Document 26: Exchequer: Treasury of the Receipt - Memorial to Sir Christopher Wren, dated 1701
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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.
The Memorial of John Lowe and John
Knewes, King Chamberlain of the Palace
To the House of Christopher Wrenne Esquire
Gentleman of his Majesty's Work,

That the Chapter house in the Abby of Westminster being a
Repository for the publick Records of the Nation is very
much out of repair. Especially in the Glazing whereby the
Rain doth leak in & damageth the same Records to both the
publick and private. Also that the ceiling of the passage there
was ordered to be repaired about the yeare since I seight, were
placed in order thereof which have remained there ever since
but ever since no Workmen came to repair.

June 1701.

Humble Servt.

P. LeNee

I have signed & Christopher Le Nee

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TRANSCRIPT

1. The Memorall of John Lowe and Peter Le Neve Vice Chamberlains of the Exchequer
2. To the Honorable Sir Christofer Wrenn Knight Surveyor
3. General of his Majesty's Works
4. That the Chapter house in the Abbey of Westminster being a Repository for the publick Records of the Nation is very much out of repair Especially in the Glasing whereby the
5. Raine beats in & Endamageth the Same Records to both the
6. publick and private Coss that the Ceiling of the passage there was ordered to be repaired about Six Years Since & Scaffolds were placed in order thereto which have remained there ever Since but ever Since no Workmen came to repair
7. I am Sir Your most humble Servant
8. June 1701.
9. P. Le Neve
10. Delivered to and For Sir Christopher Wren