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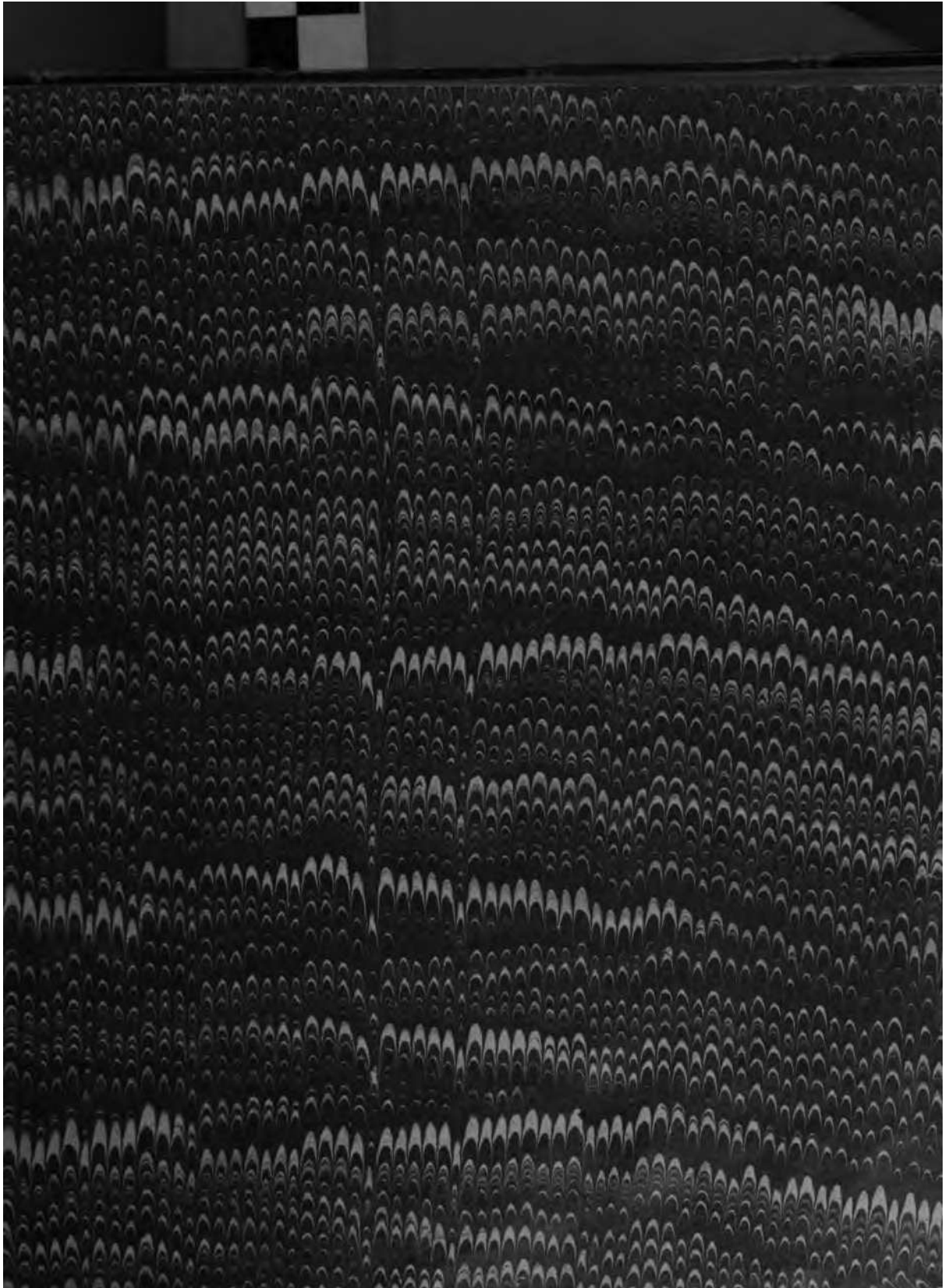
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you as a testimony of my bounden dutie" (p. 166). It was supreme honour to 'serve' "Sidney's sister, Pembroke's mother."

Elsewhere, besides those named, LADIES SAVILLE, CAVENDISH, SPEKE, and others, are addressed in such a way as to indicate easy access if no more; while HENRY LASSELLS, Gentleman, in the Epistle-dedicatory of *Newe Sonets and Pretie Pamphilets*, is his "approued Freinde." He could hardly have been that HENRY LASSELLS, who, under Colonel Lane of Bentley, was associated with him in the preservation of Charles II. after the battle of Worcester in 1651, as told in the 'Boscobel' tracts; but he was probably of the same line. He seems to have been a true 'friende' at 'sundry times' to his 'assured freinde' Howell.* Francis Flower, his commendator (p. 104-6), had to do with the court-masks and entertainments.

The whole burden of JOHN KEEPER'S somewhat noticeable poem of "The Unfertaintie of Seruice" "to his friend Howell" in "His Deuises" (pp. 153-8) convinces me that our Thomas Howell was just such a 'genteel' "seruing-man" as he of whom the "aged man" is a representative. Keeper himself being in the church, the thing could have no application to himself; and hence the conclusion is inevitable that he sought to sympathize with and sooth his down-hearted 'friend.' Howell's answers bear this out. *En passant*, John Keeper writes so frequently of and to our Howell—besides contributing the fore-mentioned and other poems to his volumes—that it is noteworthy, that he too was a native of Somersetshire. As natives of the same county, and not improbably of the same town (Dunster, as seen), their remarkably warm and life-long friendship ('antient amitie,' p. 49) is explained.†

* See *Blount*: also *Wool's Athene*, vol. II, p. 819. A John Lassels was "buried in Smythefield." See *Wickliff's Wickliff*, n.d.

† John Keeper or Keeper, according to *Wool's Athene*, vol. I, pp. 416-17, was born (as supposed) in Somersetshire; became a commoner or scholar of Har-

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