there was Great Warrs in England so that the Craft was almost lost vntill the time of Athelston a Worthy King and he brought the Land to rest and peace he Builded many great great Workes as Churches, Abbyes Castles and many other Buildings he loved well Masons and he had a Son called Edwin he loved Masons much more than his Father did and he was a great Practiser of Geometry vseing much to talke with Masons and learned of them the Craft afterwards for the love he had to Masons he was made One himselfe and got of the King his Father a Charter and Commission to hold every yeare Once an Assembly with in the Realme of England, to Correct within themselves defaults and Trespasses that were done within the Craft and he held himself an Assembly att Yorke and made Mason and gave them the charge and taught them the manners of Masons commanding that rule to be kept hereafter and gave them the Charter and Comission to keep that it should be preserved amongst them from time to time.

And when the Assembly was mett he made a Cry that all Masons Olde and Young that had any writeinge or vndstanding of the charges that was before in this Land or in any other they should bring them forth and there was some found in Greeke some in French some in English and some in other Languages, the intent of them were all One and he comanded a Booke to be made thereof to Testifie how the Craft was first found comandinge to be read when any Mason or Masons should be made, that soe they might Know their Charg, and from that time to this Assemblyes have beene kept and certaine Charges have

beene given by Masters and Fellowes.

Here followeth the Worthy and Godly Oath of Masons every man that is a Mason take heed of this charge and if yow finde your selves guilty of any of these that yow. may a ment and especially yow that be charged now to take heed that yow keep it for it is great perill for a Man to forsweare himselfe ypon a Booke.

Tune vius Senioribus teneat librum ut illi vel ille ponant vel ponat manus Super librum et tune precepto deberent logi.

The First is that yow, shall be true to God and holy Church and that yow, vse noe herisie no error in your vnderstandinge or by the teaching of Indiscreete men, Also yow, shall be true Leige men to the King without Treason or falsehood and that yow. shall Know no Treason but that yow. warne the King or his Councell there of yow. true One to another (That is to say) to every Master and Fellow of the Craft of Masonry and shall doe to them as yow, would they should do to yow. and that every One Keep true Councell of Lodge and Chamber and all other Councell that ought to be kept in the way of Masonry and that none shall be theifes nor in theivish company to his knowledge but be true to the Lord and Master that yow. serve and to see to his profitt and Advantage, And also that yow. call Masons your Fellowes and brethren and no other foule names nor yow, shall not take your fellowes Wife to Comitt villany with her nor desire his daughter or servant to defile her or them, yow. shall pay truely for Your Table where yow. board That the Craft may have honour where ever you goe These be Charges in Generall that belongeth every Mason to Keepe, both Masons and fellowes I will now rehearse other charges singular.

First that no Master shall take vpon him any Lords Work or other Mans but that he Know himselfe able and sufficient in Cuuninge to performe and end the same so that the Craft have no Slander nor disworshipp but that the Lord may be well served and truly, Also that no