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About this document

This document is a memorial to Sir Christopher Wren, dated 1701. (Catalogue reference: E 36/253 folio 294)

This memorial, written by Peter Le Neve and John Lowe, concerns the Chapter House in Westminster Abbey. Le Neve complains about the deteriorating condition of the house, the subsequent damage to the records and the absent builders.

Please note:

- The document is written in a cursive autograph hand.

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The Memoriall of John Lawe and Peter
Folmer Two Chamberlains of the Excheq.
To the Hon^{ble} Sr. Christopher Wrenne K^t Surveyor
Generall of his Majesties Works

That the Chapter house in the Abbey of Westm being a
Repository for the publick Records of the Nation is very
much out of repair Especially in the Glasing wherby the
Rains beak In & Endamageth the same Records to both the
publick and private Use that the Ceiling of the passage there
was ordered to be repaired about six years since & scaffolds were
placed in order thereto w^{ch} have remained there ever since
but ever since no Workmen came to repair

June 1701.

John Folmer
humble ser^{vt}.

P. Leneve

Delivered to and
for Sr Christopher Wrenne

transcript

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14. humble Serv[an]t
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