Conſideration, the following being judg'd the moſt eligible, the ſame was approv'd of by the Commiſſioners; which is as follows:

A large Hole, or Cavity of the Depth of Five, or Six Feet, is to be dug in the Bed, or Bottom of the River, by *Ballaſtmen* belonging to the *Trinity-Houſe*, in which is to be ſunk, a large wooden Caſe, or Frame, water-proof (altho' the ſame, when forc'd down, muſt be full of Water); which may be rais'd again by pumping out the Water, and the ſame be as often put down and rais'd again, by letting in and pumping out the Water, till it be fix'd upon an exact Level; and when the ſame ſhall be emptied for the laſt Time, one of the Piers of the intended Bridge will be therein erected; which will no ſooner be finiſh'd, than the Sides of the ſaid Caſe will be taken from their Bottom, and apply'd to another, to erect a ſecond Pier on, and then to others, till the Number of [illegible]; upon which, and [illegible], will be erected [illegible]ich will not only [illegible]ur of the Nobility, whoſe Convenience [illegible]wiſe to the King- [illegible]eful wooden Bridge which, as already [illegible]never had its equal Number of Inha- [illegible]ble River *Thames*, [illegible]am, and Depth of [illegible]he beſt and moſt over it. And for [illegible]ation, (for nothing [illegible]ly than a wooden [illegible]e without a Conve- [illegible]ve one of various

[illegible]or ſome time been [illegible]g the ſaid Bridge, 1738 [illegible]38. an Engine was [illegible]Barges in the mid- [illegible]Piles for the ſaid

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6. Mr. *Emery Hill*'s Alms-houſes, now called the Pariſh Alms-houſes, in the Fields, endowed by him for ſix poor Men and their Wives, who are allowed 7 *l.* 4 *s.* a Year each, beſides a Chaldron of Coals for each yearly, and a Gown once in two Years; and ſix Widows, who have 4 *l.* 16 *s.* a Year, and the ſame Coals and Gowns. He alſo founded a Free-School for a Maſter in Holy Orders, and twenty poor Children to be inſtructed in Reading. He has an Houſe, and 20 *l. per Annum*. 7. Lady *Dacre*'s Alms-houſes for twenty poor People, all ſingle, ten Men and ten Women, each 10 *l. per Ann.* beſides a Garden, the Rent of which comes to 3 *s.* 9 *d. per* Quarter. There is alſo a Chapel. This is in the Management of the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of *London* 8. *Green-coat-Hoſpital* likewiſe in *Tothill-Fields*, founded by King *Charles* I. and endowed by King *Charles* II. for twenty-five Boys and ſix Girls, with a Schoolmaſter.

17. In the *Wool-ſtaple*, towards the Eaſt End, are eight Alms-houſes for poor People, and to each Houſe is paid 5 *l. per Annum* out of the Treaſury: They were founded by King *Henry* VIII, *Regni* 36. In *Lady-Alley* alſo, about the Middle of *Kingſtreet Weſtminſter*, are four Alms-houſes for four poor Women, who have 1 *l.* 6 *s.* 8 *d. per Annum* out of the Treaſury.

## 18. NOBLEMENS *Houſes, which are very numerous in this City, eſpecially about the Court.*

THE Earl of *Abington*'s, in *Bondſtreet*, near *Piccadilly*.
The Earl of *Ailesford*'s, in *Queen's-Square*.
The Lord *Albemarle*'s, near *Whitehall*.
The Earl of *Angleſea*'s, in *Bondſtreet*, near *St. James's-ſtreet*.
The Lord *Aſhburnham*'s, in *Dean-Yard*.
The Lord *Bathurſt*'s, in *St. James's-Square*.
The Duke of *Beaufort*'s, in *St. James's-ſtreet*.
The Duke of *Bedford*'s, in *Bloomsbury-ſquare*.
*Berkley-Houſe*, in *Portugal-ſtreet*.
The Lord *Brooks*'s, in *Arlington-ſtreet*.
The Duke of *Bucks* and *Normanby*'s, at the End of *St. James's-Park*.
The Earl of *Carliſle*'s Houſe, in *King's-Square Soho*.
The Lord *Caſtleton*'s, in *Bloomsbury-Square*.
The Earl of *Cheſterfield*'s, Ibid.
The Lord *Chumley*'s, in *Arlington-ſtreet*.
The Duke of *Cleveland*'s, near *St. James's-Palace*.
The Lord *Coningsby*'s, in *Bond-ſtreet*, near *St. James's*.
The Lord *Conway*'s, in *Dover-ſtreet*.
The Earls of *Dartmouth*'s and *Darby*'s, in *Queen's-Square*.
The Earl of *Eſſex*'s, near *Whitehall*.
The Earl of *Grantham*'s, in the *Pall-Mall*.
The Lord *Guilford*'s, in *Arlington-ſtreet*.
The Lord *George Howard*'s, in *Queen's-Square*.
The Duke of *Kent*'s in *St. James's-Square*.
The Duke of *Kingſton*'s, in *Arlington-ſtreet*.
The Earl of *Litchfield*'s, in *St. James's-ſtreet*.
The Earl of *Leiceſter*'s, in *King's-Square*.
The Biſhop of *Lincoln*'s, in *Dean's-Yard*.
The Earl of *Carnarvan*'s, at *Lindſey-Houſe*, in the *Old-Palace-Yard*.
The Duke of *Norfolk*'s, in *St. James's-Square*.
The Earl of *Northampton*'s, in *Bloomsbury-Square*.
The Lord *North and Gray*'s, in *Queen's-Square*.