

Extract from historian Arthur Clear writing in
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IN THE BODLEAN LIBRARY, OXFORD, IS PRESERVED A RARE PAMPHLET ENTITLED "THE COPY OF A LETTER FROM AILESURY DIRECTED AT COLONELL HAMPDEN, COLONELL GOODWIN AND READ TO BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, MAY 12, 1642. "RELATING HOW HIS MAJESTY HAS SENT 1200-1400 FORCES IN TO THOSE PARTS, WHO FIRED A COUNTRY TOWNE CALLED SWANBORNE IN SEVEN PLACES, MURDERED (*IN*) DIVERSE (*PLACES*), AND AMONGST THE REST ONE WOMAN ETC." THE LETTER IS DATED 6TH MAY, 1642, AILESURY AND IS SIGNED BY JOHN WITTEWRONG AND THEO. TYYRELL. ANOTHER PART STATES "HOW THEY FIRED SWANBORNE, AND FORCED THE TOWNSMEN IN TO THE CHURCH AND WHAT PILLAGE THEY HAVE TAKEN, *AND MAKES REFERENCE* TO THE INSOLENCY AND CRUELTY OF THE CAVALIERS, AND THEIR PILLAGING AND PLUNDERING.