

William Somner
The antiquities of Canterbury (frontispiece)
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[1660?]

To the Royall hands of his
SACRED MAJESTY,

CHARLES the II.

By the Grace of God, King of great Britain, &c.

The AUTHOR,

One of the meanest, but most devoted, of his
loyall Subjects:

From his heart congratulating his MAIESTIES
safe return, and his happy advance unto this
City: and on the bended knees of his body offering
up the unfeigned wishes of his soul for his
MAIESTIES as happy progress and reception
into the heart, as well of People, as Land.

Humbly (and with hopes of Pardon for his
so great presumption)

Presents

These his unworthy Labours:

Being a topographicall accompt of this once renowned
and flourishing, now ruined and languishing
CITY and CATHEDRAL.

<Some copies of Somner's book have an extra leaf inserted at the front, with this address on the verso, opposite the title page. It appears to be a reproduction in print of the inscription written by Somner into a copy of his book which (May 1660) he was hoping to present to the king. – C.F. January 2011.>