

served in Parliament, was knighted also, and was thrice Lord Mayor of London—thus fulfilling the prophecy uttered, as he had fancied, by Bow Bells. When he served that office for the third time, it was during the reign of Harry the Fifth, just after that great king had conquered France. Sir Richard gave a feast to him and his queen in such great style, that the king was pleased to say, “Never prince had such a subject!” to which it has been said the Lord Mayor loyally replied, “Never subject had such a prince!” At this feast the king was much pleased with a fire made from choice woods and fragrant spices, upon which Sir Richard said that he would add something that would make the fire burn more brightly, for the pleasure of his king; when he threw into the flames many bonds given by the king for money borrowed of the citizens to carry on the war with France, and which Sir Richard had called in and paid to the amount of sixty thousand pounds.

After a long life, this good man, who made himself much loved by his noble public works and acts of charity, for many of which he is still kept in memory, died, greatly to the sorrow of every one, having survived Alice, his wife, about twenty years.

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