

77 No. 11

Pill

Castle 3170 7608, 3174

This "invincible fort" was taken and destroyed by the Parliament in 1643. It gave its name to Castle Pill, the upper part of which was called PRIX PILL. There was a Chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr above the fort. The fort, which was not of large extent, is on a promontory overlooking the Pill, which is tidal beyond it. On the west there was a court; on the east there was a deep moat; beyond the moat there are traces of another court. The declivity is steep on the south and west; on the north there was a high earthwork. Portions of walling can be found all round; on the south are the foundations of a tower and bastions, at which point a considerable amount of stone-work remains. A human skull, with an iron ball in it was found at Coombs, not far off, about 1760. It may be a relic of the fight.

*Pemb. Arch. Survey.*

*This civil war fort has been almost wholly  
obliterated by the construction of housing  
within ~~the~~ interior.*

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