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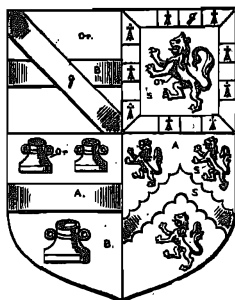
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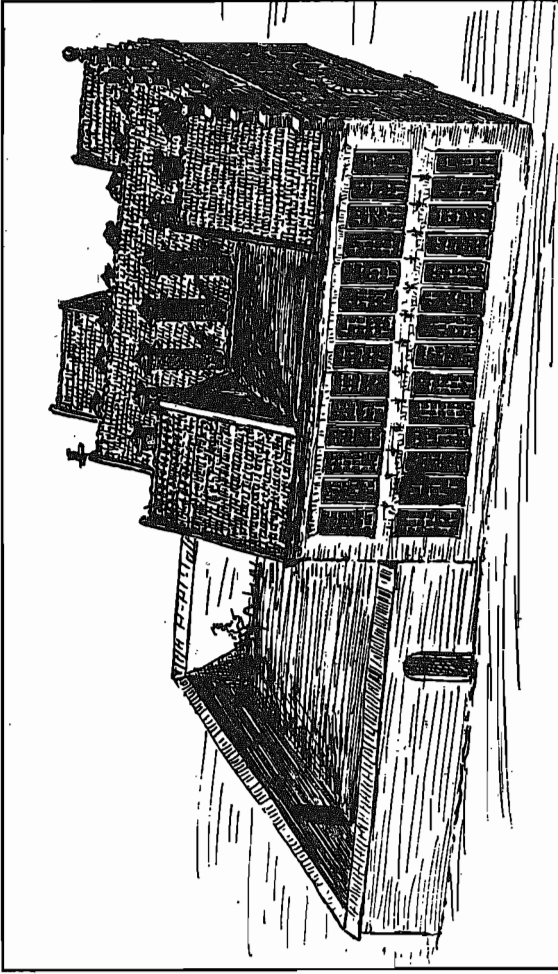
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BROXTOWE HALL

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JAN MUNTER'S BAKEHOUSE ON THE AMSTEL

Hear, O King, and despise not
the counsell of y^e poore, and let their
complaints come before thee.

The King is a mortall man, & not God
therefore hath no power, over y^e immortall
soules of his subiects, to make lawes &
ordinances for them, and to set spirituall
Lords over them.

If the King have authority to make
spirituall Lords & lawes, then he is
an immortall God, and not a mortall
man.

O King, be not seduced by deceivers
to sin so against God whom thou
oughtest to obey, nor against thy
poore subiects who ought and will
obey thee in all things with body
life and goods, or els let their lives
be taken from y^e earth.

God Save y^e King

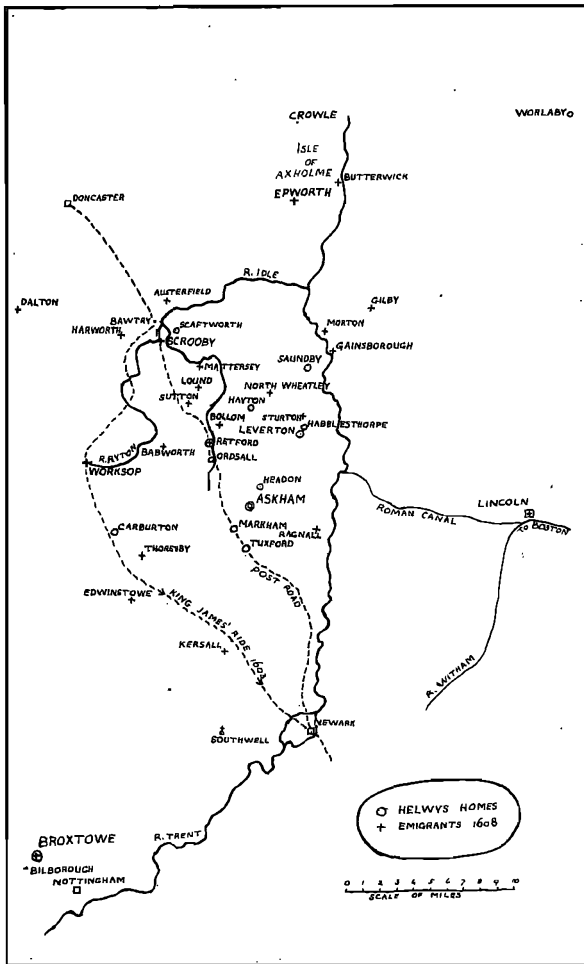


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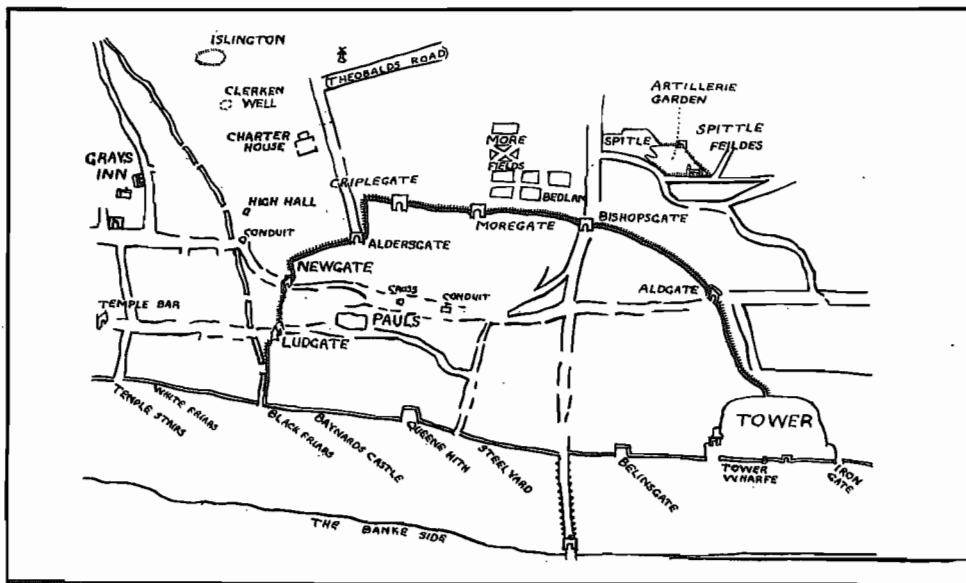
Tho: Helwys,

But these Lords B's. Cannot in anie wise endure one, that doch faithfullly seeke for reformation, because such are onely aduersaries to their kingdomes. Wee still pray our lord the King that wee may be free from suspect, for haueing anie thoughtes of p'oboking ebill against them of the Romish religion, in regard of their profession, if they be true & faithfull subiects to the King for wee do freely profess; that our lord the King hath no moze power over their consciences then ouer ours, and that is none at all: for our lord the King is but an earthly King, and he hath no aucthority as a King but in earthly causes, and if the Kings people be obedient & true subiects, obeying all humane lawes made by the King, our lord the King can require no moze: for mens religion to God, is betwixt God and themselves; the King shall not answer for it, neither may the King be iudged betwene God and man. Let them be heretikes, Turcks, Jewes, or what soeuer it appertepnes not to the earthly power to punish them in the least measure. This is made euident to our lord the King by the scriptures. When Paul was brought befoze Gallio vep'ute of Achaia, and accused of the Jewes for perswading men to worship God contrary to the law. Gallio said vnto the Jewes, if it were a matter of wronge or an euill deed, o ye Iewes, I would according to right mainteyne you, & he drave them from the iudgment seat Act. 18. 12. 17. shewing them that matters of wrong and ebill deeds, which were betwixt man & man appertepned onely to the iudgment seat, and not questions of religion. The like is shewed by the Citie ricthe of Ephesus in Act. 19. 38. 19. And further Paul being in like case accused of manye thinges Act. 24. in the 25. chap. he appeales to Cesar's iudgment seat, where he saith he ought to be

I iudged,



LOWER TRENT VALLEY, 1608



LONDON, 1620

Simplified from a map in the Guildhall Library.

The discovery of a London Monster
called, *the Black Dog of Newgate* :
profitable for all Readers to take heed by.

Vide, Leges, Cause.
Time bringeth all things to light.
H. A. H.



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