



Box
St. Thomas A Becket

George Speke
1653 - 1682

Hic jacet

GEORGIUS SPEKE Barnonettus filius HUGONIS
SPEKE Baronetti de HASELBURY in Comitatu WILTON
ANNÆQ filiaē unicæ et Hæredis IOHANNIS MAYNE
Armigeri de STEPLEHURST in Comitatu CANTIJ natus
die Octobris anno Dm. MDCLIII Denatus XIV die
Ianuarij ännö Dni. MDCLXXXII

Under this stone lyes virtue youth,
Unblemifht Probity and truth
Juft unto all Relation known,
A worthy Patriot, Poius son
Whom Neighbouring Towns so often sent
To give their sence in Parliament,
With lives and fortunes trufting one,
Who so difcreetly of'd his own
Sober he wfe, Temperate,
Contented with an old eftate,
which noe font Avarice did encrease
While yett but young his father dy'd
And left him to a happy Guide.:
Act Lemuel Mother with more care

Did counsell and inſtruct her Heir,
Or reach with more ſucceſs, hir fon,
The vices of the time to ſhunn,
[...] ireſs ſhe while yett alive,
[...] hirs to him did give:
[...] the reſ gratitude and ſhow
[...] that had obleig'd him ſoe:
[...] too much for her he thought,
[...] he was ſo bred and tought,
[...] made that path to tread
[...] his youth to honour lead
[...]

OPC note: [...] ſignifies that inſcription covered by ſtorage.

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