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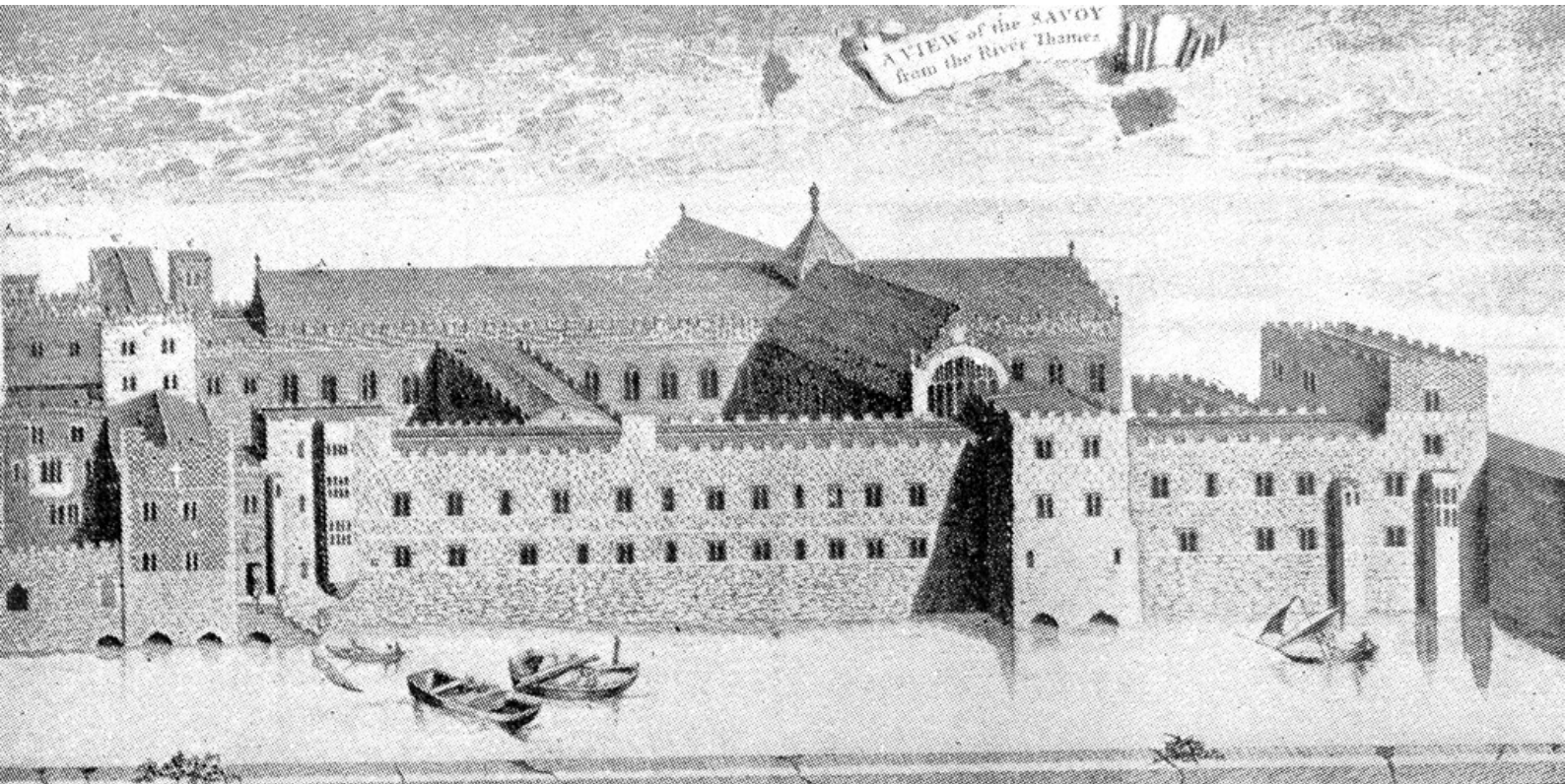
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A VIEW of the SAVOY
from the River Thames



In the Year 1245 PETER Earl of SAVOY built a Palace in the Strand, and gave it to the Fraternity of MERCHANTS, of whom it was purchased by ELIZABETH Queen to King HENRY III, for her Son EDMOND Earl of LANCASTER. It was afterwards repaired, or rather new built, by HENRY Duke of LANCASTER, at the expense of 50000 Marks. In 1357 JOHN the French King was imprisond there; and in 1381 came over again as a Prisoner, and there died. In 1381 that Palace being burnt down by the Rebels of KENT and ESSEX lay in Ruins till the Reign of King HENRY VII, when it was rebuilt in a beautiful manner for an Hospital to relieve poor Pilgrims, Strangers and Children, and dedicated to St. JOHN BAPTIST, about the Year 1500. But that Hospital being afterwards suppressed by King EDWARD VI, a little before his Death, was re-founded and endowed with Lands by Queen MARY in 1557. Upon the Dissolution of Queen ELIZABETH the Chapel was converted into a Church for the Use of the Parish.

