

The English Civil War at First Hand,

Tristram Hunt, 2002, p. 189

And having thus possessed themselves of this House, (as it is their custom in all other places; the first thing thought on is plunder) they fell to searching the House, and those things in it that were moveable though little of worth, or convenience, they took away; which could not be little more than bedsteads, and stools, and the like.

That house having been divers times before, and indeed the first in the Kingdom, as is believed, plundered.

But finding themselves no better rewarded for their service, that they might be more notorious in their villainy, broke up the vault wherein the ancestors of that Family were usually Interred, under the pretence of searching for money,

and finding them not quite yet dissolved, the corpses of the Lady Lucas, and the Lady Killigrew, (as I received it from eye witnesses) wrapped in Lead; they tore open that coffin,

beyond whatever was known or read of before, or amongst the most inhumane barbarous thoughts,

dismembered their trunks, throwing a leg in one corner of the vault, and an arm in another, and were so Impudent in this so and worse than brutish act, as to bear away the hair of their heads in their Hats as a triumphant bravado in honour to their villainy....