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## INTRODUCTION.

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**A**MONG the manuscript treasures of the Bodleian Library is a collection known as the Tanner Papers. It was formed and left to the Library by the Rev. Thomas Tanner, who died Bishop of St. Asaph in 1735. He was a devoted antiquary and an eager collector of old letters and documents of all kinds. There is an elaborate catalogue of the collection, which comprises 467 numbers, described in a folio volume of 1176 pages. A large part of the Bishop's life was passed in the Diocese of Norwich, and therefore much of his collection relates to East Anglia and East Anglian families. In it are the following letters relating to the family of Appleton of Little Waldingfield, the immediate relatives of Samuel Appleton, who came to New

England. The Bishop undoubtedly obtained them direct from the family, for his second wife was Frances, born 1687-8, daughter of Jacob Preston, who was plainly son of Jacob Preston, who married, in 1639, Frances, daughter of Sir Isaac Appleton and niece of Samuel of New England. The letters were copied for me many years ago by Colonel Chester, and though not specially important, I have decided to carry out an intention of long standing and have a few copies printed. The list of them gives the titles as they are found in the catalogue, with correction of a few slight mistakes.



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glad would I bee that I mought but have occasion in any thing to shew some part of that love which I shall ever bee owing you, but so it is that I am not at all acquaynted with Doctor Newcom nether any freind that I have in Cambridge to my knowledge; wherfore I could not goe to him with any hope to have effected any thing, yet at the last bethinking my selfe I thought of Doctor Dewport, with whom though my acquayntance bee but small, yet I resolved rather to have come to him then that nothing should bee effected — wherupon wee resolved that M<sup>r</sup> Lindsell should goe first alone to Doctor Newcom, and then if hee did not prevayle, I would goe to the other Doctor to move him. Since this evening I understand by Mr. Lindsell who hath beene with the Doctor that his indifferent tractable to use meanes that Mr. Lindsell should bee no looser, but hee would have them come presently to an agreement, that the other mought presently have some