

John Burnby
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metropolitan church of Christ, Canterbury
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CONTAINING
AN ACCOUNT OF ITS ANTIQUITIES,
AND OF
Its ACCIDENTS and IMPROVEMENTS,
SINCE
THE FIRST ESTABLISHMENT.

— Let my due feet never fail
To walk the studious cloysters pale,
And love the highembowed roof,
With antique pillars, massy proof,
And story'd windows richly dight,
Casting a dim religious light.

MILTON'S IL PENSEROSO.

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<Nothing much is known about John Burnby (occ. 1772–85) except that he was an attorney at law in Canterbury. This book about the cathedral was published anonymously, but a later book of his – a collection of light verse called 'Summer amusement' – identifies him as the author of this one too. The publishers were a firm of Canterbury booksellers who had set up their own printing-office in about 1769. A second edition, 'greatly enlarged', was published by another firm of Canterbury booksellers, Simmons and Kirkby, in 1783. They also had their own printing-office, the earliest products of which date from 1768. Page images of the second edition can be found at the address given below. A third edition (which seems to be just a reprint of the second) was published in 1799, again by Simmons and Kirkby. – C.F. October 2011.>