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SIX WILLS RELATING TO COBHAM HALL.

THE six testators whose wills we now print were, all of them, owners of Cobham Hall, during the sixteenth or seventeenth centuries, and all, save one perhaps, had resided therein. Their wills are given in the order of their dates, and succeed one another as follows:—

- 1. William Brooke, Lord Cobham.
- 2. Frances, Countess of Kildare, wife of Henry Lord Cobham.
- 3. Frances Stuart, Duchess of Richmond and Lenox.
- 4. Charles Stuart, Duke of Richmond and Lenox.
- 5. Sir Joseph Williamson.
- 6. Lady Catherine O'Brien.

For copies of three of these wills (Nos. 2, 3, and 4) we are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. James Greenstreet, who kindly transcribed them for us at Somerset House. I have prefixed memoirs of the testators, and have appended to the wills such notes as seemed to be necessary.

Copies of the wills of Sir Joseph Williamson and Lady Catherine O'Brien, are among the Earl of Darnley's archives at Cobham Hall. Lord Darnley courteously permitted me to transcribe them. Of William Lord Cobham's will, there is a copy in the British Museum (Lansdowne MS. No. 830), whence I transcribed it.

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