

Upon Friday the [17th] day of July. An. 1674 (take this Relation from a Gentleman, an eyewitness, and principally concerned in the whole scrutiny) – in the margin is printed John Knight Esq., Principal Chirurgion to His Majesty King Charles II – in order to the rebuilding of the several Offices in the Tower, and to clear the White Tower from all contiguous Buildings, digging down the Stairs which led from the King's Lodgings, to the Chappel in the said Tower, about ten foot in the ground, were found the Bones of two striplings in (as it seemed) a wooden Chest, which upon the survey were found proportionable to the ages of those two Brothers viz about thirteen and eleven years. The Skul of the one being entire, the other broken, as were indeed many of the other Bones, as also the Chest, by the violence of the Labourers, who not being sensible of what they had in hand, cast the rubbish and them away together, wherefore they were caused to sift the rubbish, and by that means preserved all the Bones. The Circumstances from the Story being considered, and the same often discoursed with the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Chichley Kt., Master of the Ordnance, by whose industry the new Buildings were then in carrying on, and by whom this matter was reported to the King: upon the presumptions that these were the Bones of the said Princes, His Majesty King Charles II, was graciously pleased to command that the said Bones should be put into a Marble Urn, and deposited among the Reliques of the Royal Family in the Chapel of King Henry the Seventh in Westminster Abbey.