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for powder and shot sent from Oxford to Prince Rupert's men at Wheatley that June. Disaster struck in July 1645, when he was killed in a skirmish near Aylesbury, and shortly afterwards his brother Henry was also killed while on reconnaissance for the royalist forces near Thame. The two brothers were buried in Christ Church Oxford on 28 August and 11 September respectively, and may well be the reason why their mother came to New College a few weeks or months later.

keeping abreast of war news in a city marginally safer than Westminster and less remote than some of their country estates. But we shall probably never know exactly why they came when they did.

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Entries in the New College Long Books 1643/4 to 1646/7 (NCA 4204, 4205)

1643/4

Term 1 (equivalent to modern Michaelmas term):

Rec' from my Lady Salisbury for beere & bread for 2 weeks £1 Rec' of my Lady Salisbury for one weeke ending 0 ct 20 10s 3d

Rec' of my Lady Salisbury for bread & beere untill shee

departed £1 4s 5d Rec' of my Lady Moryson for 24 days beare £3 6d