

A GLASS PAINTER AT WYCOMBE IN 1750.

John Rowell, who was by profession a plumber, practised glass-painting at High Wycombe in the County of Bucks, and afterwards at Reading, in Berkshire. He was employed by the late Duke of Richmond at Goodwood, and executed many pieces for Dr. Maddox, late Bishop of Worcester; particularly a history of Christ praying in the Garden, after a design of Dr. John Wall of Worcester. He painted a set of windows for Dr. Scawen Kenrick, in the Church of Hambledon, in Buckinghamshire. He did the Nativity of Christ, and the Roman Charity in two large windows: the former was purchased of his widow by Mr. Chute, of the Vine, in Hampshire; the latter by the late Lord Viscount Fane. The colours in some of his paintings stand very well; in others they have been observed greatly to fail. He discovered the beautiful red which is so conspicuous in our old windows; but this secret is supposed to have died with him, in the year 1756. —(*From Granger's Biographical History.*)