

"Lambert," writes Mr. Bartlett, "probably continued to reside at Wimbleton till after the death of Oliver and the succession of Richard Cromwell to the Protectorship, when he again became the leader of the opposition; and, joined by a council of officers, forced that weak man to dissolve the Parliament, April 22nd, 1659. This act virtually expelled Richard. He soon after signed his own demission."

After the restoration of Charles II., Wimbleton

estate of Wimbleton was conveyed, in 1677—8, to Thomas Osborne, Earl of Danby, Lord High Treasurer of England. The house was no doubt very fine at that time, but Evelyn speaks with great contempt of the library. In his "Diary," under date of December 20th, 1677, we read:—"Carried to my Lord Treasurer an account of the Earl of Bristol's librarie at Wimbleton, which my lord thought of purchasing, till I acquainted him that it was a very broken collection, consisting



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was given back to the queen-mother, Henrietta Maria, together with other of the dower lands; but the place seems to have lost its charm for her, and it was very soon after sold to the Earl of Bristol, who appears to have consulted John Evelyn with reference to the laying out of his grounds. Under date of Feb. 17th, 1662, Evelyn writes in his "Diary":—"I went with my Lord of Bristol to see his house at Wimbleton, newly bought of the Queene Mother, to help contrive the garden after the moderne. It is a delicious place for prospect and the thickets, but the soile cold and weeping clay. Returned to London that evening with Sir Henry Bennet."

Upon the death of the Earl of Bristol, the

much in books of judicial astrology, romances, and trifles." And again he writes, two months later, Feb. 18th, 1678:—"My Lord Treasurer sent for me to accompany him to Wimbleton, which he had lately purchas'd of the Earle of Bristol; so breaking fast with him privately in his chamber, I accompanied him, with two of his daughters, my Lord Conway, and Sir Bernard Gascoyne, and having surveyed his gardens and alterations, returned late at night."

In 1689 Lord Danby was created Marquis of Carmarthen, and later on advanced to the Dukedom of Leeds. He died in 1712, having by his will devised Wimbleton to the Earl of Abingdon and others, as trustees, who, under a decree of