Prices During the Siege of La Rochelle (November 1628)

Transcript

British Library, Additional MS 21935, ff. 80r–80v

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And the miseries that warr brings with it
In Nouember 1628 There Came a Letter to my Father from my Cosen Iohn Bradshaw of the newes of the troubles and Sorrows of [th]e Rochallers. A Coppye of Some part of [tha]t Letter here followeth

Also it is reported that through this famine in Rochell younge Maids of foretenne or sixetenne yeaers olde did Looke Like Olde women of an hundred yeer olde ~~The~~

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OF the Bitternesse of warre
This famine was such that the poore people . would Cutt off the Bvttockes of dead men as they Lay in the Church yeard vnburied All the English that came out of Rochell Looked Like Anotomies. they Liued too moneths with nothing but Cowhides and Goates skinnes boiled The dogges. Cattes, mice . and frogges being all spent And this with a world of miseries besides did they svffer in hope of releife There died in the sceige of famine Sixtenne thousand parsons. the rest induring much miserie. most of their foode being hides, Leather and olde gloues. Other prouisions which were verie scarces and att an excessiue rate

A Bvshell of wheate at a hundred and twenty pound
A pound of Breat at twentie Shillings
A Qvarter of Mvtton at fiue pounde
A pounde of Bvtter at thirtie Shillings
An Egge at eaight Shillings
An ounce of Svger at two Shillings Six pence
A Dried Fishe at twenty Shillings
A pint of wine at twenty Shillings
A pound of grapes at twenty Shillings
A pint of milke at thirty Shillings

Other manuscript witnesses

- British Library, Sloane MS 922, f. 77r

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