

terel, esq.* He is celebrated by Mrs. Catharine Philips, under the name of Poliarchus. See more of him in "Athen. Oxon."

SIR JOSIAH CHILD, mercat. Lond. *Riley*; *M. Vr. Gucht*.

SIR JOSIAH CHILD, bart. *W. Richardson*.

Sir Josiah was son of Sir Richard Child, a merchant of London. He distinguished himself as a commercial writer in "A new Discourse on Trade;" to which is added a small Treatise against Usury, and which has passed through several editions. He was created a baronet, 1685. *Ob.* 1699, and was buried at Wansted, where is a superb monument to his memory.

SIR JOHN COVENTRY; *from the collection at Longleat, in Adolphus's British Cabinet. Harding sc. 4to.*

John Coventry was grandson of Thomas, first earl of Coventry, and nephew to Henry and Sir William Coventry. He was son of the Honourable John Coventry, by Elizabeth, daughter of John Colles, esq. of Barton, in Somersetshire, and widow of Herbert Doddington.

John Coventry was made knight of the Bath at the coronation of King Charles II. was a member in the Long Parliament, and in all the other parliaments in the reign of Charles II. for Weymouth.

He was distinguished for wit, and being often in opposition, a violent and cruel attempt was made on his person, on the 21st of December, 1670. Bishop Burnet gives the following account of the transaction:

"Sir John Coventry was one of those members who violently opposed the giving money; and it being then usual, after such bills had failed in the main vote, to lay the money on funds unacceptable and deficient, it was proposed to lay a tax on playhouses, which were then deemed nests of prostitution. This was opposed by the court; it was said, 'The players were the king's servants, and a part of his pleasure.' Upon which Sir John asked, 'Whether

* The immediate predecessor of Sir Charles Cotterel was Sir John Finet.