

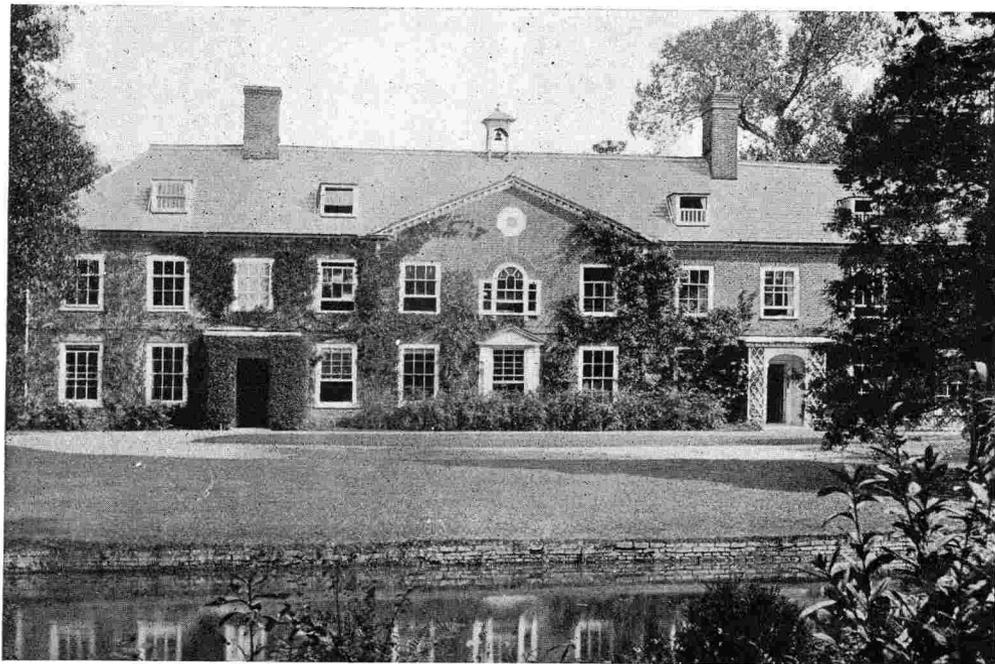
EXTRACTS FROM THE CHEVALLIER PAPERS,
1728—1762.

Clement Benjamin Chevallier, born in Jersey, January 17th, 1698, came to Aspoll Hall, near Debenham, Suffolk, in April, 1728, having inherited the property through his father (another Clement) from a cousin, Temple Chevallier, owner of Aspoll Hall from 1702—1722.

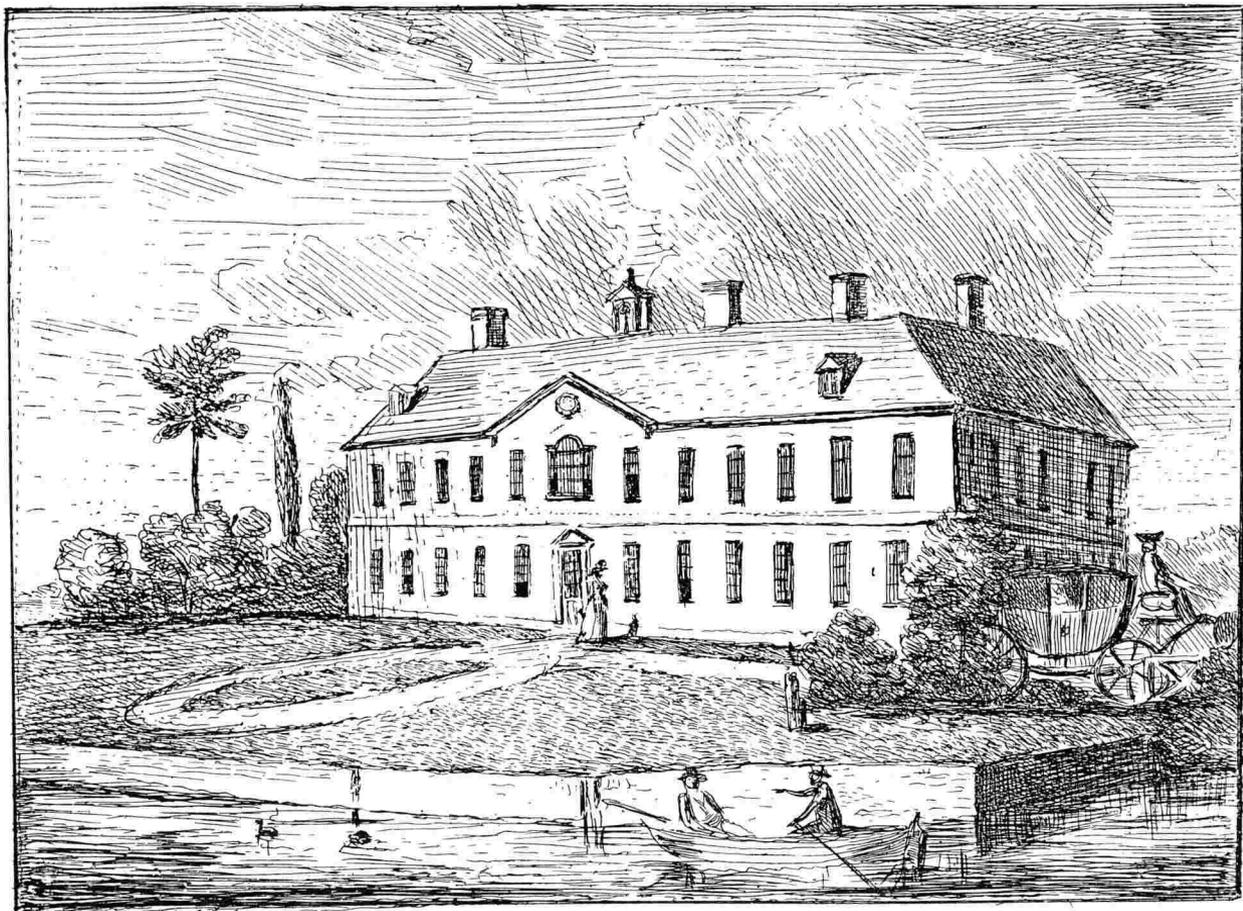
From the date of his arrival at Aspoll to within a few days of his death in 1762, Clement B. Chevallier kept careful accounts and copy of his correspondence. Several volumes of these still exist, and give much interesting information on public and private events of the time. He writes of the planting of orchards; the making and selling of cyder; the preserving of deer and hares; the grazing of fat sheep and oxen for Smithfield market; of visits and journeys to London, Colchester, and Norwich; of attendance at Bury Assizes and Ipswich Races; of outbreaks of smallpox and inoculation for same; of recruiting and press-gangs; and he appears to have been consulted on business matters by most of his neighbours.

In December, 1728, he married Jane Garneys, of Bedingfield Hall, and the extracts chosen for this paper from the accounts and letters refer chiefly to the education of the four children of this union who survived infancy, viz. :—

Jane	born	July, 1730,	died, 1806
Temple	„	Aug. 1731	„ 1804
Mary	„	Dec. 1733	„ 1764
Clement	„	May, 1735	„ 1741



ASPALL HALL (Present Day).



N^o. 3. Wm Johnston

ASPALL HALL. 1800.

From the account books we have note of their first schooling as follows:—

Feb. 2, 1737-8, MR. JOHN HARDING, OF SAXMUNDHAM.

For teaching 3 of my children to dance from this day at 15 sh. a quarter of a year each.

Christmas, 1737. MRS. WOODS, SCHOOLMISTRIS.

For teaching 3 of my children to read from this day.

Christmas, 1739. MRS. WOODS, SCHOOLMISTRIS AT DEBENHAM.

From Christmas, 1738, to ye Lady-Day following, $\frac{1}{4}$ of a year's teaching 3 of my children at 3 sh. 6 pp. a quarter each 10 sh. 6 pp., and three quarters of a year of 2 children from Lady-day to this day 21sh.—£1 11s. d.

From Christmas, 1738, to ye Lady-day following for tarts for 3 at $1/3\frac{1}{2}$ a day for 5 days in ye week.

From a Lady to Mich. for tarts for 2 at $1/3$ a day for 5 days in ye week.

From Mich. to Christmas for caks for 2 2/6

For one year's Fiering of 2 2/-

A spelling book and a Testament 2/2

Lady-day, 1740.

$\frac{1}{2}$ yrs. board of 2 children at 2 sh. a week 2 12 0

$\frac{1}{3}$ yrs. skölling of ye two 14 0

For after-noon drinking 14 0

Fiering. 2 0

4 2 0

The letters give further information.

15th July, 1736.

“ . . . My daughter Jane is at Mr. Gossett at Winham to learn French. My wife and I have

been there once in my horse chaise and stay'd 7 or 8 hours and return'd that day. . . . "

TO HIS AUNT MRS. DEBORA DUMARESQ, IN JERSEY.
le 13 May, 1739.

" My eldest child, a daughter whose name is Jane, is going to Ipswich for board and education. The next of my children is Temple who is at a boarding school with a clergyman four miles from my house. The caracter his master gives him is that he has had but one scholar that learned Latin so well as Temple altho' he has kept school upwards of twenty years, and he has had no less than twenty boarders at a time in that term of yrs. The two youngest, Mary and Clement, go daily a mile and half to school and are often ye first at school. . . . "

The following extracts refer to Jane and her sojourn in Ipswich and Norwich, also to her being taught riding, dancing and music.

MRS. JOHNSON, MILLINER, AT IPSWICH.
June 20th, 1739.

" This day my daughter has begun to board with her for w^{ch}. I am to pay 18£ a year."

July 20th, 1739.

" I have fetcht my daughter home."

MR. WALKER, SKOOLMASTER AT IPSW^{CH}.
June 21st, 1739,

" This day my daughter has begun to go to skool with him."

July 20th, 1739.

" I have fetcht my daughter home."

MR. NORTH, NEAR ST. GILES'S CHURCH, NORWICH.
 May 26th, 1740.

"My daughter Jane has this day begon to board with him for w^{ch}. I am to pay sixteen pounds if she continues there one year and if less in that propor-sion. . . ."

7ber 27th, 1740.

" Paid to Mr. Cristian for $\frac{1}{4}$ yr. & 3 weeks			
teaching Jenny to dance	1 5 0
1 velvet hood at	8 6
1 short cloak scarlet at	7 6
To ye school-mistriss $\frac{1}{4}$ yr.	7 6
To Mr. North as by his bill	8 5 2
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			£10 13 . 8
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To HIS SISTER, ye 24 July, 1740.

" . . . My daughter Jane has been at Nor-wich two months, my wife & I propose to sett out on Sunday to see her. Temple is at Soham, Mary & Clement at Debenham."

TO MR. NORTH IN ST. GILES'S, WILLOW-LANE, NORWICH.
 Augst. 13th, 1740.

Sir,

I send you with this by ye Eye carrier a bundell containg. 11 yds. $\frac{3}{4}$ in 3 peices of such stuf as you was so kind as to have died green. This also I desier should be skowered & died green & napt if you think proper. My design is to cover a seat that I have at Church with it; in ye same bundell there is a pilerin & cambrick for Jenny. . . ."

ye 14th Feb., 1740-41.

Having this opportunity by Mr. Thom^s. Pindar to write this I thing itt proper to advice you that my

Daughter Jane has been worst with her eye since you saw her last & that I went with her accompany'd by Mr. Debenham to Doctor Paston at Halston on Wednesday-last. The Doctor has Prescrib'd two Issues to be made between her shoulders with other things w^{ch}. Mr. Debenham is to begin to doo this day. If these things have the desier'd effect by Lady-day my wife & I propose to be with you at that time and bring my two Daughters with us for to board with you as we agreed when you was at my house ; There's a neighbour of mine who has a Daughter who proposes also to put her to board with you if you can take her she is the age of my Mary.

TO JENNY AT MR. NORTH'S, NORWICH.

Ap. 24th, 1741.

My Dear,

I send you by ye Bearer Mr. George Karsey something for to make you a Frock ye w^{ch}. show to Mrs. North & desier her to assist you in ye having of it made. As I cannot yett expect a letter of yo^r writting I would have you desier one of Mr. North's sons to write a letter to me what you shall direct to him & signed by you. Yo^r mother & I with Clem^t joyn in our Love to you & to yo^r Sister & should be glad to hear that you take pleasure in yo^r learning & rise betimes & are not long at Breakfast & as soon as any at School. . . . Lett us hear how yo^r eyes are whether better or worst than when we left you. . .

TO CAPT. TEMPLE CHEVALLIER IN LONDON,

May 7th, 1742.

. . . . I have a mind to have a woman's saddle made & spoke to a Sadler who has given me ye dimentions as under for a Leoppards skyn for ye s^d. sadle he says he could buy ye skin for 27 sh. & that care should be taken that it is a sound skin &

that ye hair dont come off w^{ch} may be tried by pulling at ye hair ; Now I think you may have acquaintance with some seafaring man that has such skins to sell or otherwise buy itt cheapper than ye s^d. sadler. Therefore I desier you'll buy & send me a skin accord^s. to the dimentions enclosed.

36 inches long & 14 inches wide will make the saddle.

30 inches & 14 will make the Housen & Line ye Heads.

36 inches one-way, & 30 inches ye other will make the whole saddle.

TO MISS JOHNSON A MILLINER NEAR YE WHITE HORSE, IPSWICH. May 6th, 1742.

I send by ye bearer a black-velvet cap for to have curls of Hair put on its for Jenny to ride ye curls to be ye collour of ye lock of hair bound with ye Cap. Also two peaks to be drest & a Ribboon put on. When done please to send 'em by ye Newes man with a Bill.

Aug. 6th, 1742.

Dear Mis,

I send with this by Jenery the news man a Velvet Cap w^{ch} was bought for me to cover my nec and to make it warmer then send itt ye latter end of next week by ye s^d. Jenery with a Bill of ye charge & my Papa will pay him ye monny for to pay you att his return w^{ch}. will be about Munday night. My Papa Mama & Sister joyns with me in their service to you & to Mrs. Johnson & I am

Yo^r sincere friend

& humb. Servant

JANE CHEVALLIER.

TO MRS. JOHNSON NEAR YE TOWER-CHURCH, IPSWICH.
May ye 8th, 1744.

“ I send you by the Bearer in a parcell,

1 yd. Fine Holland, 5 yds. Do. coars & a peice persian being what you mention in yo^r letter that Jenny has ocas^{on}. off we have Jenny's letter & Act of Parliamt., I am satisfied to pay as you ment^{on} for Jenny's board & washing our Love to Jenny."

TO CAPTN. TEMPLE CHEVALLIER.

April 29th, 1744.

" On Thursday I was at Ipsw^{ch} with my wife & Jenny we left Jenny with one Mrs. Johnson a Milliner to board & to go to school in ye s^d. Town."

TO CAPTNE. TEMPLE CHEVALLIER.

Feb. ye 20th, 1744-45.

" My wife & I join in our Love to you & my children in their Duty, they are now diverting me with a tune on ye spinnett; Temple is to be with us during the Holy-days of next week. . . ."

Ap. ye 11th, 1745.

" The enclosed Letter is from my Children's Master of Musick w^{ch} I desier you'll deliver & that you'll buy for me of ye s^d. person a Spinnet of ye best sort it will cost about ten guineas. I would have you give my services to Mr. Geo. Mason & desier that he will be with you & his Daughter who can trie ye Spinnet, or some other person of judgment for to make choice of a good Spinnet & whatever it cost Mr. Jonathan Davie will pay you ye money on my account. I'dd have you see that it is put in a secure case & then send it me by ye carrier who inds at ye Sarasens head, Snow-hill & direct it for me to be left at Stoneham Pye and give ye carrier a strick charge to take care of it. Lett ye keys be Ivory & ye short keys Ebony & full five octives."

Entries referring to Temple and his education at Monk Soham and Dedham :—

	£	sh.	p.
THO. LANGLEY;			
Feb. 27th, 1737-8. For cutting Master Temple's hare three times	00	00	0
May 24. For mak ^s . Master Temple a wig and hare		7	6
7ber 20. For 9 ounces Oyl		1	1½
For 11 times shaving Master Temple's head	00		0
Feb. 27th, 1737-8. Ye shaving & cutting hair is worth 2 pp. a time altho he has charged nothing		2	4
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		10	11½
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PHILIP CURTIS,

Jany., 1738-9. he has made a Banian for Clem^t & a coat for me, & also a wascoat & breeches for Clem^t
 Ap. 22. a coat & breeches for Temple.

PHILIP CURTIS TAYLOR AT DEBENHAM.

1740.

Aug. 19th. For mak ^s . a coat & p ^{re} . breeches for Temple I owe him		8	0
24 For mak ^s . new sleeves to Clem ^t 's Banyan & mending &c.		1	6
For a p ^{re} . Hair cloathes to Temple's coat		2	0
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		11	6
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THE OUTFIT FOR SCHOOL.

Temple Chevallier, born ye 15th Augst., 1731:

March 26th. Aged 7 years 7 months & 9 days & went
1739 to Mr. Saml. Ray School at Monk-
Soham this day & carried as Follows.

- 1 Portmenteau
- 5 shirts
- 6 caps four for ye day & two for nights
- 2 handcerchiefs
- 2 pre stokkins
- 2 pre shoes
- 1 coat
- 1 banian
- 3 wescoats
- 1 pre breeches
- 1 hat
- 1 wigg
- 1 common prayer-book
- 1 comb
- 1 knif & fork
- 1 Bible
- 1 Rule

THE REVER^d MR. WILL. RAY OF MONK-SOHAM.

April 6th, 1740.

	£	sh.	pp.
For one year's board & teaching of my son Temple w ^{ch} I owe him	16	0	0
Barbers Bill		7	6
Tailors Bill		2	1
School Firing & sweeping		4	0
Yarn			6
Weeks money		11	0
Entrance	2	12	6
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	19	17	7
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April 2nd, 1740. My son is come home on account of some indisposition.

June 26th. My Son has returned to school so that from the 2nd April the day he came to my house to this day w^{ch} is 12 weeks I must not pay for his board.

MR. ELMOR, DANCING-MASTER.

July 4th, 1740. he has begun to teach my son Temple to Dance & is to have 15 Shill. a Quarter pd. to Mr. Ray for his Dancing.

Dec. 1st, 1741. He has taught my Daughters to Dance & is to have 3 sh. 9 pp. each time.

MR. ROBT. AYLMEYER OF SUDBURY, DANCING-MASTER.

March 31st, 1742. He has taught Mr. Warreyn's Daughters & Master J. Garneys with my two Daughters to Dance & is to have for teaching ye Four 7 : 6 (a time).

TO CAPTNE. CHEVALLIER.

July ye 19th, 1745.

“ . . . Temple is at School, he perform'd his journey to Ely beyond expect^{on} he came from thence after break-fast, and without eating or drinking or alitting on ye Road came home to dinner ye distance is about 43 miles.”

Augst ye 21st, 1747.

“ If you should come write to Temple & direct for him at The Rever^d Mr. Grimwood's school at Dedham in Essex acquainting him when you'll be at Stradford-Swan w^{ch} is six miles ythis side Colchester & he'll be glad to meet you as he will have but a mile to come ; I'll also meet you there with a horse for you If I am inform'd by you ye Day, that you'll be there.”

To TEMPLE (at Dedham School).
7^{ber} 24th, 1747.

Dear Son,

We have Rec^d. yor. Letter by Mast. Burwood & am afraid by y^r wanting money that you have not been so good a manager of that you had two months ago as you ought notwithstanding w^{ch} as I hope you will be more carefull for ye time to come I shall hear inclose a note to Mr. Grimwood for to pay you one Pound w^{ch} I suppose he will not scrupul paying. Yesterday at a horse raise on Monk Soham Green as Mr. Green of Wallingworth's son was riding hard his mare. worth 20£ fell under him, broke her neck and Died on ye spot. He is bruised & keeps his Bed at John Ellett's; and ye Day before near Crowfield Rose a Waggon loaded went-over ye Miller of Earl-Soham & Mr. Harsant's Man & hurt-em much. Yo^r Uncle Temple show^d ye Hanche of Venison w^h I sent him to one who keeps a Pastry-cook shop & is Cooke to ye Pres^t Lord Mayor he sayd he never saw Finer & that ye Hanche was worth two Guineas. Yo^r Mama & Sisters joyn with me in our complim^{ts} to Mr. & Mrs. Grimwood & our Love to you & I am

Yo^r affec. Father.

To MR. GRIMWOOD.

7^{ber} ye 16th, 1748.

Sir, As my Son has acquainted me that he has a mind to see his Sister now at Ipsw^{ch} I desier you will give him leave ye fst Holy-day; and also lett him have some money as I hear he is low of ye Pockett; as to ye sume I'll leave to you & him and I will take care to repay you.

To CAPTN. TEMPLE CHEVALLIER.
March ye 29th, 1749.

“ . . . Temple has been with us a week he

went away this morning for Dedham he as First Scholar of that School is to make a Latin speech & speak it in Publick on Witsun : Munday in ye School."

Ap. ye 16th, 1749.

" . . . I believe Temple will be admitted at Magdalan Colledge Cambridge at Witsuntide but will not go to reside there till St. Michael next. . . . "

Mary went to Stowmarket for a time and then joined Jane at Norwich. The following extracts tell of the illness and death of Clement, the younger boy, in 1741.

TO HIS SISTER IN JERSEY, Mai le 13^{me}. 1741.

" Temple est ches Mr. Ray mais deux Filles a Norwich et Clem^t avec moi il est Malade et a été la plus-grande part de l'hiver. . . . "

TO DOCTOR PASTON AT HALSTON.

May 24th, 1741.

Sir,

I have a little boy who is in a Bad state of health & I'dd be glad if you'd please to come to see him within a few days (ye sooner ye better) & give me yo^r opinion what is proper to be done for him.

FROM TEMPLE TO HIS SISTER JANE IN NORWICH.

May 29th, 1741.

Dear Sister,

This is by Mr. Geo. Karsey who has also something For to make you and my Sister Molly each a paire of shoes w^{ch} you must desier Mrs. North to have made. Ye Leather owns are for you. My Brother Clem is very much out of order with his Coff, he was carried on Wednesday to Doc. Paston and he has ordered Phisick for him but he does not take itt so well as he ought to doo. My Pappa &

Mamma give their service to Mr. & Mrs. North & their Love to you I am

Yo^r affectioned Brother,

TEMPLE CHEVALLIER.

Bro. Clem^t gives his Love to you & Sist. Molly. I hope you will send me a Letter & acquaint me how you are with yo^r eyes.

TO DR. PASTON AT HALSTON.

Augt. ye 2nd, 1741.

Sir,

I desier that you'll be so kind as to come as soon as you can to see my little boy who we have still with us in a declining state of health.

TO MISS DEBORAH CHEVALLIER IN JERSEY.

Oct. le 28^{me} 1741.

Je vous auré du escrire il i a lons tens mais le sujet me desplais tens que je de la peine, a mis-resoudre presentement comd. c'est po^r vous informer de la perte de mon pauvre Petit Clem il fut enterré le 6^{me} d'Aoust Agé de six anns un quar je croyes qu'il étoit le plus vigoureux Enfans que juré Mais cela n'est rien de dire qu'il étoit jeune et en santé quant il a pleu a Dieu l'appeller a lui.

TO THE REVD. MR. RICH. TEMPLE.

Augst. 26th, 1753.

“ . . . I have this morning been with one John Cheney who is the bearer of this, and who I have desired to bring down the Monkey w^{ch} you were so kind as to send me word in my Letter that you designed for me; I must beg you wou^d send me a Line or two at the same time if you have an opportunity. . . .”

Nov. ye 25, 1753.

“ I must not Forgett in giv^g. an account of my Stock my monkey it is some-times very diverting at other times the revers being ready to break all in his power that comē near him but I hope it will answer by making me & my Family carefull al’tho we did not wont examples for that purpose hav^g. had two legg monkeys as mischivious as pugg witness my Serv^t. -maid’s being wip’d in Ipsw^{ch}. Gail lately by order of ye Justices at ye Sessions for stealing from me Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Apricott preserve, & Raisbury Gelly.”

Augst. ye 27th, 1756.

“ My Monkey is alive, & as Full of mischief as any of his kind can be.”

A copy of a letter from Ed. Vernon, Esq., to his Brother James Vernon, Esq., dated Nacton, Oct^{ber} 10th, 1737 :—

“ A neighbour of mine at Rishangles one Mr. Clem^t. Chevallier of Aspoll Hall, a young Gentleman of the Island of Jersey, who having an Estate left him in this County, by his uncle, chose to come over, and make this County his residence, were he is married and lives well respected, and Esteimed in his neighbourhood; and coming out of a Cyder Country, amongst other improvements of his Estate he has been a Great Planter of Apples, many of them of the Sorts in use for making of Cyder in Jersey; and has had a large Mill for that use brought from thence, and has I believe been at a great expence for becoming a large Dealer in it.

As he is a good natured Friendly young gentleman I would not refuse his request of writing in his Favour

to you to desier that you would be present at the Board,
at the Reading his petition.

I am Deare Brother,

Your most affectionate Brother,

& humble Servant,

E. VERNON.*

For James Vernon, Esqr.,
one of the Comm^{rs}. for His Maj^{ties}. Revenue of
Excise at the Gen^{el}. Excise Office, London.

FRANCES E. M. CHEVALLIER.

*Afterwards Admiral Vernon.