

Gilbert Burnet, Bishop of Salisbury (1643-1715) had no known connection with New College during his lifetime, and very little contact with the University of Oxford. He was a graduate of the University of Aberdeen, and as a young man he had served briefly as Professor of Divinity in the University of Glasgow, but he is not remembered primarily as an academic or as a scholar. Yet, long a ~~WHU KLV GHDWK 1HZ & ROOHJH /LEUDU\ DFTXLUHG~~ considerable interest to those historians of the British Isles who specialize in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. To explain why this is so, it is ~~my first~~ to describe Burnet, and the part he played in the affairs of the period through which he lived.

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Some Marginalia

followed in 1833. The footnotes of both these editions contained in the appropriate places

marginal annotation in several different hands. Some of this annotation is written on separate sheets of paper and is either bound into the volumes, or fixed to the pages with glue or sealing wax. Some printed material, such as a cutting from *London Magazine* dated 1759, is also bound in. The handwritten inscriptions are the comments of Arthur Onslow, second Earl of

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7KH 2QVORZ IDPLO\HSTRSQ RZI D\X UIQHZW& ROOHJH LV QRW SU
 but it is surely the one to which Seward was referring. Seward had evidently not seen it in 1793,
 but he seems to have gained access to it shortly afterwards. Two years later, ~~Europe~~ ^{Europe} the
 Magazine printed the first of eight instalments, spread ~~over~~ ^{over} thirteen months, of marginalia to
 % X U Gistow⁴: These instalments all have the same heading:

& XULRXV UHPDUNV RQ `%LVKRS %XUQHW·V +LVWRU\
 late Lord Hardwicke, and the late Speaker Onslow. (Never published.).

The first seven instalments add to this heading:

7KRVH 3DVVDJHV PDUNHG 1 3 DUH SDUWV LQ WKH
 History not printed.

The copy now in New College combined the annotations of Swift, Hardwicke, Onslow, and
 it also included transcripts of the passages omitted from the first printed edition. The
 supposition must be that Seward (or perhaps another writer connected ~~with the~~ ^{with the}
 Magazine) had now had an opportunity to consult this copy, that it was the source from
 which the European Magazine printed its extracts.

It became apparent quite quickly that the initial intention of ~~the~~ ^{the} European Magazine
 print all the marginalia it had discovered had been ~~ambitious~~ ^{ambitious}. The first three instalments
 consisted of a total of 36 comments by Swift, 21 by Onslow, and 14 passages omitted from the
 ILUVW HGLWLRQ 7KHVH KDG FRPH IURP WKH History W S
 leaving the remainder of the first volume ~~the~~ ^{the} whole of the second volume, 1,314 pages
 altogether still to be covered. Hardwicke, whose marginalia are concentrated in the second
 YROXPH R History was ~~un~~ ^{un} presented, in spite of the reference to him in the headings to
 the instalments. A change of plan was ~~introduced~~ ^{introduced} in the fourth instalment, and continued
 WKHUHDIWHU 6ZLIW·V UHPDUNV DORQH ZHUH SULQWHG
 %XUQHW·V ILUVW YROXPH DQG LW DOVR LQFOXGHG WKH
 volume printed in 1734. This instalment did not conclude, as the earlier ones had done, with the
 SKUDVH ¶7R EH FRQLQXHG RFFDVLRRQDOO\· 7KH PDMRU
 RPLWWHG SDVVDJHV DQG DOO RI +DUGZ ~~is~~ ^{is} finished until FRPPH
 5RXWK·V HGLWLRQ DQG WKHP PRUH V\WHPDWRUOOL\ W
 Magazine SULQWHG 6ZLIW·V DQQRWDWLRQV PRUH RU OHV
 though not quite exactly, to the versions in red ink in the margin of the New College²⁵ copy.

The comments inscribed by the first Earl of Dartmouth in the margins of his cop
 % X U Gistow⁴ had surfaced even earlier. Sir John Dalrymple²¹ (1726) acknowledged in the
 ¶3UHIDFH· WR WKH Men For Great Britain and Republic in the early

the Prince of Orange and his army on the south coast of England. This Lord Dartmouth was
the father of the LUVW (DUO RI 'DUWPRXWK WKH DQQRWDWRU RI
E\ 'DOU\PSOH SUHVXPDEO\ LQFOXGHG History since Daily Wp (DUO·V
SULQWHG D VHOHFWLRQ IURP WKHVH DV ZOOVations Da U\PSO
LQVFULSWLRQV LQ WKH PDUJLQ RI D SULQWHG ERRN U
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& RQYHUVHO\ %XUQHW.V DW who in SWM approved the Widdowes SHU
objections in the margin. When Burnet presumed to hint that the second Duke of Ormonde had
FRQYH\HG WKH VHFUHWV RI WKH \$OOLHV WR WKH)UHQF
WRXFK 2UPRQGH.V -ORFHWU also drew attention to the awkwardness of
%XUQHW.V VW\OH :KHQ %XUQHW ZURWH

When the peace of Breda was concluded, the King wrote to the Scottish Council,
and communicated that to them; and with that signified, that it was his pleasure
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been given, they projected this, even while a Session was yet going on, without communicating it to the Parliament.⁵²

Dartmouth took exception to this:

If it was ill projected, it was so by the old Ministers: for I wrote many Letters, about the year before, by their Order, and it was then stopt, after great Expense and Trouble, upon a Representation from the Admiralty, that it was too late in the Year; which I understood the Duke of Marlborough was much displeas'd at, the Design being laid by himself: and I suppose the good Bishop, had he known that, would have shortened his Remarks upon a Subject so much out of his own sphere.

(DUOLHU 'DUWPRXWK ZDV OHVV RIWHQ FRQFHUQHG WR
although he was DOZD\ V XQLQKLELWHG LQ KLV GLVDSSURYDO RI %
LQWHQWLRQ ZDV WR LOOXVWUDWH DQG H[SDQG %XUQHV
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