## EXCERPTS READ FROM "THE DIARY OF THOMAS ISHAM OF LAMPORT"

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## THIS DIARY WAS WRITTEN IN LATIN AT THE BEHEST OF HIS FATHER SIR JUSTINIAN ISHAM FOR A REWARD OF £6 A YEAR AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 14 YEARS.

## IT IS A UNIQUE REMARKABLE RECORD OF LIFE FROM NOVEMBER 1671 TO SEPTEMBER 1673 AS SEEN AND HEARD BY A YOUNG BOY WRITTEN WHILE LIVING AT LAMPORT HALL AS AN IMPRESSION OF ENGLAND UNDER CHARLES II.

HE LATER INHERITED THE TITLE FROM HIS FATHER. FROM OCTOBER 1676 UNTIL AUGUST 1679 HE WENT ON A "GRAND TOUR" ALL THROUGH FRANCE TO ROME, WHERE HE ACQUIRED MANY ANTIQUES FOR THE COLLECTION AT LAMPORT HALL.

BORN IN 1658 SIR THOMAS DIED IN 1681 OF SMALLPOX ON THE EVE OF HIS INTENDED WEDDING. HIS WEDDING SUIT IS HELD NOW IN THE COSTUMES COLLECTION OF THE V&A MUSEUM.

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