

regret that comparatively so few have survived to the present time. Those that we have, therefore, of undoubted authenticity, are all the more to be prized. It is a transcript of some of these documents which is here submitted. The aim of the transcriber has been to present an absolute copy of the originals. He has not even ventured to correct palpable mistakes in the spelling of names, or other clerical errors. Where such occur, and they are by no means infrequent, he has called attention to the fact, either by inserting the correct word in brackets, or by adding a foot-note, but the text is a faithful reproduction of the originals.

There are some papers included in Mr. DRAKE'S volume, which have not been deemed admissible in the body of this work, inasmuch as they are not in themselves official documents, but they may not inaptly be quoted here. The first to be noticed are the following lists, taken from the History of Sandwich, being transcripts of records belonging to the corporations of that port.

A LIST OR REGISTER

Of all such persons as embarked themselves in the good ship called the *Hercules*, of Sandwich, of the burthen of 200 tons, John Witherley, master, and therein transported from Sandwich to the plantation called New England in America; with the certificate from the ministers where they last dwelt of their conversation, and conformity to the orders and discipline of the church, and that they had taken the oath of allegiance and supremacy. (The certificates, all dated February and March, 1634, are here omitted.)

Masters of Families.		Children.	Servants.
NATHANL. TILDEN of Tenterden yeoman and	}	Seven	Seven
LYDIA his wife		by name	by name
JONAS AUSTEN of Tenterden and CONSTANCE his	}	Four	
wife			
ROB. BROOK of Maidstone mercer and ANNE his	}	Seven.	
wife			
THO. HEYWARD of Aylesford taylor and SUSANNAH	}	Five.	
his wife			
WILL. WITHERELL of Maidstone schoolmaster	}	Three	One
and MARY his wife			