

two years before my arrival ; but wanting means, methods, and interest to proceed to the accomplishing this their purpose, they desired me to take the business upon me ; in which, though some difficulties appeared unsuitable to my Function ; yet in Piety to the Church, and to promote the exercise of the Divine Service thereof, I undertook the charge, and proceeded therein, as followeth Viz. I first applied myself to the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of London, to acquaint him therewith, and his Lordship did so far approve thereof, that he promised to speak to the other Bishops, and other Gentlemen to bestow their benevolent Contributions towards the building of the said Church : Next I applied myself to Doctor Barbone, who was then concerned in building in So-hoe Fields. He, as soon as he was acquainted with my design, promised to give me a piece of ground, and to build the Foundation at his own charge ; thereupon I went again to his said Lordship, and telling him thereof, he promised to give me a piece of ground himself, and sent one Mr. Thrift with me, and marked out the ground.

Hereupon I went to his Majesty, the Duke of York, and most of the Nobility and Clergy, who were pleased to contribute freely to the Building, there being gathered both in City and Country fifteen hundred pounds. I began the foundation at my own charge, and as I received the Contributions I went on ; and expended therein, as may appear by the Workmens Receipts, eight hundred pounds ; and the remainder of the money was expended in Charges, Servants wages, and Horse hire in going about the Country and in my maintenance for these six years last past.

After some time the Church being found inconveniently situated, being too remote from the abodes of most of the Grecians (dwelling chiefly in the furthest parts of the City), it was upon mature consideration thought fit to be sold, and another to be builded in a more convenient place ; whereupon I applied myself again to his Lordship the Bishop of

