

BULSTRODE WHITELOCKE, d.1688

While the Revolution of 1688 that saw the exiling of James II of England and the assumption of the throne by his daughter Mary and her husband William of Orange was considered relatively bloodless there were some casualties and one of them was Bulstrode Whitelocke.

In the Diaries of Mrs. Philip Lybbe Powys it mentions that when William III arrived at Torbay in 1688 Lord Lovelace and about seventy gentry and others rode to welcome the King and give him their support. They were stopped at Cirencester in Gloucestershire where Lovelace was taken prisoner and young Bulstrode Whitelocke, grandson of Sir Bulstrode Whitelocke of Fawley Court, Berks and son of Mr. William Whitelocke of Phillis Court, Oxon was shot, and died November 14, 1688.

It is assumed this is the same Lord Lovelace who refused to confirm his father's sale of the entailed Manor of Blunsdon to Bulstrode Whitelocke of Fawley, Co. Berks during the Interregnum. The father had promised to get his son who was only ten at the time of the sale to confirm the sale when he came of age. The promise could not be enforced after the Restoration and Bulstrode was forced to sell the Manor to his old friend Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon at a substantial loss.

Sources: UBC25; R468/181