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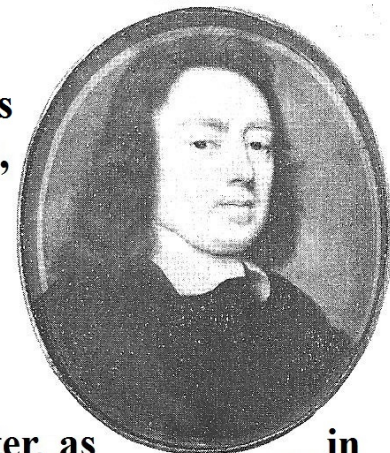
1611

SIR JUSTINIAN ISHAM

1675

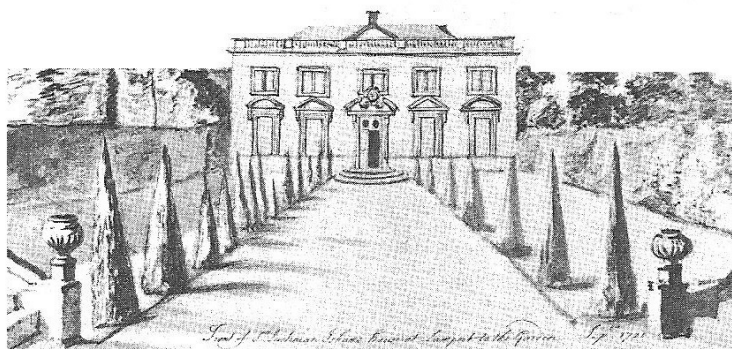
SECOND BARONET

Justinian was born at Lamport his father being Sir John, knight and then Baronet of Lamport in 1627. Also John, his greatgrandfather, having 20 children left his father only £5, but he became thrice Warden of the Mercers Company, the Governor of the English Merchant Adventurers and a Freeman of the City of London. His education began with the curate at Lamport, next with Mr Clerke of Uppingham School, then as a Fellow-Commoner of Christ's College, Cambridge with Revd. Joseph Mede, the distinguished writer, as his Tutor. Just after his father was created baronet by Charles I in 1653 Justinian left Cambridge, after the usual one year, in 1628 when he went to the Inns of Court on being admitted to the Inner Temple where he became greatly interested in the political life of the time. He travelled to Holland and in 1634 married Jane Garrard, who died in childbirth in 1639. In the years before the Civil War he continued in the practice of law being Solicitor to the Earl of Essex, Justinian's life of scholarship, the law and the county came abruptly to an end when the Civil War broke out in 1642. His father declared allegiance to the King, as did he, so they suffered being so close to Northampton, a Roundhead town, by classed as a "delinquent" he was "compounded" as "suspect" in St. James' Palace in 1655 and then kept under quard in Northampton in 1658, despite there being no actual evidence produced that he was involved in any conspiracy or intrigue.



THE RESTORATION OF THE MONARCHY IN 1660 ...

put an end to his inprisonment and launched him, in 1660, on a new career as a Magistrate and Deputy-Lieutenant as well as, in 1661, as an MP to the Cavalier Parliament as Knight of the Shire of Northampton - perhaps as a reward. Sir Justinian died of a "sharp fit of the stone" at Oxford on 2nd. March 1675 and in his will he left a small farm at Brixworth with the income to financially support "The Isham Trust" with benefit apprenticeships for the poor of the local district.



LAMPORNT HALL JOHN WEBB FRONT IN 1720

LAMPORNT MANOR BECAME LAMPORNT HALL

During the years of the Commonwealth he built first a new chancel for Lamport Church in 1652. After his marriage, he engaged his friend John Webb, the favourite pupil of Inigo Jones and the most accomplished architect of his day, to add a new front to the old Lamport Manor. And so from his inprisonment he issued his instructions to the contractor, Thomas Sergenson of Coventry. Also at this time he became involved in a search for his second wife Vere Leigh whom he married in 1653 - so he was not constrained with these plans.