" impaired his strength and the freshnesse of his hew;
" yet there remained there still to the Last in his Counte-
" nance such comely and decent Gravity, as that
" the clergie rather added unto them then ought diminished
" in his former Dignitie. He left behind him when he
" died by a vertuous Gentlewoman Wilgiford his
" Wife (the first daughter of Mr John Williams of
" Cainton in the Countie of Oxford whom he married
" very young a Maiden) and enjoyed to his death that bles-
" having lived together in great love and kindnesse by-
" the space of 40 yeares three sons and six daughters
" all of them maried and having Issue as followeth.

" His eldest son Edward maried unto Jenne daughter and one of
" heirs of Mr Haward in the Countie of Brecon Esq.
" His second son Thomas maried Mary the Dau. and Heire of
" Anthony Maunsell of Llantrithid in the Com: of Glamorgan Esq.
" His 3d son John being then of the age of 18 yeares (or much thereabouts)
" was maried to Rachel one of the daughters of Sir Dan: Danvers of Tockenham
" in Com Wilts Knight.
" His eldest daughter Elizabeth maried to Thomas Norton
" of Norwood in the Countie of Kent Esq.
" His 2d daughter Mary maried Wm Herbert of Kirkhowell in
" the Countie of Brecknock Esq.
" His 3d daughter Jeane maried with Sr Daniel Dun Knight
" and Doctor of the Civil Lawes.
" His 4th daughter Wilgiford maried to Rise Kemis of
" Llanvay in the County of Monmouth Esq.
" His 5th daughter Lucie maried to Hugh Powell Gent.
" His 6th and youngest daughter Anne maried to Jn. Partridge
" of Withenger in the countie of Glocester Esq. Of every of
" the which since his death there hath proceeded a plentifull Issue.

Wm. He was one of y Delegates (together with Dr Dale &c.) for y
Tryall of Mary Queen of Scotts: and was a great Stickler for y
saving of Her life: wch endeavr was remembred by King James at
his coming in to England, who asked for him, and some thought
would have made him Lord Keeper: but he died as appeareth a
little before that good opportunity happ'ned. His Mte sent by
Sr Fernando Gorges and Knighted the Vice Chancellor and two more
of the Universitie of Oxford when he Came to
the Universitie finally declined. He only of
in the History of Mary Q. of Scotts 8vo written by Haywood
as also in Thuanus Annals under that Title. wch he replied
to see, and reject his words here to honour ye Dr memes. Dr
Zouch mentions him the rospect, in his de Jure Feciali. pag.
and Memorable he is quoted by Sr Edw: Coke Pt 8. Reports
in the Ch. Court. in his Reports about the Legitimacy of the Earle of Hert-
ford. Epitaphium Edw: filii patris, in his Sr W: aboue, & marriage with the
Lady Rebella Stuart.

Jo: David Rhesus M. D. made an honorable mention
of him in his Welsh Grammar in the pag:

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as also in his Profess

He was a good States man, and Queen Elizabeth loved him well
was wont to call him by the Doctor. Sr Joseph Williamson Principal
Secretary of State and under Secretary has told me, that in the
Letter office are great many Letters of his while he was
Chancellor & Keeper, and Queen
Secretary. The late Dr Dee was his great friend and
Kinsman, as I find by Letters between them in the Custody of Elias
Ashmole Esq. wch he was pleased to communicate to me. Dr Dee
Jos. 20 to l. there is some mention made of him, and
the Original copie of J. Dees Book written and annexed to it by a Dr
of the Lawes Dr Wm Aubrey, which advise he desired, in his Will
on that Subject. He purchased Abercanaway (the ancient seate of
the family of his cosen Aubrey. He built the great house at Brecon
next the River Usk. He was made Chancellor in Wales & England he left no
in his own land in Brecon shire, in Wales & England he left no
for ever: whose there is now none left of in the family. He made
one Hugh George (his Clerk (Clark) his Executor, who was many
into England and executed all the Legacies: and a many others out
of England (his youngest son) for the addition of which estate he
grandfather (his youngest son) for the addition of which estate he
had contracted with for Pembroke castle in the
Countie of Hereford, as appeareth by his Will. He was his Executor was
to pay. He made a Deed of Entaile [15.] and all mention
in his Will, whereby he entailed the Brecon estate on the Elder male of
his eldest son, and in default, to the Younger sons and their
will provided, and declared his Intention that Brecon should come to the share
the eldest had (carry 200 and his Residence all from Jesus: and so
I am sure Dr Thomas, 180 men in Remainder. &c. [illegible]
of Dr Donne, "For wild Oats it availe
not to be the twentieth man in an Entaile." Old Judge Athens
remembred that when he was a boy, he lay at his father's house in Glocester
shire: to hear his Causes, who was there in those days. He me they then
(vulgarly) called a Quitch. I have his Picture he Red
a delicate, quick lively and piercing Black eye, and a sanguine Complexion
The figure in his Monument at Paules, is not like him: it is
too big. The room his Executors had the use of the house,
that none offended from him can pretend to any
Dr Fuller had not mentioned him among the Worthies of Wales

The Inscription in his monument in St Paules church

" Gulielmo Aubreo clara familia in Breconia orto,
" LL.i in Oxonia Doctori, ac Regio Professori, Archiepiscopi Cant.
" ac Episcopi Cestren. Auditori, et Vicario in Spiritualibus Generali, Eccles.
" tus Regij ad St Quintin. supremo Judici, in Comitatu Walliæ Con-
" silium deferit, Cancellariæ Magistro, et Reginæ Elizabethæ a Supplicum
" Libellis: Viro exquisitæ eruditionis, singulari prudentia, et morum
" suavissimis (qui turbas, lites, et rixas fugiebat) Wilgiforda uxore suscepti
" eleemosynæ in Christo orum expectans animam Deo Xmi July 1595
" Optimæ Patri Edwardus et Thomas
" Milites, ac Johannes Armiger filij
" mœstissimi posuerunt