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Louis XII.	1498-1515	The King	
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		(Quecn)	1552-1015
	-,	Sully	1559—1641
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		Cardinal d'Offat	1536—1604
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		Seigneur de Beau-	D. 1614
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		Abbé Ruçellai	D. 1628
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	ac 31	Marquis Spinola	1569—1630
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-		Mary de Medicis	D. 1642
	·	Ann of Austria	1602-1666
		Marechal d'Ancre	D. 1617
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	and the same	Henri Duc de Mont-	
		morenci	1595-1632
		Cardinal Richlieu	1585—1642
		Alphonfede Richlieu	1582-1653
(1) - 1		Marshal Marillac	D. 1632
		Michael Marillac	D. 1632
	/	Duc de Rohan Cardinal de Berulle	1579—1638
		Jaques de Callot	1575—1643
		Campanella	1593—1635
		Auguste de Thou	1) -6
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	17	Malherbe	1556—1628
		Godeau Bishop of Vence	1605—1672
	100	Peyrefc	1580—1637
Louis XIV.	1643-1715	The King	
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		Gaston Duke of	1608—1660
	,	Orleans	1000 1000
		Philip Duke of	D. 1701
		Orleans Madame de la Valiere	D. 1710
3 TI		Madame de Main-	
		tenon	1635—1719
		Masque de Fer	,
		Henry Duke of	1614—1664
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	,	Cardinal de Retz	1613—1679
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		Duc de la Roche-)
		foucault	1630—1680
		John Gerard Vossius	1577-1649
		Salmafius ,	1588—1653
		Gaffendi	1592—1655
and the second		Father Mabillon	1632-1707
		Santeuil Pafcal	1630—1697 1623—1662
	1 7	Omer Talon	1595—1652
*	-10	Prefident Molé	1584—1656
	200	Foucquet	1615—1680
	00000	Peliffon	D. 1693
	- 1-14.	M. Dumoulin	D. 1680
		Regnard	1647—1709
		Seneçai Lainez	1643—1737
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200	-	Father Bouffieres	1672
65	1	Segrais	1624-1701
		Lulli	1633—1685
		M. Arnauld d'An-	} 1589-1674
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	100	Abbé Arnauld	1720
	100	Anthony Arnauld	1612-1694
	/ 0	Marshal de Navailles St. Evremonde	D. 1684
0 1		Cardinal d'Este	1613—1703
13.0		Dom Noeld'Argonne	
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		Jean d'Alba	1700
1000		Abbé de Rancé	1626-1700
		Francois Cassandre	D. 1695
1		Gui Patin	1602—1672
		Pavillon	D. 1705
		Prince Eugene	1663—1736
		Marshal Turenne Montecuculi	1611-1675
		Duc de Montaufier	D. 1680 D. 1691
		Cardinal de Polignac	1661—1741
		Antonio Priolo	1648
		Duc de Longueville	1648
1.9		Madame de Longue- ville	1648
		Nicolo Pouffin	1594-1665
	· -	Rubens	1577-1646
		Le Sueur	1617-1655
C	2	Bouchardon	1698—1762
Duke of	1600 1600	The Dules	
Lorraine	1675-1690	The Duke	
Louis XV.	1715-1774	The King	
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		Madame de Baviere	1688-1741
		Cardinal Dubois	D. 1723
		Mr. Law	1688-1729
		M. Boudou	1720
		M. de Belfunce, Bi- fhop of Marfeilles	1720
		Cardinal Fleury	1653-1743
		Marshal Saxe	1696—1750
		M Duclos	D. 1772
			Louis

Sovereigns.	Date and Duration of Sovereignty.	Anecdotes of	Flourished.
Louis XVI.	1715—1774 1774—1793	Fontenelle Montesquieu Abbé de Marsy Rameau M. d'Acquin Du Cerceau Marivaux The King Voltaire J. J. Rousseau Cardinal de Brienne M. Turgot M. Chamfort Abbé Brotier	1657—1756 1689—1755 D. 1763 1683—1764 1750 1670—1730 1688—1763 1694—1778 1712—1778 1750 1777 1789 D. 1789

ANECDOTES

OF

DISTINGUISHED PERSONS.

BRITISH.

EDWARD THE FIRST.

[1272-1307.]

ROGER BACON.

This acute and learned Franciscan Monk was, according to Mr. Selden, of a gentleman's family in Dorsetshire, and was born in 1214. Hebegan his studies very early at Oxford, and then went to Paris, where he pursued mathematics and physic; and, as Mr. Selden relates, was made Professor of Divinity in the University of that city. He returned to Oxford soon afterwards, and applied himself to the learned lanvol. I.

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guages*, in which he made fo rapid a progress, that he wrote a Latin, a Greek, and an Italian Grammar. He makes great complaints of the ignorance of his times, and fays, that the Regular Priests studied chiefly scholastic divinity, and that the Secular Priests applied themselves to the study of the Roman law, but never turned their thoughts to philosophy. The learned Dr. Freind, in his History of Physic, very justly calls this extraordinary man " miracle of the age in which he lived;" and fays, that he was the greatest mechanical genius that had appeared fince the days of Archimedes. Roger Bacon, in a Treatife upon Optical Glasses, describes the Camera Obscura, with all forts of glasses that magnify or diminish any object, bring it nearer to the eye, or remove it farther; and Dr. Freind fays, that the telescope was evidently known to him. "Some of these, and " his other mathematical instruments," adds that learned Writer, "cost 2001. or 3001."

^{*} How much the study of the learned languages was neglected in his time, Roger Bacon himself informs us; for in a letter to his patron Clement the Fourth, he tells him, that there were not four among the Italians who understood the grammatical rudiments of Greek, Latin, and Italian; and he adds, that even the Latin tongue, for the beauty and correctness of it, was scarcely known to any one. He says, that the Scholars, as they were then called, were fitter for the eradle than for the chair.

and Bacon fays himfelf, that in twenty years he fpent 2000l. in books and in tools; a prodigious fum for fuch kinds of expences in his day!

Bacon was almost the only Astronomer of his age; for he took notice of an error in the Calendar with respect to the aberration of the solar year; and proposed to his patron, Clement the Fourth, a plan for correcting it in 1267, which was adopted three hundred years afterwards by Gregory XIII.

Bacon was a chymist also, and wrote upon medicine. There is still in print a work of his, on retarding the advances of old age, and on preserving the faculties clear and entire to the remotest period of life; but, with a littleness unworthy of so great a mind as his was, he says, "that he does not choose to express himself so clearly as he might have done respecting diet and medicines, lest what he writes should fall into the hands of the Insidels."

Gunpowder, or at least a powder that had the same effect, seems to have been known to him, if he were not the inventor of it; for, in a letter to John Parisiensis, he says,

[&]quot;In omnem distantiam quam volumus, possumus artificialiter componere ignem comburentem, ex

"fale petræ et aliis, viz. fulphure & carbonum pulverem. Præter hanc, (scilicet combustionem,) funt alia stupenda, nam soni velut tonitus et corruscationes sieri possunt in ære, immo majore horirore quàm illa quæ siunt per naturam:—By dur skill we can compose an artificial sire, burning to any distance we please, made from saltipetre and other things, as sulphur and charical powder. Besides this power of combustion, it possesses other wonderful properties; for sounds like those of thunder and coruscations can be made in the air, more horrid than those occasioned by Nature."

EDWARD THE THIRD.

[1327-1377.]

"This Monarch," fays a French Historian, was desirous that his son, Edward the Black Prince, should have all the honour of the glorious day at Cressy. He wished to teach him to be victorious, and he entrusted him to two Noblemen very proper for that pursepose. He said to him, after the battle, Beau fils, Dieu vous doit bonne perseverance; vous étes mon fils, car loyaument vous êtes acquité en ce jour, si êtes digne de terre tenir."

Aimeri di Pavia, an Italian by whom Edward the Third was educated, was entrusted by him with the government of Calais, then lately taken from the French. He had agreed for a certain fum to restore it to them; and Geoffroy de Charny, the Governor of St. Omer, was on a day fixed to bring the money, and enter the town. On the day appointed, he came with fome chosen troops, placed them near Calais, and fent in the money to the Governor. A delay took place, under pretence that the money was wrong; and Edward the Third, to whom Aimeri had discovered the whole transaction, rushed out on horseback, disguised, with some horsemen, to attack the French troops. Among them was a Knight celebrated for his bravery. named Eustache de Ribaumont. The King, defirous to try his strength with him, cried out, " A moi, Ribaumont!" The valiant French Knight immediately flew at him with great violence, and unhorfed him. Edward, remounting, attacked him again with great bravery, but could make no impression upon him: at last, Ribaumont finding himself alone, his friends and companions having fled, furrendered himfelf to Edward, without knowing that he had the honour of being made prisoner by a Sovereign. Edward conducted him to the Castle of Calais, where, among fome other foldiers, he found B 3

found the Governor of St. Omer. " For you, "Sir," faid he to Charny, "I have very little " reason to love you, for you wished to get " from me for fixty thousand crowns, what had " cost me much more. For you, Messire Ribau-" mont Eustache, of all the Knights in the " world that I have ever feen, you best know " how to attack your enemy, and to defend " yourself. I never in my life was engaged in " any combat, in which I had more to do to " defend myself than I have had just now with " you. I give you very readily the glory of it, " and that of being above all the Knights of my "Court, as I am in honour obliged to do by a " just judgment." At the same time the generous Prince, taking from his own head a coronet of pearls, which he had worn, placed it on that of Ribaumont, and told him to wear it for that year, as a mark of his courage. "I know," added Edward, " Messire Eustache, that you " are gay, fond of the ladies, and delight in " their company; fo wherever you go, always mention that I gave you this coronet. I release you from your prison, and you may quit "Calais to-morrow, if you pleafe."

[&]quot;This instance," says the candid Author of Histoire du Patriotisme François, "of good"humour and generosity, in the true spirit of chivalry,

chivalry, in Edward, must be extremely pleasing to every one, as it makes that Monarch appear in his true character. If rage and indignation at the delay of the surrender of Calais to him, had not for a moment put a violence upon his disposition, his crown of pearls would have been for Eustache de St.

" Pierre, or Jean de Vienne."

EDWARD THE BLACK PRINCE.

" EDWARD, Prince of Wales," fays Montagne, "that English Prince who governed "Guienne for so long a time, a personage whose " condition and whose fortune had always some distinguished points of grandeur, had been " very much offended by the inhabitants of the " city of Limoges; and, taking the town by " ftorm, could not be wrought upon by the " cries of the people, of the women and of the children, who were given up to flaughter, im-" ploring his mercy, and throwing themselves " at his feet, till proceeding farther in the town, " he perceived three French Gentlemen, who " with an incredible degree of courage were " alone fustaining the shock of his victorious " army. His confideration and respect of such " distinguished valour, immediately blunted the " edge of his resentment, and he began, by " granting B 4

" granting the lives of those three persons, to fpare the lives of all that were in the town."

Froissart has preserved the names of these three brave men: "They were," fays he, Messieurs Jehan de Villemur, Hugues de la « Roche, and Roger de Beaufort, son of the " Count de Beaufort, Captains of the town. "When they faw," adds the Chronicler, "the " milery and the destruction that was pressing " upon themselves and their people, they said, "We shall be all dead men, if we do not defend ourselves: let us then sell our lives dearly, as " true Chevaliers ought to do: and these three French Gentlemen did many feats at arms. When the Prince in his car came to the spot " where they were, he observed them with great "pleafure, and became foftened and appealed by " their extraordinary acts of valour. The three Gentlemen, after having fought thus "valiantly, fixing their eyes upon their fwords, " faid with one voice to the Prince and the "Duke of Lancaster, "My Lords, we are yours; vou have conquered us; dispose of us according " to the law of arms."-" By Heaven," replied " the Duke of Lancaster, " we have no other intention, Messire Jehan, and we take you as our " prisoners."—And so," adds Froissart, " these " noble Chevaliers were taken, as I have been " informed." Livre 1. c. 289.

"The most common method," says Montagne, "to soften the hearts of those whom we have offended, is, when they have the power to revenge themselves in their hands, by seeing us at their mercy, to move them by our submission to pity and commisseration. Sometimes, however, bravery, constancy, and resolution, though directly contrary methods, have produced the same effect."

RICHARD THE SECOND.

[1377-1399.]

JOHN WICKLIFFE.

"Wickliffe," faid Luther, "attacked the morals and the rites of the Church of Rome. "The Monks, particularly those of the Mendicant Order, seem to be the great objects of his fatire. He charges, in one of his Tracts, the Freres, that is, the Fryars, with holding fifty herefies, and many more, if men would seek them well out. He opposed very much the giving tithes, unless to those who officiated at the Altar. He attacked the Pope's supremacy, and the doctrine of translubstantiation. In his MS. Treatise, 'Why Poor Priests have no

"Benefices,' he fays, 'And if Lords shallen or present Clerks to Benefices, they wolen have commonly gold in great quantity; and holden "their curates in their worldly office, and fuffren " the wolves of Hell to strangle men's fouls; fo " that they have much gold, and their office don 66 for nought, and their chapels holden up for vain " glory and hypocrify; and yet they wolen not of present a clerk able of kunning of God's laws, " and good life and holy enfample to the people, "but a kitchen-clerk, or a penny-clerk, or wife " in building castles, or worldly doing, tho he 66 kanne not read well his Sauter, (Pfalter,) and knoweth not the Commandments of God, ne 66 Sacraments of the Church. And yet fome 66 Lords, to colouren their fimony, wole not take " for themselves, but kerchiefs for the lady, or a tun of wine. And when some Lords wolden of present a good man, and able for love of God and Christian souls, then some Ladies ben means 66 to have a dancer, a tripper or tapits, or hun-" ter or hawker, or a wild player of fummer's " gamenes, for flattering and gifts going betwixte; " and if it be for dancing in bed fo much the " worfe."

Wickliffe translated the Bible into English, and was so voluminous a writer, that Lubinio Lepus, Bishop of Prague, burnt two hundred volumes

volumes written by this extraordinary person, which belonged to some of the heretical Noblemen of Bohemia.

Courtenay, Bishop of London, cited Wicklisse to appear before him at Paul's, to give fome account of the new opinions which he held. Wickliffe came attended by the Duke of Lancaster and the Earl Marshall. The crowd was so great, that the Lord Marshall was obliged to make use of his authority to get Wickliffe through it. The Bishop, displeased at seeing him so honourably attended, told the Lord Marshall, " that if he " had known beforehand what maestries he would have kept in the church, he would have stopped " him out from coming there." The Duke of Lancaster, indignant at this threatening language, told the Bishop, " that he would keep such " maestries there, though he said nay." Wickliffe, as usual, was standing before the Bishop and the rest of the Commissioners, to hear what things were laid to his charge, when the Lord Marshall desired him to sit down; telling him, that as he had many things to answer to, he had need of a foft feat to be at his eafe. The Bishop replied, " that he should not sit there; for," added he, " it is neither according to law nor reason, that he who was cited to answer before 66 his Ordinary (the Lord Pope) should sit down " during "during the time of his answer." On this many angry words took place between the Bishop and the Earl Marshall. The Duke of Lancaster then interfered, and told the Bishop, "that the Earl Marshall's motion was a very reasonable one, and that as for him, (the Bishop,) he was now become so proud and so arrogant, that he (the Duke) would bring down not only the pride of him but of every prelate in Engliand;" adding, "that rather than take what the Bishop said at his hands, he would pull him out of the church by the hair of his head." These speeches occasioned the assembly to become very tumultuous, so the Court broke up without doing any thing.

Wickliffe died of the palfy, at his parfonage of Lutterworth, in 1382, and his bones were taken up and burnt by a decree of the Council thirteen years afterwards.

The learned and candid Melancthon speaks thus of Wicklisse:

"He foolishly confounds the Gospel and poli
tics, and does not see that the Gospel permits

us to make use of all the lawful forms of Go
vernment of all nations. He contends, that it

is not lawful for Priests to have property. He

insists

" infifts that tithes * ought only to be paid to those who teach, as if the Gospel forbad the use of political ordinances. He wrangles sophistically and completely seditiously about civil dominion."

HENRY THE FOURTH.

[1399-1413.]

"During his last ficknesse," says Hollinshed,
"Henry caused his crowne (as some write) to
be set on a pillow at his bed's head, and suddenlie his pangs so sore troubled him, that he
laie as though all his vital spirits had beene
from him departed. Such as were about him,
thinking

* Ofborne in his celebrated "Advice to his Son," fays,

"Grudge not tithes to the teachers of the Gospel, assigned

"for their wages by the Divine Legislator: of whose in
"stitutes this was none of the least prosound, that the Tribe

"of Levi were prohibited all other revenue than what was

"deducible out of the tenth part of the other eleventh's in
"crease; setting bounds thereby to all the improvement

"their wisdom, and the tie the priesthood had over the

"people's consciences, might in the suture possibly make,

"in causing their maintenance to rise and fall proportionably

"to the general standard of the nation's felicity; which this

"limitation obliged them to promote, and for their own

sakes to oppose all incroachments likely to interrupt their

brethren's utility."

"thinking verelie that he had been departed, covered his face with a linen-cloth.

"The Prince his fonne, (afterwards King " Henry the Fifth,) being hereof advertised, coke awaie the crowne and departed. The "Father, being suddenlie revived out of that " trance, quicklie perceived the lacke of his " crowne; and having knowledge that the Prince " his fonne had taken it awaie, caused him to " come before his presence, requiring of him, " what he meant, fo to misuse himself. The " Prince with a good audacitie answered, 'Sir, " to mine and to all men's judgements, you " feemed dead in this world; wherefore I, as " your next heire apparent, take that as mine "own, and not as yours." Well, faire Sonne, " (faid the King, with a great figh,) what right " I had to it, God knoweth.'- Well, (faid the " Prince,) if you die King, I will have the gar-" land, and trust to keep it with the sworde " against all mine enemies, as you have done.'-"Then (faid the King) I commit all to God, and remember you to do well.' With that "he turned himself in his bed, and shortlie after " departed to God."

SIR WILLIAM GASCOIGNE,

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE KING'S BENCH.

THE following account of this courageous and inflexible Magistrate is taken from " Magna Bri-" tannia Notitia," article " Gunthorp:"

"Famous only for the antient, virtuous, and "warlike family of Gascoign, two of which both Knights and named William) were High

"Sheriffs of the county of York in the reigns of Henry VI. and VII. But, before either of

"these, there was a Knight of this family, named

" also Sir William Gascoign, far more famous than they. He was bred up in our Municipal

" laws in the Inner Temple, London, and grew

" fo eminent for his skill and knowledge in

" them, that he was made Chief Justice of the

"King's Bench by Henry the Fourth, in the

" eleventh year of his reign, and kept that high thuation till the fourteenth year of that King's

" reign, demeaning himself all the time with

" admirable integrity and courage, as this exam-

" ple will shew:

" It chanced that the fervant of Prince Henry (afterwards Henry V.) was arraigned before

" the Judge for felony; and the Prince, being

" zealous to deliver him out of the hand of juf-

" tice, went to the Bench in such a fury, that

" the

" the spectators thought he would have stricken " the Judge; and he attempted to take his fer-" vant from the bar: but Sir William Gascoign, " well knowing whose person he represented, sat " unconcerned; and, knowing the Prince's at-" tempt to be illegal, committed him to the "King's Bench Prison, there to remain till the "King his father's pleasure was known. This " action was foon represented to the King, with " no good will to the Judge, but it proved to " his advantage; for when the King heard what " his Judge had done, he replied, ' that he " thanked God for his infinite goodness, who 66 had at once given him a Judge that dared im-66 partially to administer justice, and a son who would fubmit to it.' The Prince himself, " when he came to be King, (reflecting upon this " transaction,) thus expressed himself in relation " to Sir William Gascoign: 'I shall ever hold " him worthy of his place and of my favour; " and I wish that all my Judges may posses the " like undaunted courage to punish offenders, of "what rank foever."

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HENRY THE FIFTH.

[1413-1422.]

"THIS King," fays Hollinshed, "even at first " appointing with himself, to shew that in his per-" fon princelie honours should change publicque " manners, determined to put on him the shape of a new man. For, whereas aforetime he 66 had made himselfe a companion unto misrulie mates of dissolute order and life, he now banished them all from his presence, (but not " unrewarded, or elfe unpreferred,) inhibiting 66 them, upon great paine, not once to approach, lodge, or sojourne within ten miles of his " court or presence; and in their places he chofe men of gravitie, wit, and high policie, 66 by whose wife councill he might at all times " rule to his honour and dignitie: calling to " minde, how once, to the offense of the King " his Father, he had with his fift stricken the " Chiefe Justice, for fending one of his minions " (upon defert) to prison, when the Justice " stoutlie commanded himself also strict to ward, " and he (the Prince) obeied."

THOMAS POLTON,

ONE of the Ambassadors from England to the Council of Constance, in the thirty-first session of that Council, and in the year 1417, presented a memoir in favour of the privileges and dignity of his country, and of its right of being a nation by itself, which was read to the Council, and the claims afferted in it were allowed by that Assembly, in spite of the remonstrances made against it by the French Ambassador, who insisted that they should remain as formerly, by a decree of Pope Benedict IX. a part of the German Nation*.

On the arrival of Sigismund the Emperor at the Council, in the same year, the English repre-

* The English were allowed to make the Fifth Nation. The reasons alleged by their Ambassadors for the allowance of their claim, were, That England had given birth to Constantine the Great; That it had never fallen into any herefy; That, whilst in France there was only one language spoken, in England sive were spoken; and, That Albertus Magnus and Bartholomew Glanville had long since divided Europe into sour Kingdoms—that of Rome, that of Constantinople, that of Ireland (which had since that time belonged to the English), and that of Spain, without making the least mention of France; and, That the Common Law takes notice of sour Universities only, according to the four Nations—that of Paris for the French, Oxford for the English, Bologna for the Italians, and Salamanca for the Spaniards.

fented a facred Drama before him, which was quite a novelty in Germany. It contained the Adoration of the Magi, and the Massacre of the Innocents by Herod. One ceremony the English observed in this Council, which had, perhaps, been better omitted,-the celebration of the Anniversary of the Canonization of Thomas à Becket, an arrogant infolent Prelate, who defied the laws of his Country and the King of it. "This Archbishop," fays L'Enfant, in his History of this Council, " was canonized in 1173, " and has been ever looked upon by the Ro-" mish Church, if not as a martyr for the Faith, " as a martyr for her pretenfions. I do not, " however, think that his canonization could " have been grateful to this Council."

HENRY THE SIXTH.

[1422-1461.]

"This Prince," fays Hollinshed, " (besides the bare title of royaltie and naked name of King,) had little appertaining to the port of a Prince. For (whereas the dignitie of princedome standeth in sovereigntie) there were of his Nobles that imbecilled his prerogative by fundrie practises, specially by main force, as c 2

"feeking either to suppresse, or to exile, or to obscure, or to make him awaie; otherwise what should be the meaning of all those foughten fields most miserablic falling out both to Prince, Peere, and People, as at St. Alban's, at Bloreheath, at Northampton, at Banberie, at Barnet, at Wakefield, to the effusion of much bloud, and putting on of manie a plage, which otherwise might have been avoided."

SIR JOHN FORTESCUE, Knt.

CHANCELLOR AND CHIEF JUSTICE TO HENRY THE SIXTH.

HAD M. Necker and M. de Brienne looked into a book written by this great and honest Lawyer, intitled, "Of Absolute and Limited "Monarchie," they would have there seen predicted, what, unluckily for them and the Kingdom, happened, by the measures which they suggested in hopes of gaining some money for their distressed and impoverished Sovereign. "The Realme of France," says Fortescue, "gyveth never freely, of their own good will, any sub- style to their Prince; because the Commons thereof being so poor, as they may not gyve any thing of their own goods; and the Kyng "there

" there askyth never subsydie of his Nobles, for

" dreade that yf he chargy'd them fo, they

" would confedre with the Commons, and perad-

" venture put him down."

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"The poor man had been styred thereto by " occasion of his povertie for to get good; and " the riche men have gone with them, because 66 they would not be poor by lofyng of their 66 goods. Trulie it is like, that this land (that " of France) schuld be like unto the land of "Boeme (Bohemia), where the Comons for " povertie rose upon the Nobles, and made all the goods to be common. Item, It is the Kinge's " honour, and also his office, to make his realme " riche, and yt is dishonour, when he hath a poor " realme; of which men will fay, that he revgneth " upon beggars, yet yt war much gretter dyf-" honour, if he founde his realme riche and then " made it poor; and also it were gretely agensté " his confyence, that ought to defend them and " their goods, if he take from them their goods " without lawfull cause. From the infamie " thereof God defend our King, and gyve him er grace to augment his realme in richefs, welth, " and prosperite, to his perpetual laude and 66 honour!"

JOHN DE LA POLE,

DUKE OF SUFFOLK.

THE following Letter, preserved by Sir John Fenn, in his very curious Collection of the "Paston Letters," will shew that homage which vice is obliged to pay to virtue; and that earnest desire which even the most profligate persons are animated with, that those who are dear to them may escape the snares and temptations into which they themselves have fallen.

THE COPIE OF A NOTABLE L'RE WRITTEN BY THE DUKE OF SUFF' TO HIS SONNE GIVING HYM THEREIN VERY GOOD COUNSEIL.

"My dere and only welbeloved Sone I be"feche oure Lord in Heven ye maker of alle
"the world to bleffe you and to fende you eu'
"grace to love hym and to drede hym to ye
"which as ferre as a Fader may charge his
"child I bothe charge you and prei you to fette
"alle your spirites and wittes to do and to knowe
his holy Lawes and Comaundments by the
"which ye shall we his grete me'cy passe alle ye
grete tempestes and troubles of yis wrecched
world, and ye also wetyngly ye do no thyng
for love ner drede of any erthely creature ye
shuld displese hym. And ye as any Freelte

66 maketh

"maketh you to falle befecheth hys m'cy foone to calle you to hym agen w' repentaunce fatiffaccon and contricon of youre herte never more in will to offende hym.

"Secoundly next hym above alle erthely thyng to be trewe Liege man in hert in wille in thought in dede unto y Kyng oure alder most high and dredde Sou'eygne Lord, to whom bothe ye and I been so moche bounde too, Chargyng you as Fader can and may rather to die yan to be y contrarye or to knowe any thyng y were ayenste y welfare or p'sp'ite of his most riall p'sone but y as ferre as youre body and lyf may strecthe ye lyve and die to defende it. And to lete his Highnesse have knowlache y of in alle y haste ye can,

"Thirdly in y fame wyfe I charge you my
"Dere Sone alwey as ye be bounden by y com'aundement of God to do, to love to
"worshepe youre Lady and Moder, and also y ye
obey alwey hyr com'aundements and to beleve
hyr councelles and advises in alle youre werks
y which dredeth not but shall be best and
trewest to you. And yes any other body
wold stere you to y contrarie to slee y
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" councell in any wyse for ye shall fynde it nought and evyll.

" Forthermore as ferre as Fader may and can "I charge you in any wyse to flee ye copany " and councel of proude men, of coveitowfe " men and of flateryng men the more especially and myghtily to withstonde hem and not to of drawe ne to medle w' hem w' all youre myght and power. And to drawe to you and to 66 youre company good and v'tuowfe men and " fuch as ben of good conu'facon and of trouthe " and be them shal ye nev' be deseyved ner ree pente you off, moreover nev' follow youre " owne witte in no wyfe, but in alle youre " werkes of fuche Folks as I write of above " axeth youre advise and counsel and doyng "thus w' ye m'cy of God ye shall do right well " and lyue in right moche worship and grete " herts rest and ease. And I wyll be to you as " good Lord and Fader as my hert can thynke. " And last of alle as hertily and as lovyngly as " ever Fader bleffed his child in erthe I yeve " you ye bleffyng of Oure Lord and of me, " whiche of his infynite m'cy encrece you in alle " vertu and good lyvyng. And yt youre blood 66 may by his grace from kynrede to kynrede multeplye in this erthe to hys Pvise in suche « wyfe

"wyse as after y' departyng fro this wreched world here ye and thei' may glorefye him et'nally amongs his Aungelys in hevyn.

" Wreten of myn hand,

" your trewe and lovyng Fader,

" SUFFOLK."

EDWARD THE FOURTH.

[1461—1483.]

THE original of the following very curious letter of Edward and of his brother, the Earl of Rutland, to their father, the Duke of York, is in that valuable repository of literature and of science the British Museum:

"RYGHT high and ryght myhty prince, our ful redouted and ryght noble lorde & fadur

" as lowely w' all oure herts as we youre trewe

" & naturell fonnes can or may we recommande

" us unto your noble gree, humbly befeechyng your nobley & worthy faderhude daily to geve

" us your hertely bleffing, thrugh whiche we

" truste muche the rather to encrees and growe

" to vertu & to spede the better in all matiers

" and things that we shall use occupye & exer-

" cife. Ryght high & ryght mighty prince, our ful redouted lorde & fadur, we thanke " our bleffed Lorde not only of yo' honourable " conducte & good spede in all your matiers " and befynesse and of your gracious prevaile " agenst the entent & malice of your evil-willers, but also of the knowlege that hit pleased your " noblesse to lete us nowe late have of the same " by relation of S' Waltier Devreux knyght, " & John Milewatier squier, & John at Nokes, " yemen of your honorable chambier. Also we 66 thank your nobleffe and good fadurhood of " our grene gownes, now late fende unto us to " our grete comfort; befeeching your good " lordeship to remember our porteux, and that " we myght have fyne bonetts fende unto us by " the next feure messiger, for necessite so re-" quireth. Over this, right noble lorde and " fader, please hit your highnesse to witte that we " have charged your fervant Will" Smyth berer " of thees for to declare unto your noblesse cer-" tayne things on our behalf, namely, concern-" ing & touching the odieux reule & demenyng " of Richard Crofte & of his brother. Whereso fore we befeeche your generouse lordship and " full noble fadurhood to here him in exposition of the fame, and to his relacion to geve full " feith & credence. Ryht high & ryght myghty " prince, our ful redouted & ryght noble lorde . 66 & fadur,

& fadur, we beseeche Almyghty Jhu geve yowe as good lyfe & long, with as moche continual perfete prosperite as your princely hert con best desyre. Written at your Castel of Lode- lowe on Satursday in the Astur-woke.

"Your humble fonnes,
"E. MARCHE & E. RUTLONDE."

Louis the Eleventh of France having, contrary to treaty, refused the Dauphin in marriage to the daughter of Edward, that Monarch thus addressed his Parliament: "This contumelie I " am refolved to punish, and I cannot doubt fuccesse. Almighty God still strengthens his arm " who undertakes a war for justice. In our expeditions hitherto against the French, what or prosperity waited upon the English arms is to " the world divulged, and yet ambition then ap-" peared the chief counsellor to war. Now, be-" fide all that right which led our Edward the Third, our glorious ancestor, and Henry the "Fifth, our glorious predecessor, we seem to " have a deputyship from Heaven to execute the office of the Supreme Judge, in chastifing the 46 impious."

46 It is manifest that our confederacies are now dissolved, and I rejoice that alone we shall un-

" dertake

"dertake this great business; for experience in ur last attempt shewed that Princes of several Nations (however they pretend the same) have still several aims; and oftentimes confederacy is a greater enemie to the prosperitie of a war than the enemy himself; envie begetting more difficultie in a camp, than any opposition from the adverse army."

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"But I detain you too long by my speech from action. I see the clouds of due revenge gathered in your hearts, and the lightning of fury break from your eyes, which bodes thunder against our enemy; let us therefore lose no time, but suddenly and severely scourge this perjured Court to a severe repentance, and regaine honour to our Nation, and his kingdom to our Crown."—Habington's History of Edward the Fourth.

"What prevailed upon King Edward," fays Comines, "to transport his army to Calais in 1475, was, first, the solicitation of the Duke of Burgundy, and the animosity of the English to the French (which is natural to them, and has been so for many ages); next, to reserve for himself a great part of the money which had been liberally granted to him by his sub-

" jects for the particular expedition (for," adds Comines, " the Kings of England live upon " their own revenue, and can raise no taxes but " under the specious pretence of invading " France). Besides, the King had another stra-" tagem to amuse and delude his subjects with; of for he had brought with him ten or twelve of " the chief citizens of London and of some other great towns in England, all fat, jolly, and of " great power in their country; some of whom " had promoted the war, and had been very fer-" viceable in raifing the army. The King or-" dered very good tents to be made for them, " in which they flept; but not being used to " fuch a manner of living, they foon began to " grow weary of the campaign, for they had " reckoned that they should come to an engage-" ment three or four days after their landing; " and the King multiplied their fears of the daner gers of the war, that they might be better " fatisfied with a peace, and fo pacify the mur-" murs of the people."

"As foon," fays the fame historian, "as "King Edward had fettled the affairs of his kingdom, and had received of our master (Louis the Eleventh) 50,000 crowns a-year, which were regularly paid him in the Tower of London, and was become as rich as his "ambition"

" ambition could defire, he died fuddenly, and
" (as it was supposed) of grief at our present
" King's (Charles the Eighth's) marriage with
" the Lady Margaret, the daughter of the Duke
" of Austria (his disorder seizing him upon the
" news of it); for he then found himself out-
" witted with respect to his daughter, to whom
" he had given the title of Dauphiness*. Upon
" this marriage the pension, or (as King Ed-
" ward called it) the tribute, was stopped."

"This King," fays Habington, "if we compare his life with the lives of Princes in
general, was worthy to be numbered amongft
the best. His education was according to the
best provision for his honour and safetie in
arms; a strict and religious discipline, in all
probabilitie likely to have softened him too
nuch to mercy and a love of quiet. He had
a great extent of wit, which certainly he owed

^{* &}quot;The King of England," fays Comines, "retired, foon to England. He was not of a complexion or difposition of mind to endure much hardship and difficulties:
and those any King of England who wishes to make any
considerable conquests in France must expect to endure.
Another design the King of England had in view was,
the accomplishment of the marriage concluded upon between the Dauphin and his daughter; the hopes of this
wedding causing him to overlook several things, which
was a great advantage to our Master's affairs."

" to nature, that age bettering men but little by
"learning; the trumpet founding still too loud
"in his ears to have admitted the sober counsels
of philosophy; and his wit lay not in the slights
of cunning and deceit, but in a sharpe apprehension, yet not too much whetted by superfittion.

"In counsaile he was judicious, with little difficultie dispatching much. His understanding open to cleare doubts, not dark and cloudie, and apt to create new. His wise-dome looked still directly upon truth, which appears by the manage of his affaires, both in peace and warre; in neither of which (as farre as concerned the politique part) he committed any maine error.

"His nature certainly was both noble and honest, which, if rectified by the straight rule of vertue, had rendered him sit for example (whereas he is only now for observation); for prosperitee raised him but to a complacencie in his fortune, not to a disdaine of others losses in a pride of his own acquisitions. And when he had most securitie in his kingdom, and consequently most allurements to tyrannee, then shewed he himself most familiar and indulgent: an admirable temperature in a Prince who so

"well knew his own strength, and whom the love of riot necessitated to a love of treasure, which commonly is supplied by oppression of the subject. His buildings were few, but sumptuous for the time, which are yet to be seene at the Tower of London, his house of Elthem, the Castles of Nottingham and Dover, but above all at Windsor, where he built the new Chapel, (finished after by Sir Reginald Bray, Knight of the Order,) and endowed the Colledge with negative revenues, which he gave not, but transferred thither, taking from King's Colledge in Cambridge, and Eaton Colledge, a thousand pounds the yeare, to enrich this at Windsor.

"But our buildings, like our children, are bonoxious to death, and time scorns their folly who place a perpetuite in either. And indeed the safer kind of sate happened to King Edward, in both these felicities: his posteritie, like his edifices, lost in other names.

"Edward," fays Habington, "to recover him the great love which in both fortunes the Londoners had shewed him to his last houre, used towards them a particular kindnesse, even fo much that he invited the Lord Mayor, "Aldermen,

"Aldermen, and some of the principal Citizens,"
to the forest of Waltham, to give them a
"friendly, not a pompous entertainment, where
"in a pleasant lodge they were feasted, the King
"himself seeing their dinner served in; and by
"thus stoopinge downe to a loving familiarity,
"funke deepe into their hearts; and that the
"fex he always affected might not bee unre"membered, he caused great plentie of venison
"to be sent to the Lady Mayoress and the Al"dermen's wives."

HENRY THE SEVENTH.

[1485-1509.]

"This politic Prince," fays Lord Bacon, always professed to love and to seek peace, and it was his usual preface to his Treaties, That when Christ came into the world peace was fung, and that when he went out of the world, peace was bequeathed. Yet he knew the way to peace was not to seem to be desirous to avoid wars, therefore would he make offers and fames of wars till he had worded the conditions of peace. For his pleasures," adds Lord Bacon, "there is no news of them. He did by pleasures as great Princes do by banvol, I,

"quets—come and look a little upon them,
and turn away. He was rather studious than
learned, reading most books that were of any
worth in the French tongue; yet he understood the Latin, as appeareth in that Cardinal
Adrian and others, who could very well have
written French, did write to him in Latin."

"He was," fays his noble Historian, "a little but flender. His countenance was reverend, and a little like a churchman; and as it was not ftrange or dark, so neither was it winning nor pleasing, but as the face of one well disposed. But it was to the disadvantage of the painter, for it was best when he spoke."

The king of Castile was shipwrecked on the coast of England in the reign of Henry the Seventh. "Henry," says Lord Bacon, "as so soon as he heard the news, commanded presently the Earl of Arundel to go to visit the King of Castile, and let him understand, that as he was very forry for his mishap, so he was glad that he had escaped the danger of the seas, and likewise of the occasion he had to do him honour; and desiring him to think himself as in his own land, and that the king made all possible haste to come and embrace "him.

" him. The Earl came to him in great mag-" nificence at Weymouth, with a brave troop of " three hundred horse, and, for more state, came " by torch-light. After he had done the King's " meffage, King Philip, (feeing how the world " went,) the fooner to get away, went upon " speed to the King at Windsor, and his Queen " followed by eafy journies. The two Kings at " their meeting used all the caresses and loving "demonstrations that were possible, and the "King of Castile said pleasantly to the King, that 66 he was now punished, for that he would not come within his walled town of Calais when "they met last. But the King answered, that " walls and feas were nothing where hearts were open, and that he was here no otherwise than to be served. After a day or two's refreshing, st the Kings entered into speech of renewing the " treaty; King Henry faying, that though King "Philip's person were the same, yet his fortunes " and state were raised, in which case a reno-" vation of treaty was used amongst Princes. "But whilft these things were in handling, the "King choosing a fit time, and drawing the King of Castile into a room, (where they two only " were private,) and laying his hand civilly upon " his arm, and changing his countenance a little " from a countenance of entertainment, faid to him, Sir, you have been faved upon my coast, " I hope D 2 .

"I hope that you will not fuffer me to be wrecked " upon yours. The King of Castile asked him " what he meant by that speech. I mean by it " (faid the King) that fame hair-brain wild " fellow the Earl of Suffolk, who is protected in-" your country, and who begins to play the fool " when all others are tired of it. The King of "Castile answered, I had thought, Sir, that " your felicity had been above these thoughts; but if he trouble you, I will banish him. The "King replied, that hornets were best in their " nest, and worst when they did fly abroad, and " that his desire was to have the Earl of Suffolk " delivered to him. The King of Castile here-" with a little confused, and in a hurry, replied, "That can I not do with my honour, and less " with yours, for you will be thought to have " used me as a prisoner. The King presently said, "Then the matter is at end, for I will take that " dishonour upon me, and so your honour is " faved. The King of Castile, who had the "King in great estimation, (and besides remem-" bered where he was, and knew not what ufe " he might have of the King's amity, for that himself was new in his estate of Spain, and unfettled both with his father-in-law and with " his people,) composing his countenance, faid, " Sir, you gave law to me, and fo will I to you. "You shall have him, but (upon your honour) « you

" you shall not take his life. The King embracing " him faid, Agreed. Then faid the King of " Castile, Neither, Sir, shall it dislike you, if I " fend him in fuch a fashion, that he may come " partly with his own good-will. The King re-" plied, It was well thought of, and if it pleafed

" him, he would join with him in fending to the

" Earl a message to that purpose.

"There were," adds Lord Bacon, "imme-"diately messengers sent from both Kings to " recall the Earl of Suffolk, who, upon gentle " words, was foon charmed, and willing enough " to return, affured of his life, and hoping of " his liberty."

Amongst the Archives of the City of Brussels, the donation of the Kingdom of England to the Duchess of Burgundy by Perkin Warbeck, as Duke of York, is preserved.

" In gaming with a Prince," fays Puttenham, " it is decent to let him fometimes win, of pur-" pose to keepe him pleasant; and never to refuse " his gift, for that is undutifull; nor to forgive " him his losses, for that is arrogant; nor to " give him great gifts, for that is either info-" lence or follie; nor to feast him with excessive charge, for that is both vain and envious: and " therefore D 3

"therefore the wife Prince King Henry the " Seventh, her Majesty's grandfather, if he

" chaunce had bene to lye at any of his subjects

" houses, or to passe moe meales than one, he that would take upon him to defray the charge

" of his dyet, or of his officers and household,

" he would be marvelously offended with, faying, What private subject dare undertake a Prince's

" charge, or looke into the fecret of his expence?

"Her Majestie (i. e. Queen Elizabeth) hath

66 bene knowne often times to mislike the super-

" fluous expence of her subjects bestowed upon

" her in times of her progresses."

SINGULAR ARTICLES OF EXPENCE EXTRACTED FROM THE ACCOUNTS OF HENRY VII. IN THE EXCHEQUER.

7th year. Itm to a fello with a berde* f. s. d. a spye in rewarde - to my lorde Onvy Seall fole in rewarde o 10 8th y'. Itm to Pechie the fole in

> rewarde - to the Walshmen on St.

David day

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This was a reign of smooth chins, a beard therefore was a fingularity.

Itm to Ric^d Bedon for writ- £. s. d.

ing of bokes* - 0 10 0

— to the young damoyfell

that daunceth - 30 0 0

13th y^r. — to Mast^r Bray for rewards to them that
brought cokkes †

at Shrovetide at

Westminster - 0 20 0

— to the Herytik ‡ at
Canterbury - 0 6 8

* There are many payments for writing books, which flew the flow progress the art of printing made for some years.

† Henry VII. seems to have been particularly fond of this diversion, as there are other entries of this fort in his accounts.

‡ Bacon fays, the King had (though he were no good Schoolman) the honour to convert a heretic at Canterbury.

HENRY THE EIGHTH.

id [1509—1547.]

LORD BACON intended to write the history of the very interesting reign of Henry the Eighth. A few pages only of the Introduction are preserved. It begins thus:

66. After the decease of that wise and fortunate "King Henry the Seventh, who died in the " height of his prosperity, there followed (as " useth to do when the fun setteth so extremely clear) one of the fairest mornings of a kingdom " that hath been known in this land or elfe-" where: A young King, about eighteen years " of age; for stature, strength, and making, and 66 beauty, one of the goodliest persons of his "time. And though he were given to pleafure, " yet he was likewife defirous of glory, fo that "there was a passage open to his mind for glory by virtue. Neither was he unadorned by learning, though therein he came short of his " brother Arthur. He had never any the least " pique, difference, or jealoufy, with the king " his father, which might give any alteration of "Court or Council upon the change, but all. " things passed in a still. He was the first heir of " the White and Red Rose, so that there was now no discontented party left in the king-"dom, but all men's hearts turned towards 66 him; and not only their hearts but their eyes " also, for he was the only Son of the Kingdom. " He had no brother, which though it be a com-" fortable thing to have, yet draweth the subjects "eyes a little afide. And yet being a married " man in these young years, it promised hope of 66 speedy issue to succeed to the Crown. Neither cc was - 34 3

was there any Queen-Mother who might share " any way in the Government, or clash with his "Counfellors for authority, while the King attended his pleasure: no such thing as any " great and mighty Subject, who might any way eclipse or overshade the Imperial power; and for the People and State in general; they were " in fuch lowness of obedience as subjects were " likely to yield, who had lived almost four-and-"twenty years under fo politic a King as his " father; being also one who came partly in by " the fword, and had so high a courage in all of points of regality, and was ever victorious in rebellions and feditions of the-people. The crown extremely rich and full of treasure, and the kingdom like to be fo in a short time; for there was no war, no dearth, no stop of " trade or commerce: it was only the Crown " which had fucked too hard, and now being " full, and upon the head of a young King, was ike to draw less. Lastly, he was inheritor of his father's reputation, which was great throughout the world."

Princes, however, like private men, do not always take advantage of the bleffings that are afforded them. Whatever good is procured without effort, is feldom or never improved in proportion to its facility of being fo; and perhaps

haps the most wicked as well as the weakest man is to be found amongst those who have nothing either to hope or to fear.

Henry's reign, ushered in with so bright a morning, closed with clouds and with tempests: murder, rapine, and desolation marked its progress, and the only bright event in it took its rise more from a satiety of pleasure, and from a desire to command, than from any regard to religion, or any desire to promote the happiness of his people. The well-known Spanish lines say of this Monarch,

Sure as these stones thy mortal part conceal,
Error and lust thy soul's deep stains reveal.
Deluded Monarch, cease, O cease to claim
Frail Vice's pleasure as the meed of Fame!
Such contrarieties can never meet,
Head of the Church, yet at a woman's feet!

Henry was intended for the Church while his eldest brother, Prince Arthur, lived, and was of course brought up to music and to Latin. A Te Deum of his composition is still sung at Christ-Church, Oxford. The following specimen of his Latin, annexed to some MSS. of Church Discipline in his time, shews him to no great advantage as a scholar:

Pontifex Maximus nec quifquis alius Pralatus

Lord

" habet quicquam agere, præterquam in suas " diocesas."

"This then is our Catholic Church, with which neither the Pope nor any other prelate has any thing to do, except in their own diocefes."

"The number of Monasteries suppressed by " this King," fays Lord Herbert, " was fix " hundred and forty-seven, whereof twenty-seven " had voices amongst the Peers; of Colleges there " were demolished, in divers shires, ninety; of "Chauntries and Free Chapels, two thousand " three hundred and feventy-four; of Hospitals, one hundred and ten: the yearly value of all " which were, as I find it cast up, 161,100l. being above a third part of all our spiritual re-" venues, besides the money made of the present " flock of cattle, corn, timber, lead, bells, &c. " and lastly, but chiefly, of the plate and church ornaments, which I find not valued, but may be conjectured by that one Monastery of St. " Edmond's Bury, whence was taken, as our " records shew, seven thousand marks of gold " and filver, besides divers stores of great value. "The revenues allotted by the King to the new "Bishopricks which he had founded, amounted " to 8000 l. a-year. So that religion," adds

Lord Herbert, " feemed not so much to suffer " thereby as some of the Clergy of those times " and of ours would have it believed; our kingdom having in the meanwhile, (as Lord Cromwell projected it,) instead of divers supernu-" merary and idle persons, men sit for employment either in war or peace, maintained at the cost of the aforesaid Abbeys and Chauntries: " fo that the diffolutions (appearing in their " flately foundations at this day) are by our po-46 litics thought amply recompensed. Besides, 66 the King, in demolishing them, had so tender a care of learning, that he not only preferred "divers able persons which he found there, but took special care to preserve the choicest books of their well-furnished Libraries; wherein I find John Leland (a curious fearcher of anti-" quities) was employed."

As Leo X. had given Henry the name of Defensor Fidei, Clement the Seventh added to it the title of Liberator Urbis Romana.

The book which procured Henry the first appellation is supposed to have been written by Fisher Bishop of Rochester. The immense wealth which Henry had procured by the fuppression of the monasteries seems to have been lavished with a prodigality as enormous as the rapacity with which it was acquired. 1-1-6

"Sir Thomas Eliot, Knight, in his Image of "Governance, translated," as he fays, "out of "Greke into Englyshe, in the favour of the Nobi-" litie," after having enumerated the Emperors, Kings, and Generals of old who were men of learning, fays, " And to return home to our own countrey, and whereof we ourselves may be wytnesses, howe much hath it profited unto " this Realme, that it now hath a King, our " Sovereyne Lord King Henry the Eighth, ex-" actly well learned. Hath not he thereby onely " fyfted out detestible heresies, late mingled " amonge the corne of his faithfull fubjectes, " and caused much of the chaffe to be thrown " into the fyre? also hypocrify and vayn super-" stition to be cleane banished, whereof I doubte " not but that there shall be or it be longe a " more ample remembrance to his most noble " and immortal renoume."

Sir Henry Spelman, in his "History of Sa"crilege," fays, "Whole thousands of churches
and chapels dedicated to the service of God,
together with the Monasteries, and other
Houses of Religion and intended piety, were
by Henry VIII. in a temper of indignation
against the Clergy of that time mingled with
insatiable avarice, sacked, and razed, as by an
enemy. It is true the Parliament did give
them to him, but so unwillingly, (as I have
heard,)

"heard,) that when the bill had stuck long in the Lower House, and could get no passage, he commanded the Commons to attend him in the forenoon in his gallery, where he let them wait till late in the afternoon; and then coming out of his chamber, walking a turn or two amongst them, and looking angrily at them, first on one side, then on the other, at last he said, I hear that my bill will not pass; but I will have it pass, or I will have some of your heads; and without other rhetorick or persuasion returned to his chamber. Enough was said, the bill passed, and all was given him as he desired."

"It is to be observed," adds Spelman, "that " the Parliament did give all these to the King, vet did they not ordain them to be demolished, " or employed to any irreligious uses, leaving it " more to the conscience and piety of the King; " who, in a speech to the Parliament, promised to perform the trust; wherein he faith, I canon not a little rejoyce, when I consider the per-" feet trust and confidence which you have put " in me, in my good doings and just proceed-" ings. For you, without my defire and re-" quest, have committed to my order and dispo-" fition, all Chauntries, Colleges, and Hospitals, and other places specified in a certain act, " firmly trusting that I will order them to the " glory

"glory of God and the profit of the common"wealth. Surely, if I, contrary to your ex"pectation, should fuffer the Ministers of the
"Churches to decay, or learning (which is so
"great a jewel) to be minished, or the poor and
"miserable to be unrelieved, you might well say,
"that I, being put in such a special trust as I am
"in this case, were no trusty friend to you, nor
"charitable to my Emne-Christen, neither a
"lover of the public wealth; nor yet one that
"feareth God, to whom account must be rendered of all our doings. Doubt not, I pray
"you, but your expectation shall be proved
"more godly and goodly than you will wish or
defire, as hereafter you shall plainly perceive."

"But notwithstanding these fair pretences and projects, little was performed, for desolation presently followed this dissolution: the axe and the mattock ruined almost all the chies and most magnificent ornaments of the kingdom; viz. three hundred and seventy-six of the lesser Monasteries, six hundred and forty-six of the greater fort, ninety Colleges, one hundred and ten Religious Houses, two thousand three hundred and seventy-four Chaunties and Free Chapels. All these Religious Houses, Churches, Colleges, and Hospitals, being about 3500 little and great in the whole,

"did amount to an inestimable sum, especially if their rents be accounted as they are now improved in these days." Among this multitude it is needless to speak of the great church of St. Mary in Bulloign; which, upon the taking of that town in 1544, Henry caused to be pulled down, and a mount to be raised in the place thereof, for planting of ordnances necessary to annoy a siege."

"The revenue that came to the King in ten years space," continues Sir Henry, "was more, if I mistake it not, than quadruple that of the Crown-lands, besides a magazine of treasure raised out of the money, plate, jewels, ornaments, and implements of Churches, Monaments, and Houses, with their goods, state, cattle, &c. together with a subsidy, tenth, and fifteenth, from the laity at the same time: to which I may add the incomparable wealth of Cardinal Wolsey, a little before confiscated also to the King, and a large sum raised by Knighthood in the 25th year of this reign."

[&]quot;A man may justly wonder how such an cocan of wealth should come to be exhausted in so short a time of peace. But God's bless- ing, as it seemeth, was not upon it," adds the venerable Antiquarian; "for within four years after

" after he had received all this, and had ruined and facked * three hundred and seventy-six of the Monasteries, and brought their substance to his treasury, besides all the goodly revenues of the Crown, he was drawn so dry, that in the thirty-first year of his reign, the Parlia-

* This defolation was so universal, that John Bale very much laments the loss and spoil of Books and Libraries in his Epistle upon Leland's Journal (Leland being employed by the King to furvey and preserve the choicest Books in their Libraries): ". If there had been in every shire of " England," faith Bale, " but one folemn library for the " preservation of those noble works, and preferment of " good learning in our posterity, it had been somewhat; " but to destroy all without consideration, is and will be " unto England for ever a most horrible infamy amongst " the grave scholars of other nations." He adds, " that " they who got and purchased the Religious Houses at the " Diffolution of them, took the libraries as part of the bar-" gain and booty; referving (continues he) of those library " books, fome to ferve their jakes, fome to fcour their candeflicks, and some to rub their boots with; some they " fold to the grocers and foap-boilers, and fome they fent over fea to the bookbinders, not in small numbers, but at " times whole ship-fulls, to the wondering of foreign nations. I know a merchant-man, who at this time shall 65 be nameless, that bought the contents of two noble " libraries for forty shillings a-piece—a shame it is to be told. "This stuff hath he used for the space of more than ten 46 years, instead of grey paper, to wrap up his goods with, " and yet he hath enough remaining for many years to " come: -- a prodigious example indeed," adds he, " is this, " and greatly to be abhorred of all men who love their " country as they ought to do."

" ment was constrained by his importunity to fupply his wants with the residue of all the Monasteries of the kingdom, six hundred and forty-five great ones and illustrious, with all their wealth and prince-like possessions. Yet even then was not this King so sufficiently furnished for building of a few Block-houses for defence of the coast, but the next year after he must have another subsidy of sour-fifteenths to bear out his charges: and, lest that should be too little, all the houses, lands, and goods of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, both in England and in Ireland."

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"The next year," fays Sir Henry, "was the King's fatal period, otherwife it was much to be feared that Deans and Chapters, if not Bishopricks (which have been long levelled at) had been his Majesty's next design; for he took a very good say of them, by exchanging lands with them before the Dissolution, giving them racked lands and small things for goodly manors and lordships, and also impropriations for their solid patrimony in sinable lands; like the exchange that Palamedes made with Glaucus, thereby much increasing his own reveruses."

"I speak not of his prodigal hand in the blood of his own subjects, which no doubt much alienated the hearts of them from him, But God in the space of these eleven years visited him with five or six rebellions. And although rebellions and insurrections are not to be defended, yet they discover to us what the displeasure and the dislike of the common people were for spoiling the revenue of the Church, (whereby they were great losers,) the Clergy being merciful landlords, and bountiful benefactors to all men, by their great hospic tality and acts of charity."

"Thus much," concludes the learned and venerable Antiquarian, "touching the King's "own fortunes accompanying the wealth and "treafure gotten by him, as we have declared, by confifcating the Monasteries; wherein the prophetical speech that the Archbishop of Canterbury used in the Parliament of the fixth of Henry the Fourth seemeth performed; scil. That the King should not be one farthing the richer the next year following *."

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^{*} When James the Fourth, King of Scotland, was advised by Sir Ralph Sadler, Ambassador from Henry the Eighth, to increase his revenues by taking the revenues of the Abbey lands into his hands, he replied, "What need have I to take them into my own hands, when I may have I to take them into my own hands, when I may have

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"What the whole body of the Kingdom hath "fuffered," fays Sir Henry, "fince these acts " of confiscation of the Monasteries and their "Churches, is very remarkable. Let the Monks and Fryers shift as they deserved, the good (if " you will) and the bad together, my purpose is " not to defend their iniquities; the thing I la-" ment is, that the wheat perished with the dar-" nel; things of good and pious institution with those that abused and perverted them; by reason whereof, the service of God was not " only grievously wounded, and bleedeth at this "day, but infinite works of charity (whereby " the poor were univerfally relieved through the "kingdom) were utterly cut off and extin-" guished; many thousand masterless servants "turned loofe into the world, and many thou-" fands of poor people, who were actually fed, " clad, and nourished by the Monasteries, now " like young ravens feek their meat from Heaven.

[&]quot;have any thing that I require of them? If there be abuses in any Monasteries, I will reform them. There be still many that are very good." Bishop Latimer, who sat in the Parliament that dissolved Monasteries, gave it as his opinion, that two or three of the greater Abbies should be preserved in every County of England for pious and charitable purposes. "This," says Spelman, "was a wife and a godly motion, and was perhaps the occasion that King Henry did convert some (in part) to good uses."

" Every Monastery, according to its ability, had an Ambery, (greater or less,) for the daily re-66 lief of the poor about them. Every principal Monastery an hospital commonly for travellers, and an infirmary (which we now call a Spital) for the fick and diseased persons, with officers and attendants to take care of them. tlemen and others having children without means of maintenance, had them here brought up and provided for. These and such other miferies falling upon the meaner fort of people, drove them into fo many rebellions as we spake of, and rung fuch loud peals in King Henry's ears, that on his death-bed he gave back the Spital of St. Bartholomew's in Smithfield, and "the Church of the Gray Friars, with other " Churches, and 500 marks a-year added to them, to be united, and called Christ Church founded by King Henry the Eighth, and to be Hospitals " for relieving the poor; the Bishop of Roches-" ter declaring his bounty at St. Paul's Crofs on "the third day of January, and on the twenty-" eighth day following the King died."

"What in Henry the Seventh," fays Lord Herbert, "is called covetousness by some perfons, was a royal virtue; whereas the excessive
and needless expences of Henry the Eighth
drew after them those miserable consequences
which the world hath often reproached. How
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66 beit, here may be occasion to doubt whether the immense treasure which Henry the Seventh " left behind him was not accidentally the cause of those ills that followed; while the young Prince his fon, finding fuch a mass of money; "did first carelessly spend, and after strive to

" fupply as he could."

"One of the liberties," fays Lord Herbert, which our King took at his spare time, was to love. For as recommendable parts concurred " in his person, and they again were exalted in is high dignity and valour, fo it must feem " less strange, if amid the many faire Ladies "which lived in his Court he both gave and " received temptation."

Puttenham, in his "Art of Poetry," gives the following account of a visit this Prince paid to some Lady of his Court:

" The King (Henry the Eighth)," fays Put-

tenham, " having Sir Andrew Flamack his " standard-bearer (a merry-conceited man, and apt to fcoffe) with him in his barge, passing " from Westminster to Greenwich, to visit a fair " Lady whom the King loved, and who was 66 lodged in the tower of the park; the King

66 coming within fight of the tower, and being

" disposed to be merry, faid, Flamack, let us ic rhyme.

" rhyme. As well as I can, faid Flamack, if it please your Grace.

" The King began thus:

"Within this towre
"There lieth a floure
"That hath my hart."

"Flamack answered," adds Puttenham, "in fo uncleanlie terms as might not now become me by the rules of decorum to utter, writing to so great a Majestie (Queene Elizabeth); but the King took them in so evil part, as he bid Flamack, Avaunt, varlet! and that he should be no more neere unto him."

"Her Majesty's noble father," says Puttenham, speaking of Henry the Eighth, father of Queen Elizabeth, "caused his own head and all "his courtiers to be polled, and his beard to be cut short. Before that time," adds he, "it was thought more decent both for old and young to be all shaven, and to weare long haire, either rounded or square. Now again at this time the young Gentlemen of the Court have taken up the long haire trayling upon their shoulders, and think it more decent; for what respect I should be glad to knowe."

According to Hollinshed, this Prince thus addressed the Court at Black Fryers, on his conjugal scruples:

" YE REVEREND FATHERS,

" I have in marriage a wyfe to me most deere, " & entirely beloved, both for hyr fingular vir-"tues of mynde, & also for her nobilities of " birth. But fith I am the king of a mightie "kingdom, I must provide that it may be law-" ful for me to lye with hyr duely, lawfully, " & godlye, & to have children by her, unto " the whiche the inheritance of the kingdome " maie by righte moste justlie descend; which " two things shall follow, if you by juste judge-" ment approve our marriage lawful: if there " be any doubte, I shall defyre you by your au-" thoritie to declare the fame, or fo to take it " awaie, that in this thing both my conscience " & the mynds of the people may be quieted " for after."

"After this," adds Hollinshed, "cometh the Queen, the which there, in presence of the whole Court, accuseth the Cardinal of untrouth, deceit, wickednesse & malice, which had sowen dissention betwixt her & the King her husbande, & therefore openly protested that she did utterly abhorre, refuse, and forsake such a judge as was not only a most massicious

" licious enemie to her, but also a manifest ad-

" verfarie to all right & justice, and therefore

" she did appeale unto the Pope, committynge

" hir whole cause to be judged of him: - & thus

" for that day the matter rested."

The following lines, written by Henry, were (according to the Editor of the "Nugæ Anti-"quæ") presented and fung to Anne Boleyn during the time of their courtship. Byrd, in Queen Elizabeth's time, set them to music.

The eagle's force subdues each byrde that flies,
What metal can resiste the slamynge fire?
Doth not the sunne dazzle the clearest eyes,
And melte the ice, and make the snowe retire?
The hardeste stones are peirced thro' with tooles;
The wifest are, with princes, made but fooles.

This Monarch's character was, perhaps, never better described than in the dying words of Cardinal Wolsey to Master Kingston, the Lieutenant of the Tower, who was sent to arrest him: "Hee is a Prince of a most royall carriage & "hath a princely heart, & rather than he will "misse or want any part of his will, he will endanger the one half of his kingdom. I do assure you, Master Kingston, that I have often kneeled before him for three hours together to persuade him from his will and appetite,

"but could never prevail. Therefore let me divise you, if you be one of the Privie Counfell, (as by your wisdome you are fit,) take heed what you put into the King's head, for you can never put it out again."

It appears by a Letter of Gerard de Plaine, that Henry entered into a treaty with the Emperor Maximilian, by which, for a certain fum of money given to him by Henry, Maximilian was to furrender the Imperial dignity to him. It feems as if Henry had not the money ready at the time that the diffressed Emperor wished to exchange his splendid honour for more substantial profit.

"I have heard," fays Puttenham, in his Art of Poetry, "that King Henry the Eighth, her "Majesties father,' though otherwise the most gentle and affable Prince of the world, could not abide to have any man stare in his face, or to fix his eye too steadily upon him, when he talked with them; nor for a common suitor to exclame or cry out for justice, for that is offensive, and as it were a secret impeachment of his wrong-doing, as happened once to a Knight in this realm, of great worship, speak-" ing to the King.

"King Henry the Eighth, to one that entreated him to remember one Sir Anthony
Rouse with some reward, for that he had
fpent much and was an ill begger; the King
aunswer'd, (noting his insolencie,) If he be
ashamed to begge, we are ashamed to give;
and was neverthelesse one of the most liberal
Princes of the world."

PRINCESS MARY,

SISTER TO HENRY THE EIGHTH, AFTERWARDS QUEEN OF FRANCE, MARRIED TO LOUIS THE TWELFTH, AND THEN TO CHARLES BRANDON, DUKE OF SUFFOLK.

THE following account of this Princess is taken from a Letter of Gerard de Plaine to Margaret of Austria.

"MADAME, "Londres, Juin 20, 1514.

"Je vous ay riens vouloir escrire de Madame
"la Princesse jusques à ce que je l'ai veu
"plusieurs fois: je vous certisse que c'est une
des plus belles silles que l'on scauroit voir, &
"me semble point en avoir oncques vu une si
belle. Elle n'est riens melancholique, ains
"toute recreative, & a le plus beau maintien
"foit en devises, en danses ou autrement. Je
vous assure qu'elle est bien norrie (nourrie) &
"fault

fault bien qu'on lui ait toujours parlé de Monf^{†*}, en telle bonne forte, car par la parole & les manieres qu'elle tient, & par ce que j'ai entendu de ceulx qui font autour d'elle, il me femble qu'el aime Monf[†] merveilleusement. Elle a ung tableau, ou il est tres mal contrefait, & n'est jour au monde, qu'elle ne le veuille voir plus de dix fois, comme l'on m'a affermé, & ce me semble que qui lui veult faire plaisir, que l'on lui parle de Mons[†]. J'eusse cuydé qu'elle eut été de grande stature & venue, mais elle sera de moyenne stature."

CATHARINE OF ARRAGON,

_ ... FIRST QUEEN OF HENRY THE EIGHTH.

WHEN Cardinal Campejus came over to England on the business of the divorce between Henry the Eighth and his Queen, he had an audience of this Princess, when, according to Lord Herbert, he took occasion to acquaint her with the danger she was in respecting the annulling her marriage, and advised her to betake herself to a religious life; "for which many pretexts wanted not, as I find in our records, she having been observed fince the Commission

^{*} Prince of Castile.

"took place to allow dancing and pastimes more than before; and that her countenance, not only in Court but to the people, was more cheerful than ordinary; whereas it was alledged she might be more fad and pensive, considering that the King's conscience was unsatisfied, and that he had refrained her bed, and was not willing the Lady Princess her daughter should come into her company. The offended Queen replied peremptorily, that she was resolved to stand to that marriage which the Romish Church had allowed, and, howsoever, not to admit such partial judges as they were to give sentence in her cause."

In a Missal which this pious Princess presented to her daughter Mary, afterwards Queen of England of that name, is written with her own hand,

"I think that the praiers of frinds be acceptable unto God, and because I take you for one of my most assured, I praie you to remember me in yours.

" KATHARINA."

This dignified fufferer is thus described in a Letter of Gerard de Plaine to Margaret of Austria: "C'est une dame recreative, humaine, "& gracieuse, & de contraire complexion & maniere à la Reyne de Castille, sa sœur."

me all a combination as an ar-

That acute and comprehensive critic Dr. Johnfon, in his remarks upon Shakespeare's tragedy of Henry the Eighth, fays, "that the meek forrows and virtuous distress of Queen Catharine have furnished some scenes which may be justly numbered amongst the greatest efforts of Tragedy. But the genius of Shakespeare," adds he, " comes in and goes out with Catharine." Our great Dramatic Poet has, in the speeches of Queen Catharine, very often copied them from Hall and Hollinshed. It is the happy privilege of genius to know when to felect and when to invent. According to Hall, when the Cardinals Wolfey and Campejus came to announce to her the appointment of the Tribunal at Black-Friars, to decide respecting the validity of her marriage with Henry, she thus addressed them: " Alas, " my Lords, whether I bee the Kinge's lawfull " wife or no, I have been married to him almost twenty years, and in the meane feafon never " question was made before! Dyvers Prelates " yet being alyve, and Lordes alfoe, and Privie "Counsellors with the King at that tyme, then " adjudged our marriage lawful and honest; and " now to fay it is detestable and abominable, I " thinke it great marvel, and in especially when "I consider what a wife Prince the Kinge's father was, and also the love and affection that "Kyng Ferdinando my father bare unto me. 56 I thinke in myself, that neither of our fathers

" were founcircumfpect, fo unwife, and of fo small " imagination, but they for fawe what might fol-" lowe of our marriage; and in especial the Kyng " my father fent to the Court of Rome, and " there after long fuite, with great coste and " charge, obteigned a license and dispensation, " that I being the one brother's wyfe and paraventure carnally knowen, might, without fcru-" pul of conscience, marry with the other law-" fully, which lycence under lead I have yet to " fhew; which thinges make me to fay, and " furely believe, that oure marriage was bothe " lawful, good, and godlie. But of thys trouble "I onley may thanke you, my Lorde Cardinal of Yorke; for because I have wondered at " your hygh pryde and vain-glory, and abhorre your volupteous lyfe and abominable lechery, and little regard your presumpteous power and tyranny, therefore of malice you have kindled "thys fyre, and fet thys matter abroche; and " in especial for the great malice that you bear " to my nephew the Emperour, whom I know " you hate worse than a scorpion, because he "would not fatisfie your ambition, and make " you Pope by force, and therefore you have " fayed more than once, that you would trouble hym and hys frendes; and you have kept 66 hym tru promyse, for of al hys warres and vexacions he only may thanke you; and as for me, hys poor aunte and kynfwoman, what " trouble

"trouble you put me to by this new found doubt, God knoweth, to whom I commyt my cause according to the truth."

Hollinshed thus describes her last illness and death.

1536. "The Princess Dowager lieng at "Kimbolton fell into her last sicknesse; whereof the King being advertised, appointed the Emec. perour's Ambassadour that was Leger here with " him, named Eustachius Capucius, to go to visit her, and to doe his commendations to "her, and will her to be of good comforte. The Ambassadour with all diligence did his duty therein, comforting her the best he might; but " shee within fixe days after, perceiving herself to waxe verie weake and feeble, and to feele " death approaching at hande, caused one of her se gentlewomen to write a letter to the King, " commending to him her daughter and his, and 66 befeeching him to stande goodfather unto her; " and farther defired him to have fome confideration of her gentlewomen that had ferved her, "and to fee them bestowed in marriage. Further, that it would please him to appoint that "her fervants might have their due wages and " a year's wages befides." The second of the the this many of

"This in effect was all she requested; and so immediately hereupon she departed this life the "8th

"8th of Januarie, at Kimbolton aforefaid, and was buried at Peterborrowe."

Lord Herbert, from Polydore Vergil, fays, that Queen Katharine, falling into her last sickness at Kimbolton in Huntingdonshire, in the sistent year of her age, and finding her death approaching, caused a maid attending upon her to write to the King to this effect:

"MY MOST DEAR LORD, KING, AND HUSBAND,

"The hour of my death now approaching, I " cannot choose but, out of the love I beare you, 66 to advise you of your soule's health, which you " ought to prefer before all confiderations of the " world or flesh whatsoever; for which yet you' " have cast me into many calamities, and your-" felf into many troubles. But I forgive you " all, and pray God to do foe likewife. For " the rest, I commend unto you Mary our " daughter, befeeching you to be a good father " to her, as I have heretofore defired. I must " entreat you also to respect my maids, and give " them in marriage (which is not much, they " being but three); and to all my other fervants, " a year's pay, besides their due, lest otherwise "they should be unprovided for. Lastly, I make this vow, that mine eyes defire you " above all things. Farewell."

ANNE BOLEYN.

This unfortunate Queen of Henry the Eighth is thus described by Lord Herbert, from a relation "taken out (he says) of a MS. of one Master Cavendish, Gentleman Usher to Car- dinal Wolsey."

Anne Boleyn was descended, on the father's " fide, from one of the heirs of the Earles of "Ormonde, and on the mother's from a daugh-" ter of the House of Norfolke; of that singular " beautie and towardnesse, that her parents took " all care possible for her good education. "Therefore, besides the ordinary parts of vir-"tuous instructions, wherewith shee was libe-" rally brought up, they gave her teachers in of playing on mufical instruments, singing, and dancing; infomuch, that when she composed 66 her hands to play and voice to fing, it was " joined with that fweetnesse of countenance that three harmonies concurred. Likewise, " when she danced, her rare proportions varied "themselves into all the graces that belong " either to rest or motion."

The following original Letter is in the British Museum, and shews of what consequence Anne Boleyn thought Archbishop Cranmer's interference ference in her marriage with King Henry the Eighth. It is addressed to that Prelate, and is curious for the simplicity of the style, and the orthography of it.

" My Lord, in my most humble wife I thank " your Grace for the gyft of thys benefice for " Master Barlo, how behit this standeth to non " effecte, for it is made for Tonbridge, and I " would have it (if your pleasure war so) for "Sondridge; for Tonbrige is in my lord my " father's gyft, bi avowson that he hath, and it 66 is not yet voyd. I do trost that your Grace " will graunt him Sundrig, and confidering the 66 payne that he hath taken, I do thynke that it " fhall be verie well bestovyd, and in so doing I " reckon myself moche bounde to your Grace. "For all those that have taken pain in the King's " matter, it will be my daily study to imagin 46 all the waies that I can devyfe to do them fervis and pleasur. And thus I make amende, " fendyng you again the letter that you fent me, " thankyng your Grace most humbley for the so payne that you take for to wryte to me, affuringe you, that next the Kyng's letter, there is " nothinge that can rejoice me so moche. With the hande of her that is most bounde to be

" Your most humble

and obedient Servant,

" ANNE BOLEYN.

"My Lord, I befyche your Grace with all my hart to remember the Parson of Honey- lane for my sake shortly."

The original of the following Letter from Anne Boleyn to Cardinal Wolfey is also in the British Museum; and shews what pains she took, and what artifices she made use of, to gain the affistance of that powerful Minister, in her marriage with King Henry.

" TO CARDINAL WOLSEY.

66 MY LORD,

" After my most humble recommendations " this shall be to give unto your Grace as I am " most bound my humble thanks for the gret payn and travell that your Grace doth take in flewdyeng by your wyfdome and gret "dylygens howe to bryng to pas honerably the " gretyst welth that is possyble to com to any " creator lyvyng and in especyall remembryng "howe wrecchyd and unworthy I am in com-66 paryng to his Highnes And for you I do knowe myself never to have deserved by my " defertys that you shuld take this gret payne " for me yet dayly of your goodness I do per-" ceyve by all my firends And though that I 66 hade not knowledge by them the dayly proffe " of your deds doth declare your words and 66 wrytyng 4 4

" wrytyng toward me to be trewe Now good " my Lord your dyscressyon may consyder as yet " howe lytle it is in my power to recompence " you but all onely with my good wyl the " whiche I affewer you that after this matter is " brought to pas you shall find me as I am 66 bownd in the meane tym to owe you my " fervyfe and then looke what thyng in this world I can immagen to do you pleafor in you " shall fynd me the gladdyst woman in the " woreld to do yt And next unto the kyng's " grace of one thyng I make you full promes to 66 be affewryd to have yt and that is my harty " love unffaynydly dewering my lyf And " beyng fully determynd with God's grace " never to change thys porpes I make an end of thys my reude and trewe meanyd letter " praying ower Lord to fend you moche increse " of honer with long lyfe. Wrytten with the " hand of her that befychys your Grace to ex-" cept this letter as profydyng from one that is 66 most bownde to be

"Your huble and obedyent Servant
"ANNE BOLEYN."

"As foon as Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, was beheaded," says Dr. Bayley, in his Life of that Prelate, "the executioner carried the head away in a bag, meaning to have it set

"on London Bridge that night, as he was commanded. The Lady Ann Boleyn, who was
the chief cause of this holy man's death, had
a certain desire to see the head before it was
fet up. Whereupon, it being brought to her,
she beheld it a space, and at last contemptuously
shaid these or the like words:—Is this the head
that so often exclaimed against me? I trust
it shall never do any more harm."

Orders being issued by Henry the Eighth, that all strangers should be removed out of the Tower of London previous to the execution of Anne Boleyn, Master Kingston, Lieutenant of the Tower, wrote the following letter to Master Thomas Cromwell, afterwards Lord Cromwell and Earl of Essex. The letter is preserved in Lord Herbert's incomparable History of the Life and Reign of King Henry the Eighth.

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"If we have not an hour certain (as it may be known in London) I think here will be but fewe, and I think a reasonable number were best. For I suppose she will declare herself to be a good woman for all men but for the King, at the hour of her death. For this morning she sent for me, and protested her innocency. And now again, and said to M. Kingston, I heard say I shall not die afore

" noon,

"noon, and I am forry therefore, for I thought
to be dead by this time, and past my pain.' I
told her it should be no pain it was so fotell*,
for so is his word' (adds Lord Herbert).
And then she said, she heard say the executioner was very good, and I have a little
neck; and put her hand about it, laughing
heartily. I have seen many men and women
executed, and they have been in great forrow;
and, to my knowledge, this lady hath much
joy and pleasure in death.

"May 19, 1536,"

"The nineteenth of May being thus come," fays Lord Herbert, "the Queen, according to "the express order given, was brought out to a "fcaffold erected upon the Green in the Tower of London, where our historians say she spoke before a great company there assembled, to this effect:

" GOOD CHRISTIAN PEOPLE,

"I am come hither to die. For according to
the law, and by the law, I am judged to die,
and therefore I will speak nothing against it. I
am come hither to accuse no man, nor to speak
anything of that whereof I am accused and

^{*} Subtile, sudden.

" condemned to die. But I pray God fave the
"King, and fend him long to reign over you.
"For a gentler nor a more merciful Prince there
"never was, and to me hee was ever a good, a
"gentle, and a foveraine Lord. And if any
perfon will judge of my cause, I require them
"to judge the best. And thus I take my leave
"of the world, and of you all. And I heartily
"desire you all to pray for me."

"After which," adds Lord Herbert, "coming to her devotions, her head was stricken off by a sword. And thus ended the Queen, lamented by many, both as she was desirous to advance learned men, in which number Latimer Bishop of Worcester and Saxton Bishop of Salisbury are recounted, and as she was a great alms-giver, insomuch that she is said in three quarters of a year to have bestowed fourteen or sisteen thousand pounds in this kinde, besides money intended by her towards raising a stock for poor artisicers in the realme."

In one of the letters which she wrote to Henry previous to her trial, she says, "You have chosen "me from a low estate to be your Queen and companion, far beyond my desert or desire." If then you found me worthy of such honour,

" let not any light fancy or bad council of mine enemies withdraw your princely favour from me. Neither let that stain, that unworthy fain of a disloyal heart towards your good Grace ever cast so foul a blot on your most dutiful wife, and the infant Princesse her daughter. Try me, good King, but let me have a lawfull trial, and let not my sworn enemies sit as my accusers and judges. Yea, let me receive an open trial, for my truth shall fear no open shame."

CARDINAL WOLSEY

Told Sir William Cavendish, his Gentleman Usher, that by means of his parents, and other his good friends, he was maintained at the University of Oxford, where he prospered so well, that in a short time he was made Bachelor of Arts when he was but sifteen years of age, and was commonly called there the Boy Bachelor.

Wolfey, on his return from Oxford, fettled in the country as a schoolmaster, where happening to displease a powerful neighbour, Sir James Pawlet, "he (as his Biographer, Cavendish, says) set "Wolfey by the heels; which affront," it is added,

added, " was neither forgotten nor forgiven; " for when the schoolmaster mounted so high as " to be Lord Chancellor of England, he was " not forgetful of his old displeasure most cruelly " ministered to him by Sir James, but sent for 66 him, and after a very sharp reproof, enjoined " him not to depart out of London without " licence first obtained; so that he continued in the Middle Temple for the space of five or fix " years, and afterwards lay in the Gate-house " near the Stayres, which he re-edified, and " fumptuously beautified the same all over on the " outfide with the Cardinal's arms, his hat, his " cognizance, and badges, with other devices, " in fo glorious a manner, as he thought thereby " to have appealed the Cardinal's displeasure."

The eldest son of the Earl of Northumberland, who was in the Cardinal's household, was contracted in marriage to Anne Boleyn, to the extreme indignation of Henry the Eighth, who ordered the Cardinal to send for his father to London, to talk to him on the subject of his intended marriage. "The Earl of Northumberland," says Cavendish, "came to London very speedily, and came first to my Lord Cardinal, as all great "personages did that in such fort were sent for, by whom they were advertised of the cause of their sending for; and when the Earl was come, he was presently brought into the gallery

" to the Cardinal. After whose meeting, my " Lord Cardinal and he were in fecret communication a long space. After their long difcourfe, and drinking a cup of wine, the Earl "departed; and at his going away, he fate "down in the gallery, upon a form, and called " his fon unto him, and faid: Son, (quoth he,) even as thou art and ever hast been a proud, " disdainful, and very unthrifty master, so thou " haft now declared thyfelf. Wherefore what ioy, what pleafure, what comfort can I conceive in thee, that thus, without discretion, " hast abused thyself; having neither regard to ee me thy natural father, nor unto thy fovereign "Lord, to whom all honest and loyal subjects " bear faithful obedience, nor yet to the pro-" sperity of thy own estate; but hast so unad-" visedly ensnared thyself to her, (Anne Boleyn,) " for whom thou hast purchased the King's " high displeasure, intolerable for any subject to " fustain? And but that the King doth confider " the lightness of thy head, and the wilful qua-" lities of thy person, his displeasure and indig-" nation were fufficient to cast me and all my " posterity into utter ruin and destruction. But " he being my fingular good Lord and favour-" able Prince, and my Lord Cardinal my very " good friend, hath and doth clearly excuse me in thy lewdness, and doth rather lament thy " folly " folly than malign thee; and hath advised an order to be taken for thee, to whom both you " and I are more bound than we can conceive of. I pray to God, that this may be a fufficient admonition to thee, to use thyself more. " wisely hereafter. For assure thyself, that if " thou dost not mend thy prodigality, thou wilt " be the last Earl of our House. For thy nacc tural inclination, thou art wasteful and prodigal 66 to confume all that thy progenitors have with e great travail gathered, and kept together with honour; but having the King's Majesty's my " fingular good Lord's favour, I trust (I assure thee) fo to order the fuccession, that thou shalt confume thereof but little. For I do not intend (I tell thee truly) to make thee heir; for, 56 thank God, I have other boys, that (I trust) es will use themselves much better, and prove es more like to wife and honest men, of whom I " will chuse the most likely to succeed me."

[&]quot;Then," continues Cavendish, "turning to us who were the attendants of the Lord Cardinal, he said, Now, good Masters and Gentlemen, it may be your chances, when I am dead, to see these things which I have spoken to my son, prove as true as I now speak them.
Yet, in the mean time, I desire you all to be his friends, and tell him his faults in what he

"doth amisse, wherein you will shew yourselves friendly to him; and so I take my leave of you. And son, go your wayes unto my Lord, your Master, and serve him diligently. And fo parted my Lord of Northumberland, and went down into the Hall, and so took his barge."

The Cardinal does not appear to have been very scrupulous in the means * by which he procured support for the pious and learned soundations which he raised. According to Lord Herbert, by a concurrence of the papal and regal authority, he suppressed divers Monasteries, and gave such terror to the rest, that he drew large sums from them; but as this, at last, became a public grievance, the King took notice of it in so

^{* &}quot;The Cardinal," fays Osborne acutely, "had forgotten an aphorism of policy, when he pulled down Monasteries to build Colleges; by which he instructed that
docile Tyrant Henry to do the same. The wisdom of
Moses," adds Osborne, "was superlative; who, lest one
facrilegious injury should have proved a precedent for a
greater, (had the people made a benefit by the spoil,)
employed the censers of Corali and his complices to make
plates for the altar; but finding the gold of idols too rank
decently to be used in the service of God, he reduced them
to powder, and threw them into the River, less the Multitude, having been slessed on a Calf, (a false Deity,)
should after assume the boldness to rob the true one, and
those his institutes appointed to live by his service."

sharp a manner, that the Cardinal was enforced not only to excuse himself with much submission, but to promise never to do so any more; protesting withal, that he had made a last will and testament, wherein he had lest a great part of his estate unto his Highness. "Upon which sub-" mission of the Cardinal, as I take it," says Lord Herbert, "the King sent him this letter, "written all with his own hand, as we find it in our records:

" As touching the matter of Wilton, seeing it is in no other strain than you write of, and you being also so suddenly (with the falling sick of 66 your fervants) afraid and troubled, I marvel on not that it overslipped you as it did. But it is of no great matter, standing the case as it doth; of for it is yet in my hand, as I perceive by your letter, and your default was not so great, seeing 66 the election was but conditional. Wherefore, ec my Lord, feeing the humbleness of your subof mission, and though the case were much more 66 heynous, I can be content for to remit it; 66 being right glad, that according to mine intent, my monitions and warnings have been. 66 benignly and lovingly accepted on your be-66 half; promising you, that the very affection I bear you caused me thus to do. As touching the help of religious houses to the building of " your Colledge, I would it were more, fo it be " lawfully;

" lawfully; for my intent is none but that it " fhould fo appear to all the world, and the oc-" cafion of all their mumbling might be fecluded and put away; for furely, there is great " murmuring of it throughout all the realm, both good and bad. They fay not, that all "that is ill gotten is bestowed upon the Col-" ledge, but that the Colledge is the cloak for " covering all mischiefs. This grieveth me, I " affure you, to hear it spoken of him which I " fo entirely love. Wherefore, methought I " could do no less than thus friendly to ad-66 monish you. One thing more I perceive by vour own letter, which a little, methinketh, " toucheth confcience; and that is, that you " have received money of the Exempts for having of their old Visitors. Surely, this can " hardly be with good confcience. For, and "they were good, why should you take money? and if they were ill, it were a finful act. " Howbeit your legacy herein might peradven-"ture apud homines be a cloak, but not apud "Deum. Wherefore you, thus monished by " him who fo entirely loveth you, I doubt not " will defift not only from this, (if conscience " will not bear it,) but from all other things " which should tangle the same; and in so 46 doing, we will fing,

[&]quot; Te laudant Angeli atque Archangeli.

[&]quot; Te laudat omnis Spiritus.

"And thus an end I make of this, though rude yet loving letter, desiring you as benevolently to take it as I do mean it; for I insure you (and I pray you think it so) that there remaineth at this hour no spark of displeasure towards you in my heart. And thus fare you well, and be no more perplext. Written with the hand of your loving Sovereign and friend,

" HENRY R."

The Cardinal's naif and interesting Biographer gives the following account of his fall, and of the incidents that took place whilst it was impending.

"Now," fays he, "the King commanded the "Queen (Catharine of Arragon) to be removed from the Court, and fent to another place, and prefently after the King rode on progress, and had in his company Mistress Anne Boleyn. In which time Cardinal Campejus made suit to be discharged, and fent home to Rome; and in the interim returned Mr. Secretary (Gardiner); and it was concluded, that my Lord (the Cardinal Wolsey) should come to the King to Grafton in Northamptonshire; as also, that Cardinal Campejus, being a stranger, should be conducted thither by my Lord Cardinal. And so next Sunday there were divers

opinions that the King would not speak with

" my Lord. Whereupon there were many great wagers laid.

"These two Prelates being come to the Court, and alighting, expected to be received of the great Officers (as the manner was); but they found the contrary. Nevertheless, because the Cardinal Campejus was a stranger, the Officers met him with staves in their hands in the outward court, and so conveyed him to his lodging prepared for him; and after my Lord had brought him to his lodging he departed, thinking to have gone to his chamber, as he was wont to doe; but it was told him, he had no lodging or chamber appointed for him in the Court, which news did much aftenish him.

"Sir Henry Norris, who was then Groom of the Stole, came unto my Lord, and defired him to take his chamber for a while, until another was provided for him. For I affure you (quoth he) here is but little room in this house for the King, and therefore I humbly befeech your Grace to accept of mine for a feason. My Lord, thanking him for his courtesie, went to his chamber, where he fhisted his riding apparel.

"In the mean time came divers Noblemen of his friends to wellcome him to court, by whom my Lord was advertised of all things touching the King's favour or displeasure; and being thus informed of the cause thereof, he was more able to excuse himself.

" So my Lord made him ready, and went to the Chamber of Presence with the other Carcc dinal, where the Lords of the Council stood " all of a row in order in the Chamber, and all " the Lords faluted them both. And there were prefent many Gentlemen who came on " purpose to observe the meeting, and the " countenance of the King to my Lord Cardi-" nal. Then immediately after, the King came " into the Chamber of Presence, standing under " the cloth of State. Then my Lord Cardinal " took Cardinal Campejus by the hand, and " kneeled down before the King; but what he " faid unto him I know not, but his countenance was amiable; and his Majesty stooped down, and with both his hands took him up, and " then took him by the hand and went to the " window with him, and there talked with him " a great while.

"Then to have beheld the countenances," adds Cavendish, "of the Lords and Noblemen

" that had laid wagers, it would have made you " fmile, especially those that had laid their " money that the King would not fpeak to my " Lord Cardinal. Thus were they deceived; for the King was in earnest discourse with the " Cardinal, infomuch that the King faid to him, " How can this be? Is not this your hand? and of pulled out a letter out of his own bosome, and 66 shewed the same to the Cardinal. And as I se perceived, my Lord so answered the same, that the King had no more to fay, but faid to 66 him, Go to your dinner, and take my Lord " Cardinal to keep you company, and after "dinner I will speak further to you. And so " they departed; and the King dined that day with Mistress Anne Boleyn in her chamber. "I heard it reported by those that waited on the "King at dinner, that Mistress Anne Boleyn was offended, as much as she durst, that the 66 King did fo graciously entertain my Lord 66 Cardinal, faying, Sir, is it not a marvellous " thing to fee into what great debt and danger " he hath brought you with all your fubjects? " How fo? quoth the King. Forfooth, quoth. " fhe, there is not a man in all your kingdom worth a hundred pounds, but he hath indebt-66 ed you to him (meaning the loan which the "King had of his subjects). Well, well, quoth the King, for that matter, there was no 66 blame

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" blame in him, for I know that matter better " than you or any one elfe. Nay, quoth Mistress "Boleyn, besides that, what exploits hath he " wrought in feveral parts and places of this " realm, to your great flander and difgrace? "There is never a Nobleman but if he had "done halfe fo much as he hath done, were " well worthy to lose his head. Yea, if my " Lord of Norfolk, my Lord of Suffolk, my "Father, or any other man, had done much " lesse than he hath done, they should have lost " their heads ere this. Then I perceive, quoth " the King, that you are none of my Lord Car-"dinal's friends? Why, Sir, quoth she, I have " no cause, nor any that love you. No more " hath your Grace, if you did well confider his " indirect and unlawful doings. By this time the waiters had dined and took up the tables, " and fo for that feafon ended the conversation.

[&]quot;Then," adds Cavendish, "there was set in the Presence-chamber a table for my Lord "Cardinal and the other Lords, where they dined together; and sitting at dinner telling of divers matters, The King should do well, quoth my Lord Cardinal, to send his Bishops and Chaplains home to their Cures and Benefices. Yes, marry, quoth my Lord of Norfolk, and so it were meet for you to do "also."

" also. I would be very well contented there" with, quoth my Lord, if it were the King's
" pleasure to license me with his Grace's leave
" to goe to my Cure at Winchester. Nay,
" quoth my Lord of Norfolk, to your Benesice
" at York, where your greatest honour and
" charge is. Even as it shall please the King,
" quoth my Lord Cardinal; and so they fell
" upon other discourses. For indeed, the No" bility were loth he should be so near the King
" as at Winchester. After dinner they fell to
" counsell.

"The King after dinner departed from Miftrefs Anne Boleyn, and came to the Chamber
of Prefence, and called for my Lord, and in
the great window had a long discourse with
him (but of what I know not). Afterwards,
the King took him by the hand and led him
into the Privie Chamber, and sate with him in
consultation all alone, without any other of
the Lords, till it was dark night; which
blanked all his enemies very fore, who had no
other way but by Mistress Anne Boleyn (in
whom was all their trust and affiance) for the
accomplishment of their enterprizes; for without her they feared that all their purposes
would be frustrate.

" Now," adds Cavendish, " at night warn-" ing was given me, that there was no room " for my Lord to lodge in the Court; fo that I " was forced to provide my Lord a lodging in "the country about Easton, (at one Mr. Emp-" fton's house,) where my Lord came to supper " by torch-light, it being late before my Lord of parted with the King, who willed him to refort to him in the morning, for that he would " further with him about the fame matter. In 66 the morning my Lord came again to the "King, at whose coming the King's Majesty " was ready to ride, willing my Lord to confult with the Lords in his absence, and said he " could not talk with him, commanding my " Lord to depart with Cardinal Campejus.

"This sudden departure of the King," says Cavendish, "was the especial labour of Mistress Boleyn, who rode with him purposely to draw him away, because he should not return till the departure of the Cardinals. The King rode that morning to view a piece of ground to make a park of, which was afterwards called Harewell Park, where Mistress Anne had provided him a place to dine in, fearing his return before my Lord Cardinal's degrature.

"Soon after these incidents, the King sent the Dukes of Norfolk and Susfolk to demand

" the Great Seal from the Cardinal. This was

" foon afterwards followed by the Cardinal's ar-

" rest, and his death."

The following distich was left upon the walls of the Cardinal's College, now that of Christ-Church, in Oxford, whilst it was building:

Non stabat ista domus, multis fundata rapinis; Aut cadet, aut alius raptor habebit eam.

These walls, which rapine rais'd, what ills await, By the just judgment of unerring fate! Soon or to ruin they shall fall a prey, Or own a new usurper's lawless sway.

The foundation-stone of the College which the Cardinal founded at Ipswich was discovered a few years ago. It is now in the Chapter-house of Christ-Church, Oxford.

One of the most curious and entertaining pieces of biography in the English language is the account of the life of this great Child of Fortune by his gentleman-usher, Sir William Cavendish. It was first printed in the year 1641 by the Puritans, with many additions and interpolations, to render Archbishop Laud odious, by shewing how far an Archbishop had once carried Church

power. Mr. Grove, about the year 1761, published a correct edition of this Work, collated from the various MSS. of it in the Museum and in other places.

According to this narrative, the Cardinal fays to Master Kingston upon his death-bed, "Let his Grace," meaning Henry the Eighth, "confider the story of King Richard the Second, fon of his progenitor, who lived in the time of Wicklisse's feditions and herefies. Did not the Commons, I pray you, in his time rise against the nobility and chief governors of this realm, and at the last some of them were put to death without justice or mercy? And, under pretence of having all things common, did they not fall to spoiling and robbing, and at last tooke the Kinge's person, and carried him about the city, making him obedient to their proclamations?"

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"Alas, if these be not plain precedents and fusficient persuasions to admonish a Prince, then God will take away from us our prudent rulers, and leave us to the hands of our enemies, then will ensue mischiefe upon mischiefe, inconveniencies, barrennesse, & scarcitie, for want of good order in the Commonwealth,

" from which God of his tender mercy defend " us.

"Master Kingston farewell. I wishe all things may have good successe! My time drawes on, I may not tarrie with you. I pray remember my words."

Wolfey was buried in the Church of the Abbey of Leicester, on the 30th of November 1530, before day, and not (as Lord Herbert says) at Windsor, where he had begun a monument for himself; "wherein, as it appears," adds he, by our own records, he had not forgotten his own image, which one Benedetto, a statuary of Florence, took in hand in 1524, and continued till 1529, receiving for so much as was already done 4250 ducats; the designe whereof was so glorious, that it exceeded far that of Henry the Seventh. Neverthelesse I find the Cardinal, when this was sinished, did purpose to make a tombe for Henry the Eighth *. But dying in this manner, the King made use of

^{*} Osborne observes, that "Wolfey shewed himself no accomplished courtier when he laid the foundation of a "grave for a living King, who could not be delighted with the sight of his tomb, though never so magnificent: having lived in so high sensualty, as I may doubt whether he would have exchanged it for the joys of Heaven itself."

" fo much as he found fit, and called it his.
"Thus did the tomb of the Cardinal partake
"the fame fortune with his College, as being
"affumed by the King. The news of the Car"dinal's death being brought to the King, it did
"fo much afflict him, that he wished it had cost
"him twenty thousand pounds, upon condition
"that he had lived. Howbeit, he omitted not
"to inquire of about sisteen hundred pounds
"which the Cardinal had lately got, without
"that the King could imagine how."

It is faid in the Preface to a Grammar written by Mr. Haynes, the schoolmaster of Christ-Church, that Cardinal Wolsey made the Accidence before Lily's Grammar.

"The Cardinal was a short lusty man," says Aubrey, "not unlike Martin Luther, as appears by the paintings that remain of him." A great writer observes, that sew ever fell from so high a situation with less crimes objected to him than Cardinal Wolsey: yet it must be remembered, that he gave a precedent to his rapacious Sovereign of seizing on the wealth of the Monasteries, which however the Cardinal might well apply, (supposing that injustice can ever be fanctified by its consequences,) by bestowing it on the erection of seminaries of learning, yet that wealth, in the hands of Henry, became the means of profusion

fusion and oppression; and corrupted and subjugated that country, which it ought to have improved and protected.

CARDINAL CAMPEJUS.

WHEN Campejus was in England on the bufiness of King Henry's divorce, he spent his time in hunting and gaming, and brought over with him a natural son, whom the King knighted. The Duke of Suffolk often asked his Majesty, how he could debase himself so, as to submit his cause to such a vile, vicious, stranger priest?

Menage fays, that there was a man of Campejus's acquaintance who took fuch care of his beard, that it cost him three crowns a month. The Cardinal told him one day, "That, by-andby, his beard would cost more than his head was worth."

Many letters written by Campejus, peculiarly interesting on the history of his own time, are to be met with in " Epistolarum Miscellanearum" Libri X.

LORD CROMWELL.

WHEN the articles of impeachment against Cardinal Wolfey were sent down to the Lower House, Thomas Cromwell, who had been a servant of the Cardinal, defended his old and disgraced Master with such ability, that the charges of high treason brought against him were thrown out. "Upon this honest begin-" ning," says Lord Herbert, "Cromwell ob-" tained his first reputation."

" Mr. Cromwell, (now highly in the King's " favour,)" fays Mr. More, in his very entertaining Life of his Grandfather, " came of a " message from the King to Sir Thomas; " wherein when they had thoroughly talked to-66 gether, before his going away, Sir Thomas 66 faid to him, Mr. Cromwell, you are entered 66 into the fervice of a most noble, wise, and " liberal Prince. If you will follow my poor " advice, you shall in your counsell-giving to his " Majestie ever tell him what he ought to doe, but never what he is able to doe; fo shall you " fhewe yourfelf a true and faithful fervant, and " a right worthie counsellour: for if a Lion knew his own strength, hard were it for anie " man to rule him. But," adds Mr. More, " Cromwell

"Cromwell never learned this lesson; for he ever gave that counsell to his Prince which he thought would best please him, and not what was lawful."

Cromwell's reasons for serving his cruel and rapacious Sovereign in dissolving the Monasteries and Abbeys in England, are fuch as might have fuggested themselves to every unprincipled minion of authority who wished to gloss over the injustice of his proceedings, and are thus stated by Lord Herbert: "First, said he, in regard to the Clergy, " as they have taken an oath to the Pope, they " are only the King's half fubjects. Secondly, "With respect to expelling the Monks, he said, that was nothing more than to restore them " to their first institution of being lay and la-66 bouring persons. And thirdly, he added, That 66 the particular austerities practifed by them as " members of religious houses, they might prac-" tife, if they pleafed, in any other fituation."

"Henry," adds Lord Herbert, "finding "Cromwell no longer necessary, gave way to the frivolous accusations of his enemies, and brought him to the block, at which he suffered unlamented; though (according to the same noble historian) he had been noted, in the exercise of his places of judicature, to have used "much

"much moderation; and in his greatest pomp,
to have taken notice of, and to have been

thankful to, mean persons of his old acquaint-

cc ance."

SIR THOMAS MORE.

In how different a manner do Princes appreciate the merits of their fervants!—When that honour to human nature, Sir Thomas More, was beheaded by his cruel and ungrateful Sovereign, Charles the Fifth faid to Sir Thomas Ellyot, "If I had been master of such a servant, of whose doings ourselves have had these many years no small experience, I would rather have lost the best citie of my dominions than have "lost such a worthie Counsellor."

Sir Thomas, who well knew the disposition of Henry, said one day to his son Mr. Roper, who had complimented him upon seeing the King walk with his arm about his neck, "I thanke our Lord, I find his Grace a very good lorde indeed, and I do believe he doth as singularly favour me as any subject within

"this realme. Howbeit, fon Roper, I may

tell thee, I have no cause to be proud thereof;

" for if my head would winne him a castle in

" France, yt should not fayle to go."

Mr. Roper's life of his venerable father-in-law is one of the few pieces of natural biography that we have in our language, and must be perused with great pleasure by those who love antient times, antient manners, and antient virtues. Of Sir Thomas More's disinterestedness and integrity in his office of Chancellor, Mr. Roper gives this instance:—" That after the resignation of it "he was not able sufficiently to finde meat, drink, "fuell, apparel, and such other necessary charges; and that after his debts payed he had not I "know (his chaine excepted) in gold and silver "left him the value of one hundred pounds."

Mr. Roper thus describes Sir Thomas More:

"He was a man of singular worth, and of a

"cleare unspotted conscience, as witnesseth

"Erasmus, more pure and white than the

"whitest snow, and of such an angelical wit,

as England, he sayth, never had the like be
"fore nor never shall again. Universally as

"well in the lawes of our realme (a studie in

"effect able to occupy the whole lyse of a man)

"as in all other sciences right well studied, he

"was in his days accounted a man worthie

"famous memory."

This excellent man is thus described by Erasmus, in a letter to Ulderic Haller:

More feems to be made and born for " friendship, of which virtue he is a sincere " follower and very strict observer. He is not " afraid to be accused of having many friends, which, according to Hefiod, is no great praife. Every one may become More's friend; he is " not flow in chusing; he is kind in cherishing, " and constant in keeping them. If by accident 66 he becomes the friend of one whose vices he cannot correct, he flackens the reins of friend-66 ship towards him, diverting it rather by little " and little, than by entirely diffolving it. "Those persons whom he finds to be men of 66 fincerity, and confonant to his own virtuous disposition, he is so charmed with, that he ap-" pears to place his chief worldly pleasure in 66 their conversation and company. And al-66 though More is negligent in his own temporal concerns, yet no one is more affiduous than " himself in assisting the suits of his friends. " Why should I say more? If any person were " defirous to have a perfect model of friendship, on one can afford him a better than More. " In his conversation there is so much affability and fweetness of manner, that no man can be " of fo austere a disposition, but that More's " conversation must make him cheerful; and no " matter fo unpleasing, but that with his wit he " can take away from it all difgust."

Erasmus says again of this excellent man soon after his execution:

All men, even those who dislike him for " differing from them in religion, must lament " the death of Sir Thomas More; so great was his courtefy to all, fo great his affability, fo "Iweet his disposition. Many persons favour " only their own countrymen: Frenchmen favour a Frenchman; Scotchmen favour a "Scotchman; but More's general benevolence 65 hath imprinted his memory fo deep in all " men's hearts, that they bewail his death as 56 that of their own father or brother. I myfelf " have feen many persons weep for More's 66 death, who had never feen him, nor yet re-" ceived any kindness from him. Nay, as I write, tears flow from my eyes, whether I will or not. How many persons has that axe " wounded, which fevered More's head from " his body!"

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"Therefore," adds Erasmus, "when my friends have congratulated me that I had a striend like More placed in so eminent a station, I was used to say that I would never congratulate him upon his increase of dignity till he himself told me that I might."

Sir Thomas More used to say of ungrateful persons, that they wrote good turns done to them in the dust, but engraved injuries upon marble. Of the folly of those who were overanxious for the dignities of the world, he observed, "As a criminal who is about to be led to execution would be accounted soolish, if he should engrave his coat of arms upon the gate of the prison; even so are they vain, who endeavour with great industry to erect monuments of their dignity in the prison of this world."

"The King, Henry the Eighth," fays Mr. More, in the Life of his Grandfather, "used of a particular love to come on a suddain to "Chelsey, where Sir Thomas More lived, and leaning upon his shoulder, to talke with him of secrett counsel in his garden, yea, and to dine with him upon no inviting."

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"It happened one day," fays Mr. Aubrey, in his Manuscript Lives, "that a mad Tom of Bedlam came up to Sir Thomas More as he was contemplating, according to his custom, on the leads of the gate-house of his palace at Chelsea, and had a mind to have thrown him from the battlements, crying out, Leap, Tom, leap. The Chancellor was in his gown, and besides,

"besides, ancient and unable to struggle with fuch a strong fellow. My Lord had a little dog with him. Now, (said he,) let us first throw the dog downe, and see what sport that will be: so the dog was thrown over. Is not this fine sport (said his Lordship)? Let us fetch him up and try it again. As the madman was going down, my Lord sastened the door, and called for help."

When Sir Thomas was Lord Chancellor, he constantly fat at mass in the chancel of Chelsea church, while his Lady sat in a pew; and because the pew stood out of sight, his Gentleman Usher ever after service opened it, and said to Lady More, "Madam, my Lord is gone." On the Sunday after the Chancellor's place was taken from him, (of which he had not apprized his wise,) the samily went to church as usual; when, after the service, Sir Thomas himself came to his wise's pew, and said, "Madam, my Lord is gone," to her great astonishment and indignation,

More's spirit and innocent mirth did not forfake him in his last moments. As he was going up the scassfold to be beheaded, he found the stairs of it so weak and crazy, that it was nearly ready to fall: he turned about to the Lieutenant of the Tower and said, "Pray, Master Lieu-

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" tenant, fee me fafe up; and for my coming "down, I can shift for myself." When he had finished his prayers, he turned to the executioner and faid, on observing him look fad and dejected, "Pluck up thy spirits, Man, and be not "afraid to do thine office; my neck is very " short, therefore take care you do not strike " awry, for your credit's fake." Then laying his head upon the block, he defired the executioner to flay till he had put his beard aside, "for that," faid he, "has never committed "treason." Mr. Addison well observes, "that what was only philosophy in Sir Thomas "More, would be phrenzy in one who does not " resemble him in the cheerfulness of his temper, " and in the fanctity of his life and manners."

The Duke of Norfolk advised Sir Thomas, previous to his trial, to make his submission to his unprincipled and obdurate Sovereign. "By "the mass, Sir Thomas," said he, "it is peri- lous striving with Princes; therefore I could "wish you as a friend to incline to the King's pleasure; for, by God's body, Indignatio prin- cipis mors est." "Is that all, my Lord?" replied Sir Thomas: "In good faith, then, there is no more difference between your Grace and me, than that I shall die to-day and your Grace to-morrow. If therefore the anger of a Prince "causeth

"cause to fear the eternal death which the King of Heaven can condemn us unto, if we sticke not to displease him by pleasing an earthly King."

"When the news of More's death was brought to the King," fays Stapleton, "he was playing at tables; Anne Boleyn was looking on. The King cast his eyes upon her, and said, Thou art the cause of this man's death! and presently leaving his play, he retired to his chamber, and fell into a deep melancholy."

It is wonderful what mischievous effects superstition and prejudice produce upon the wisest heads and the best hearts:—One Frith had written against the corporal presence; and on his not retracting, after More had answered him, he caused him to be burned.

"James Bainton," fays Burnet, " a Gentleman of the Temple, was taken to the Lord
Chancellor's house, where much pains was
taken to persuade him to discover those who
favoured the new opinions. But, fair means
not prevailing, More had him whipped in his
presence, and after that sent to the Tower,
where he looked on, and saw him put to the
rack. He was burned in Smithfield; and
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"with him," adds Burnet, "More's perfecutions ended; for foon after he laid down the
Great Seal, which put the poor preachers at
eafe."

Luther being asked, Whether Sir Thomas More was executed for the Gospel's sake? answered, "By no means, for he was a very notable tyrant. He was the King's chiefest counsellor, a very learned and a very wise man. He shed the blood of many innocent Christians that confessed the Gospel, and plagued and tormented them like an executioner."

" Gollog. Menfal." 464.

Yet how discordant does More's practice seem to be to his opinions! In his celebrated "Utopia" he lays it down as a maxim, that no one ought to be punished for his religion, and that every person might be of what religion he pleased.

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BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

HENRY the Eighth having demanded of the Convocation the furrender to him of the small Abbies in England, the Clergy in general agreed to his requisition. Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, perceiving how his brethren were inclined, thus addressed them:

" My Lords, and the rest of my Brethren here " affembled, I pray you to take good heed to 66 what you do, lest you do not know what you 66 can and what you cannot do. For indeed the 66 things that are demanded at our hands are none of ours to grant, nor theirs to whom we should " bestow them, if we should grant them their "desires; but they are the legacies of those tes-" tators who have given them to the Church for ever, under the penalty of a heavy curse im-" posed on all those who shall any way go about " to alienate their property from the Church: " and besides, if we should grant these lesser " Abbies, &c. to the King, what shall we do otherwife than shew him the way how in time " it may be lawful to him to demand the greater? Wherefore, the manner of these proceedings " puts me in mind of a fable: How the axe " (which wanted a handle) came upon a time " unto the wood, making his moan to the great " trees, how he wanted a handle to work withal, " and for that cause he was constrained to sit " idle. Wherefore he made it his request to " them, that they would be pleafed to grant him " one of their fmall faplings within the wood, to " make him a handle. So, becoming a complete

"axe, he fell to work within the same wood, that in process of time there was neither great nor small tree to be found in the place where the wood stood. And so, my Lords, if you grant the King these smaller Monasteries, you do but make him a handle, whereby, at his own pleasure, he may cut down all the Cedars within your Libanus; and then you may thank yourselves, after you have incurred the heavy displeasure of Almighty God."

"This speech," fays his Biographer, Dr. Bayley, "changed the minds of all those who were formerly bent to gratify the King's demands herein, so that all was rejected for that time."

Cromwell was fent to the good Bishop by the King, to know what he would do if the Pope should fend him a Cardinal's hat. "Sir," replied Fisher, "I know myself to be so far unworthy of any such dignity, that I think of nothing less; but if any such thing should hap pen, assure yourself I should improve that favour to the best advantage that I could in assisting the holy Catholick Church; and in that respect I would receive it upon my knees." Cromwell having reported this answer to the King, he said, with great indignation, "Yea, is he yet so lusty? Well, let the Pope send him "a Cara

" a Cardinal's hat when he will. Mother of God! he shall wear it on his shoulders then; " for I will leave him never a head to set it on."

Henry was foon afterwards as good as his word, and fent to the block one of the most virtuous and upright prelates that his kingdom had ever produced. The Bishop met his fate with the constancy and resignation of a martyr.

Charles the Fifth, on hearing of the death of this Prelate, told Sir Thomas Ellyot, the King of England's Ambassador at his Court, that in killing Bishop Fisher, his master had killed at one blow all the Bishops of England: "For," added he, the Bishop was such an one, as for all purposes I think the King had not the like again in his realme, neither yet was he to be matched throughout all Christendom."

ERASMUS.

This great man describes a custom prevalent in England in his time among the semales, the discontinuance of which, as the British ladies have most affuredly gained great attractions since the days of Erasmus, strangers, no less than natives, must most truly lament.

" Ex Anglia, 1449.

- "Sunt hic in Anglia nymphæ * divinis vultibus, blandæ, faciles. Est præterea mos nunquam satis laudandus, sive quò venias, om-
- * "The English," says Mr. Barry, in his excellent work upon the Obstructions to the Arts in England, "have been remarked for the beauty of their form even so early as the time of Gregory the Great, and it was one of the motives for sending Austin the Monk amongst them. Our women also we shall but slightly mention, for it would bear too much the appearance of an insult over others, were we to do but half justice to their elegant arrangement of proportions and beautiful delicate carnations."

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"There is a delicate peachy bloom of complexion very common in England (which is the fource of an infinite truly picturefque variety, as it follows the directions and the paffions of the mind) that is rarely and but partially to be met with anywhere elfe, except in the fancied deficiptions of the Greek and Latin poets."

The celebrated Roger Ascham, in one of his letters from Augsburg, thus speaks of the English:

[&]quot;England need fear no outward enemies; the lufty lads verelie be in England. I have feen on a Sunday more likelie men walking in St. Paul's Church, than I ever yet faw in Augusta, where lieth an Emperor with a garrison, three Kings, a Queen, three Princes, a number of Dukes, &c."

"ium ofculis receperis, five difcedas aliquò,
ofculis dimitteris. Redis, redduntur fuavia;
venitur ad te, propinantur fuavia; difceditur
abs te, dividuntur basia; occurritur alicui,
basiatur affatim; denique quo cunque te moveas,
fuaviorum plena funt omnia."

Luther in his "Table-Talk" fpeaks thus of this great fcholar and elegant writer:

"Erasmus was stained and poisoned at Rome and at Venice with Epicureism. He praises the Arians more than the Papists. But amongst all his blunted darts I can endure none less than his Catechism, in which he teaches nothing certain; he only makes young persons err and despair. His principal doctrine is, that we must carry ourselves according to the times, and as the proverb says, We must hang the cloak according to the wind. Erasmus only looked to himself, to easy and pleamated and in a picture and image of an Epicure and of Lucian."

When the portrait of Erasmus was one day shewn to Luther, he said, "Were I to look like "this picture, I should be the greatest knave in "the world."

Luther had a personal dislike to Erasmus. They differed in opinion respecting free-will. At the beginning of the disputes between the Papists and the Protestants, Luther had done every thing in his power to bring him over to his opinion, and according to Boffuet had written some very fervile letters to him for that purpose. At first Erasmus favoured the sentiments of Luther; but when he found the schisin between the two Churches openly declared, he withdrew from Luther, and wrote against him with his usual moderation. Luther answered with extreme violence; and Erasmus in one of his letters to Melancthon fays, "I really thought that Lu-"ther's marriage would have foftened him a ittle. It is very hard for a man of my mode-" ration, and of my years, to be obliged to write " against a favage beast and furious wild boar."

Erasmus, in another letter to Melancthon, speaks of Luther's excess of vehemence, and gives a solution of it. "What shocks me the most in Luther is, that whatever opinion he undertakes to defend, he pushes it to the utmost. And when he is told of this, instead of becoming more moderate he goes on still farther, and seems to have a great pleasure to hurry on to a greater extremity. I know his disposition from his writings as well as if I was living with him. He is of an ardent and imperuous

petuous spirit. You see in every thing that he does an Achilles, whose anger is not to be fubdued. Add to all this, his great success, the favourable opinion of mankind, and the applauses of the great Theatre of the World, there is surely sufficient to spoil a man of the most modest disposition,"

Malichias fays of Erasmus, "that he used to rife early, and give up his mornings to study and to writing; then, in imitation of the Antients, make a late dinner, and afterwards give himself up to the company of his friends, or take a walk with them, and in conversation chat pleasantly and chearfully with them, or repeat those sentences which, taken down in writing from his mouth by some of them, have fince appeared with the title of his Familiar Colloquies."

Erasmus had so great an aversion to fish, that he could not even bear the smell of it: this made the Papists say, that Erasmus had not only a Lutheran disposition, but a Lutheran stomach.

The memory of Erasmus was held in such veneration even by sovereigns, that Philip the Second of Spain, Mary Queen of Hungary, and many Princes in their train, who were at Rotter-

dam in 1549, inflamed with a veneration for the memory of this great man, visited the house and the chamber in which he was born.

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THE memory of this learned and excellent Prelate will be ever endeared to all lovers of literature, for the patronage which he constantly afforded to Erasmus.

Warham died, as d'Alembert fays a Catholie Bishop ever should die, without debts and without legacies. Though he had passed through the highest offices in the Church and State, he left little more than was requisite to pay his funeral charges. Not long before he died, he called for his steward to know how much money he had in his hands, who told him that he had about thirty pounds. "Well then," replied he cheerfully, " fatis viatici ad Cælum: There is "enough to last me to Heaven."

Erasmus, on hearing of the death of this kindest patron he ever had, thus expressed himfels in one of his letters to Charles Blunt, the son of Lord Mountjoy: "My letter is, I fear, an "unpleasant

unpleasant melancholy letter. I have this in-" stant heard that that incomparable treasure of " virtue and goodness William Warham has " changed this life for a better. I lament my fate, not his; for he was truly my constant " anchor. We had made a folemn compact to-66 gether, that we would have one common " fepulchre; and I had no apprehension but " that he, though he was fixteen years older "than myself, would have survived me. Nei-" ther age nor disease took away from us this " excellent man, but a fatality not only to him-" felf, but to Learning, to Religion, to the "State, to the Church. Though, as Lord " Archbishop of Canterbury, and Lord Chan-" cellor of England, obliged to give audiences " to Ambassadors, and his time to suitors, yet-" he had still time enough not only to transact " all his fecular business, but to bestow a large " portion of it upon study and religion: for he " never lost a moment in hunting, in gaming, " in idle talk, or in amusement of any kind. "He occasionally received two hundred guests " at his table; amongst whom were Bishops, "Dukes, and Earls; yet the dinner was always " over within the hour. Himself seldom tasted wine; and when he was near feventy, he "drank, and that very moderately, a weak " liquor which the English call Beer. Though " fo sparing in his diet, he was always cheerful es and

" and lively in his conversation; and both be" fore and after dinner, preserved the same
" sobriety of behaviour. He joked himself, but
" with great pleasantry, and permitted it in
" others; yet he never allowed his jokes, or
" those of his friends, to descend into person" ality and detraction; which he abhorred as
" much as any man can detest a serpent. One
" peculiarity he had which was something royal;
" he never dismissed any suitor from him dissatis" fied or out of humour."

THOMAS DUKE OF NORFOLK,

in spite of all his submissions, joined with the great merits of his past services, would most probably have been executed, had not the death of Henry reserved him for more merciful times.

One of the Articles brought against the Duke was, that he had complained to a Mr. Holland, that he was not of the Cabinet, (or as he termed it, the Privy Council) that his Majesty loved him not because he was too much loved in the country; and that he would follow his father's lesson, which was, that the less opinion others set by him, the more he would set by himself.

In his petition to the Lords from the Tower of London, he requests to have some of the books that are at Lambeth; "for," adds he, "unless "I have books to read ere I fall asleep, and after "I awake again, I cannot fleep, nor have done these dozen years. That I may hear mass, " and be bound upon my life not to speak to " him who fays mass, which he may do in the " other chamber, whilst I remain within. That "I may be allowed sheets to lie on; to have licence in the day-time to walk in the chamber without, and in the night be locked in as I am now. I would giadly have licence to fend to "London to buy one book of St. Austin de " Civitate Dei, and one of Josephus de Antiqui-" tatibus, and another of Sabellius, who doth " declare, most of any book that I have read, " how the Bishop of Rome, from time to time, hath usurped his power against all Princes by " their unwife fufferance."

JOHN HEYWOOD.

"THE following hapned," fays Puttenham,
on a time at the Duke of Northumberland's
board, where merry John Heywood was allowed to fit, at the board's end. The Duke
had a very noble and honourable mynde alyol. I.

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"wayes to pay his debts well; and when he lacked money, would not stick to fell the greatest part of his plate: so had he done fome few days before.

"Heywood being loth to call for his drinke fo oft as he was dry, turned his eye towards the " cupboard, and faid, I find a great miffe of " your Grace's standing cups. The Duke, " thinking he had fpoken it of some knowledge " that his plate was lately fold, faid fomewhat " fharply, Why, Sir, will not these cuppes " ferve as goode a man as yourselfe? Heywood " readily replied, Yes, if it please your Grace; " but I would have one of them stand still at my e elbowe, full of drinke, that I might not be "driven to trouble your man fo often to call for " it. This pleafant and speedy revers of the " former words," fays Puttenham, " holpe all the matter againe; whereupon the Duke be-" came very pleafant, and dranke a bottle of " wine to Heywood, and bid a cup should al-" ways be standing by him."

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EDWARD THE SIXTH.

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In the British Museum there is a large folio volume in MS. of the exercises of this excellent Prince, in Greek, in Latin, and in English, with his fignature to each of them, as King of England, in the three different languages. Edward's abilities, acquirements, and disposition were fo transcendent, that they extorted an eulogium upon them from the cynic Cardan himself, who, in his once-celebrated book " De Geni-55 turis," thus describes the young Prince, with whom he had feveral conversations upon the subjects of some of his books, particularly on that " De Rerum Varietaté:"-" The child was fo " wonderful in this respect, that at the age of " fifteen he had learned, as I was told, feven dif-66 ferent languages. In that of his own country, that of France, and the Latin language, he was perfect. In the conversations that I had " with him (when he was only fifteen years of " age) he spoke Latin with as much readiness " and elegance as myself. He was a pretty-good " logician, he understood natural philosophy " and music, and played upon the lute. The " good and the learned had formed the highest expectations of him; from the sweetness of his " disposition -----12

"disposition and the excellence of his talents.
"He had begun to favour learning before he
"was a great scholar himself, and to be acquainted with it before he could make use of it.
Alas the wretched state of mortals! not only
"England, but the whole world has to lament
his being taken from us so prematurely. We
owed much to him as it was, but alas! how
much more was taken away from us by the
artifice and malignity of mankind. Alas!
how prophetically did he once repeat to me,

· Immodicis brevis est atas, et rara senectus?

"Alas! he could only exhibit a specimen, not a pattern, of virtue. When there was occafion for this Prince to assume the King, he appeared as grave as an old man, though at other times he had the manners and behaviour of his own age. He attended to the business of the State, and he was liberal like his Father, who, whilst he affected that character, gave into the extreme of it. The son, however, had never the shadow of a fault about him; he had cultivated his mind by the precepts of philosophy."

Fuller, in his "Worthies," has preserved the following letter of this Prince, addressed to Mr. Barnaby Fitzpatrick, Gentleman of his Bedchamber,

chamber, and who had been brought up with him. It exhibits a specimen no less of the sweet-ness of his temper, than of the excellence of his understanding.

EDWARD,

"We have received your letters of the eighth of this present moneth, whereby we understand "how you are well entertained, for which we " are right glad; and alfoe how you have been once to goe on pilgrimage; for which cause we have thought good to advertize you, that " hereafter, if any fuch chance happen, you shall " defire leave to go to Mr. Pickering, or to Paris for your business: and if that will not " ferve, to declare to fome man of estimation, " with whom you are best acquainted, that as " you are loth to offend the French King be-" cause you have been so favourably used, so " with fafe conscience you cannot do any such thing, being brought up with me, and bound " to obey my laws; also, that you had com-" mandment from me to the contrary. Yet, if " you be vehemently procured, you may go as " waiting on the King, not as intending to the " abuse, nor willingly seeing the ceremonies, and " fo you look on the masse. But in the mean 66 feason regard the Scripture, or some good 66 book, and give no reverence to the masse at ec all. 13

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" all. Furthermore, remember when you may " conveniently be absente from court, to tarry " with Sir William Pickering, to be instructed " by him how to use yourself. For women, as 66 far forth as you may, avoid their company: " yet, if the French King command you, you " may sometime dance (so measure be your " meane); elfe apply yourfelf to riding, shooting, 66 tennis, or fuch honest games, not forgetting 66 sometimes (when you have leifure) your learn-" ing, chiefly reading of the Scriptures. This I write not doubting but you would have done, " though I had not written but to fpur you on. "Your exchange of 1200 crowns you shall receive either monthly or quarterly, by Barthoonew Campaigne's factor in Paris. He hath warrant to receive it by, here, and hath written to his factors to deliver it you there. We " have figned your bill for wages of the Cham-" ber, which Fitzwilliam's hath. Likewise we " have fent a letter into Ireland, to our Deputy, that he shall take surrender of your father's " lands; and to make again other letters patent " that those lands shall be to him, you, and " your heirs, lawfully begotten, for ever; adi joyning thereunto two religious houses you fpake for. Thus fare you well! From West-" minster, the 20 of December 1551."

The following respectful and elegant little Latin letter of his to one of his Mothers in law, is in the British Museum.

"Fortasse miraberis me tam sæpe ad te scribere, idque tam brevi tempore, Regina nobilissima, et mihi charissima, sed eâdem ratione
potes mirari me erga te officium sacere. Hoc
autem nunc facio libentius, quia est mihi idoneus servus tuus, et ideò non potior non dare
date literas ad solvendum studium erga te.

" Optime valeas, Regina Nobilissima, Row

Hunsdona, vices. quarto Maii,

Tibi obsequențissimus filius

"Illustrissimæ Reginæ at le god tar ma'."
"Matri meæ." and die de god tar.

The order for the Coronation of King Edward in the book of the Council is as follows:

"The Archbishop of Canterbury shall shew
the King to the people at four parts of the
great pulpit or stage to be made for the King;
and shall say, Sirs, here I present King Edward, rightful and undoubted inheritor by the
laws of God and man to the royal dignity and
crown imperial of this realm; whose consecration, inunction, and coronation is appointed
by all the Nobles and Peers of this land to be
this day. Will ye serve at this time, and give

- " your good wills and confents to the fame con-
- " fecration, inunction, and coronation, as by your
- "duty and allegiance ye be bound to do? The
- people to answer, Yea, yea, yea; King Edward,
- " King Edward!
- All things being prepared for the corona-

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- " tion, the King, being then nine years old,
- " passed through the city of London, as hath
- " heretofore been used, and came to the palace of
- Westminster; on the next day came to West-
- minster Hall; and it was asked * the people,
- whether they would have him to be King;
- who answered, Yea, yea. Then he was
- " crowned King of England, France, and Ire-
- " land, by the Archbishop of Canterbury."

The ceremony of asking the consent of the people at the coronation of the Sovereign, appears to have been discontinued after the reign of Edward the Sixth. In France, according to Duclos, it was left off at the coronation of Louis the Fifteenth.

This excellent Prince kept a diary of his life, which is preferved by Bishop Burnet at the end

^{*} First Diary of King Edward the Sixth, written by himself.

of his History of the Reformation. Some extracts from it are here given *!

March 31, 1549. "A challenge made by me, that I, with fixteen of my chamber, should run at base, shoot, and run at the ring, with any seventeen of my gentlemen in the court."

April 1. "The first day of the challenge at base, or running, the King won."

August 1. "Mr. Cook, Master of Requests, and certain other Lawyers, were appointed to make a short table of the Laws and Acts that were not wholly unprofitable, and present it to the Board."

March 18, 1550. "The Lady Mary, my fifter, came to me at Westminster; where, after falutations, she was called with my Council into a chamber, where was declared how long I had suffered her Mass, in hope of her reconciliation; and now being no hope, which I perceived by her letters, except I saw some short amendment, I could not bear it. She answered, that her soul was God's, and

^{*} Edward was so found of his instructors, that when his tutor, Sir John Cheke, was ill, he prayed to God to grant him his life; and the grateful and pious Prince imagined that his petition had been granted.

"her faith she should not change, nor dissemble her opinion with contrary doings. It was faid, "I constrained not her faith, but willed her, not as a King to rule, but as a subject to obey, and that her example might breed inconvenimence."

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- 19. "The Emperor's Ambassador came in with a short message from his master, of war, if I would not suffer his cousin, the Princels, to use her Mass. To this no answer was given."
- "The Bishops of Canterbury, London, and Rochester, did consider to give licence to fin, was sin. To suffer and wink at it for a time might be borne, so all possible haste might be used."
- 26. "The French Ambassadors faw the baiting of the bulls and bears." I paol was
- 27. "The Ambassadors, after they had "hunted, fat with me at supper." ross
- 29. "The Ambassadors had a fair supper made them by the Duke of Somerset, and afterwards went to the Thames, where they faw both the bear hunted in the river, and

"the wild-fire cast out of the boats, and many pretty conceits."

June 15. "The Duke of Somerlet with five others of the Council went to the Bishop of Winchester, to whom he made this answer: I having deliberately seen the Book of Common Prayer, (although I would not have made it so myself,) yet I find such things in it as fatisfieth my conscience, and therefore I will both execute it myself, and also see others, my parishioners, to execute it."

20. "The Mayor of London caused the watches to be encreased every night, because of the great frays; and also one Alderman to fee good rule every night."

22. "There was a privy fearch made through all Suffex, for all vagabonds, gypfies, configurators, prophefyers, all players, and fuch like."

October 19. "Sir Thomas Palmer confessed" that the Gendarms (Gens d' Armes) on the muster-day should be assaulted by two thoufand footmen of Mr. Vane's, and my Lord's
(Lord Gray's) hundred horse, besides his
friends that stood by, and the idle people

which took his part. If he were overthrown he would run through London, and cry

" Liberty, Liberty, to raise the apprentices, &c."

KING EDWARD'S " Journal," printed in the Second Volume of Burnet's History of the Reformation.

The Bishop has likewise added a Discourse about the Reformation of many Abuses, written by this incomparable Prince, in which he fays, cc As the gentlemen and ferving-men ought to be provided for, so neither ought they to have of fo much as they have in France, where the ee peafantry is of no value; neither yet meddle in other occupations, for the arms and legs doth neither yet draw the whole blood from the liver, but leaveth it fufficient to work on; ec neither doth meddle in any kind of engendering of blood; no, nor no one part of the body doth ferve for two occupations: even fo neither the gentleman ought to be a farmer, nor the merchant an artificer, but to have his art es particularly. Furthermore, as no member in a well-proportioned body and whole body, is co too big for the proportion of the body; for " must there be in a well-proportioned Commonwealth no person that shall have more than the proportion of the country will bear, for it is hurtful immoderately to enrich any particular " part.

to have more land than one hundred pounds;
no husbandman or farmer worth above one
hundred or two hundred pounds; no artificer
above one hundred marks; no labourer much
more than he spendeth. I speak now generally, and in such cases may fail in one particular; but this is sure, this Commonwealth
may not bear one man to have more than two
farms, than one benefice, than two thousand
sheep, and one kind of art to live by."

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"For idle persons, there were never, I think, more than be now. The wars men think is the cause thereof. Such persons can do now thing but rob and steal. But slack execution of the laws hath been the chiefest sore of all; the laws have been manifestly broken, the offenders banished, and either by bribery or social pity escape punishment."

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"These fores must be cured with medicines,

"First, by good education; for Horace sayeth "wifely,

Quo semel est imbuta recens, servabit odorem
Testa diu.

With whatsoever thing the new vessel is imbued, it will long keep its favour, faith Ho-" race; meaning, that for the most part men be " as they are brought up *, and men keep " longest the savour of their first bringing up; therefore, feeing that it be fo necessary a thing, we will give our device thereupon. Youth 66 must be brought up, some to husbandry, some " in working, graving, gilding, joining, painting, 66 making of cloaths, even from their tenderest " age, to the intent they may not, when they " come to man's estate, loiter as they do nowa-days in neglect, but think their travail fweet and honest. This shall well ease and remedy " the deceitful workings of things, disobedience of the lowest fort, casting of seditious bills, " and will clearly take away the idleness of the " people."

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^{*} By a law of Solon, the Legislator of Athens, a child who, by the carelesses or the over-tenderness of his parents, was brought up to no trade or profession, was not obliged to support his parents when they were old or in want; the Legislator wisely considering habitual idleness not only in itself to be criminal, but to be the cause of the greatest crimes that are committed, and that those persons should be completely put out of the protection of the laws, who have been the occasion of that detestable and dangerous vice in the rising generation.

"Secondly, By devising of good laws. I have shewed my opinion heretofore what statutes I think most necessary to be enacted this " fessions; nevertheless I could wish, that beside " them, hereafter (when time shall serve) the fuperfluous and tedious statutes were brought into one fum together, and made more plain. "Nevertheless, when all these laws be made, " established, and enacted, they serve to no pur-" pose, except they be fully and duly executed. "By whom? By those that have authority to execute; that is to fay, the Noblemen and "the Justices of Peace; therefore I would wish, "that after this Parliament were ended, those "Noblemen (except a few that should be with " me) went to their countries, and there should " fee the statutes fully and duly executed; and " that those men should be put from being Jus-" tices of Peace that be touched or blotted with " those vices that be against these new laws to be established: for no man that is in fault " himself can punish another for the same of-

Turpe est doctori, cum culpa redarguit ipsum. Shameless the teacher, who himself is faulty.

se fence:

"And these Justices being put out, there is no doubt of the execution of the laws."

Desunt Catera.

"King Edward's Remains."
Hooker

Hooker fays of this Prince, "that though he died young he lived long, for life is in action."

M A R Y.

[1553-1558.]

THE English seem early in their history to have made pretty free with the defects and failings of their Sovereigns. M. de Noailles, in his "Embassades," tells us, that when Mary gave out that she was pregnant, the following paper was stuck up at her palace-gate:

"Serons nous si bêtes, O nobles Anglois, que de croyre notre Reyne enceinte, & de quoi le seroit elle, sinon d'un Marmot ou d'un Dogue?"

Mary, till her marriage with that cold and inhuman tyrant Philip the Second, appears to have been merciful and humane; for Holinshead tells us, that when she appointed Sir Richard Morgan Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, she told him, that notwithstanding the old error, which did not admit any witness to speak, or any other

" matter to be heard, (Her Majesty being party,)

her pleasure was, that whatsoever could be

" brought in favour of the subject should be ad-

" mitted to be heard; and moreover, that the

" Justices should not persuade themselves to put

" in judgment otherwise for Her Highness than

" for her fubject."

The turn of the English nation for humorous Political Prints first shewed itself in this reign. An engraving was published, representing this Queen extremely thin, with many Spaniards hanging to her and sucking her to the bone.

LADY JANE GREY.

ROGER ASCHAM, who was Queen Elizabeth's fchoolmaster, thus describes this pattern of every female excellence, in a letter of his to a friend.

- " Aristotle's praise of women is perfected in
- " her. She possesses good-manners, prudence,
- " and a love of labour: she possesses every talent without the least weakness of her sex: she
- " fpeaks French and Italian as well as she does
- "English: she writes readily and with pro-
- " priety: she has more than once, if you will

" believe me, fpoken Greek to me."

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Her proficiency in learning is again mentioned by the fame writer, in his Schoolmaster.

"And one example, whether love or feare "doth worke more in a childe for vertue and ce learninge, I will gladlie report; which maie be " heard with fome pleasure, and followed with " more profit. Before I went into Germanie, "I came to Brodegate, in Leicestershire, to take " my leave of that noble Lady Jane Grey, to " whom I was exceeding much beholdinge. "Her parentes, the Duke and the Duches, with " all the houshould, gentlemen and gentlewomen, were hunting in the parke. I found " her in her chamber readinge Phadon Platonis " in Greeke, and that with as much delite as 66 some jentlemen would reade a merie tale in " Bocafe. After falutation and dewtie done, " with some other taulke, I asked her why she "would leefe fuch pastime in the parke. Smil-" ing, the answered me, I wiffe all their sport in " the parke is but a shadoe to that pleasure that if I find in Plato. Alas, good folke, they never " felt what trewe pleasure ment.—And howe came you, Madame, quoth I, to this deepe " knowledge of pleafure? And what did chieflie " allure you unto it, feeinge not many women, " but verie fewe men have attained thereunto. -- I will tell you, quoth she, and tell you a " truth, which perchance you will marvell at.

One of the greatest benefites that ever God " gave me is, that he fent me fo sharpe and " fevere parentes, and so jentle a scholemaster: " for when in presence eyther of father or mother, whether I speake, kepe silence, sit, " stand, or go, eate, drinke, be merrie or fad, " be fowying, playing, dauncing, or doing anie "thing elfe, I must do it, as it were, in such " weight, measure, and number, even so per-" fitelie as God made the world, or else I am fo " fharplie taunted, fo cruellie threatened, yea " presentlie, sometimes with pinches, nippes, " and bobbes, and other waies, which I will of not name for the honour I bear them, fo without measure misorder'd, that I thincke " myselfe in hell, till time come that I must go to Mr. Elmer, who teacheth me so jentlie, so " pleafantlie, with fuch fair allurementes to 66 learninge, that I thinke all the time nothinge " whiles I am with him; and when I am called " from him, I fall on weeping, because whatso-" ever I do els but learning is full of grief, " trouble, feare, and whole misliking unto mee. " And thus my booke hath been fo much my " pleasure, and bringeth dayly to me more plea-" fure and more, that in respect of it all other " pleasures in very deede be but triffles and " troubles unto me.

"I remember this taulke gladly, both because it is so worthie of memorie, and because also it was the last taulke that ever I had, and the last tyme that ever I saw that noble and worthie ladie."

Lady Jane Grey, on passing the Altar of a Roman Catholic Chapel one day with Lady Wharton, and observing her to make a low courtesy to it, asked her whether the Lady Mary were there, or not. "No," replied Lady Wharton, "but I made a courtesy to Him who made "us all."—"How can He be there," said Lady Jane Grey, "who made us all, and the Baker made him?" This answer coming to the Lady Mary's (afterwards Queen of England) ears, she did never love her after.

When the Lieutenant of the Tower was leading her to the fcaffold, he requested her to give him some little thing which he might keep as a present. She gave him her Table-book, where she had just written three sentences on seeing her husband's headless body carried back to the Tower; one in Greek, one in Latin, and another in English.

[&]quot;The Greek," fays Heylin, "was to this effect: That if her husband's executed body fhould

"his most blessed foul should give an eternal testimony of her innocence in the presence of God. The Latin added, that human justice was against his body, but the Divine Mercy should be for his soul; and then concluded thus in English: that if her fault deserved punishment, her youth at least and her imprudence were worthy of excuse, and that God and posterity would shew her favour."

"She had before," adds Heylin, " received " the offer of the Crown with as even a temper, as if it had been a garland of flowers, and " now she lays aside the thought thereof with as much contentedness as she could have "thrown away that garland when the fcent was " gone. The time of her glories was fo short, 66 but a nine days work, that it feemed nothing " but a dream, out of which she was not forry " to be awakened. The Tower had been to "her a prison rather than a court, and intercc rupted the delights of her former life by fo " many terrors, that no day passed without some " new alarms to disturb her quiet. She doth " now know the worst that fortune can do unto " her; and having always feared that there stood " a scaffold secretly behind the throne, she was " as readily prepared to act her part upon the " one as upon the other."

On the wall of the room in which she was imprisoned in the Tower, she wrote with a pin these lines:

Non aliena putes homini qua obtingere possunts.

Sors hodierna mihi cras erit illa tibi.

To mortals' common fate thy mind refign, My lot to-day, to-morrow may be thine.

SIR JAMES HALES.

By the kindness of Edmund Turnor, Esq. the Compiler is enabled to enrich his Volumes with the following account of a Dialogue which passed between Sir James Hales and the Lord Chancellor Bishop Gardiner in Westminster-Hall. Sir James was a very exemplary Judge in the time of King Edward the Sixth, and honestly gave his opinion in favour of Queen Mary's succession; but, not favouring that Queen's partiality to the Catholic religion, he was removed from his employment early in her reign. The Dialogue is printed from a scarce pamphlet, and is intitled,

⁶⁶ THE COMMUNICATION BETWENE MY LORD
66 CHAUNCELOR AND JUDGE HALES, BEING

⁶⁶ AMONG OTHER IUDGES TO TAKE HIS

oth in Westminster Hall.

⁶⁶ ANNO. M.D.LIII. VI. OF OCTOBER.

" CHAUNCELOR. HALES.

Master Hales, ye shall understand that like as the Quenes Highnes hath hertofore received good opinion of you, especiallie, for that ye " stoode both faithfullie and laufulli in hir cause of iust succession, refusing to set your hande " to the booke amonge others that were against " hir Grace in that behalfe: fo nowe through your owne late desertes: against certain hir " Highnes dooinges: ye stande not well in hir Graces fauour. And therfor, before ye take " anie othe, it shal be necessarie for you to make " your purgation.

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"I praie you my Lorde, what is the cause?

CHAUNCELOR. OIL 493 LEVE

"Informatio is geuen that ye have indicted " certain pristes in Kent, for saiing of Masse.

HALES.

Mi Lorde it is not fo. I indicted none, but " in dede certaine indictamentes of like matter " wer brought before me at the laste assises there " holde, and I gaue order therein as the lawe re-" quired. For I have professed the law, against " which, in cases of iustice wil I neuer (God "willinge) procede, nor in ani wife diffemble, but with the same shewe forth mi conscience, and if it were to do againe, I wolde doe no lesse then I did.

" CHAUNCELOR.

"Yea master Hales, your cossence is knowne wel inough. I know ye lacke no conscience.

" HALES.

"Mi Lord, ye mai do wel to ferch your owne conscience, for mine is better knowne to mie felse then to you, and to be plaine, I did aswell vse iustice in your saide Masse case bi mi coscience as bi the law, wherin I am fulli bent to stand in trial to the vttermost that can be objected. And if I have therin done ani iniuri or wrog: let me be judged bi the lawe, for I will seeke no better defence, considering chiestic that it is mi profession.

CHAUNCELOR.

"Whi master Hales, althoughe ye had the rigour of the law on your side, yet ye might have hadde regard to the Quenes Highnes present fet doinges in that case. And further although ye seme to be more then precise in the lawe: yet I thinke ye wolde be veri loth to yelde to the extremitie of suche advantage as might be gathered againste your proceedinges in the such as the seminater of such as th

" lawe, as ye haue some time taken vppon you in place of instice. And if it were well tried, I believe ye shuld not be well able to stand homestili therto.

ec HALES.

"Mi Lord i am not so perfect but i mai erre
for lacke of knowledge. But both in confience & such knoledge of the law as God
hath geue me, i wil do nothing but i wil
maintain and abide in it. And if mi goodes
and all that I haue be not able to counterpaise
the case: mi bodie shal be redi to serue the
turne, for thei be all at the Quenes Highnesse
pleasure.

" CHAUNCELOR.

"Ah fir, ye be veri quicke & stoute in your answers. But as it shoulde seme, that which ye did was more of a will, fauouring the opinion of your Religion against the Seruice nowe vsed, then for an occasio or zeale of iustice, seinge the Quenes Highnes dooth set it furthe, as yet wishinge all hir faithful sub-iectes to imbrace it accordingli: & where ye offer both bodie and goodes in your triall, there is no such matter required at youre handes, and yet ye shall not have your owne will neither.

GE HALES.

"My Lord, I seke not wilful will, but to shew my self as i am bound in loue to God, and obedience to the Quenes Maiestie, in whose causewillingly for iustice sake (al other respectes fet apart) i did of late (as your Lordship knoeth) aduenture as much as i had. And as for my religion, i trust it to be such as pleaseth God, wherin i am redy to aduenture, as well my life as my substauce, if i be called therunto. And so in lacke of mine owne power ad wil, the Lordes wil be fulfilled.

CHAUNCELOR.

"Seing ye be at this point Master Hales, i "wil presently make an end with you. The "Quenes Highnes shal be enfourmed of youre opinion, and declaration. And as hir Grace shall therupon determine, ye shall haue kno- ledge, vntil whiche tyme ye may depart, as ye came without your oth, for as it appeareth, ye ar scarse worthi the place appointed.

" HALES.

"I thancke your Lordship, and as for my vocation, being both a burthen and a charge, more than euer i desired to take vpon me,

" whenfoeuer it shal please the Quenes Highnes

to ease me thereof: i shall moost humbli with due contentation obei the same.

" And fo departed from the barre."

SIR NICHOLAS THROCKMORTON

was arraigned for high treason before the Lord Mayor of London and some of the principal nobility and Judges of the realm, for being concerned in Sir Thomas Wyatt's rebellion. The jury, however, acquitted him, against the pleasure of the Judges, and in spite of their menaces. They were all imprisoned for this terrible offence: some of them were fined, and paid 500 marks a-piece, according to Stowe; the rest were fined smaller sums, and, after their discharge from confinement, ordered to attend the Council-table at a minute's warning.

"In one of the trials about this time," fays Fuller, "the following occurrence took place:

"A person tried for treason, as the jury were about to leave the bar, requested them to con-

" fider a statute which he thought made very

" much for him. Sirrah, cried out one of the Judges, I know that statute better than you

" de

" do. The prisoner coolly replied, I make no

"doubt, Sir, but that you do know it better

" than I do; I am only anxious that the Jury

" should know it as well."

QUEEN ELIZABETH.

[1558—1603.]

THE following fervile letter from this Queen, then the Princess Elizabeth, to Queen Mary, on fending the latter her portrait, is in the Collection of Royal Letters in the British Museum.

of PRINCESS ELIZABETH TO QUEEN MARY.

"Like as the riche man, that dayly gatherethe notes to notes, and to one bag of money layeth a great fort, till it come to infinit, so methinks your Majesty, not being sufficed with many benefits and gentleness, shewed to me afore this time, doth now increse them in asking & desyring, (when you may bid & commande,) requiring a thinge, not worthy the desyring for itselfe, but made worthy for your Highness request: my picture I mene; in wiche if the inward good will towarde your Grace might as wel be declared as the outside face and countenance shall be seen, I

" wold

wold not have tarried the commandment, but or prevent it, nor have been the last to graunt " but the first to offer it. For the face I " graunt, I might wel blushe to offer, but the " mynde I shal never be ashamed to presente: " for though from the grace of the pictur the coulors may fade by time, may give by wether, " may be fpotted by chance; yet the other not c time with her fwift winges shall overtake, nor the mustie cloudes with their lowerings may " darken, nor chance with her flippery foote may " overthrow. Of this although yet the prife " could not be greate, because the occasion " hathe beene but small; notwithstanding, as a "dog hathe a day, fo I perchance may have " time to declare it in deedes when now I do write them but in wordes. And further, I " shall most humbly beseeche your Majestie, that " when you shall looke on my pictur, you will vitfafe to thinke, that as you have but the outward shadowe of the body afore you, so my in-" ward mynde wisheth that the body itselfe were se oftene in your presence: howbeit because both " my fo beinge I thinke could do your Majestie " litel pleafure, though myselfe great good; & " againe, because I see as yet not the time agrees therewith; I shall learn to followe this faing of Orace: Feras non culpes quod vitari non of potest. And then I will (trublinge your Ma-" jestie I fere) ende with my most humble " thankes.

" thankes, besechinge God long to preserve you

" to his honour, to your comfort, & to the

" realms profitt & to my joy.

" From Hatfelde this 18th day of May.
"Your Majestie's most humbly
"Sister and Servant

" ELIZABETH."

66 would

Of the extent of Queen Elizabeth's abilities, the following testimony was given by her Treafurer Lord Burleigh.

"No one of her Councillors could tell her what she knew not; and when her Council had said all they could, she could find out a wife counsel beyond theirs; and thus there never was anie great consultation about her country at which she was not present to her

" great profitte and prayfe."

Scot, in his "Philomathologia," fays, "that a Courtier, who had great place about her Majestie, made suite for an office belonging to the law. Shee told him he was unsitt for the place. He confessed as much, but promised to find out a sufficient deputy. Do so, saith she, and then I may bestow it upon one of my ladies; for they, by deputation, may execute the office of Chancellor, Chief Justice, and others, as well as you. This (said the author) answered him: and (adds he) I would that it

"would answer all others, that fit men might be placed in every office, and none, how great foever, fuffered to keep two."

" I find," fays Puttenham, " none example " in English metre so well maintayning this " figure (Exargasia, or the Gorgeous) as that " dittie of her Majestie Queen Elizabeth's own " making, passing sweete and harmonical; which figure being, as his very original name pur-" porteth, the most beautiful and gorgeous of all " others, it asketh in reason to be reserved for a " last compliment, and dischiphred by the arter " of a ladies penne (herfelf being the most beau-" tifull or rather beautie of Queens). And this " was the occasion: Our Sovereign Lady per-" ceiving how the Queen of Scots residence " within this realme at so great libertie and ease " (as were scarce meete for so great and dan-" gerous a prisoner) bred secret factions amongst " her people, and made many of the nobility in-" cline to favour her partie (some of them de-" firous of innovation in the State, others aspiring " to greater fortunes by her libertie and life); " the Queene our Sovereigne Lady, to declare " that she was nothing ignorant of those secret " practices, (though fhe had long, with great " wisdom and patience, dissembled it,) writeth that dittie, most sweet and sententious; not-" hiding from all fuch aspiring minds the danger ee of

" of their ambition and disloyaltie, which after-

" wards fell out most truly by the exemplary

" chastisements of sundry persons, who, in favour

" of the faid Queen of Scots, declining from her

"Majestie, sought to interrupt the quiet of the

" realm by many evill and undutifull practyfes.

"The ditty is as followeth:

The doubt of future foes exiles my present joy,

And Wit me warns to shun such snares as threaten mine annoy;

For falsehood now doth flowe, and subject faith doth ebbe,

Which would not be, if reason rul'd, or wisdom weav'd the webbe.

But clouds of tois untried do cloake aspiring mindes, Which turne to raigne of late repent by course of changed windes.

The toppe of hope fuppos'd, the root of ruth will be, And fruitless all their graffed guiles, as shortly ye shall see.

Then dazzled eyes with pride, which great ambition blindes,

Shall be unfeel'd by worthy wights, whose forefight falsehood finds.

The daughter of debate, that eke discord doth sowe, Shall reap no gaine, where former rule hath taught still peace to growe,

No forreine banish'd wight shall ancre in this port; Our realme it brooks no strangers' force, let them elsewhere resort.

Our rusty sword with rest shall first his edge employ, To polle their toppes that seeke such change, and gape for joy. "In a Prince," fays Puttenham, "it is decent to go flowly, and to march with leifure, and with a certain granditie, rather than gravitie; as our Soveraine Lady and Mistresse, (Queen Elizabeth,) the very image of majestie and magnificence, is accustomed to do generally, unless it be when she walketh apace for her pleasure, or to catch her a heate in the colde mornings.

" Neverthelefs," adds Puttenham, " it is not fo decent in a meaner person, as I have obferved in some counterfeit ladies of the country, which use it much to their own derision. This comeliness was wanting in Queen Marie, (of "England,) otherwife a very good and honourable Princesse, and was some blemish to the " Emperor Ferdinando, a most noble-minded man, yet fo carelesse and forgetfulle of himself in that behalf, as I have feen him runne up a pair of stairs so swift and nimble a pace, as almost had not become a very meane man, who had not gone in some hastie businesse. And in a noble Prince, nothing is more decent and well-befeeming his greatnesse than to spare " foul speeches, for that bredes hatred, and to let none humble fuitors depart out of their " prefence (as near as may be) discontented."

Whilst the celebrated Spanish Armada hovered about the coast of England in 1588, Queen Elizabeth made the following speech to the officers and soldiers that composed the camp at Tilbury, which may now be adverted to in the present posture of affairs, when this country has to dread an invasion from the most insidious and most formidable soe with which any country whatever, either from the fatality of human affairs, or from the wretched policy of its Governors, was threatened *:

MY LOVING PEOPLE,

"We have been persuaded by some that are careful of our safety, to take heed how we commit ourselves to armed multitudes, for sear of treachery; but assure you, I do not desire to live to distrust my faithful and loving people. Let tyrants fear; I have always so behaved myself, that under God I have placed my chiefest strength and safeguard in the loyal hearts and good-will of my subjects. And therefore I am come amongst you at this time, not as for my recreation or sport, but being resolved in the midst and heat of the battle to live or die amongst you all, and to lay down, for my God, and for my kingdom, and for

^{*} In the summer of the year 1795.

in my people, my honour and my blood even in 66 the dust. I know I have but the body of a " weak and feeble woman, but I have the heart " of a King, and a King of England too; and " think foul fcorn that Parma or Spain, or any " Prince of Europe, should dare to invade the 66 borders of my realms; to which rather than " any dishonour should grow by me, I MYSELF " will take up arms; I MYSELF will be your "General, Judge, and Rewarder of every one " of your virtues in the field. I know already " by your forwardness that you have deserved " rewards and crowns; and we do affure you, " on the word of a Prince, they shall be duly 66 paid you. In the mean time, my Lieutenant-"General shall be in my stead; than whom " never Prince commanded more noble and " worthy subject; not doubting by your obe-" dience to my General, by your concord in the " camp, and your valour in the field, we shall " shortly have a famous victory over those ene-" mies of my God, of my kingdom, and of my " people."

Her Majesty, five years afterwards, whilst the same horrid calamity of war impended, thus spiritedly addressed her Parliament, April 10, 1593.

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[&]quot;This kingdom hath had many wife, noble, "victorious Princes: I will not compare with any

" of them for wisdom, fortitude, or any other "virtues; but, saving the duty of a child, that

" is not to compare with his father in love, care,

" fincerity, and justice, I will compare with any

" Prince that ever you had, or shall have.

"It may be thought fimplicity in me, that all this time of my reign I have not fought to advance my territories, and enlarge my dominions, for opportunity hath ferved me to do it. I acknowledge my womanhood and weakness in that respect; but though it hath not been hard to obtain, yet I doubted how to keep the things so obtained; that hath only held me from such attempts. And I must say, my mind was never to invade my neighbours, or to usurp over any; I am contented to reign over mine own, and to rule as a just Prince.

"Yet the King of Spain doth challenge me to be the quarreller and the beginner of all these wars, in which he doth me the greatest wrong that can be; for my conscience doth not accuse my thoughts wherein I have done him the least injury; but I am persuaded in my conscience, if he knew what I know, he himself would be forry for the wrong that he hathed done me.

"I fear not all his threatenings; his great

preparations and mighty forces do not stir

me; for though he come against me with a

preater power than ever was his Invincible

Navy, I doubt not (God affisting me, upon

whom I always trust) but that I shall be able

to defeat and overthrow him. I have great

advantage against him, for my cause is just.

"I heard fay, when he attempted his last invasion, some upon the sea-coast forsook their
towns, and slew up higher into the country,
and lest all naked and exposed to his entrance,
But I swear unto you by God, if I knew those
persons, or any that shall do so hereafter, I
will make them know and feel what it is to be
fo fearful in so urgent a cause,

"The fubfidies you gave me, I accept thankfully, if you give me your good wills with
them; but if the necessity of the time and
your preservations did not require it, I would
refuse them. But let me tell you, that the
fum is not so much, but that it is needful for
a Prince to have so much always in her coffers
for your defence in time of need, and not to
be driven to get it when we should use it.

"You that be Lieutenants and Gentlemen of command in your countries, I require you to

"take care that the people be well armed, and in readiness upon all occasions. You that be Judges and Justices of the Peace, I command and straitly charge you, that you see the laws to be duly executed, and that you make them

" living laws when we have put life into them."

Puttenham tells us, that when some English Knight, who had behaved himself very insolently towards this Queen, while she was Princess Elizabeth, fell upon his knees before her, soon after she became the Sovereign of these kingdoms, and befought her to pardon him, suspecting (as there was good cause) that he should have been sent to the Tower, she said to him, very mildly, Do you not know that we are descended of the lion, whose nature is, not to prey upon the mouse, or other small vermin?"

Osborne, in his Memoirs of Queen Elizabeth, tells this story of her:—That one of her purveyors having behaved with some injustice in the county of Kent, one of the farmers of that county went to the Queen's palace at Greenwich, and watching the time when the Queen went to take her usual walk in the morning, cried out loud enough for her Majesty to hear, "Pray which is the Queen?" She replied very graciously, I am your Queen; what would you have with "me?"

"me?"—"You (replied the farmer) are one of the rarest women I ever saw, and can eat no more than my daughter Madge, who is thought the properest lass in the parish, though far short of you: but that Queen Elizabeth I look for devours so many of my ducks, hens, and capons, as I am not able to live."

The Queen, as Osborne adds, always auspicious to suits made through the mediation of her comely shape, enquired who was the purveyor, and caused him to be hanged,

What pardon could the Earl of Essex hope from Queen Elizabeth, when it had been reported to her, that he had said her mind was grown as crooked as her body?

Strype, " fhe was a Queen that easily forgave private injuries, but a severe dispenser of common justice, favouring none in their crimes, nor leaving them hopes of impunity. She cut off all licentiousness from all, giving no countenance thereunto to any. This precept of Plato she always set before her in all her doings, That laws should rule over men, and not that men should rule, and be lords, over the laws. Besides this, she was a Prince that least of all

"defired the estates and goods of her subjects;
"and for her own treasure, she commanded it
"to be frugally and sparingly laid out for her
"private pleasure, but royally and liberally for
"any public use, whether it were for common
"benefit or domestic magnificence."

The proficiency in learning of this great Princess is thus described by Roger Ascham, in his "Schoolmaster:"

"It is to your shame (I speak to you all, you " yong Jentlemen of England) that one Mayd " fhould go beyond you all in excellencie of " learnyng, and knowledge of divers tonges. " Pointe forth fix of the best given Jentlemen of " this Court, and all they together shew not so " much good-will, spend not so much tyme, be-" flow not fo many houres dayly, orderly, and " constantly, for the increase of learning and knowledge, as doth the Queene's Majestie "herselfe. Yea I believe, that beside her per-" fect readines in Latin, Italian, French, and "Spanish, she readeth here now at Windsore " more Greeke every day than fome Prebendarie of this Church doth read Latin in a whole " weeke. And that which is most praise-worthy of all, within the walls of her Privie-Chamber " fhe hath obteyned that excellencie of learning, 66 to understand, speak, and write both wittily

with head, and faire with hand, as scarce one or two rare. Wittes in both the Universities have in many yeares reached unto."

Queen Elizabeth made many progreffes through her kingdom. The account of the preparations made at Canterbury for receiving her Majesty are thus described in a letter of Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury, copied from the original at the Bodleian Library in Oxford.

66 SIR,

"Gladlie would I do all the fervice I could to the Queenes Majestie, and to all her Nobiles, with the rest of her most honourable household. "I have no other council to followe, but to 66 fearche out what fervice my predecessors have 66 been wont to doe. My oft distemperance and " infirmitie of bodye maketh me not to do fo " much as I woulde. If her Majestie would of please to remayne in my house, her Highness 66 should have convenient rome. And I could " place for a progresse-time your Lordship, my " Lord Chamberlaine, my Lord of Leicester, and "Mr. Hatton, if he come home: thinkinge " that your Lordships will furnishe the places with " your own stuffe. They faie that myne house " is of an evill aire, hanging upon the church, " and having no prospect to loke on the people, but yet I truste the conveniencie of the build-" ing "ing would ferve. If her Hyghness be minded to have her own palace at St. Austens, then might your Lordships be otherwise placed, with the Deane and certain Prebendaries. Mr. Lawte, Prebendary, would fayn have your Lordship in his convenient house, trusting the rather to doe your Lordship now service, as he did once in teaching Grammar Schoole in Stamford, by your appointment. Mr. Bungey also would be glad to have your Lordship in his lodging, where the Frenche Cardinal laye, and his house is fayer and sufficient. Mr. Pearson would gladly have your Lordship in his faire house, most fit for your Lordship, if you think so good.

"The custome hath beene when Princes have come to Caunterbury, for the Bishop the Deane and the Chapter to waite on them at the west end of their Churche, and so to attend on them, and there to heare an oration. After that her Highness may goe under a canopye till she cometh to the middle of the Churche, where certain prayers shall be sayde, and after that to wayte on her Highness through the Quier to the Communion Table to heare the even-songe, so afterwardes to departe to her own lodginge. Or else, upon Sonday following, (if it be her pleasure,) to come from her house of St. Austens by the new bridge, and

" fo to enter the west end of the Churche, or in "her coache by the street. It would much reioice and stablish the people here in this reli-" gion to fee her Highness that Sondaye (being the first Sondaye of the moneth, when others' s also customablie may receive) as a godlie devoute Prince, in her cheife and metropoliticall "Churche, openlie to receive the Communion. 66 (which by her favour I would administer to "her): Plurima sunt magna et necessaria, sed boe " unum est necessarium. I presume not to pre-" scribe this to her Highness, but as her trustie " Chapleyn shewe my judgement. And after. " that Communion yt might please her Majestie " to heare the Deane preache, fitting either in " her traverse, or els to suffer him to go to the " common Chapter, being the place of Ser-" mons, where a greater multitude should hear. And yet her Highness might goe to a very fitt " place with fome of her Lords and Ladies, to so be there in a convenient closett above the " heads of the people to heare the fermon. "And after that, I would defier to fee her "Highness at her and myne house for the din-" ner following. And if her Highness will give " me leave, I would keepe my bigger Hall that "daye for her Nobiles and the rest of her " trayne. And if it please her Majestie, she 66 may come in through my Gallerie, and fee 66 the

" the disposition of the Hall in dynner time at s a window opening thereunto. I pray your Lordship be not offended, though I write " unto my Lord of Suffex as Lord Chamberlayne, in some of those matters as may concerne his office. I am in preparing for three or fouer of my good Lords fome Geldings; or if I knewe whether would like you best, either one for your own faddle, or a fine 66 little white Gelding for your own footclothe, or one for one of your Gentlemen, I would 66 fo appointe you. And thus trusting to have 46 your counfell as Mr. Deane cometh for the fame, I commit your Honor to God's tuycion as myself. From my house of Beakesbone, nighe to Caunterburie, this 18th of Auguste 1573. "Your L. assured in Christe,

" MATTHEW CANTUAR."

MARY,

QUEEN OF SCOTS.

On the death of her husband, Francis the Second, Mary quitted France; and, as if confcious of the fate that was to await her in Scot-

land, in her passage to that country she kept her eyes constantly fixed on the French coast, and breathed out her expressive forrow at quitting it in the following elegant verses:

Adieu, plaisant Pays de France?

O ma patrie

La plus chérie,

Qui as nourri ma jeune enfance:

Adieu, France! adieu nos beaux jours!

La nef qui déjoint nos amours,

N'a eu de moi que la moitié;

Une part te reste, elle est tienne:

Je la sie à ton amitié,

Pour que de l'autre il te souvienne.

In the year 1564, Buchanan made some elegant verses upon the marriage of Mary Queen of Scots with Lord Darnley, and also on a diamond ring in the form of a heart, which Mary sent in the same year to Elizabeth Queen of England. They are published in an account of the life and writings of George Buchanan, by Mons. Le Clerc, and may be thus translated:

This gem behold, the emblem of my heart,
From which my Cousin's image ne'er shall part!
Clear in its lustre, spotless does it shine;
As clear, as spotless, is this heart of mine!
What though the stone a greater hardness wears,
Superior firmness still the figure bears.

This ring was prefented by King James the First to Sir Thomas Warner, and is now in the possession of the great-grandson of Sir Thomas.

By the kindness of Mr. Planta, the reader is presented with the first letter that this unfortunate Queen ever wrote in English. It was written, most probably, in the summer or autumn of the year 1568, and was addressed to Sir Francis Knollys:

" Master Knoleis, y hauu har sum news from " Scotland, y fend zou to da the double of them. " y wreit to the Quin my gud fister, and prey zou " to do the lyk conforme to that y spak zesteri nicht unto zou, and sut hasti ansur y refer all to " zour discretion and wil lipne beter in zour " gud dalin for me nor y con perfuad zou nemli " in this langalg excus mi ivel wretein for y " nevver used it afor and am hasted ze schal si " mi bel whuilk is opne it is fed Saterday mi " unfrinds will be vth (with) zou y fey nothing " but trast weil and ze send one to zour wiff ze " may afur her schu wald a bin weilcome to a pur stranger hua nocht bien aquanted with her wil notcht bi over bald to wreit bot for the " aquantans betwix ous, y wil fend zou litle tokne to rember zou of the gud hop y hauu in ". zou ques ze fend a met meffager y wald wysh ze , " " 66 bestouded

" bestouded it reder upon her nor ain uder. thus

" efter my commendations y prey God hauu zou

" in his kipin.

" Your asured gud frind

" MARIE R.

" Excuf my ivel wretein " the furst time."

Ronfard, the celebrated French Poet, addressed some verses to Mary. She presented him with a filver cup embossed, representing Apollo and the Nine Muses, thus inscribed:

" A Ronfard l'Apollon de la source des Muses."

One of Mary's MS. letters ends with these melancholy words, "Car je suis pressee de "mourir."

The following copy of verses, written by this beautiful and unfortunate Princess during her confinement in Fotheringay Castle, is presented to the Public by the kindness of a very eminent and liberal Collector.

Que suis-je, helas? et de quoi sert la vie?,
J'en suis fors qu'un corps privé de cueur;
Un ombre vayn, un objet de malheur,
Qui n'a plus rien que de mourir en vie.
Plus ne me portez, O enemys, d'envie,
Qui n'a plus l'esprit à la grandeur:
J'ai consommé d'excessive douleur,

Voltre ire en bref de voir assouvie.

Et vous amys qui m'avez tenu chere,
Souvenez-vous que sans cueur, et sans santez,
Je ne scaurois augun bon œuvre faire.
Souhaitez donc sin de calamitey,
Et que sus bas etant assez punie,
J'aie ma part en la joie insinie.

The verses are written on a sheet of paper by Mary herself, in a large rambling hand. The following literal translation of them was made by a countrywoman of Mary's, a Lady in beauty of person and elegance of mind by no means inferior to that accomplished and unfortunate Princess.

Alas, what am I? and in what estate?

A wretched corse bereaved of its heart;
An empty shadow, lost, unfortunate:
To die is now in life my only part.

Foes to my greatness, let your envy rest,
In me no taste for grandeur now is found:
Consum'd by grief, with heavy ills oppress'd,
Your wishes and desires will soon be crown'd.
And you, my friends, who still have held me dear,
Bethink you, that when health and heart are sted,
And ev'ry hope of suture good is dead,
'Tis time to wish our forrows ended here;
And that this punishment on earth is given,
That my pure soul may rise to endless bliss in Heaven.

In her way to Fotheringay Castle, Mary stopped a few hours at Buxton, and with her diamond

The PRAYER of

MARY QUEEN of Scors before her Execution.









CHORUS

of Women Attendants.











Adagio

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diamond ring wrote on a pane of glass at the inn of that place,

Buxtona, qua tepida celebrabere numine lympha,
Buxtona, forte iterum non adeunda, vale!

Uncertain, in the womb of Fate,
What ills on wretched Mary wait!
Buxton, my tribute (whilft I may)
To thy fam'd tepid fount I pay;
That fount, the cure of ills and pain,
Which I shall never see again!

Many curious MS. papers relative to Mary Queen of Scots are to be met with in the Library of the Scots College at Paris. The last time that David Hume was in that city, the learned and excellent Principal of the College shewed them to him, and asked him, why he had pretended to write her history in an unfavourable light without confulting them. David, on being told this, looked over fome letters which the Principal put into his hands, and, though not much used to the melting mood, burst into tears. Had Mary written the Memoirs of her own Life, how interesting must they have been! A Queen, a Beauty, a Wit, a Scholar, in distress, must have laid hold on the heart of every reader: and there is all the reason in the world to suppose that she would have been candid and impartial. Mary, indeed, completely contradicted the observation made by the learned Selden in VOL. I. his

his Table-Talk, "that men are not troubled to "hear men dispraised, because they know that "though one be naught, there is still worth in "others: but women are mightily troubled to hear any of themselves spoken against, as if the sex itself were guilty of some unworthiness:" for when one of the Cecil family, Minister to Scotland from England in Mary's reign, was speaking of the wisdom of his Sovereign Queen Elizabeth, Mary stopped him short by saying, "Seigneur Chevalier, ne me parlez jamais de la "sagesse d'un femme; je connois bien mon sexe; "la plus sage de nous toutes n'est qu'un peu moins "sotte que les autres."

The pictures in general supposed to be those of this unfortunate Princess differ very much from one another, and all of them from the gold medal struck of her with her husband Francis the Second at Paris, and which is now in the late Dr. Hunter's Museum in Windmill-street. This medal represents her as having a turned-up nose. Mary, however, was so graceful in her sigure, that when, at one of the processions of the Host at Paris, she was carrying the waser in the pix, a woman burst through the crowd to touch her, to convince herself that she was not an Angel. She was so learned, that at the age of sisteen years she pronounced a Latin oration of her own composition

position before the whole Court of France at the Louvre.

Mary, wearied with misfortunes, and tired of confinement, received with great firmness and refignation the sentence of death that was pronounced against her by her rival. "Death," faid she, "which will put an end to my misfor- tunes, will be very welcome to me. I look upon a soul too weak to support the body in its passage to the habitations of the blessed, as unworthy of the happiness that is to be enjoyed there."

The original of the following supplicatory letter of Mary Queen of Scots, to Queen Elizabeth, is in the Bodleian Library at Oxford:

" MADAME,

"Pencant felon le commandement donney, que tous ceulx non compris en ung certeinge memoyre, deussent aller ou leur affayres les conduiresoient j'avois choisi Monsieur de Le-vington pur estre porteur de la presente, ce que m'estant resusay a lui retenu, j'ai ete contraynte, nayant autre libertay, mettre la presente aux mayns de Monsieur de Shrewsberi, de la quele, & de celle siendoses, je vous suplie au moyns par pitié me faire quelque response.

"Car si je demeure en cet estat, je n'esperai ja"mais vous donner plus de payne.

"Vostre affligée bonne Sœur & Cousin, "MARIE R."

" A la Royne d'Angleterre, Madame ma bonne sœur."

A very curious account of her execution was published in France soon after that event; from which it appears, that on her body's falling after decapitation, her favourite spaniel jumped out of her clothes. Immediately before her execution she repeated the following Latin Prayer, composed by herself, and which has been set to a beautiful plaintive Air* by that triple son of Apollo the learned and excellent Dr. Harmston of Bath, at the request of the Compler, as an embellishment to these little volumes.

O Domine Deus, speravi in te!
O care mi Jesu, nunc libera me!
In durâ catenâ, in miserâ pœnâ, desidero te!
Languendo, gemendo, et genustectendo,
Adoro, imploro, ut liberes me!

It may be thus paraphrased:

In this last folemn and tremendous hour,
My Lord, my Saviour, I invoke thy power!
In these sad pangs of anguish and of death,
Receive, O Lord, thy suppliant's parting breath!

^{*} See the Music annexed.

Before thy hallowed cross she prostrate lies, O hear her prayers, commiserate her sighs! Extend thy arms of mercy and of love, And bear her to thy peaceful realms above.

Buchanan dedicated to Queen Mary his beautiful translation of the Pfalms into Latin verse, The concluding lines of his Translation are;

Non tamen ausus eram male natum exponere sætum, Ne mihi displiceant, quæ placuere tibi, Nam quod ab ingenio Domini sperare nequibunt, Debebunt genio sorsitan illa tuo.

They were thus altered by Bishop Atterbury the night before he died, and were sent by him to the late Lord Marshal Keith;

At si culta parum, si sint incondita. Nostri Scilicet ingenii est, non ea culpa soli. Posse etiam dis nosci qua sunt pulcherrima spondet, Ex vultu et genio Scotica terra tuo.

If these rude barb'rous lines their author shame, His muse and not his country is to blame; That excellence e'en Scotland can bestow, We from thy genius and thy beauty know.

When the Commissioners from Queen Elizabeth came into her chamber to conduct her to the scassold, she said to them, "The English have more than once stained their hands with the blood of their Kings. I am of the same mg. "blood;

"blood; fo there is nothing extraordinary in my death, nor in their conduct." As she went to the scaffold with a crucifix in her hand, one of the Commissioners brutally told her, she had much better have her Saviour in her heart than in her hands. "Sir," replied she coolly, it is almost impossible for any one to have his Saviour in his hands without having his heart deeply affected by him." She was pressed even at the scaffold to change her religion; to which she nobly replied, "Pray give yourselves no farther trouble on that point. I was born in the Catholick Faith, I have lived in the Catholick Faith, and I am resolved to die in it."

"And now," fays Wilson in his "History of the Reign of King James," in speaking of the second funeral of Mary in Westminster Abbey, in the tenth year of his reign, the King casts his thoughts towards Peterborough, where his Mother lay, whom he caused to be translated to a magnificent tomb at Westminster. And (somewhat suitable to her mind when she was living) she had a translucent passage in the night through the city of London, by multitudes of torches: the tapers placed by the tomb and the altar in the cathedral, smoaking with them like an offertorie, with all the ceremonies

" and voices their quires and copes could express, " attended by many Prelates and Nobles, who 66 payd this last tribute to her memory. This " was counted a piaculous action of the King's 66 by many, though fome have not stuck to fay, " that as Queen Elizabeth was willing to be rid of the Queen of Scots, yet would not have it 66 her action, and being it could not be done " without her command, when it was done she " renounced her own act. So, though the King " was angry when he heard his Mother was taken " away by a violent death, recalling his Ambaf-" fador, threatening war, and making a great " noise, (which was after calmed and closed up " with a large pension from the Queen,) yet he " might well enough be pleafed that fuch a spirit " was layd, as might have conjured up three " kingdoms against him."

JOHN KNOX.

Or this celebrated Reformer, who disgraced his useful and respectable character by outrage and violence, the Regent Earl of Morton said, when he attended his funeral, "There lies a man, who in his life never seared the sace of a man, who hath been often threatened with dag and dag.

" ger, but yet hath he ended his days in peace " and honour; for he had God's providence

" watching over him in a special manner when

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"his' very life was fought." a

Timoleon, the Reformer of Corinth, when he caused his brother's blood to be shed, turned aside his head, covered it with his cloak, and wept. The Scottish Reformer, however, not only performed the great work in which he was engaged with earnestness, but occasionally added want of feeling toward the persons who suffered for it. In describing the murder of Cardinal Beaton, he introduces a joke about his corpulency, and adds, " these things we write merrily." When he relates an account of an exhortation which he gave to the unfortunate Queen Mary, he adds, " I made the Hyæna weep "." His writings are in the same style with his speeches, and bear titles expressive of the agitation and violence of mind of him who penned them; as, "The First Blast of the Trumpet against the

^{*} The elegant Mary herfelf, on feeing the bleeding body of a young gentleman brought near her, who had been shot by some of her soldiers, said, " I cannot be responsible for " accidents, but I wish it had been his father." So nearly equal in brutality are the polite and the coarse, the uncultivated and the refined, the Sovereign and the peafant, when they fuffer their minds to be transported by the violence of passion, or corrupted by the partiality of prejudice.

monstrous Regiment of Women; and A brief Exhortation to England for the speedy embracing of Christ's Gospel, heretofore by the Tyranny of Mary suppressed and banished.

Knox in one of his Sermons told his hearers, "that one Mass was more frightful to him than ten thousand enemies landed in any part of the "realm." This gave much offence to Queen Mary. Lord Darnley, whom she soon afterwards married, was prevailed upon to hear him preach, and he entertained his ears with this text from Isaiah, "O Lord, other Lords than thou have "reigned over us;" and, speaking of the government of wicked Princes, he said, "that they "were sent as tyrants and scourges to the people for their sins;" adding, "that God occa-" cassionally sets boys and women over a nation, "to punish it for its crimes," &c.

To animate the mob of Perth to pull down cathedrals and monasteries, he exclaimed, "Pull down the nests and the rooks will fly away." Yet, as it is sagaciously and humanely observed by Mr. Andrews, in his judicious and excellent Continuation of Dr. Henry's valuable History, "he restrained his followers from blood; not even by way of retaliation did a single man of the Roman Catholic party lose his life for his religion,

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" religion, if we except the Cardinal, who fell as much on account of his despotism as his bi-

"gotry. To a fierce unpolified race like the Scots, a ftern tafteless Apostle like John Knox

" was perhaps necessary."

BUCHANAN

THE following curious account is taken from the Thirteenth Book of the Scotch History of that learned and elegant writer.

- "About this time, 1500, a new kind of monfer was born in Scotland *. In the lower part
- of its body it refembled a male child, nothing
- " differing from the ordinary shape of the human
- " body, but above the navel, the trunk of the
- " body, and all the other members, were double, representing both sexes, male and female. The
- 44 King (James the Fourth) gave special order
- for its careful education, especially in music,
- * A very ingenious Surgeon, lately arrived from the East-Indies, says, that he left alive in Bengal, some years ago, a boy of eleven years of age with two heads, the one joined to the crown of the other, with a part of the neck appended to it, having the appearance of having been decapitated. When this Gentleman left the East-Indies the boy was in perfect health.

" in which it arrived to an admirable degree of " skill; and moreover it learned feveral tongues; " and fometimes the two bodies did discover fe-" veral appetites disagreeing one with another, " and fo they would quarrel, one liking this, " the other that; and yet sometimes again they would agree, and confult as it were in com-"mon for the good of both. This was also me-"morable in it, that when the legs or loins " were hurt below, both bodies were fensible of " this pain in common, but when it was pricked, " or otherwise hurt above, the sense of the pain did affect one body only; which difference " was also more conspicuous at its death, for one of the bodies died many days before the 65 other, and that which furvived, being half pu-" trified, pined away by degrees. This monster " lived twenty-eight years and then died. "the more confident," adds the Historian, "in " relating this story, because there are many " honest and credible persons yet alive who saw " this prodigy with their own eyes."

LORD BURLEIGH

was very much pressed by some of the Divines of his time, who waited on him in a body, to make some alterations in the Liturgy. He desired them them to go into the next room by themselves, and bring him in their unanimous opinion upon some of the disputed points. They returned, however, to him very soon, without being able to agree. "Why, Gentlemen," said he, "how can you expect that I should alter any point in dispute, when you, who must be more competent, from your situation, to judge than I can possibly be, cannot agree among yourselves in what manner you would have me alter it?"

Lord Burleigh, very differently from many other supposed great Ministers, used to say, that "warre is the curse, and peace the blessinge of a countrie."—"A realme," added he, "gain-" eth more by one year's peace than by tenne "years warre."

With respect to the education of children, he thought very differently from Lord Chestersield and the other luminaries of this age; for he used to say, "that the unthristy looseness of youth in this age was the parents' faults, who made them men seven years too soone, havinge but children's judgements." He would also add, that "that Nation were happye where the Kinge would take counsell and sollowe it."—" I will," said he, "never truste anie man not of sounde religion, for he that is false to God can never be true to man."

Lord Burleigh's conduct as a Judge feems to have been very praife-worthy and exemplary, and might be imitated by fome of our prefent Courts of Justice. "He would never," fays his Biographer, "fuffer Lawyers to digresse or wrangle in pleadinge; advising Counsellors to deale truely and wisely with their clients, that if the matter were naught, to tell them so, and not to soothe them; and where he found such a Lawyer, he would never thinke him honeste, nor recommende him to anie prefermente, as not sit to be a Judge that would give false counsel."

These particulars are extracted from a life of this great man published soon after his death by one of his household. It is to be met with in Mr. Collins's Life of Lord Burleigh.

Dr. Wall, in his translation of Cicero's Epistles, says, that this great Statesman made them his glasse, his rule, his oracle, his ordinance, and his pocket-book.

Lord Burleigh wrote some excellent Advice for his Son, which is here subjoined, and may still be perused with instruction, in spite of the alteration of the times, as it contains that fund of general good sense and knowledge of the world which is applicable to all times and to all situations.

The person to whom it was addressed applied it so successfully to his own life and conduct, that he became Lord Treasurer of England, Earl of Salisbury, and one of the greatest Statesmen of his time.

son Robert,

"The vertuous inclinations of thy matchless " mother, by whose tender and godly care thy infancy was governed, together with thy education under fo zealous and excellent a tutor, of puts me in rather affurance than hope, that "thou art not ignorant of the fummum bonum, " which is only able to make thee happy as well in thy death as life: I mean, the true know-66 ledge and worship of thy Creator and Re-" deemer, without which all other things are vaine and miserable. So that thy youth being " guided by fo fufficient a teacher, I make no "doubt but he will furnish thy life with divine and moral documents. Yet, that I may not " cast off the care beseeming a parent towards his child, or that thou shouldest have cause to "derive thy whole felicity and welfare rather " from others than from whence thou receivedst 66 thy breath and being, I think it fitt and " agreeable to the affection I beare thee, to help " thee with fuch rules and advertisements, for " the squaring of thy life, as are rather gained "by experience than by much reading, to the end that entering into this exorbitant age, thou mayest be the better prepared to shunne those scandalous courses whereunto the world and the lack of experience may easily draw thee. And because I will not confound thy memory, I have reduced them into Ten Precepts; and next unto Moses' Tables, if thou imprints them in thy mind, thou shalt reap the benefit, and I the content. And they are these following:

" 1. When it shall please God to bring thee " to man's estate, use great providence and cir-" cumspection in chusing thy wife, for from " thence will fpring all thy future good or evil; " and it is an action of life, like unto a stratagem of warre, wherein a man can erre but once. " If thy estate be good, match neere home, and " at leifure; if weak, far off and quickly. En-" quire diligently of her disposition, and how " her parents have been inclined in their youth. "Let her not be poore, how generous soever, " for a man can buy nothing in the markett " with gentility: nor chuse a base and uncomely " creature altogether for wealth, for it will cause " contempt in others, and loathing in thee. "Neither make choice of (a) dwarfe, or (a) " fool; for by the one thou shalt beget a race " of pigmies, the other will be thy continual " difgrace, "difgrace, and it will yirke thee to hear her talk; for thou shalt find it, to thy great grief, that there is nothing more fulsome than a she foole.

" And touching the guiding of thy house, let "thy hospitallitie be moderate; and, according " to the meanes of thy estate, rather plentifull " than sparing, but not costly. For I never " knewe any man grow poore by keeping an " orderly table, but fome confume themselves " through fecret vices, and their hospitalitie 66 bears the blame. But banish swinish drunkards out of thine house, which is a vice impairing " health, confuming much, and makes no show. "I never heard praise ascribed to the drunkard, " but (for) the well bearing (of) his drink, " which is a better commendation for a brewer's "horse or a drayman than for either a gentle-" man or (a) ferving-man. Beware thou fpend "not above three or four parts of thy revenewes, " nor above a third part of that in thy house, " for the other two parts will do no more than "defray thy extraordinaries, which alwayes fur-" mount the ordinary by much, otherwise thou " shalt live like a rich beggar in continual want. And the needy man can never live happily " nor contentedly, for every difaster makes him " ready to mortgage or fell; and that gentleee man

"man who fells an acre of land fells an ounce of creditt, for gentility is nothing else but antient riches. So that if the foundation shall at any time linke, the building must need followe. So much for the First Precept.

2. Bring thy children up in learning and 66 obedience, yet without outward austerity. " Praise them openly, reprehend them secretly. "Give them good countenance and convenient " maintenance according to thy ability, other-" wife thy life will feem their bondage, and what 66 portion thou shalt leave them at thy death, they will thank death for it, and not thee; " and I am persuaded that the foolish cockering " of fome parents, and the over stern carriage " of others, causeth more men and women to take ill courses than their own vicious inclina-66 tions. Marry thy daughters in time, lest they 66 marry themselves. And suffer not thy sonnes " to pass the Alps, for they shall learne nothing " there but pride, blasphemy, and atheism; and " if by travel they gett a few broken languages, " that shall profit them nothing more than to " have one meat ferved in divers dishes. " ther, by my consent, shalt thou train them up " in warres, for he that fets up his rest to live " by that profession, can hardly be an honest " man or a good Christian: besides, it is a 66 fcience VOL. I.

"fcience no longer in request than use, for fouldiers in peace are like chimneys in summer.

" 3. Live not in the countrey without corn " and cattle about thee, for he that putteth his " hand to the purse for every expence of house-" hold, is like him that keepeth water in a fieve; " and, what provision thou shalt want, learn to " buy it at the best hand, for there is one penny " faved in four betwixt buying in thy need, and " when the marketts and feafons ferve fittest for " it. Be not ferved with kinsmen, or friends, or " men entreated to stay, for they expect much, " and doe little; nor with fuch as are amorous, " for their heads are intoxicated; and keep " rather two too few, than one too many. Feed "them well, and pay them with the most; and " then thou mayst boldly require service at their " hands.

"4. Let thy kindred and allies be welcome to thy house and table. Grace them with thy countenance, and farther them in all honest actions, for by this means thou shalt so double the band of nature, as thou shalt sind them so many advocates to plead an apology for thee behind thy back; but shake off those glow-wormes, I mean parasites and sycophants,

who will feed and fawn upon thee in the fummer of prosperitie; but, in an adverse frome, they will shelter thee no more than an arbour in winter.

"5. Beware of suretyship for thy best friends." He that payeth another man's debts, seeketh his own decay; but if thou canst not otherwise chuse, rather lend thy money thyself upon good bonds, although thou borrow it, so shalt thou secure thyself, and pleasure thy friend. Neither borrow money of a neighbour nor a friend, but of a stranger; where, paying for it, thou shalt hear no more of it; otherwise thou shalt eclipse thy credit, lose thy freedom, and yet pay as dear as to another. But in borrowing of money, be precious of thy word, for he that hath care of keeping days of payment, is lord of another man's purse.

"6. Undertake no suit against a poor man, without receiving much wrong; for, besides (that) thou makest him thy compeer, it is a base conquest to triumph where there is small resistance. Neither attempt law against any man, before thou be fully resolved that thou hast right on thy side, and then spare not for either money or pains; for a cause or two so followed and obtained, will free thee from suits a great part of thy life.

"7. Be fure to keep some great man thy friend, but trouble him not for trisles. Compliment him often with many, yet small gifts, and of little charge; and if thou hast cause to bestow any great gratuity, let it be something which may be daily in sight, otherwise, in this ambitious age, thou shalt remain like a hop without a pole, live in obscurity, and be made a foot-ball for every insulting companion to fpurn at.

66. 8. Towards thy fuperiors be humble, yet " generous; with thine equals, familiar, yet re-" spective. Towards thine inferiours shew much " humanity, and fome familiarity, as to bow the 66 body, stretch forth the hand, and to uncover "the head, with fuch like popular compliments. The first prepares thy way to advancement; " the fecond makes thee knowne for a man well " bred; the third gains a good report, which, " once got, is eafily kept, for right humanitie " takes fuch deep root in the minds of the mul-" titude, as they are eafilier gained by unprofit-" able curtesies than by churlish benefits. Yet "I advise thee not to affect or neglect popularitie too much. Seeke not to be Effex. Shunne " to be Rawleigh.

" 9. Trust not any man with thy life, credit, or estate, for it is mere folly for a man to en-

- thrall himself to his friend, as though, occasion
- " being offered, he should not dare to become
- " thine enemie.

" 10. Be not fcurrilous in conversation, nor 66 fatyricall in thy jests. The one will make thee unwelcome to all company, the other " pull on quarrels, and get thee hatred of "thy best friends; for suspitious jests (when " any of them favour of truth) leave a bitterness " in the mindes of those which are touched. 66 And albeit I have already pointed at this in-66 clufively, yet I think it necessary to leave it to " thee as a speciall caution, because I have seene " many fo prone to quip and gird, as they " would rather leefe their friend then their jest; " and if perchance their boiling braine yield a " quaint fcoffe, they will travell to be delivered " of it as a woman with child. These nimble " fancies are but the froth of wit."

SIR NICHOLAS BACON,

LORD KEEPER OF THE GREAT SEAL.

"I HAVE come to the Lord Keeper," fays Puttenham, " and found him fitting in his gallery alone, with the Works of Quintilian be-

" fore him. Indeed, he was a most eloquent e man, of rare wisdom and learning, as ever I

" knew England to breed, and one that joyed

" as much in learned men and good witts; from

" whose lippes I have feen to proceed more

" grave and natural eloquence, than from all

" the Orators of Oxford or Cambridge."

"Queen Elizabeth came, in one of her pro-" greffes, to visit Sir Nicholas Bacon, at his " house at Redgrave, and said to him, My

"Lord, how fmall a house you have! He re-

" plied, Madam, my house is small; but you

" have made me too great for it."

EARL OF ESSEX.

AT the age of fixteen, Lord Effex took the degree of Master of Arts at Cambridge, and kept his public act. "His Father," fays Sir Henry Wotton, "died with a very cold conceit of him; " fome fay, through his affection to his fecond " fon Walter Devereux, who was indeed a " diamond of his time, and both of a kindly and " delicate temper and mixture. But it feems,

" the Earl, like certain vegetables, did bud and " open flowly; Nature fometimes delighting to

" play

" play an after-game as well as Fortune, which had both their turns and tides in course."

This amiable and accomplished Nobleman is thus described by Sir Henry Wotton:

" As he grew more and more attentive to business, he became less curious of his dress, " fo that those about him had a conceit, that " fometimes when he went up to the Queen, he " fcarce knew what he had on. For his manner of dreffing was this: his chamber being com-" monly filled with friends or fuitors of one kind or other, when he was up he gave his legs, " arms, and breast to his ordinary servants, to " button and dress him with little heed, his head " and face to his barber, his eyes to his letters, " his ears to petitioners, and many times all at " once. Then the Gentleman of his robes "throwing his cloke over his shoulders, he " would make a step into his closet, and after a " fhort prayer he was gone. Only in his baths " he was fomewhat delicate."

Lord Effex was a scholar, and an extremely elegant writer in prose and in verse. His advice to the Earl of Rutland on his travels is admirable, and, from the excellent observations which it contains, may be still perused with advantage and instruction.

Effex's liberal behaviour to Lord Bacon will ever endear his memory to all lovers of the writings of that great man: on Queen Elizabeth's refusing the place of Solicitor General to him, though Lord Effex had importuned her very much to give it to him, he fent for Mr. Bacon, and told him, "I know that you are the least part " of your own matter, but you fare ill because " you have chosen me for your mean and de-"pendance. You have spent your time and "thoughts in my matters. I die, if I do not " fomewhat towards your fortune. You shall "not deny to accept a piece of land, which I " will bestow upon you." Mr. Bacon answered, " that for his fortune it was no great matter, " but that his Lordship's offer made him call to " mind what used to be said when he was in France of the Duke of Guise, that he was the " greatest usurer in that kingdom; because he " had turned all his estates into obligations, " having left himfelf nothing, and to have only " bound numbers of persons to himself. Now, " my Lord," faid he, " I would not have you imitate this course, nor turn your estate thus, " by greatest gifts to obligations; for you will " find many bad debtors." The Earl bade him take no care for that, and pressed his offer; upon which Mr. Bacon faid, "I fee, my Lord, that I 66 must be your homager, and hold land of your « gift. TOLL

"gift. But do you know the manner of doing homage in this land? It is always with a faving of his faith to the King and the other Lords; and therefore, my Lord, I can be no more yours than I was, and it must be with the ancient savings; and if I grow to be a rich man, you will give me leave to give it back again to some of your unrewarded followers."

"This land," fays Dr. Birch, in his entertaining Memoirs of Queen Elizabeth, "was "Twickenham park and garden, which was fold afterwards for one thousand eight hundred pounds, and was thought to be worth more."

The hatred between Lord Essex and Sir Walter Raleigh is well known: Sir Walter had landed at Fayal in the Island of Madeira, in direct contradiction to the precise commands of Lord Essex, who commanded in that expedition; and who, being pressed by some persons to bring him to a Court Martial, nobly replied, "I would do it immediately, if he were my friend."

Queen Elizabeth was very irresolute respecting the execution of Lord Essex. Her pride was hurt at his not imploring her to pardon him.

When Effex was told by Dr. Barlow, that his popularity had fpurred him on to his fate, and that

that the people had deceived him; he faid, "True, Sir, a man's friends will fail him; all "popularity and trust in man is vain, whereof myself have had late experience."

Secretary Cecil acknowledged, that his Lordfhip fuffered with great patience and humility; only (notwithstanding his resolution that he must die) the conflict between the sless and the spirit did appear thus far, that he was fain to be helped, otherwise no man living could pray more christianly than he did.

MATTHEW PARKER, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

This learned Man, the fecond Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury, was distinguished by his hatred to the Puritans, and by his extreme desire to effect an uniformity of habits and of ceremonies in the Church.

The two following Letters display the Archbishop's character to advantage: the first shews his abhorrence of imposture; and the other exhibits a specimen of the spirit and resolution with which he opposed innovation.

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" I had rather you understood a truth by my " report in fuche matters wherein I am a doer, " than by the uncertain speech of the Court. I " have travailed much by myself, alone, for the want of other Commissioners, to trie out a " Possession which was very ernestlie beleeved and " fet forth, and by printe recondict and spredd without lycense. The two printers whereof, with others that fold these pamphlets, were 66 commytted to prison. And if I had my will, "I would commytt fome of the principal actreffes to pryson, to learn them hereafter not to abuse " the Queen's Majestie's people so basely, falsely, " and impudently. After I had by divers exami-" nations tryed out the falsehood, I required Sir " Rowland Hayward and Mr. Recorder of the "City to be affistant with me, who heard the " wench examined and confessed, and plaied her " pranks before them. We had the father and " the mother, by which mother this wench was " counselled and supported; and yet would she " not confess any thing. Whose stubbornesse we considering, fent her to close prison at " Westminster Gate; where she remaineth, " until her daughter and another maid of Loth-" burie have openlie done their penance at Paul's " Croffe, as it is ordered.

"I am so greeved with such dissemblers, that
I cannot be quiett with myself. I doo intend,
because their bookes are so spread abroade and
believed, to set out a consutation of the fare
falsehood. The tragedie is so large that I might
fpend much time to trouble your Honor withal;
but brieflie I have sent to your Lordship a copie
of the vaine book, printed, and a copie of their
confessions at length. And thus knowing that
your Lordship is at the Court, I thought good
to send to you, wishing his Majestie and all you
wayting upon him, a prosperous retorne. From
my house at Lambeth, this Frydaie the 13th of

"Your L. loving friend,

" MATTHEW CANTUAR."

"To the Right Honnble my verie good Lord, the L. Treasurer of England."

SIR,

" August,

"I retorne to your Honor agayn your letters,
by wh may be understanded that ye have them
ready to execute your orders of the best sort,
and of the most part excepting a fewe Catylyns,
who bi sufferance will infect the whole Coll.

" Whereupon, when King Edward's statutes
stablished by his Counsell, delivered them bi his
" Visitors,

"Visitors, the same nowe bi the Queen's Majes-" tie's Visitours retorned to them, your orders " of late, with confent of the body of the Uni-" versity, the Queene's Highness pleasure sent to "them by my letter; you, the Chancellor, of " the Privy Councill, and in fuch place and cre-"dyt as ye be, would ye fuffer fo much authority "to be borne under foote by a bragging braynles " head or two? In my opinion, your conscience " shall never be excusable (I praye your charitie " pardon my plainnes) ex intimo corde ex purá con-" scientià coram Deo et Christo ejus I speke, we " mar our religion; our circumspection so va-" riable (as though it was not God's cause which we would defend) maketh cowards thus to cocke over us. I do not like that the Com-" missioners letters should go to private Colleges, " especially after so much passed. I must saye " as Demosthenes answered, what was the chief " part in rhetorick, the second and the third; " Pronunciation, fayd he; fo faye I, Execution; " execution, execution of lawes and orders must " be the first and the last part of governance; " although I yet admit moderators for tymes, " places, multitudes, &c. and hereafter, for God's " love never ftyr any alterations, except it be " fairly meant to have them established. For " or ellis we should hold us in no certaintye, " but be ridiculous to our adversaries, and con-" temned "temned of our own, and gyve the adventure of more dangers. And thus ye must pardon

" my boldnes. For my own part, I repose my-

" self in silentio et in spe, et fortitudo mea est

"Dominus, howfoever the world fawneth or frowneth."

"Your, in Christ our Lord, "MATTH. CANT."

" To the Right Honnble

Mr. Secretary.

" Ctober 8, 1565.

ARCHBISHOP WHITGIFT.

THERE is a very pretty little book in French, called "Great Events from Little Causes," by M. Richer. He supposes the Peace of Utrecht to have arisen from the Duches of Marlborough's spilling some water upon Queen Anne's gown.

In that very entertaining piece of biography "Sir George Paul's Life of Archbishop Whit- gift," there is a trisling circumstance mentioned, which, in the opinion of a very acute and intelligent Lady, perhaps gave rise to the sect of the Dissenters in England.

The circumstance is this: - " The first discon-" tentment of Master Cartwright (a Fellow of "Trinity College, Cambridge, and a celebrated " disputant) grew at a publick Act in that Uni-« versity before Queen Elizabeth, because Master " Preston, (then of King's College, and after-" wards Mafter of Trinity Hall,) for his comely "gesture and pleasing pronunciation, was both " liked and rewarded by her Majesty, and him-66 felf received neither reward nor commenda-"tion, prefuming on his own good scholarship." "This his no fmall grief he uttered unto divers of his friends in Trinity College, who were " also much discontented, because the honour " of the disputation did not redound unto their " College. Master Cartwright, immediately " after her Majesty's neglect of him, began to " trade into divers opinions, as that of the dif-" cipline, and to kick against her Ecclesiastical "Government; and that he might the better ee feed his mind with novelties, he travelled to "Geneva, where he was fo far carried away " with an affection of their new-devised dif-" cipline, as that he thought all Churches and " Congregations for Governments Ecclefiaffical " were to be measured and squared by the prac-" tice of Geneva. Therefore, when he returned " home he took many exceptions against the " established Government of the Church of " England, "England, and the observation of its rites and ceremonies, and the administration of its Holy Sacraments, and buzzed these conceits into the heads of divers young Preachers and Scholars of the University of Cambridge, and drew after him a great number of disciples and followers. Cartwright afterwards disturbs the state of the University; is recommended to be quiet, but to no purpose; and is at last expelled, after having refused to affist at a conference which Archbishop Whitgist offered him. Cartwright afterwards published, in 1591, a book of New Discipline, for which he was proceeded against in the Star Chamber."

Hooker, speaking of Archbishop Whitgist, says, "he always governed with that moderation which useth by patience to suppress boldness, and to make them conquer that suffer." The Archbishop was anxious that the Curates' stipends should be raised. His Biographer says of him, In letting leases of his impropriations, if he found his Curates' wages small, he would abate much of his sine to increase their pensions, some ten pounds by the year, as Maidestone, &c."

"Queen Elizabeth," continues the Archbishop's Biographer, " told his Grace, that "she " fhe would have the discipline of the Church 66 of England of all men duly to be observed 66 without alteration of the least ceremony; conceiving that these Novelists might have 66 wrought the fame mischief in her kingdom which the turbulent Orators of Sparta did in that Commonwealth, fo wifely fettled by Lycurgus's Laws, which, whilft they took upon themselves to amend, they miserably defaced and deformed; the inconvenience of which kind of reasoning the Queen had taken out of the Greek Poet Aratus, who, when one asked " him how he might have Homer's Poems free " from faults and corruptions, replied, Get an " old copy not reformed; for curious wits, " labouring to amend things well done, com-" monly either quite mar them, or at least make " them worfe,"

HENRY EARL OF ARUNDEL.

"This Nobleman," fays Puttenham, "paffing from England towards Italie, by/her Majeftie Queen Elizabeth's licence, was very
honourably entertained at the Court of Bruffells by the Lady Duches of Parma, Regent
there. And fitting at a banquet with her,
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" (where was also the Prince of Orange, with " all the great Princes of the State,) the Earle, "though he could reasonably well speake " French, would not speak one French word, " but all English. Whether he asked any ques-" tion or answered it, all was done by Truche-" men (interpreters); infomuch as the Prince of "Orange, marvelling at it, looked aside on " that part where I flood a beholder of all the " feaste, and fayed, I marvel your Noblemen " of England doe not defire to be better lan-" guaged in the foreigne languages. This " word was by and by repeated to the Earl " again. Tell my Lord the Prince, quoth he, " that I love to fpeak in that language in which "I can best utter my mind, and not mistake."

SIR ROGER CHAMLOE.

"IT is a notable tale," fays Roger Ascham, in his Schoolmaster, "that old Syr Roger "Chamloe, sometime Chiefe Justice, would "tell of himselfe. When he was Auncient in "Inn of Court, certaine yong Jentlemen were brought before him to be corrected for certaine misorders, and one of the lustiest fayde, "Sir, we be yong Jentlemen, and wise men

66 before

"those have done full well. This they sayd, because it was well known that Syr Roger had been a good felloe in his youth. But he answered them very wiselie: Indeede (saith he) in youthe I was as you are now, and I had twelve felloes like unto myself, but not one of them came to a good ende. And therefore, followe not my example in youth, but solowe my councell in age, if ever ye think to come to this place, or to theis yeares that I am come unto, lesse ye meet either with povertie or Tiburn in the way."

ROGER ASCHAM.

"SYR RICHARD SACKVILLE, a worthie

"Jentleman of worthie memorie, in the Queene's

"(Elizabeth) privie chamber at Windsore, after

"he had talked with me for the right choice of

a good witte in a childe for learnyng, and of

the trewe difference betwixt quicke and harde

"wittes; of alluring young children by jentle
ness to love learnyng, and of the speciall

care that was to be had, to keepe young men

from licentious livyng; he was most earnest

with me to have me say my mynde also, what

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I thought

"I thought concerning the fansie that many young Jentlemen of Englande have to travels abroad, and namely to lead a long life in Italie. His request, both for his authoritie and good will toward me, was a sufficient commaundement unto me, to satisfie his pleasing with utteryng plainlie my opinion in that matter. Syr (quoth I) I take goyng thither, and livyng there, for a yonge Jentleman, that doth not goe under the kepe and garde of such a man, as both by wisedome can, and authoritie dare rewle him, to be marvelous dangerous."

"Tyme was," fays Ascham, in another part of his learned and excellent Treatise of the Schoolmaster, "when Italie and Rome have bene, to the great good of us that now live, the best breeders and bringers up of the worthiest men, not onlie for wise speakinge, but also for well doinge, in all civil affaires, that ever was in the worlde. But now that tyme is gone, and though the place remayne, yet the olde and present manners do differ as farre as blacke and white, as virtue and vice. Virtue once made that countrie mistress over all the world; vice now maketh that countrie slave to them, that before were glad to serve it. Italie now, is not that Italie it was wont

"to be; and therefore now not so fitte a place
"as some do counte it, for yong men to setch
"either wisedome or honesty from thence. For
"furelie they will make others but bad scholers,
"that be so ill masters to themselves."

"If you think," fays this learned man in another place, "that we judge amisse, and write too fore against you, heare what the Italian fayth of the Englishman; what the master reporteth of the scholer, who uttereth plainlie what is taught by him, and what is learned by you, saying, Englese Italianato, e un Diabolo incarnato: that is to say, You remain men in shape and facion, but become Devils in life and conversation.

"I was once in Italie myself, but I thank God my abode there was but nine daies; and yet I sawe in that little tyme in one citie (Venice) more libertie to sinne, than I ever yet heard tell of in London in nine yeare."

Ascham thus excellently illustrates the difference between persons of quick and of sound parts:

"Commonlie, men very quicke of witte be also very light of conditions; and thereby very readie of disposition to be carried over quick
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"ie by any light companie to any riot and unthriftinesse when they be young; and therefore seldom either honest of life, or riche in
living, when they be old. For quicke in wit
and light in manners be either seldome
troubled, or very soon wery, in carrying a
verie hevie purse. Quick wittes also be in
most part of all their doings over quick, hastie,
rashe, headie, and brainsicke. These two last
wordes, Headie and Brainsicke, be sitte and
proper wordes, rising naturally of the matter,
and tearmed aptlie by the condition of over
much quicknesse of witte."

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"They be like trees, that shew forth faire blossoms and broad leaves in spring time, but bring out small and not long lasting fruit in harvest time, and that only such as fall and rotte before they be ripe, and so never or seldome come to any good at all. For this ye shall sind most true by experience, that amongst a number of quicke wittes in youth, sewe be found, in the end, either verie fortunate for themselves, or very profitable to serve the Commonwealth, but decay and vanish, men know not which way, except a verie sewe, to whom peradventure blood and happy parent-

" age may perchance purchase a long standing upon the stage."

"Contrariewise, a witte in youth that is not " over dulle, heavie, knottie, and lumpishe, but " hard, tough, and though fomewhat staffishe (as "Tullie wisheth, otium quietum non languidum, et negotium cum labore, non cum periculo); fuch " a witte, I fay, if it be at the first well handled " by the mother, and rightlie fmoothed and " wrought as it should, not overwartlie, and " against the wood, by the scholemaster, both " for learning and hole course of living, proveth " alwaies the best. In woode and stone, not the " foftest but hardest be alwaies aptest for por-" traiture, both fairest for pleasure, and most "durable for profit. Hard wittes be hard to " receive, but fure to keepe; painful without " wearienesse, heedfull without wavering, con-" stant without newfanglenesse; bearing heavy " thinges, though not lightlie yet willinglie; " entring hard thinges, though not eafilie yet " deeplie; and so come to that perfectnesse of ce learning in the end, that quick wittes feem in " hope, but do not in dede, or else verie seldome, " ever attaine unto. Also, for manners and 's lyfe, hard wittes commonlie are hardlie carried ss either to defire everie newe thinge, or elfe to

"marvel at everie strange thinge; and therefore they be carefull and diligent in their own matters, not curious and busey in other men's affaires, and so they become wise themselves, and also are counted honest by others. They be grave, stedfast, silent of tongue, secret of hart: not hastie in making, but constant in keepinge any promise: not rashe in uttering, but ware (wary) in considering every matter: and thereby not quicke in speaking, but deepe of judgement, whether they write or give counsell in all weightie affaires. And theis be the men that become in the ende both most happie for themselves, and alwaies best esteemed abrode in the world."

MR. PAGE.

In the golden days of good Queen Bess, those halcyon days to which every Englishman affects to look up with rapture, the punishment for a libel was sometimes striking off the hand of the unfortunate offender. Mr. Page, who had written a pamphlet upon the Queen's marriage with the Duke of Anjou, suffered that punishment; and, according to that very elegant miscellany the "Nuga Antiqua," made the following manly and

and spirited speech upon the scaffold before his hand was chopped off.

"Fellow-countrymen, I am come hither to " receive the law according to my judgment, and " thanke the God of all; and of this I take "God to witness, (who knoweth the hartes of " all men,) that as I am forrie I have offended " her Majestie, so did I never meane harme to " her Majestie's person, crown or dignity, but " have been as true a subject as any was in " England to the best of my abilitie, except " none. Then holding up his right hand, he faid, This hand did I put to the plough, and " got my living by it many years. If it would " have pleafed her Highness to have taken my " left hand, or my life, she had dealt more fa-" vourably with me; for now I have no means " to live; but God (which is the Father of us " all) will provide for me. I befeech you all, " good people, to pray for me, that I may take " my punishment patiently. And so he laid is his right hand upon the block, and prayed the " executioner to dispatch him quickly. At two 66 blows his hand was taken off. So lifting up the bleeding stump, and pointing to the block, he faid to the by-standers, See, I have left " there a true Englishman's hand. And so he went from the scaffold very stoutly, and with " great courage."

With what indignation must the unnecessary cruelty of the punishment, and the noble intrepidity of the sufferer, have affected the spectators of this disgrace to justice and humanity!

JAMES THE FIRST.

[1603-1625.]

On the devolution of the kingdom of England to this Monarch, Henry the Fourth of France said, "En verité, c'est un trop beau morçeau pour un pedant."

The entrance of this Prince into England is thus described by Wilson:

"But our King coming through the North, "(banqueting and feafting by the way,) the applause of the people in so obsequious and fubmissive a manner (stil admiring change) was checkt by an honest plain Scotsman (unused to hear such humble acclamations) with a prophetical expression: This people will spoy! a gude King. The King as unused, so tired with multitudes, especially in his hunting, "(which he did as he went), caused an inhibition to be published, to restrain the people from

" hunting

" hunting him. Happily being fearfull of fo " great a concourfe as this novelty produced, " the old hatred betwixt the Borderers, not yet " forgotten, might make him apprehend it to " be of a greater extent; though it was generally " imputed to a defire of enjoying his recreations " without interruption,"

James was extremely fond of hunting, and very fevere against those who disturbed him in the pursuit of that amusement. "I dare boldly say," fays Osborn with some spleen, " that one man in his reign might with more fafety have killed " another than a rascal deer; but if a stag had been known to have miscarried, and the author " fled, a proclamation, with the description of " the party, had been presently penned by the Attorney-General, and the penalty of his Ma-" jesty's high displeasure (by which was understood the Star-chamber) threatened against all that did abet, comfort, or relieve him: thus fatyrical, or, if you pleafe, tragical, was this fylvan Prince against deer-killers, and indul-" gent to man-flayers .- But, lest this expression " should be thought too poetical for an historian, " I shall leave his Majesty dressed to posterity in "the colours I faw him in the next progress 66 after his inauguration, which was as green as the grass he trod on, with a feather in his cap, "and a horn instead of a sword by his side; how fuitable to his age, person, or calling, I leave others to judge from his pictures, he owning a countenance not in the least regard femblable to any my eyes ever met with, besides an host dwelling at Ampthill, formerly a shepherd, and so metaphorically of the same profession."

This Monarch was extremely profuse in his presents to his favourites. Sir Robert Cecil, afterward Earl of Salisbury, his Treasurer, according to Osborn, in his Memoirs of the Life of this Prince, took the following method to correct his extravagance:

"The Earl of Somerset had procured from King James a warrant to the Treasury for 20,000l. who, in his exquisite prudence, finding that not only the Exchequer, but that the Indies themselves would in time want fluency to feed so immense a prodigality, and, not without reason, apprehending the King as ignorant of the value of what was demanded, as of the desert of the person who begged it, laid the former mentioned sum upon the ground, in a room through which his Majesty was to pass; who, amazed at the quantity, as a sight not unpossibly his eyes never saw before, asked the Treasurer whose money it "was?"

was? who answered, Yours, before you gave it away. Thereupon the King sell into a passion, protesting that he was abused, never intending any such gift; and, casting himself upon the heap, scrabbled out the quantity of two or three hundred pounds, and swore he should have no more."

The King, on hearing a fermon in which there was more of politics than of religion, asked Bishop Andrews what he thought of it, and whether it were a fermon or not. "Please your Majesty," replied the Bishop, "by very charitable confirmation it may pass for a fermon."

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"James," according to Wilson, "in one of his speeches to the Star-chamber, took notice of those swarms of Gentrie, as he is pleased to call them, who, through the instigation of their wives, or to new-model and fashion their daughters, (who, if they were unmarried, marred their reputations; if married, lost their reputations, and robbed their husbands purses,) did neglect their country hospitalitie, and cumber the city, (a general nuisance to the kingdom,) being as the spleen to the body, which as in measure it overgrows, the body wastes; and seeing that a proclamation would not keep them at home, he requires that the power of

"the Star-chamber may not only regulate them, but the exorbitancy of the new buildings about the city, which he much repined at, as being a shelter for them when they spent their estates in coaches, lacqueys, and fine cloaths, like Frenchmen; living miserably in their houses, like Italians; and becoming apes to other nations; whereas it was the honour of the English nobility and gentry (above all countries in the world) to be hospitable amongst their tenants; which," added this Prince, they may better doe, by the fertility and abundance of all things."

"ther the wisdom and knowledge of King James." exceeded his choler and his fear. Certainly the last couple drew him with more violence, because they were not acquisitions, but natural: if he had not had that alloy, his high towering and mastering reason had been of a rare and sublimed excellency."

Into what degrading fituations his choler occasionally led him, the following passage in Wilson will but too strongly evince:

"One day at Theobalds the King wanted fome papers that had relation to the Spanish Treaty, so hot in motion, which raised him ." highly

66 highly into the passion of anger, that he should " not know what he had done with them, being " things fo materiall, and of fuch concernment; " and, calling his memory to a strict account, " at last he discharged it upon John Gib, a 66 Scotchman, who was of his bed-chamber, and 66 had been an old fervant to him. Gib is called " for in haste, and the King askes him for the " papers he gave him. Gib, collecting himself, " answered the King he received no papers from " him. The King broke into extreme rage, (as " he would often when the humor of choller 66 began to boyle in him,) protesting he had " them, and reviling him exceedingly for deny-" ing them. Gib threw himself at the King's " feet, protesting his innocency, that he never " received any, and defired his life might make " fatisfaction for his fault if he were guilty. "This could not calme the King's spirit, toffed " in this tempest of passion; and, overcharged with it, as he passed by Gib (kneeling) threw " fome of it upon him, giving him a kicke with " his foot; which kicke infected Gib, and turned his humility into anger; for, rifing instant-" ly, he faid, 'Sir, I have ferved you from my " youth, and you never found me unfaithfull; I " have not deserved this from you, nor can I live " longer with you with this difgrace. Fare ye well, Sir, I will never fee your face more." cc And

46 And away he goes from the King's presence, " took horse and rode towards London. Those so about the King put on a fad countenance to " fee him displeased, and every man was inqui-" fitive to know the cause. Some said the King "and Gib were fallen out, but about what? "Some papers of the Spanish Treaty the King had given him cannot be found. Endymion " Porter, hearing it, faid, "The King gave me those papers; went presently, and brought them to the King; who, being becalmed, and finding his error, called instantly for Gib. " Answer was made, He was gone to London. "The King hearing it, commanded with all expedition to fend post after him, to bring him back, protesting never to eate, drinke, or "fleepe, till he faw Gib's face. The messenger sovertooke him before he got to London; and "Gib, hearing the papers were found, and that the King fent for him with much earnestnesse, freturned to the Court; and, as foon as he "came into the King's chamber, the King "kneeled down upon his knees before Gib, in-" treating his pardon with a fober and grave se aspect, protesting he would never rise till Gib " had forgiven him; and though Gib modeftly "declined it with some humble excuses, yet it " would not fatisfie the King, till he heard the words of absolution pronounced. So ingenious

"was he in this piece of passion, which had its fuddaine variation from a stern and surious anger to a soft and melting affection, which made Gib no loser by the bargaine."—The History of Great Britain, containing the Life and Reign of King James the First. By ARTHUR WILSON, Esq. Folio. 1652.

"A new incroachment upon the Sabbath*," fays Wilson, "gave both King and People more " liberty to profane the day with authority; for " if the Court were to remove on Monday, the 66 King's carriages must go out the day before: 46 all times were alike; and the Court being to " remove to Theobalds the next day, the car-" riages went through the City of London on the " Sabbath, with a great deal of clatter and noise in the time of divine fervice. The Lord Mayor, 66 hearing of it, commanded them to be stopt; and this carryed the officers of the carriages with a great deal of violence to the Court; and " the business being presented to the King with " as much afperity as men in authoritie (croffed in their humors) could express it, it put the "King into a great rage, fwearing, he thought 46 there had been no more Kings in England 46 but himself; yet, after he was a little cooled,

^{*} Book of Sports, put forth by proclamation in 1617, the fifteenth year of the reign of this Prince.

"he fent a warrant to the Lord Maior, com"manding him to let them pass, which he
"obeyed, with this answer: While it was in
"my power, I did my duty; but that being
taken away by a higher power, it is my duty
to obey.' Which the King, upon second
thoughts, took well, and thanked him for it."

James, by a proclamation in the feventh year of his reign, on the mature deliberation of his Council, forbad all new buildings within ten miles of London; and commanded, that if in fpite of this ordinance there should be any set up, they should be pulled down, though notice was not taken of them till seven years afterwards. At the suggestion, however, of Archbishop Bancrost, James did not oppose the building of a College at Chelsea*, "wherein," says Wilson, "the choicest and ablest scholars of the king-dom, and the most pregnant wits in matters of controversy, were to be associated under a "Provost, with a free and ample allowance not

The Plan and Expence of Chelsea College are said to have been Dr. Sutclisse's.

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^{*} The fite of this College is now the Royal Hospital at Chelsea. The College was abandoned soon after the death of Bancroft; "the King," says Wilson, "wisely considering, that nothing begets more contention than opposition, and that such suellers as the Professor of it would be apt to instance rather than quench the heat that would arise from those embers."

exceeding three thousand pounds a year,
whose design was to answer all Popish Priests
and others that vented their malignant spirits
against the Protestant religion."

"In the reign of this Prince," fays Wilson, " England was not only man'd with Jefuits, (all " power failing to oppose them,) but the women " also began to practife the trade, calling them-" felves Jesuitrices. This Order was first set " afoot in Flanders, by Mistres Ward, and " Mistres Twittie, two English gentlewomen, " who clothed themselves in Ignatian habit, and " were countenanced and supported by Father "Gerrard, Rector of the English College at " Leige, with Father Flack, and Father More. " But Father Singleton, Father Benefield, and others, opposed them, and would not bless " them with an Ite prædicate, for their defign " was to preach the Gospel to their fex in Eng-" land. And in a short time this Mistres Ward 66 (by the Pope's indulgence) became the Mo-" ther-generall of no less than two hundred " English damsels of good birth and quality, " whom she fent abroad to preach, and they " were to give account to her of their apostolick " labours."

ELIZABETH,

PRINCESS PALATINE.

THE original of the following Letter of this unfortunate Princes, daughter of James the First, King of England, is in the Collection of Royal Letters in the British Museum.

SIR,

"I have received your kind letter and learned discourse with much contentement. Indeed, we have suffered much wrong in this world, yet I complain not at it, because when God pleaseth we shall have right. In the mean time, I am much beholden to you for your good affection, hoping you will not be wearie to continue your friendlie offices towards me, in the place where you sitt, which shall never be forgotten by

"Your most assured friend,

CE ELIZABETH-

"To Sir Simonds D'Eues, &c. &c. "Haghe, 21 August, 1645."

· LADY ARABELLA STUART.

"THE great match that was lately stolen be-

" twixt the Lady Arabella * and young Beau-

" champ †, provides them both of fafe lodgings:

the lady close prisoner at Sir Thomas Perry's

66 house at Lambeth, and her husband in the

"Tower. Melvin, the poetical Minister, wel-

comed him thither with this distich:

"Communis tecum mihi causa est carceris. Ara—
"—Bella tibi causa est, araque sacra mihi.
"Wynwode's State Papers."

Lady Arabella escaped from her confinement, and got on board a French vessel beyond Graves-end.

In a letter of Mr. More to Sir Ralph Winwood, it is faid, "Now the Kyng and the Lords being "much disturbed with this unexpected accident, "my Lord Treasurer sent orders to a pinnace

* Lady Arabella was the daughter of Charles Stuart, younger brother to James the First's father.

† Sir William Beauchamp, fon of Edward Lord Beauchamp, and grandfon to the Earl of Hertford. He was made Governor to Charles the Second when Prince of Wales, and created Marquis of Hertford by Charles the First.

" first to Calais Roade, and then to scoure the " coast towards Dunkirke. This pinnace spying 66 the aforefaid French bark, which lay lingering 66 for Mr. Beauchamp, made to her, which there-" upon offered to fly towards Calais, and endured thirteen shot of the pinnace before she would 66 stryke. In this bark is the Lady taken, with

" her followers, and brought back towards the Tower; and not so forrye for her own restraint, c as she should be glad if Mr. Seymour might

" escape, whose welfare she protesteth to affect

" much more than her own,"

Lady Arabella became afterwards disordered in her mind, and died in confinement.

ANNE.

COUNTESS OF DORSET, PEMBROKE, AND MONTGOMERY.

OF this extraordinary person, Dr. Donne used to fay, that she knew every thing, from predestination to flane-filk. The Portrait of her in the Castle of Skipton in Craven, represents her in the midst of her library, in which are Hickes on Providence and Cornelius Agrippa. She has been been long known in the world for her spirit and intrepidity.

The following Memoirs of the early part of her life have a claim to our curiofity, as having been written by her, and as exhibiting a very striking picture of the simplicity of the manners of the times in which she lived, and displaying the naiveté of her own character. They are now printed for the first time,

" IN THE YEARE OF OUR LORD 66 1603.

"In Christmas I vsed to goe much to the " Court, and fometymes did lye in my Aunt of

Warwick's chamb' on a pallet, to whom I was

" much bound for hir continuall care and love of

me: in fo much as if Queene Elizabeth had

" lived, she intended to have prefered me to be

" of ye privile chamber; for at that tyme ther

was as much hope and expectation of me both

for my person and my fortunes as of any other

" yeonge lady what foever,

" A little after the Queene remoued to Ritch-

" mond she began to grow ficklie:

" my La: vsed to goe often thither

and caried mewth hir in the coach,

" and vseinge to wait in the coffer

66 chamber, and many tymes came

I was at Queene Eli: death 13 yeeres

old and 2 moneths and

this day Mr. Richard Sack-

" home

ville was just 14 yeeres old, he beinge then at Dorset House wth his grandfather and that great familie. At ye death of this worthy Queene my mother and I laie at Austin Friers in the fame chamber wher afterwards I was married.

"home verie late. About the 21th
or 22th of March my Aunt of
Warwicke fent my mother word
about 9 of yo clock at night, she
lieinge then at Clerkenwell, yo she
should remove to Austen Friers
hir house for feare of some comotion, thoughe God in his mercie
did deliuer vs from it. Uppon
the 24th Mr. Hocknell, my Aunt
of Warwick's man, brought us
word from his La: that the

" Queene died about $\frac{2}{3}$ of y° clock in the morneinge. This meffage was delivered to my mother and me in the fame chamber wher afterwards I was married. About 10 of the clock Kinge James was proclaimed in Cheapfide by all y° Counfell wth great joy and triumphe, which triumphe I went to fee and heare.

The first tyme the Kinge sent to the Lords in Eng: he gaue comaund that the Earles of Northumberland and Cumberland the Lo: Tho. Howard and ye Lo: Mountagy should be

"This peaceable comeinge in of the Kinge was vnexpected of all forts of people. Whin 2 or 3 daies we returned to Clerken well againe. A little after this Queene Elizabeth's corps came by night in a barge from Ritchmond to Whithall, my mother and a great companie of ladies attending

" attending it, wher it continued added to the Counfel.

" drawinge chamber, wher it was watched all inght by feuerall Lo: and Ladies; my mother

" fittinge vp wth it 2 or 3 nights; but my La:

" would not give me leave to watch by reason

"I was heald too yeonge. At this tyme we

" vsed to goe verie mutch to Whithall, and

" walked mutch in the garden, we was much

" frequented wih Lords and Ladies, being all full

" of feuerall hopes, euerie man expectinge moun-

" taines and findinge mole hills, exceptinge Sr

66 Robert Cicill and ye house of the Howards,

" who hated my mother, and did not much loue

" my aunt of Warwicke.

"Was enlarged of his emprisonment out of the Tower. When the corps of Queene Elizabeth had continued the 28 of at Whithall as longe as the Counfell had thought fit, it was caried Thursday.

" from thence wth great folemnitie to Westmin-

" fter, the Lords and Ladies goinge on foot to

attend it, my mother and my aunt of Warwick

66 being mourners, but I was not alowed to be 66 one because I was not high enoughe, we'd idid

"mutch trouble me then; but yet I flood in the

church at Westminster to se the solemnitie

" performed.

" A little after this my Lady and a great deale of other companie, as M" Elizab: Bridges, " my La: Newton and hir daughter, my La: "Finch, went downe wth my aunt of Warwick " to North hall, and from thence we all went to "Tibbals to fe the Kinge, who vsed my mother 66 and my aunt very gratiouslie; but we all faw " a great chaunge betweene the fashion of the "Court as it was now, and of y' in y' Queene's, for we were all lowzy by fittinge in S' Tho-" mas Erskin's chamber.

A dispute between Geo. E: of Cumberland & the Lrd Burleigh, about carrying the fword before the King at York, adjudged in favour of the fd Earl.

" As the Kinge came out of " Scotland, when he lay at Yeorke, "ther was a striffe betweene my " father and my Lord Burleighe, " who was then President, who " should carie the fword; but it " was adjudged one my father's " fide, because it was his office by inheritaunce, and fo is lineally defended

cc on me.

"From Tibballs the Kinge went to Charter-66 house, wher my Lo: Tho: Howard was " created Earle of Suffolke, and my Lo: Mont-66 ioy Earle of Deuonshire, and restored my Lo:

" of Southampton and Effex who stood attaint-

ed; likewise he created many Barrons, amongst

weh my vnckle Ruffel was made Lo: Ruffell of Thorney; and for Knights, they weare innuemerable.

"All this Springe I had my health verie well.

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" My father vsed to come fome tymes to vs at

" Clerken well, but not often; for he had at

" this tyme, as it weare, whollie left my mother:

" yet the house was kept still at his charge.

"About this tyme my aunt of Bath and hir Lord came to London, and brought wth them my Lo: Fitzwaren and my cozen Fraunces Bourcher, whom I mett at Bagshot, wher I lay all night wth my cozen Fraunces Bourcher and Mrs. Marie Carie, wth was the first beginnings of the greatnes betweene vs. About 5 mile from London ther mett them my mother, my Lo: of Bedford and his La: my unckle Ruffell and much other companie, soe that we weare in number about 300, wth did all accompanie them to Bath House, wher they continued most of that sommer, whether I went dailie and visited them, and grew more inward wth my cozen Fraunces and Mrs. Cary.

"About this tyme my aunt of Warwick went to meete the Queene, haueinge Mrs. Bridges with hir, and my [cousin] Anne Vauisor; my mother

" mother and I should have gone wth them, but that hir horses, weh she borrowed of Mr. Elmes " and old Mr. Hickley, weare not ready; yet I went the fame night and ouertooke my aunt " at Ditten Hanger, my Lady Blunt's house, " wher my mother came the next day to me 66 about noone, my aunt being gone before. "Then my mother and I went on o' iorney to ouertake hir, and kild 3 horses that day wth extreamitie of heate, and came to Wrest, my "Lord of Kent's house*, where we found the dores flutt, and none in the house but one " fervaunt, who only had the keyes of the hall, 66 fo that we weare enforced to lie in the hall all " night, till towards morneinge, at weh tyme came a man and lett vs into the higher roomes, " wher we flept 3 or 4 howers.

"This morneinge we hasted away betyme, and came that night to Rockingham Castle, wher we ouertooke my aunt of Warwick and his companie, wher we continued a day or two wth old Sr Edward Watson and his Lady. Then we went to my La: Nedums, who once ferued my aunt of Warwick, and from thence to a sister of hirs whose name I have forgotten. Thither came my La: of Bedford, who was

^{*} In Hertfordshire, the seat at this time of Lady Hardwicke, the representative of the Kent family.

"then fo great a woman wth the Queene as euerie body much respected hir, she haueinge attended the Queene from out of Scotland.

"The next day we went to M' Griffin of Dinglies, weh was the first tyme I euer saw the "Queene and Prince Henrie, wher she kissed vs " all, and vsed vs kindly. Thither came my 46 La: of Suffolk, my yeonge La: Darby, and of my La: Walfingham, weh 3 Ladies wear the 66 great fauorits of Sr. Robert Sicill. That night we went alonge wth the Queene's traine, ther beinge an infinit companie of coaches; and, as I take it, my aunt and my mother and I " lay at S' Ritchard Knightlies, wher my La: Eliz. Knightly made exceedinglie much of vs. "The fame night my mother and I, and my coz. Ann Vauisor rid on horseback throw 66 Couentrie, and went to a gentleman's house of wher yo La: Eliz. hir grace lay, weh was the " first tyme I ever saw hir, my La: Kildare and " ye La: Harington being hir gouernesses. The " fame night we returned to Sr. Ritchard « Knightlies.

"The next day, as I take it, we went alonge win the Queene to Althroppe, my Lo: Spencers house, wher my mother and I saw my cozen Henrie Clifford, my

The Queene and Prince came to Althorpe the 23 of June, beinge Saterday, but as I remember unckle's

my aunt of Warwick, my mother and I, came not thither till the next day, weh Sunday was kept wth great folemnitie, ther beinge an infinit number of Lords and Ladies. Heere we faw my coz. Clifford first. Heere we faw the Queenes fauore to my La: Hattonandmy La: Cicill; for fhe shewed noe fauore to the elderly Las: but to my La: Rich and fuch like companie.

" unckle's fon, we was the first

"tyme we euer faw him.

"From thence y 27, beinge Munday, the Queene went to

" Hatton Fermers, wher the Kinge

" mett hir, wher ther wear an infi-

" nit companie of Lords and La:

" and other people, that the coun-

" trie could scarse lodge them.

"From thence the Court re-

" moued and wear banquetted wth great royaltie by my father at

"Grafton, wher the King and

"Queene weare entertayned with

" fpeeches and delicat prefents, at we's tyme my Lord and the Al-

" lexanders did run a course at ye

" feild, wher he hurt Hen: Allexander verie dangerouslie. Where the Court lay this night

" I am vncertaine.

" At this tyme of the King's being at Graf-

"ton, my mother was ther, but not heald as

"Mrs. of the house, by reason of ye difference

" betweene my Lo: and hir, w^{ch} was growen to

" a great height."

The night after, my aunt of Warwick, my comother, and I, as I take it, lay at Doctor c Challeners, (wher my aunt of Bath and my " unckle Russell mett vs, weh house my grandfather of Bedford vsed to lie much at,) being 66 in Amersom.

"The next day the Queene went to [a] ec gentlemans house (whose name I can not re-" memb') wher ther mett hir many great Ladies " to kiss her hands; as, the Marquess of Win-" chest, my La: of Northumberland, my La: of " Southampton, &c.

"From thence the Court re-" moued to Windsor, wher the " Feast of St. George was solem-" nised, thoughe it should have bin "don before; ther I stood wth my " La: Eliz: grace in the schrine in " the great Hall at Windsor, to se " the Kinge and all the Knights " fit at dinner. Thither came the "Archduk's Embassador, who was " receaved by the Kinge and " Queene in the great Hall, wher ther was fuch

" great a court as I think I shall

" like. From Windfor the Court

At Windfor ther was fuch an infinit number of Ladies fworne of the Q. privy chamber as , made the place of no esteeme or credit. Once I spake to my La: of Bedford to be one, but had the good fortune to miss it. " an infinit companie of Lo: and La: and fo neuer se the

> At Hampton Court, my

" removed to Hampton Court, cc wher

mother, my felfe and the other Ladies dined in the presence, as they vsed in Queene Eliza: tyme; but that custome lasted not longe. About this tyme my La: of Hertford began to grow great wth the Q. and the Q. wore her picture.

"Wher my mother and I lay at Hampton Court in one of the round towers, round about we weare tents, wher they died 2 or 3 a day of ye plague. Ther I fell extreamely ficke of a feuer, fo as my mother was in fome doubt it might turne to the plague; but whin 2 or 3 daies I grew reasonnable well, and was fent away to my coz: Studalls at Norburie, M'' Carington goinge with me; for M'' Taylor

was newly put away from me, hir husband dieinge of the plague shortly after.

"A litle afore this tyme my mother and I,
"my aunt of Bath, and my cozen Fraunces
went to North hall, (my mother being ex"treame angrie wth me for rideinge before wth
"M' Meuerell,) wher my mother in hir anger
comaunded y' I should lie in a chamber alone,
wth I could not endure; but my cozen
"Fraunces got the key of my chamb' and lay
wth me, wth was the first tyme I loved hir so
verie well.

"The next day Mr. Meuerell as he went abroade felle downe fuddainly and died, foe as most thought it was of the plague, we was then

"then verie riffe. It put us all in great feare and amasement, for my aunt had then a sute to follow in court, and my mother to attend the Kinge about the business betweene my father and hir. My aunt of Warwike sent vs medicines from a litle house neare Hampton Court, wher she then lay wth Sr Moyle Finch and his La:

"Now was the Master of Orckney, and the Lord Tillebarne much in loue wih Mrs. Cary, and came thither to se us, wth George Murrey in their companie, who was one of the Kinge's bed chamber. Whin 9 or 10 daies we weare allowed to come to the Court againe, wth was before I went to my cozen Studalls.

"Uppon the 25th of July the Kinge and "Queene weare crowned at Westminster; my father and my mother both attended them in their robes, my aunt of Bathe and my unckle Russell; with folemne sight my mother would not let me se, because the plague My cozen

" was fo hott in London. Ther" fore I continued at Norburie;
" wher my cozen did fo feed me
" wth breakfasts and peare pies,
" and such things, as shortlie after

"I fell into * * * * ficknes.

My cozen
Fran. Bourcher stood to
see the coronation, though
she had noe
robes, and
went not amongst the
companie.

"After the coronation the Court returned to

" Hampton Court, wher my mother fetched me from Norburie, and fo we lay at a litle house

" neere Hampton Court about a fortnight, and

"my aunt of Bath lay in Huggens lodgins,

"wher my cozen Fraunces and I and Mary

" Cary did vse to walk much about the gardens

" and house when the Kinge and Queene was

" gone.

66 About this tyme my cozen Ann Vauisor 66 was married to S' Ritchard Warberton.

" From Hampton Court my mother, my aunt of Bath, my felfe, and all o' companie went to

Betweene
Launce-leuell
and Mr. Dulons we lay at
one Sr Edmond Fettiplaces called
Befileflee,
wher we had
great entertaynement.

taynement.
Then we lay a night or 2 [at]
Wantage at
Gregorie
Webs, a tennant of my Lo:
of Bath's, and
from his house

" Launce-leuell, S' Fra: Palmes his house, wher we continued as

" longe as the Court lay at Bassing " Stoke, and went often thither to

" the Queene and my La: Arbella.

"Now was my La: Ritch

" growen great wh the Queene, in fo much as my La: of Bedford

" was fomethinge out whir, and

" when she came to Hampton Court
was entertayned but euen indiffe-

" rentlie, and yet continued to be

to Mr. Dulous. "of yo bed chamb". One day the "Queene went from Baseinge Stoack and dined

" at S' Hen: Wallups, wher my Lady, my aunt and I, had layen 2 or 3 nights before, and did healpe to entertayn hir.

"As we rid from my La: Wallups to Lanceleuell, rideinge late, by reason of our stay at
Basing stoke, we saw a straunge comet in the
night, like a cannopie in the aire, w^{ch} was a
thinge observed ouer all England.

"From Lance-levell we went, as appears in the marginall note in the 9th leafe [*], to Mr. Dulons, wher we continued about a weeke and had great entertaynement. And at that tyme kept a fast by reason of the plague, we was then generally observed over all England.

"From M'. Dulons we went to Barton to one M'. Dormers, wher M'. Hampshire, hir mo- ther, and she, entertayned vs wth great kindnes. "From thence we went often to the Court at "Woodstock, wher my aunt of Bath followed her sute to the Kinge, and my mother wroat lers to the Kinge, and hir means was by my Lo: Fenton, and to the Queene by my La: of Bedford. My father at this tyme followed hir [his] sute to ye Kinge about the border lands; so that sometymes my mother and he

"did meet by chaunce, wher ther countenance" did shew the dislik they had one of y other:

" yet he would speak to me in a slight fashion,

" and give me his bleffinge."

Not longe before Michaelmas my self, my cozen Frauncis Bour, Mrs. Goodwin & Mrs. Haukrige waitinge on vs, went in my mothers coach from Barton to Cookam, wher my unckle Russell & his wif and his fon then lay. From thence ve next day we went to Nonefuch, wher Prince Henrie and hir Grace lay, wher I stayed about a week, and left my cozen Fr: ther, who was purpofed to continue wth hir grace; but I came back by Cookam & came to Barton before my aunt of Bath "While we lay heere we rid
"thorough Oxford once or twife,
"but whither we went I rememb"
not. Ther we faw the Spannish
"Embassador, who was then new
come into England about the
peace. While we lay at Barton
"I kept so ill a diet wth Mt. Mary
"Cary and Mt. Hinson in eatinge
"fruit so as I fell shortly after into
"* * * * * sicknes.

"From this place my aunt of Bath, haueinge little hope of hir fute, tooke hir leaue of my mother, and returned into the west cuntrie. While they lay at Barton my mother and my aunt payed for the charge of the house equallie.

"Some weeke or fortnight after my aunt was gone, we'h was about "Michaelmas, my La: went from

"Barton to Greenes Norton, and lay one night at my cozen Tho:

" Sellengers,

Sellengers, wher we faw old Mr. went into the countrie.

" Hicklin, wher he and his daugh-

" ter preferd William Pond to fearue my Lady.

"To this place we came about 10 of ye clock

" in the night, and I was fo wearie as I could

" not tell whether I should sleepe or eate first,

"The next day we went to North-hall, wher we found my aunt of Warwick fomething ill and melancholy; she hir selfe had not bin ther passinge a moneth, but lay at S' Moyle Finches in Kent, by reason of the great plague, who was then much about North-hall.

"Not longe after Michaellmas my unckle
"Ruffell, my aunt Ruffell his wife, their fon,
"my Lo: of Bedford, my mother, and I, gaue
"all allowance to M'. Chambers, my aunts
"Steward, in web fort the house was kept du"ringe of being ther. I vsed to weare my haire"cullered veluet gowne euerie day, and learned
"to singe and play on the bass viol of Jack
"Jenkins, my aunts boye.

"Before Christmas my cozen Fraunces was fent for from Nonesuch to North-hall, by rea"fon that hir grace was to goe from thence to be brought vp wth the La: Harington in the cuntrie. All this tyme we wear merrie at Q3 "North-

"Now ther was much talk of a maske weh the Queene had at Winchester, and how all the Ladies about the Court had gotten such ill names that it was growen a scandalous place; and the Queene hir selfe was much fallen from hir former greatnes and reputation she had in [the] world."

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FIRST DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM.

"THE Duke," fays Sir Henry Wotton, was illiterate; yet had learned, at Court, first to sift and question well, and to supply his own defects, by the drawing or slowing unto him of the best instruments of experience and knowledge; from whom he had a sweet and attractive manner, to suck what might be for the public or his own proper use; so as the less he was favoured by the Muses, he was the more so by the Graces,"

"In point of dress and luxury," fays Sir Henry Wotton, in his Parallel between the Earl of Effex and the Duke of Buckingham, "they were both very inordinate in their appe-" tites, especially the Earl, who was by nature of fo indifferent a tafte, that I must tell a rare " thing of him, though it be but homely, that "he would stop in the midst of any physical of potion, and, after he had licked his lips, he " would drink off the rest."

Lord Clarendon, in the "Disparity between " the Estates and Conditions of this Nobleman " and the Earl of Effex," observes, after praising the Duke's extreme affability and gentleness to all men, "He had besides such a tenderness and " compassion in his nature, that such as think " the laws dead if they are not feverely executed, " cenfured him for being too merciful; but his charity was grounded upon a wifer maxim of " state: " Non minus turpe Principi multa sup-" plicia quam Medico, multa funera:—and he believed,"doubtless, that hanging was the " worst use man could be put to."

The Duke, on his fatal journey to Portsmouth, was advertised by an old woman on the road, that she had heard some desperate persons vow to kill him. His nephew Lord Fielding, riding in Q4

company with him, defired him to exchange coats with him, and to let him have his blue ribbon, and undertook to muffle himfelf up in fuch a manner that he should be mistaken for the Duke. The Duke immediately caught him in his arms, faying, that he could not accept of such an offer from a nephew whose life he valued as highly as his own.

The following Letter from the Duke of Buckingham to James the First, I believe, is not in print. In most of his letters he appears an abject flatterer of the King, and shews a childish affection expressed in very low language; in this, however, he writes in a manly style. He would have recommended a servant of his to some place, but the King had previously disposed of it.

"God forbid that for eyther me or anie of mine your promis should be forced; my man is not in miserie; his master by your favour is in estate not to let him want; he is younge, yett patient, and your meanes manie to benefitt him some other way, an his honestie can deferve it; I will answere he will. So both I and he are humble suters that you please your selfe, in which doeing you content all. So cravinge your blessings, I ende your humble stave and doge,

66 STEENIE."

LORD BACON.

This great man has been accused of deserting his friend and patron the Earl of Essex in his distress. Fuller thus attempts to exculpate him:

"Lord Bacon," fays he, "was more true to the Earl than the Earl was to himfelf; for finding him prefer destruction before displeasing counsel, he fairly forsook (not his person, whom his pity attended to the grave, but) his practices, and herein was not the worse friend for being the better subject."

Lord Bacon's Effays, which, as he fays, will be more read than his other works, "coming "home to men's business and bosoms," have been the text-book of myriads of Effay-Writers, and comprehend such a condensation of wisdom and learning, that they have very fairly been

wire-drawn by his fuccessors. Dr. Rowley, his Chaplain, gives the following account of his method of study, and of some of his domestic habits.

[&]quot;He was," fays he, "no plodder upon works; for though he read much, and that with great judgment and rejection of impertinences incident to many authors, yet he would use some relaxation of mind with his studies;

" as gently walking, coaching, flow riding, playing at bowls, and other fuch like exercises. "Yet he would lose no time; for upon his first return he would immediately fall to reading or thinking again; and so suffered no moment " to be lost and past by him unprofitably. You " might call his table a refection of the ear as " well as of the stomach, like the Noctes Attica, or " entertainments of the Deipnosophists, wherein " a man might be refreshed in his mind and " understanding no less than in his body. I 46 have known some men of mean parts that have professed to make use of their note-books " when they have rifen from his table. He " never took a pride (as is the humour of fome) " in putting any of his guests, or those that dif-" courfed with him, to the blush, but was ever " ready to countenance their abilities, whatever they were. Neither was he one that would " appropriate the discourse to himself alone, but ce left a liberty to the rest to speak in their turns, " and he took a pleasure to hear a man speak " in his own faculty, and would draw him on " and allure him to discourse upon different sub-" jects: and for himfelf, he despised no man's " observations, but would light his torch at any " man's candle."

Mr. Osborn, who knew Lord Bacon personally, in his "Advice to his Son," thus defcribes

fcribes him:-" Lord Bacon, Viscount St. Al-65 ban's, in all companies did appear a good pro-" ficient (if not a master) in those arts entertained " for the subject of every one's discourse; so as "I dare maintain, without the least affectation of flattery or hyperbole, that his most casual task deserveth to be written, as I have been " told that his first or foulest copies required no ef great labour to render them competent for "the nicest judgments; a high perfection, atstainable only by use, and treating with every " man in his respective profession, and what he " was most versed in. So as I have heard him entertain a Country Lord in the proper terms e relating to hawks and dogs, and at another " time outcant a London Chirurgeon. Thus he " did not only learn himself, but gratify such as " taught him, who looked upon their callings s as honourable through his notice. Nor did se an easie falling into arguments (not unjustly " taken for a blemish in the most) appear less than an ornament in him; the ears of the " hearers receiving more gratification than trouble, and (fo) no less forry when he came to " conclude, than displeased with any that did " interrupt him. Now this general know-66 ledge he had in all things, husbanded by his wit, and dignified by fo majestical a carriage 66 he was known to owe, strook such an awful 55 reverence in those he questioned, that they se durst

"durst not conceal the most intrinsick part of their mysteries from him, for fear of appearing ignorant or saucy; all which rendered him no less necessary than admirable at the Counciltable, where, in reference to Impositions, Monopolies, &c. the meanest manufactures were an usual argument; and (as I have heard) did in this bassle the Earl of Middlesex, that was born and bred a citizen, &c. yet without any great (if at all) interrupting his other studies, as is not hard to be imagined of a quick apprehension; in which he was admirable."

Lord Bacon is buried in a fmall obscure church in St. Alban's, where the gratitude of one of his fervants, Mr. Meatys, has raifed a monument to him; a gratitude which should be imitated on a larger scale, and in a more illustrious place of fepulture, by a great and opulent Nation, who may well boaft of the honour of having had fuch an ornament to human nature born among them. In this age of liberality, diftinguished as well by possessing lovers of the arts as great artists themfelves, foreigners should no longer look in vain for the just tribute of our veneration to the memory of this great man, and that of Mr. Boyle and Mr. Locke, in our magnificent repositories of the dead; and now indeed by the opening of St. Paul's to monuments to Dr. Johnson and Mr. Howard, and by the wife and liberal regulations

tions entered into by the Chapter of that Cathedral, Gwynn's idea of a British Temple of Fame may be completely realized.

But there is also wanting another monument to Lord Bacon—the history of his life and writings*; a work often mentioned by that great master of biography Dr. Johnson, as a work which he himself should like to undertake, and to which he wished to add a complete edition of Lord Bacon's English writings. Mr. Mallet has indeed written a life of this great man, but it is very scanty and imperfect, and says very little either of the philosophy of Lord Bacon or of those that preceded him; on which account Bishop Warburton, in his strong manner, said, "that he supposed if "Mr. Mallet were to write the life of the Duke of Marlborough, he would never once mention "the military art."

Lord Bacon died at Lord Arundel's house at Highgate, in his way to Gorhambury, being seized with the stroke of death as he was making some philosophical experiments. He dictated the

^{* &}quot; What a pity it is that no good memoir (fearce in-" deed any memoir at all) of this restorer of philosophy has

[&]quot; ever appeared! and how much is such a work to be de"fired by all true lovers of literature."—Dr. JORTIN.

following letter to Lord Arundel three days before he died; and it must be perused with a melancholy pleasure, as the last letter this great man ever dictated.

66 MY VERY GOOD LORD,

"I was likely to have had the fortune of c Caius Plinius the elder, who lost his life by " trying an experiment about the burning of the es mountain Vesuvius; for I was desirous to try " an experiment or two touching the confervase tion and enduration of bodies. As for the experiment itself, it succeeded extremely well; 66 but on the journey (between London and "Highgate) I was taken with fuch a fit of cast-" ing as I knew not whether it were the stone, or " fome furfeit, or cold, or indeed a touch of "them all three. But when I came to your "Lordship's house I was not able to go back; " and therefore was forced to take my lodging " here, where your housekeeper is very careful " and diligent about me; which I assure myself " your Lordship will not only pardon towards " him, but think the better of him for it; for " indeed your Lordship's house was happie to " me, and I kisse your noble hands for the well-" come which I am fure you give me to it. I know how unfit it is for me to write to your 46 Lordship with any pen but my own, but in 66 trutli.

" truth my fingers are so disjointed with this sit
of sickness that I cannot steadily hold my pen.
"Your Lordship's to command,

" ST. ALBAN'S."

Mr. Evelyn, in his Essay upon Physiognomy at the end of his Treatise upon Medals, says of Lord Bacon, "he had a spacious forehead, and a piercing eye, always (as I have been told by one who knew him well) looking upward, as a soul in sublime contemplation, and as the person who, by standing up against dogmatists, was to emancipate and set free the long and miserably captivated philosophy, which has ever since made such conquests in the teristic ritories of nature."

Lord Bacon, in his "Essay upon Health and "Long Life," says, that on some Philosopher's being asked how he had arrived to the very advanced period of life at which he then was, replied, "Intus melle, extra oleo—By taking honey "within, and oil without *."

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* One of our Confuls in Egypt (a gentleman to whom Athis Country has the highest obligations, for the very early information with which he supplied our Settlements in the East Indies with the information of the breaking out of the last war with the French) imagines that oil applied externally to the human body, as in a shirt dipped in that lubricating substance,

Not long before Lord Bacon's death he was visited by the Marquis d'Effiat, a Frenchman of rank and of learning. Lord Bacon was ill, and received him in his bed-chamber with the curtains drawn. The Marquis on entering the room paid to him this very elegant compliment: "Your Lordship resembles the Angels. We have all heard of them; we are all desirous to see them; and we never have that fatisfication."

Dr. Tatham fays finely of Bacon:

"Aristotle locked up the Temple of Know"ledge, and threw away the key, which in the
"absurd and superstitious veneration of his
"authority was lost for ages. It was found at
"last by a native of our own country, whose
"name as a philosopher, and particularly as a lo"gician*, does more honour to England than his
"did to Stagyra; who threw open the prison
"in which Science had been held captive, and
"once more set her free; and who with a bold
"and virtuous sacrilege tore the laurel from

fubstance, would prevent the infection of that horrible calamity the plague; and as he lives in a country very frequently visited by that dreadful disorder, he has had but too frequent opportunities of making the experiment.

^{*} Illud verò monendum, nos in hoc nostro Organo tractare Logicam, non Philosophiam.—Nov. Organ. Lib. ii. Aphorism 52.

"that dark and deified philosopher, which he had so long and so injuriously worn." The Chart and Scale of Truth, Vol. I. page 353.

According to Mr. Aubrey, Cardinal Richelieu was a great admirer of Lord Bacon. Balzac fays of him respecting his character of the Ancients,

"Croyons donc, pour l'amour du Chancelier Bacon, que toutes les folies des anciens sont sages, tous leurs songes mysteres."

The following notices of this great man are copied from Mr. Aubrey's MSS. in the Ashmolean Library at Oxford:

" Mr. Thomas Hobbes (Malmsburiensis) was " beloved by Lord Bacon. He was wont to have him walke with him in his delicate groves " when he did-meditate; and when a notion " darted into his head, Mr. H. was prefently to " write it down, and his Lordship was wont to 66 fay, that he did it better than any one else " about him; for that many times when he read "their notes, he scarce understood what they " writ, because they understood it not clearly " themselves. In short, all that were great and " good loved and honoured him. Sir Ed. Coke, " Lord Chief Justice, always envied him, and " under-VOL, I. R

" undervalued his law, and I knew Lawyers that remembered it. Lord Bacon was Lord Pro-" tector duringe King James's progresse into " Scotland, and gave audience in great state to " Ambassadors at Whitehall, in the Banqueting "House. He would many times have musicke in the next roome where he meditated. The " aviary at Yorke House was built by his Lord-" ship: it cost three hundred pounds. At every meale, according to the feafon of the yeere, " he had his table strewed with sweet herbs and " flowers, which he faid did refresh his spirits. "When he was at his country-house at Gor-" hambury, St. Alban's feemed as if the Court " had been there, fo nobly did he live; his fervants had liveries with his crest. His water-" men were more employed by gentlemen than " any other, except the King's.

"His Lordship being in York House Garden, booking on sishers as they were throwing their nett, ask'd them what they would take for their draught; they answer'd, So much. But his Lop would offer them no more but so much. They drew up their netts, and it were onley two or three little sishes. His Lop then told them it had been better for them to have taken his offer. They replyed, they hoped to have had a better draught; but, say'd his Lop, hope is a good breakfast, but an ill supper.

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"When his Lop was in disfavour, his neighbours, hearing how much he was indebted,

" came to him with a motion to buy oake wood

of him; his Lop told them he would not fell

" his feathers.

- "The Earle of Manchester being removed from his place of Lord Chiefe Lydies of the
- " from his place of Lord Chiefe Justice of the "Comon Pleas, to be Lord President of the
- " Councell, told my Lord (upon his fall) that
- " he was forry to fee him made fuch an ex-
- " ample: La Bacon replied, it did not trouble
- " him, fince he was made a Prefident.
- " The Bishop of London did cutt down a no-
- ble clowd of trees at Fulham; the Lord Chan-
- " cellor told him that he was a good expounder
- " of darke places.
- "Upon his being in dis-favour, his fervants
- " fuddenly went away: he compared them to
- " the flying of the vermin, when the house was
- " falling.
- " One told his Lordship, it was now time to
- " looke about him. He replied, " I doe not
- " looke about, I looke above me."

"Sr Julius Cæsar (Master of the Rolls) sent to his Lop, in his necessity, a hundred pounds for a present.

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"His Lordship would often drinke a good draught of strong beer (March beer) to bedwards, to lay his working fancy asleep, which otherwise would keepe him from sleeping great part of the night.

"He had a delicate lively hazel eie. Dr. Harvey fayd to me, it was like the eie of a viper.

"I have now forgott what Mr. Bushell sayed, "wether his Lordship enjoyed his muse best at night or in the morning."

Mr. Hobbes told Mr. Aubrey, that "the cause of his Lop death was trying an experiment, viz. As he was taking the aire in a coach with Dr. Witherborne towards Highgate, snow lay on the ground, and it came into my Lord's thoughts why slesh might not be preserved in snow as in falt. They were resolved to try the experiment, and staid so long in doing it, that Lord Bacon got a shivering sit. He went to Lord Arundel's house at Highgate, where

"he was put into a damp bed, and died a few days afterwards."

Lord Bacon fays finely of Christianity, "There hath not been discovered in any age, any phi'idosophy, opinion, religion, law, or discipline,
which so greatly exalts the common, and
's lessens individual interest, as the Christian re's ligion doth."

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His rule respecting study, and the application of the powers of the mind, is excellent: "Practife them chiefly at two several times; the one when the mind is well disposed, the other when it is worst disposed; that by the one you may gain a great step, by the other you may work out the knots and stondes of the mind, and make the middle times more easy and pleasant."

Lord Bacon thus inscribed the feat in Gray's Inn Gardens, which he had put up to the memory of his friend Mr. Bettenham:

Franciscus Bacon Regis Sollicitor Generalis

"Executor Testamenti Jeremiæ Bettenham nuper "Lectoris hujus Hospitij Viri innocentis abstinentis

" & contemplativi Hanc Sedem in Memoriam ejuf-

" dem Jeremiæ exstruxit

" Anno Dom. 1609."

Wilson, in speaking of the sentence passed upon the Lord Treasurer, observes, "Which sentence "was pronounced by the Lord Chancellor Bacon, who though he were of transcendent parts, yet was he tainted with the same infection, and not many years after perished in his own corruption; which shews, that neither example nor precept (he having seen so many, and been made capable of so much) can be a pilot sufficient to any port of happiness (though Reason be never so able to direct) if Grace doth not give the gale."

The following letter of Lord Bacon is preferved in Sir Toby Mathews' Collection of English Letters. It is not inserted in the Folio Edition of Lord Bacon's Works, but is a striking instance of the resources of the mind which this great though unfortunate man possessed; it is also an exquisite comment upon the celebrated sentence of Lactantius:

"Eruditio inter prospera ornamentum-inter adversa

THE LORD VISCOUNT ST. ALBAN'S (BACON) TO THE BISHOP OF WINCHESTER (ANDREWS), AFTER HIS FALL. IT ACQUAINTS HIM BOTH WITH HIS COMFORTS AND HIS WRITINGS.

66 MY LORD,

"Amongst comforts, it is not the least to represent to a man's felf the like examples of calamity

"calamity in others. For examples make a quicker impression than arguments; and besides, they inform us of that which the Scripture also propounds to us for our satisfaction, that no new thing has happened to us. This they do the better, by how much the examples are more like in circumstances to our own case, and yet more particularly, if they fall upon persons who are greater and worthier than ourselves. For as it savours of vanity to match ourselves highly in our own conceit; so, on the other side, it is a good and sound conclusion, that if our betters have sustained the like events, we have the less cause to be grieved.

"In this kind of confolation I have not been wanting to myself, though as a Christian I have tasted (through God's great goodness) " of higher remedies. Having therefore, through the variety of my reading, fet before me many examples, both of ancient and latter times, my thoughts, I confess, have chiefly stayed upon three particulars, as both the most eminent and 66 most resembling; all three persons who had held chief place and authority in their countries; all three ruined, not by war or any 66 other difaster, but by justice and sentence, as delinquents and criminals; and all three famous writers. Infomuch as the remembrance

"of their calamity is now to posterity but as fome little night-piece, remaining amongst the fair and excellent tables of their acts and works. And all three (if that were anything to the matter) are fit examples to quench any man's ambition of rising again; for that they were, every one of them, restored with great glory; but to their further ruin and destruction, all ending in a violent death.

"The men were Demosthenes, Cicero, and Seneca; persons with whom I durst not claim any affinity at all, if the similated of our fortunes had not contracted it.

"When I cast mine eyes upon these examples, I was carried further on to observe, how
they bore their fortunes; and principally how
they employed their times, being banished,
and disabled for public business; to the end
that I might learn by them, that so they might
be as well my counsellors as my comforters.
Whereupon I happened to note how diversly
their fortunes wrought upon their minds, especially in that point at which I aimed most;
which was, the employing of their times and
pens. In Cicero, I saw that, during his banishment (which was almost for two years) he
was so softened and dejected, as that he wrote
nothing but a few womanish epistles. And

"yet, in my opinion, he had least reason of the three to be discouraged; because, though it were judged (and judged by the highest kind of judgment in form of a statute and law) that he should be banished, and his whole estate confiscated and seized, and his houses pulled down; and that it should be highly penal for any man to propound his repeal; yet his case, even then, carried no great blot of ignominy with it; for it was thought to be but a tempest of popularity which overthrew him.

"Demosthenes, on the contrary side, though his case were foul, he being condemned for bribery, and bribery in the nature of treason and disloyalty, took yet so little knowledge of his fortune, as that, during his banishment, he busied himself, and intermeddled as much with matters of State by letters, as if he had been still at the helm, as appears by some epistles of his which are extant.

"Seneca indeed, who was condemned for many corruptions and crimes, and banished into a folitary island, kept a mean: for though his pen did not freeze, yet he abstained from intruding into matters of business; but spent his time in writing books of excellent argument

"ment and use for all ages. These examples confirmed me much in a resolution (to which I was otherwise inclined) to spend my time wholly in writing, and to put forth that poor talent, or half talent, or what it is, which God hath given me, not as heretofore, to particular exchanges, but to banks or mounts of perspicuity, which will not break.

" VERULAM."

" Lord Chancellor Bacon," fays Howell in his Letters, " is lately dead of a long languish-" ing illness. He died so poor, that he scarce " left money to bury him, which (though he " had a great wit) did argue no great wisdom, "it being one of the effential properties of a " wife man to provide for the main chance. I " have read, that it had been the fortunes of all " poets commonly to die beggars; but for an "Orator, a Lawyer, and a Philosopher to die " fo, 'tis rare. It feems the fame fate befell " him that attended Demosthenes, Seneca, and " Cicero (all great men), of whom the two first " fell by corruption. The fairest diamond may " have a flaw in it; but I believe he died poor " from a contempt of the pelf of fortune, as also " out of an excess of generosity, which appeared " (as in divers other passages) so once, when the "King had fent him a stag, he fent up for the " under" under-keeper, and having drank the King's health to him in a great filver gilt bowl, he gave it to him for his fee.

"He wrote a pitiful letter to King James not." long before his death, and concludes, "Help me, dear Sovereign, Lord and Master, and pity me so far, that I who have been born to a bag, be not now, in my age, forced in effect to bear a wallet; nor that I, who desire to live to study, may be driven to study to live."

worth of the Lord Viscount Verulam, who was a rare man, reconditæ scientiæ et ad salutem literarum natus; and, I think, the eloquentest that was born in this Isle.

Wilson, in his Life of King James, says,
Though Lord Bacon had a pension allowed
him by the King, he wanted to his last; living
obscurely in his lodging at Gray's Inn; where
his loneness and desolate condition wrought
upon his ingenious (and therefore then more
melancholy) temper, that he pined away. And
he had this unhappiness, after all his height of
plenitude, to be denied beer to quench his
thirst. For having a fickly taste, he did not
like the beer of the house, but sent to Sir Fulk
Greville, Lord Brooke, in his neighbourhood,
(now and then,) for a bottle of his beer, and,
"after

"after some grumbling, the butler had order to deny him. So fordid was the one that ad"vanced himself to be called Sir Philip Sidney's friend, and so friendless was the other after he had dejected himself from what he was."

"Lord Bacon," adds Wilson, "was of a middling stature: his countenance had indented with age before he was old; his prefence grave and comely; of a high-flying and
lively wit; striving in some things to be rather admired than understood, yet so quick
and easy where he would express himself,
and his memory so strong and active, that he
appeared the master of a large and plenteous
ftorehouse of knowledge, being (as it were)

Nature's midwife, stripping her callow brood,
and cloathing them in new attire."

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LORD CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF KING'S BENCH,

on receiving from Lord Bacon, (who was not supposed to be a very prosound lawyer,) as a present, his celebrated Treatise "De Instauratione Scientiarum," wrote on a blank leaf, malignantly enough, this distich:

Instaurare paras veterum documenta sophorum, Instaura leges justitiamque priùs.

You with a vain and ardent zeal explore
The old philosopher's abstruser lore.
Justice and law your notice better claim,
Knowledge of them insure you fairer fame.

"Five forts of perfons," fays Fuller, "this " great man used to foredefign to misery and poverty: chymists, monopolizers, concealers, of promoters, and rythming poets. For three " things he faid he would give God folemn thanks:---that he never gave his body to " physic, nor his heart to cruelty, nor his hand to corruption. In three things he much ap-" plauded his own fuccess: in his fair fortune with his wife, in his happy study of the law, and in his free coming by all his preferment, " nec prece nec pretio; neither begging nor brib-" ing for preferment. He constantly had pray-" ers faid in his own house, and charitably re-" lieved the poor with his constant alms. The " foundation of Sutton's Hospital (the Charter-" House, when indeed but a foundation) had " been ruined before it was raifed, and crushed " by fome courtiers in the hatching thereof, " had not his great care preserved the same."

When Sir Edward had lost all his public employments, and some Peer was inclined to question the rights of the Cathedral of Norwich, he hindered hindered it, by telling him plainly, "that if he "proceeded, he would put on his cap and "gown, and follow the cause through West- minster-hall."

He took for the motto to his rings, when he was made Serjeant:

Lex est tutissima cassis.

The Law is the surest helmet.

"This great Lawyer," fays Wilson, "was a man of excellent parts, but not without his frailties. For as he was a storehouse and magazine of the common law for the present times, and laid such a foundation for the future, that posterity may for ever build upon, so his passions and pride were so predominant, that, boyling over, he lost by them much of his own fullness, which extinguished not only the valuation, but the respect due to his merit.

"A breach," continues Wilson, "happened between the Lord Chief Justice Coke and the Lord Chancellor Ellesmere, which made a passing to both their declines. Sir Edward Coke had heard and determined a cause at common law, and some report that there was juggling in the business. The witness that knew and should have related the truth was wrought upon to be absent if any man would under-

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" take to excuse his non-appearance. A pragatical fellow of the partie undertook it, went " with the witness to a tavern, called for a gal-"lon pot full of fack, bid him drink, and " fo leaving him, went into the Court. This witness is called for the prop of the cause: the " undertaker answers upon oath, that he left " the witness in such a condition, that if he " continues only but a quarter of an hour, he " is a dead man. This evidencing the man's " incapability to come, deaded the matter fo, "that it lost the cause. The plaintiffs that had " the injury bring the bufiness about in Chan-" cery. The defendants (having had judgment " at common law) refuse to obey the orders of " the Court; whereupon the Lord Chancellor, " for contempt of the Court, commits them to of prison. They petition against him in the Star-" chamber; the Lord Chief Justice Coke joyns " with them in the difference, threatening the "-Lord Chancellor with a Præmunire. The " Chancellor makes the King acquainted with " the bufiness, who fends to Sir Francis Bacon " his Attorney-General, Sir Henry Montague, " &c. commanding them to fearch what prece-" dents there have been of late years, wherein " fuch as have complained in chancery were re-" lieved according to equity and conscience after " judgment at common law. They made a re" port favourable to the interference of the "Court of Chancery in fuch cases. This," adds Wilson, "fatisfied the King, justified the "Lord Chancellor, and the Chief Justice received the foil, which was a bitter potion to his spirit, but not strong enough to work as his enemies desired. Therefore, to trouble him the more, he is brought on his knees at the Council-table, and three other ingredients added to the dose, of a more active operation.

"First, He is charged, that when he was the "King's Attorney-General, he concealed a sta"tute of twelve thousand pounds due to the "King from the late Lord Chancellor Hatton, "wherein he deceived the trust reposed in him.

"Secondly, That he uttered words of very high contempt as he fat on the feat of Justice, faying, The Common Law of England would be overthrown, and the light of it obscured, reflecting upon the King.

"And thirdly, His uncivil and indifcreet carriage before his Majesty, being assisted by his Privy Council and Judges, in the case of Commendams*.

^{*} In that business Lord Coke behaved very nobly and spiritedly at first, but afterwards made an improper submission.

"The last he confessed, and humbly craved " his Majesty's pardon. The other two he pal-" liated with fome colourable excuses, which " were not fo well fet off but they left fuch a " tincture behind them, that he was commanded " to retire to private life. And to expiate the "King's anger, he was enjoined in that leifurely " retirement to review his Books of Reports, which the King was informed had many ex-" travagant opinions published for practice and " good law, which must be corrected, and " brought to his Majesty to be perused. And " at his departure from the Council-table, the " Lord Treasurer, the Earl of Salisbury, gave " him a wipe, for fuffering his coachman to ride bare-headed before him in the streets; which " fault he strove to cover, by telling his Lord-" ship that his coachman did it for his own " eafe."

To the kindness of a learned and ingenious Gentleman, who has had the singular merit of allying Philology to Philosophy, and of giving the certitude of science to Etymology itself, Mr. HORNE TOOKE*, the Compiler is obliged for

^{*} The learned and elegant Mr. Webb fays of The Diverfions of Purley, " It is a most valuable book, and the more " so, as it promises what is much wanted, a new theory of " language. I, bone, quò ingenium tuum te vocat."

[&]quot; Differtation on the Chinefe Language."

the following curious Letter of Sir Edward Coke to the University of Cambridge, when that learned Body was empowered by James the First to send Representatives to Parliament. The Letter is copied from the Archives of the University.

" Having found by experience in former Par-" liaments (and especially when I was Speaker) " how necessary it was for our University to have "Burgesses of Parliament: first, for that the " Colledges and Houses of Learning being " founded partly by the King's progenitors, and 66 partly by the Nobles and other godly and de-" vout men, have local statutes and ordynances "-prescribed to them by their founders, as well " for the disposing and preserving of their pos-" fessions, as for the good government and vir-" tuous education of Students and Schollers " within the fame: secondly, for that to the " dewe observation of those statutes and ordy-" nances they are bounden by oath: and laftly, for that yt is not possible for any one generall " lawe to fitt every particular Colledge, especially when their private statutes and ordynances be " not knowne: And finding, especially nowe of " late time, that many Bills are preferred in "Parliament, and fomé have passed, which con-"cern our University; I thought good, out of " the great duety and fervice I owe to our Uni-" versity, (being one of the famous eyes of the " Common. . 7

" Commonwealth,) to conferr with M Dr. Ne-" vill, Deane of Canterbury, and Sir Edward " Stanhope, (two worthie Members thereof,) that " a fute were made at this time, when his Matie, " exceeding all his progenitors in learning and " knowledge, fo favoureth and respecteth the "Universities; when our most worthie and af-". fectionate Chancellor, my L. Cecill, his Maties " principall Secretary, is so propense to further anything that may honour or profit our Uni-" versity; for the obteyning of two Burgesses of " Parliament, that may informe (as occasion shall " be offered) that High Court of the true state " of the University, and of every particular Col-66 ledge: which, with all alacrity, the good " Deane and Sir Edward Stanhope apprehended. " O' Chancellor was moved, who instantly and " effectually moved his Matie, who most princely " and graciously granted and signed yt, the booke being ready drawne and provided. I " know yo' wisdomes have little need of myne " advise; yet out of my affectionate love unto 56 you, I have thought good to remember you of " fome things that are comely and necessary to be

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[&]quot;I. As foone as you can, that you acknowledge humble thanks to his Ma" for that he
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- " hath conferred fo great an hon' and benefitt to
 " o' University.
- "2. To acknowledge y' thankfullness to o' noble Chancellor, and also to the L. Chancellor of England, who have most honourably
- " given furtherance to yt.
- " 3. That you thanke the good Deane and S'
 " Edward Stanhope, for their inward and hasty
 " follicitaçon.
- "4. That now at this first eleccon, you make choise of some that are not of the Convocaçon House, for I have knowne the like to have bredd a question. And yt is good that the begynning and first season be cleere and without scruple. In respect whereof, if you elect for this time some Professor of the Civill Lawe, or any other that is not of the Convocaçon House, yt is the surest way.
- "5. The Vicechancellor, for that he is Governor of the University where the choise is
 to be made, is not eligible.
- "6. There is also a new wrytt provided for this present eleccon. When you have made your

- " your eleccon of your two Burgesses, you must
- " certifie the same to the Sheriffe, and he shall
- "retorne them: or if you fend your eleccon to
- " me under your feale, I will fee them retorned.
- " And thus ever resting to doe you any fer" vice, with all willing readyness I comytt you
- " to the bleffed proteccon of the Almighty.
- "From the Inner Temple, this 12th of March 1603.
 - "Yo' very loving frind,
 "Ed. Coke."
 - "You shall also receive the
- " lettres patents under the
- " greate feale to you and yo' fuccessors
- " for ever, and likewise a
- " writt for this pfent eleccon."
 - ". To the right worshipfull
- " and his much esteemed ffrend the
- " Vicechancellor of the Universitie
- " of . Cambridge give thefe."
- The "Institutes" of Sir Edward Coke have ever been regarded as the most excellent Commentaries on our Laws and Constitution. Yet the learned Bishop Gibson says, in one of his MS. Letters in the Bodleian Library,
- "Many of our Laws (as they are derived from those of the Saxons) soe they contribute

" a great light towards the true understanding of them. Besides, it will be no little pleasure to observe the affinity between those Saxons."

* "Saxon," fays Sir John Fortescue Aland, " is the "Mother of the English Tongue. A man cannot tell twenty, nor name the days of the week in English, but he must speak Saxon.

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"Etymologies from a Saxon original will often present you with the definition of the thing in the reason of the name. For the Saxons often in their names express the nature of the thing: as in the word Parish; in the Saxon it is a word which signifies the precinct of which the Priest had the care. Throne, in Saxon, is expressed by a compound word, which signifies the seat of Majesty. Death is expressed by a compound word, signifying the separation of the soul from the body, one of which signifies fock foul or spirit, and the other separation."—Presace to Fortescue on the Limited Monarchy of England.

The Saxon language now appears likely to be cultivated with that diligence to which it is entitled, as the basis of our language, and as containing the first elements of our laws and the ground-work of our happy constitution, in the statutes enacted by our free and intrepid forefathers. The late learned Dr. Rawlinson has founded a Professorship in the Saxon language in the University of Oxford; and the choice the University has made of a person of learning and ingenuity to read the lectures, will surely stimulate the young and the ingenious to become acquainted with a language without which they cannot either speak or write with propriety, or act as it becomes those who have secured from their ancestors the noblest blessing that one generation can procure for another, manly and rational liberty.

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and our present customs, in which matters our Common Lawyers are generally in the " dark. You have heard me also mention the Life of Sir Henry Spelman. One principal part whereof must be to prove, what that 66 learned Antiquarian always infifted upon, that this method of studies was the true foundation of the Common Law, and that Coke and the " rest run into many visible and even scandalous errors for the want of it."-Dr. Gibson to Dr. Charlett, Sept. 17, 1700.

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THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR AT THE COURT OF KING JAMES THE FIRST.

KING JAMES took great delight in the conversation of Gondemar, because he knew how to please the King, who thought himself an excellent tutor and scholar. The Ambassador used to speak bad Latin before him, in order to give his Majesty an opportunity of correcting him. Gondemar had, by bribes and pensions, paid many of the first persons about King James's court, in the interest of that of Spain; yet, to insure that interest, says Wilson, "he cast out his baits not. " only for men, but if he found an Atalanta,

" whose tongue went nimbler than her feet, he " would throw out his golden balls to catch them' " also; and in these times there were some La-" dies, pretending to be wits, (as they called " them,) or had fair nieces or daughters which "drew great refort to their houses; and where " company meet, the discourse is commonly of " the times (for every man will vent his passion)." "These Ladies he sweetened with presents, that " they might allay fuch as were too four in their " expression, to stop them in the course if they " ran on too fast, and bring them to a gentler " pace. He lived at Ely House, in Holborn; " his paffage to the Court was ordinarily through " Drury Lane, (the Covent Garden being then " an inclosed field,) and that lane and the Strand " were the places where most of the Gentry " lived; and the Ladies, as he went, knowing " his times, would not be wanting to appear in " their balconies or windows to present him their " civilities, and he would watch for it; and, as " he was carried in his litter, he would strain " himself as much as an old man could to the " humblest posture of respect.

"One day passing by the Lady Jacob's house in Drury Lane, she exposed herself for a falutation; he was not wanting to her, but she moved nothing but hermouth, gaping wide open upon him. He wondered at the Lady's inci"vility,"

"vility, but thought that it might be happily a
"yawning fit took her at that time; for trial
"whereof, the next day he finds her in the same
place, and his courtesses were again accosted
"with no better expressions than an extended
"mouth; whereupon he sent a gentleman to
her, to let her know that the Ladies of England were more gracious to him than to encounter his respects with such affronts. She
answered, It was true that he had purchased
fome of their favours at a dear rate, and she
had a mouth to be stopped as well as others.
Gondemar, finding the cause of the emotion
of her mouth, sent her a present as an antidote, which cured her of that distemper."

EXTRACT FROM THE KING OF SPAIN'S LET-TER TO HIS AMBASSABOR, DATED NOV' 5, 1622.

"The King my father declared at his death, "that his intention was never to marry my fifter the Infanta Donna Maria to the Prince of Wales, which your uncle, Don Baltazar, understood, and so treated the match ever with intention to delay it; yet, notwithstanding it is now so far advanced, that considering all the overtures unto it for the Infanta, it is time to seek some means to divert the treaty, which I would have you find, and I will make it good.

s good whatsoever it be; but in all other things

" promote the satisfaction of the King of Great

"Britain, who hath deserved very much, and it

" shall content me much, so that it be not in-

SIR WALTER RALEIGH.

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"Int spirit Sir Walter Rawleigh (who in his recesses in the Tower had presented in lively characters the true image of the Old World) made accesses to the King, whereby he got leave to visit the New World in America; Captain Kemish (one of his old seamen and fervants) shewing him a piece of ore in the Tower of a golden complexion, (a glittering temptation, to begin the work,) assuring him, he could bring him to a mine in Guiana of the same metall: which (together with freedome, the crown of life and being) gave rise to this enterprize."

The following Notices of Sir Walter Raleigh are copied from Aubrey's Biographical Notes in the Ashmolean Library at Oxford:

" He was a great Chymist, and amongst some "MS. receipts I have seen some secrets from him.

"him. He studied most in his sea voyages, where he carried always with him a chest of books, and had nothing to divert him.

"A person so much immersed in action, and in the fabrication of his own fortunes, till his confinement in the Tower, could have but little time to study but what he could spare in the morning. He was no sleeper *, had a wonderful waking spirit, and great judgment to guide it.

"He was a tall, handsome, and brave man; but his bane was, that he was damnably proud. Old Sir Robert Harley, of Brampton Bryan Castle, would say, 'Twas a great question which was the proudest, Sir Walter Raleigh or Sir Thomas Overbury; but the difference that was, was judged on Sir Thomas's side."

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In a conversation which Drummond of Hawthornden had with Ben Jonson, the latter, speaking of the English Poets, said, that "Spenser's "stanza pleased him not, nor his matter; "the meaning of the allegory of his Fairy "Queen he had delivered in writing to Sir "Walter Raleigh; which was, that by the bleating beast he understood the Puritans, and by the

^{*} He allowed himself five hours to rest.

"false Duessa the Queen of Scots." Ben farther observed, "That Sir Walter Raleigh ef"teemed more fame than conscience: the best
wits in England were employed in making his
history. Ben himself had written a piece to
him of the Punic war, which he altered, and
fet in his book." Works of William Drummond of Hawtbornden, Fol. Edit. 1711, p. 225.

A COPY OF SIR W. RALEIGH'S LETTER SENT TO MR. DUKE IN DEVON.

"I write to Mr. Prideaux to move you for

" MR. DUKE,

"the purchase of Hayes *, a farm some time in my father's possession. I will most willingly give whatsoever in your conscience you shall deeme it worth; and if at any time you shall have occasion to use me, you shall find me a thankfull friend to you and yours. I am resolved (if I cannot entreat you) to build at Colleton; but for the natural disposition I have to that place (being born in that house)

. I had rather feate myself there than any

^{* &}quot;Hayes is in the parish of East Badleigh, Devon. "Sir Walter was not buried in Exeter by his father and mother, nor at Sherborne in Dorsetshire; at either of which places he desired his wife (in his letter the night before his death) to be interred. His father lived eighty years on this farm, and wrote Esquire."—Note by Aubrey.

"where else. I take my leave, readie to countervaile all your courtesses to the utter of my

" power. Court, ye xxvi of July 1584.

"Your very willing friend
"In all I shall be able,

" WALTER RALEIGH."

" I have now forgot," fays Mr. Aubrey from Dr. Pell, " whether Sir Walter was not for the " putting of Mary Queen of Scots to death. I thinke yea; but besides that, at a consultation at Whitehall after Queen Elizabeth's death, "how matters were to be ordered, and what cought to be done, he declared his opinion, "twas the wifest way for them to keep the " staffe in their own hands, and set up a Com-" monwealth, and not to be subject to a needy 66 beggarly nation. It feems there were fome of this Caball who kept not this fo fecret but " that it came to King James's eare, who was at 66 where the English No-" bleffe mett and received him; and being told " upon their entrance to his Majestie their " names, when Sir W. R'. name was told, he faid, "O' my foul, mon! I have heard, Raw-" ly, of thee."

"Sir Walter was fuch a person (every way) that, as King Charles says of the Lord Strafford,

" ford, a Prince would rather be afrayd of than

s ashamed of, he had that awfulness and ascend-

" ancy in his aspect over other mortals.

" It was a most stately fight, the glory of that "" reception of his Majesty, where the nobility " and gentry were in exceeding rich equipages, having enjoyed a long peace under the most excellent of Queens; and the company was " fo exceeding numerous, that their obedience, 66 duty, and respect, carried a dread with it. King James did not inwardly like it, and with s an inward envy faid, that though so and so, as " before, he doubted not but he should have 66 been able of his own strength (should the " English have kept him out) to have been able " to have dealt with them, and got his rights. " Sir W. Ralegh fayd to him, Would to God "that had been put to the tryal!----Why do of you wish that? replied the King .--- Because, " faid Sir W. that then you would have knowne " your friends from your foes. But that reason " of Sir W'. was never forgotten or forgiven.

"When he was attached by the Officer about the businesse which cost him his head, he was conveyed to the Tower in a wherry-boat, I think with only two men. King James was wont to say, that he was a coward to be so taken

"taken and conveyed, when he might eafily have made his escape from so slight a guard.

"He there, besides his compiling his History of the World, studied chymistry. I heard my cosen Whitney say, that he saw him in the Tower. He had a velvet cap laced, a rich gowne, and trunk-hose.

"At the end of his History of the Worlde, "Sir W. laments the death of the noble and most hopeful Prince Henry, whose great fa"vourite he was, and who (had he survived his father) would quickly have enlarged him with rewardes of honour. He ends his First Part of his History of the World * with a gallant euloge of him, and concludes: Versa est in vocem selection." He had an apparatus for the Second Part, which he in discontent burnt, and faid, If I am not worthy of the world, the world is not worthy of my works.

" Old Sir Thomas Malett, one of the Justices of the King's Bench temp. Car. I. and II.

^{* &}quot;This booke fold very flowlie at first, and the book"feller complayned of it, and told him, that he should be
"a loser by it, which put Sir W. in a passion. He said,
"that since the world did not understand it, they should
"not have his Second Part, which he took before his sace
"and threw into the fire, and burnt it."—Mr. Aubrey.

"knew Sir W.; and I have heard him fay, that notwithstanding his so great mastership in the style, and his conversation with the learnedest and politest persons, yet he spoke broad Devenoshire to his dying day. His voice was simall.

" He was scandalized with atheism: he was a " bold man, and would venture at discourse " which was unpleasant to the Churchmen. In " his speech on the scaffold (I heard my cosen "Whitney fay, and I thinke 'tis printed) that " he spake not of Christ, but of the great and " incomprehenfible God, with much zeale and " adoration, fo that he concluded he was an " Achrist, but not an Atheist. He tooke a pipe " of tobacco a little before he went to the scaf-" fold, which some formal persons were scanda-" lized at (but I thinke 'twas well and properly "donne to settle his spirits). The time of his " execution was contrived to be on my Lord " Mayor's Day, 1618, (the day after Saint Si-" mon and St. Jude,) that the pageants and fine " fhows might avocate and draw away the peo-" ple from beholding the tragedie of the gal-" lantest worthie that England ever bred." Aubrey's MS.

"A fcaffold," fays Sir Richard Baker, in his Chronicle, "was erected in the Old Palace Yard,

"Yard, upon which, after fourteen years re-" prievement, Sir Walter Raleigh's head was " cut off. At which time fuch abundance of " blood issued from the veins, that shewed he " had a stock of nature enough left to have con-" tinued him many years in life, (though now " above threescore years old,) if it had not been " taken away by the hand of violence! - And " this was the end of the great Sir W. Raleigh; " great fometimes in the favour of Queen Eliz-" abeth, and next to Sir F. Drake the great " fcourge and hate of the Spaniards; who had " many things to be commended in his life, but or none more than his constancy at his death, which he took with fo undaunted a refolution, " that one might perceive he had a certain ex-" pectation of a better life after it, fo far was " he from holding those atheistical opinions, an " aspersion whereof some persons had cast upon bim."

The following lines were written by Sir Walter the night before his execution:

Even such is Time, that takes on trust
Our youth, our joyes, our all we have,
And pays us but with age and dust;
Who in the dark and silent grave
(When we have wander'd all our ways)
Shuts up the story of our days.
But from this earth, this grave, this dust,
My God shall raise me up, I trust.

LAUNCELOT ANDREWES,

LORD BISHOP OF WINCHESTER,

was a Fellow of Pembroke-Hall, in Cambridge (then called Collegium Episcop.) for that " in one time in those days there were seven of that House. The Puritan faction did begin " to emerge in those days, and especially at Em-" manuel College: they had a great mind to " draw in to them this learned young man; who (if they could make strong) they knew would be a great honour to them. They carried themselves antiently with great severity and " strictness. They preached up the strict keep? " ing and observing of the Lord's-Day, made it " damnation to break it, and that 'twas leffe fin " to kill a man. Yet these hypocrites did bowl " in a private Green at other Colleges, every " Sunday after fermon. And one at the Col-" lege, (a loving friend to Mr. Andrewes,) to fais tisfy him, lent him one day the key of the " private back-door to the Bowling-Green, " where he discovered these zealous Preachers "with their gownes off earnest at play; but "they were strangely surprized to see the entry of one who was not of the brotherhood.

"There was then at Cambridge a good fatt
"Alderman that was wont to sleep at church,
"which

* which the Alderman endeavoured to prevent, "but could not. Well, this was preached " against as a mark of reprobation. The good " man was exceedingly troubled at it, and went " to Mr. Andrewes's chamber to be fatisfied in . " point of conscience. Mr. Andrewes told him, it was an ill habit of body, not of mind, and " advised him on Sundays to make a sparing " meal at dinner, and to make it up at supper. "The Alderman did so, but sleepe comes upon " him againe for, all that, and he was preached " against. He comes again to Mr. Andrewes " with tears in his eyes to be refolved; who " then told him that he would have him make " a full hearty meale as he was used to do, and " presently after take out his full sleep. The " Alderman followed his advice, and came to "St. Marie's church the Sunday afterwards, " where the Preacher was provided with a fer-"mon to damn all those who slept at that godly " exercise, as a mark of reprobation. The good " Alderman, having taken Mr. Andrewes's ad-" vice, looks at the Preacher all the fermon-" time, and spoiled his design. Mr. Andrewes " was extremely fpoken and preached against " for offering to affoyle or excuse a sleeper in " fermon-time. But he had learning and witt " enough to defend himself." --- Aubrey's MS. Notes.

"The fullness of his material learning," fays the Dedication of Bishop Andrewes's Sermons, left room enough in the temper of his brain for almost all languages, learned and modern, to seat themselves; so that his learning had all the helps language could afford, and his languages learning enough for the best of them to express; his judgment, in the mean time, so commanding over both, as that neither of them was suffered idly or curiously to start from, or fall short of, their intended foope; so that we may better say of him than was said of Claudius Drusus, He was of as many and as great virtues as mortal nature could receive, or industry make perfect."

This Prelate's character was fo transcendant, that Milton himself did not distain to write an Elegy upon his death. Archbishop Laud is said to have made use of the Ritual of Bishop Andrewes, in the Ceremonies of the Church.

In his "Diary," Laud thus speaks of this great Prelate: "Sept. 21. About 4 o'clock in "the morning died Launcelot Andrewes, the "most worthy Bishop of Winchester, the great "light of the Christian world."

DR. HAYDOCK.

"JAMES the First," fays Wilson, "took delight " by the line of his reason to sound the depths " of bruitish impostures, and he discovered many: " for in the beginning of his reign, Richard " Haydock, of New-College in Oxford, prac-" tised physick in the day, and preached in the " night in his bed. His practice came by his or profession, and his preaching (as he pre-" tended) by revelation: for he would take a " text in his fleep, and deliver a good fermon " upon it; and though his auditorie were will-" ing to filence him, by pulling, haling, and " pinching, yet would he pertinaciously perfist to " the end, and fleep still. The fame of this " fleeping Preacher flyes abroad with a light " wing, which coming to the King's knowledge, " he commanded him to the Court, where he fate " up one night to hear him: and when the time came that the Preacher thought it was " fit for him to be afleep, he began with a " prayer, then took a text of Scripture, which " he fignificantly enough infifted on a while, " but after made an excursion against the Pope, " the Cross in Baptism, and the last Canons of " the Church of England, and fo concluded " fleeping. The King would not trouble him " that .

" that night, letting him rest after his labors, but " fent for him the next morning, and in private " handled him fo like a cunning Surgeon, that " he found out the fore; making him confess " not onely his fin and error in the act, but the " cause that urged him to, it which was, that he " apprehended himfelf as a buried man in the "Universitie, being of a low condition, and if " fomething eminent and remarkable did not " fpring from him, to give life to his reputation, " he should never appear any body, which made " him attempt this novelty to be taken notice " of. The King, finding him ingenuous in his confession, pardoned him, and (after his recant-" ation publiquely) gave him preferment in the "Church. Some others, both men and women, " inspired with such enthusiasmes, and frantique fancies, he reduced to their right fenses, apply-" ing his remedies fuitable to the diftemper, " wherein he made himself often very merry. " And truly the loofnesse and carelesnesse of " publique justice sets open a dore to such flagi-" tious and nefarious actions, as feverer times " would never have perpetrated."

DR. DONNE, DEAN OF ST. PAUL'S,

This learned Divine having married a lady of a rich and noble family without the confent of her parents, was treated by them with great afperity. Having been told by the father, that he was to expect no money from him, the Doctor went home, and wrote the following note to him: "John Donne, Anne Donne, undone." This quibble had the defired effect, and the diftressed couple were restored to favour.

It was faid of Donne as of Picus de Mirandola, that he was rather born wife than made so by study: yet, as his Biographer tells us, "he "left behind him the resultance of sourteen "hundred authors, most of them abridged and "analysed with his own hand."

GROTIUS.

This great Civilian was in London in 1613, fent thither by the States General of Holland to fettle some disputes that had taken place between that country and England, respecting the right

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of fishery in the North Sea. Casaubon says, that if he was not satisfied with the decision of the English Minister on the subject of the dispute, he had great reason to be flattered with the reception he met with from the Sovereign, James the First, who was much pleased with his conversation *, and shewed him the greatest attention. Grotius's company and conversation were not, however, much relished by some of the Courtiers, nor by his Majesty himself, as appears by the following Letter of Archbishop Abbot to Sir Ralph Winwood, Secretary of State, dated Lambeth, June 1, 1613:

"You must take heed how you trust Dr. Grotius too far, for I perceive him so addicted to
fome partialities in those parts, that he feareth
not to lash, so it may serve a turn. At his
first coming to the King, by reason of his
good Latine tongue, he was so tedious and
full of tittle-tattle, that the King's judgment
was of him, that he was some pedant full of
words and of no great judgment. And I
myself discovering that to be his habit, as if
he did imagine that every man was bound to
hear him so long as he would talk, (which is a
great burthen to men repleat with busyness,)
did privately give him notice thereof, that he

^{*} Mirè Grotii, sermonibus delectatus.—Casaubon. Epistola.

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should plainly and directly deliver his mind, " or else he would make the King weary of him. "This did not fo take place, but that afterwards" he fell to it again, as was especially observed " one night at supper at the Lord Bishop of " Ely's, whither being brought by Monsieur " Cafaubon, (as I think,) my Lord intreated him " to ftay to supper, which he did. There was " present Dr. Steward and another Civilian, unto " whom he flings out some question of that " profession; and was so full of words, that " Dr. Steward afterwards told my Lord, that " he did perceive by him, that like a fmatterer " he had studyed some two or three questions, " whereof when he came in company he must 66 be talking to vindicate his skill; but if he " were put from those, he would shew himself " but a simple fellow. There was present also " Dr. Richardson, the King's Professor of Divi-" nity in Cambridge, and another Doctor in 66 that faculty, with whom he falleth in alfo " about fome of those questions which are now " controverted among the Ministers in Holland. And being matters wherein he was studyed, 66 he uttered all his skill concerning them; my "Lord of Ely fitting still at the supper all the " while, and wondering what a man he had " there, who not being in the place or company 66 before, could overwhelm them fo with talk

" for so long a time. I write this unto you so 66 largely, that you may know the disposition of " the man, and how kindly he used my Lord of Ely for his good entertainment. For when " he took his leave of the King, he fell into difcourfe what a famous Church was here in " England, what worthy men the Bishops were, "how he admired the ecclefiastical government, what great contentment he received by conference with many learned men. faith he, 'I do perceive that your great men do not all agree in those questions controverted " amongst us; for, in talking with my Lord of " Ely, I perceive that he is of opinion, that a " man that is truly justified, sanctified, may ex-" cidere à gratia, although not finaliter yet tota-" Iter.' The King's Majesty knowing that my " Lord of Ely had heartofore inclined to that "opinion, but, being told the King's judgment 66 of it, had made shew to defist from broaching " any fuch thing, (for then it was as well finaliter as totaliter,) did fecretly complain to me that 66 my Lord should revive any such thing, and " especially make it known unto a stranger. "Whereupon I moved my Lord in it, and told him what the Doctor had faid, and to whom; " but thereunto he replied with earnest affeverso ation, that he had not used any such speech unto him, and was much abused by that re-66 port.

" port. Thereupon he offered by letters fent " into Holland to challenge Grotius for it, as 66 having done him a fingular wrong to report " fo of him to the King. I replyed, that I held " it fitter to let it alone, not to draw contention on himself with so busy a man. I would sa-" tisfy the King, and fo might his Lordship " also; but he would do well to be wary how " he had to do with any of those parts ill affected, " for he had been once before fo ferved by Bertius, the Author of the book De Apostasia Sanctorum; who, upon fpeech with Mr. Bed-" well Leyden, vauntingly gave it out, that his 4 Lordship and the Bishop of Lincoln were of 66 his opinion. You will ask me what is this to " you? I must tell you, therefore, that you shall not be without your part. At the fame time " that Sir Noel Caron was together with Gro-" tius, being now to take his leave of the King, it was defired of his Majesty that he would " not hastily give his judgment concerning points of religion now in difference in Holland, for that his Majesty had information but of one .-" fide; and that his Ambassador did deal par-" tially, making the reports in favour of the one " fide, and faying nothing at all for the other: " for he might have let his Majesty know how " factious a generation these Contradictors are; how they are like to our Puritans in England; ee how

"how refractory they are to the authority of the civill magistrate, and other things of like nature, as I wrote you in my former letter. I doubt not but Grotius had his part in this information, whereof I conceive you will make fome use, keeping these things privately to yourself, as becometh a man of your imployment. When his Majestie told me this, I gave such an answer as was sit, and now, upon the receipt of your letters, shall upon the first occasion give further satisfaction. All things rest here as they did, and I, as ready to do you all good offices, do remaine, &c.

" G. CANT.

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" From Lambeth."

Grotius, in a letter to Isaac Vossius, gave him his fentiments upon the education of boys. "Many persons," says he, "make use of tutors for the education of their children, which hardly ever succeeds as it was intended. I have never approved of that method of education, for I know that young persons learn only when they are together, and that their application is languid where there is no emulation." I am as little of a friend to schools where the master scarce knows the names of his scholars; where the number is so great, that he cannot distribute his attention upon each of them,

whose composition requires a particular attention. For these reasons, I wish that a
medium of the two methods were taken; that
a master took only ten or twelve boys, who
should live in the same house, and be of the
shape classes, by which means the master himshape self-would not be overloaded with cares."

Auberi du Maurier, Ambassador from France to Holland, defired Grotius to give him a plan of study. He complied with his request, and it is printed in a Collection on the same subject, intitled, " De omni Studiorum Genere Instituendo," Elzevir. 1637. He recommends his scholar to begin with an Abridgment of Aristotle's Logic; to proceed to Physics, where he is not to remain long, and where indeed, in the time of Grotius, there was little to arrest the attention; next to proceed to Metaphysics and to Morals'; for which latter science he highly recommends Aristotle's Book of Ethics to Nicomachus; then to proceed to History; and, differently from all others, he here laid down rules for that study. He advises his pupil to begin with those histories that are nearest to his own times.

This great civilian and general scholar is thus described by Du Maurier:

"Grotius was a very good poet in the Greek s and in the Latin languages, and knew per-" feetly well all the dead and the living lan-" guages. He was, befides, a profound lawyer, "and a most excellent historian. He had read " all the good books that had ever been pub-" lished; and what is astonishing, his memory was fo strong, that everything which he had once read, was ever present to it, without his 66 forgetting the most trifling circumstance. It " has been often remarked, that persons of great " memories have not always been persons of se good and of found judgment. But Grotius was extremely judicious, both in his writings " and in his conversation. I have often," adds Du Maurier, " seen this great man just cast his eye upon a page of a huge folio volume, and " instantaneously become acquainted with the se contents of it. He used to take it for his motto, Hora ruit, to put himself in continual " remembrance that he should usefully employ that time which was flying away with extreme " rapidity.

[&]quot; Grotius was born at Delft in Holland; was

" a tall, strong, and well-made man, and had a

" very agreeable countenance. With all these

" excellencies of body his mind was still as ex
" cellent. He was a man of openness, of vera
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city, and of honour, and so perfectly virtuous, that throughout his whole life, he made a point of avoiding and of deserting men of bad character, but of seeking the acquaintance of men of worth, and persons distinguished by talents, not only of his own country, but of all Europe, with whom he kept up an epistolary correspondence."

Grotius escaped from the castle of Louvestein, where he had been confined on account of his connection with the illustrious and unfortunate Barnevelt, by the address of his wife. She was permitted to send him books, and she sent them in a trunk large enough to hold her husband. She made a pretence to visit him, and staid in the fortress till her husband was out of the reach of his persecutors.

Grotius took refuge in France, and was accused by some of his countrymen of intending to change his religion and become a Catholic. "Alas," replied he to one of his friends who had written to him on the subject, "whatever advantage there may be to quit a weaker party that oppresses me, to go over to a stronger one that would receive me with open arms, I trust that I shall never be tempted to do so. And since," added he, "I have had "courage

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courage enough to bear up under imprisonment, I trust that I shall not be in want of it to enable me to support poverty and banishment."

Louis XIII. gave Grotius a very confiderable pension. He was, however, no favourite with his Minister, the Cardinal de Richelieu, whom, it is said, he did not sufficiently flatter for his literary talents, and the pension was soon stopped. Grotius, however, met with a protectress in Christina, Queen of Sweden, who made him her Ambassador at Paris. Here again he was haraffed by Richelieu, who was angry with him for not giving him that precedence as a Prince of the Church, to which Grotius thought himself entitled as a representative of a crowned head. This dignity, however, was fo little agreeable to a man of Grotius's great and good mind, that in a letter which he wrote to his father from Paris he tells him, "I am really quite tired out with honours. A private and a guiet life alone has charms for me, and I should be " very happy if I were in a fituation in which I " could only employ myself upon works of piety, " and works that might be useful to posterity." His celebrated work upon the Truth of the Christian Religion has been translated into all the languages of Europe, and into some of those

of the East. This great scholar in early life composed a Devotional Treatise in Flemish verse, for the use of the Dutch sailors that made voyages to the East and West Indies.

His countrymen, who had perfecuted him fo violently in his lifetime, struck a medal in honour of him after his death, in which he is styled the "Oracle of Delst, the Phænix of his Country." It may be seen in the "Histoire Medallique de la "Hollande," and verifies what Horace said long ago,

Urit enim fulgore suo, qui prægravat artes Infra se positas: extinctus amabitur idem.

The man whose life wise Nature has design'd To teach, to humanize, to sway his kind, Burns by a slame too vivid and too bright, And dazzles by excess of splendid light. Yet when the hero seeks the grave's sad state, The vain and changing people, wise too late, O'er his pale corpse their fruitless honours pour, Their friend, their saviour, and their guide deplore; And each sad impotence of grief betray, To reallumine the Promethean clay.

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fays, in the Preface to the Collection of English Letters which he made in King James the First's time, " that there is no stock or people in the " whole world where men of all conditions live " fo peaceably, and fo plentifully, yea and fo " fafely also, as in England. The English," adds he, " unite, the greatest concurrence of the " most excellent qualities: they are the most " obligeable, the most civil, the most modest " and fafe in all kinds of all nations. To con-" clude therefore upon the whole matter, I con-" cur, generally, and even naturally, with a " certain worthy, honest, and true-hearted Eng-" lishman who is now dead (meaning Sir Dennis "Bruffels). For once after a grievous fit of the " stone, (when he was no less than fourscore " years old,) he found himself to be out of pain, " and in fuch kind of ease in the way of re-" covery as that great weight of age might ad-" mit; wherewith the good man was fo pleafed, " that he fell to talk very honeftly, though very " pleafantly also, after his manner: If God " should fay thus to me, Thou art fourscore " years of age, but yet I am content to lend " thee a dozen years more of life; and because " thou hast conversed with the men of so many " nations in Europe, my pleasure is, that for 66 here"hereafter thou shalt have leave to chuse for thyself of which thou would rather be than of any other; I would quickly know how to make this answer without studying: Let me be neither Dutch, nor Flemish, nor French, nor Italian, but an Englishman!—an Englishman, good Lord! This said he, and this say I," adds Sir Toby, "as being most clearly of his mind,"

INIGO JONES.

This great Architect, a pupil of Palladio, appears to have excelled his master in magnificence and splendor of design. What can be conceived more grand in design, and more exquisite in decoration, than the palace of Whitehall planned by him, and of which the present banqueting-house made a part. The original Drawings of this intended palace are in the Library of Worcester College in Oxford; they are extremely highly finished, and are not supposed to have been executed by the hand of the architect himself.

Lord Burlington published a complete Collection of the Designs of Inigo Jones, and was fo impressed with the beauty of the Corinthian Portico which his favourite Architect had appended to the old Gothic* fabric of St. Paul's Cathedral, that on seeing the present beautiful Christian Temple built on the site of the old church by Sir Christopher Wren, and being asked what he thought of it, he exclaimed, "When the Jews saw the second Temple, they resected upon the beauty of the first, and wept."

The first work which this great architect executed after his return from Italy, is said to have been the decoration of the inside of the Church of St. Catherine Cree in Leadenhall-street.

CHARLES THE FIRST.

[1625—1649.]

This accomplished Sovereign when Prince of Wales, and soon after his return from Spain, is

^{* &}quot;It was the fashion," fays Osborn, "in James the First's time, for the principal Gentry, Lords, Courtiers, and men of all professions, to meet in St. Paul's Church by eleven, and walk in the middle aisle till twelve, and after dinner from three to six; during which time some discoursed of business, some of news."—Osborn's Advice to a Son.

thus described by the Countess of Bedford, in a letter to his sister the Queen of Bohemia:

" None plaies his part in this our world with " fo due applause as your excellent brother, who wins daily more and more upon the hearts " of all good men, and hath begotten, by his " princelie and wife proceedings, fuch an opinion of his realitie, judgment, and worthie inten-" tions for the public good, that I think never " Prince was more powerful in the Parliament-" house than he; and there doth he express " himself substantially so well, that he is often " called up to fpeak, and he doth it with that " fatisfaction to both Houses as is much admired; and he behaves himself with as much reverence " to the Houses, when either himself takes occasion to speak, or is chosen by them to do so, " unto the Lower House, as any other man who "fits amongst them; and he will patiently bear " contradictions, and calmly forego his own " opinions, if he have been mistaken, which "yet hath fo feldom happened, as not above " twice in all this time he hath had cause to " approve of any other than his own; all which are so remarkable excellencies in a Prince so "young, fo lately come to be himself, as I am " fure the world hath not another to parallel " with him. He is besides most diligent and " inde. U 3

"indefatigable in businesses, a patient hearer, judicious in distinguishing counsells, moderate in his actions, steady in his resolutions; so even as variableness is a thing neither in deed nor in appearance in him; and so civil and accomplished withall every way, both in mind and body, that consider him even not as Prince, (which yet adds much lustre to him,) and there is nobody who must not acknowledge him to be a gentleman very full of persections; and, without flatterie, I know none to be compared with him, for his virtues and parts are eminent, without any mixture of vanity or vice."

"February 1621.—I stood by the most illustrious Prince Charles at dinner. He was then very merry, and talked occasionally of many things with his attendants. Amongst other things, he said if he were necessitated to take any particular profession of life, he could not be a Lawyer, adding his reasons: I cannot said said the defend a bad, nor yield in a good cause. Sic in majoribus succedas, in æternum faustus, serenissime Princeps."

Archbishop Laud's Diary,

James Howell wrote a Treatife with this title,

Of the Land of Ire, or, a Discourse of that

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horrid Infurrection and Massacre which happened lately in Ireland, by Mercurius Hibernicus, who discovers unto the World the true
Causes and Incentives thereof, in Vindication
of his Majesty, who is most maliciously traduced to be accessary thereto, which is as
damnable a Lie as possibly could be hatched
in Hell, which is the Staple of Lies.

" A Lie stands upon one leg,
" Truth upon two."

. Amongst other reasons to account for the infurrection and maffacre in Ireland, Howell states, 66 that the army of eight thousand men, which " the Earl of Strafford had raifed to be tranf-" ported to England, for suppressing the Scot, " being by the advice of our Parliament here 66 diffolved, the country was annoyed by fome of those straggling soldiers, as not one in twenty " of the Irish will from the sword to the spade, " or from the pike to the plough again. There-" fore the two Marquisses that were Ambassadors " here then from Spain, having propounded to " have some numbers of those disbanded forces for the fervice of their master, his Majesty, by the mature advice of his Privy Council, to " prevent the mischiefs that might arise to his kingdom of Ireland by these loose cashiered foldiers, yielded to the Ambassadors' motion, " who U 4

who fent advice to Spain accordingly, and for " provided shipping for their transport, and im-" pressed many to advance the business. But as " they were at the heat of their work, his Ma-" jesty being then in Scotland, there was a sudden " stop made of these promised troops, who had " depended long upon the Spaniard's fervice, as " the Spaniard had done upon theirs, and this " was the last though not the least folid cause of "that horrid infurrection. All which particu-" lars well confidered, it had been no hard mat-"ter to have been a prophet, and standing upon "the top of Holyhead, to have forefeen there "thick clouds engendering in the Irish air, which broke out afterwards into fuch fearful " tempests of blood."

"His Majesty, then Prince of Wales, being arrived in Spain," adds Howell, "the ignowing rant country people cried out, The Prince of Wales is come hither to make himself a "Christian. The Pope indeed wrote to the Inquisitor-General of Spain, to offer to use all the industry they could to reduce him to the Roman religion; and one of the Count Duke Olivarez's first compliments to him was, that he doubted not but his Highness came thither to change his religion; whereunto he made a short answer, that he came not thither for "religion,"

religion, but for a wife. The Infanta of Spain herself desired him to visit the Nunne of Carton, hoping that the said Nunne, who was so much cried up for miracles, might havewrought one upon him; but he at least sailed her: nor was his Highness so weak a subject to work upon, according to his late Majesty's (James the First) speech to Drs. Mawe and Wren, when they came to kis hands before they went to Spaine to attend the Prince their master, He wished them to have a care of Buckingham: As touching his sonne Charles, he apprehended no feare at all of him; for he knew him to be so well grounded a Protestant, that nothing could change his religion."

"This King's reign," adds Howell, "was paralleled to that of Queen Elizabeth (who was the greatest minion of a people that ever was); but one will find, that she stretched prerogative much further. In her time (as I have read in the Latin Legend of her life) some had their hands cut off for only writing against her matching with the Duke of Anjou*; others were hanged at Tyburn for traducing her Government. She pardoned thrice as many Roman Priests as the King did; she passed divers monopolies; she kept an Agent at

^{*} See p. 200 of this Volume.

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"Rome; she sent her Serjeant at Arms to pluck out a Member then sitting in the House of Commons by the ears, and clapped him in prison; she called them saucy fellows to medded with her prerogative, or with the government of her houshold; she managed all foreign affairs, specially the wars with Ireland, by her Privy Council; yet there was no murmuring in her reign; and the reason I conceive to be, that neither Scot or Puritan had any stroke in England."—Howell's Italian Prospective.

Howell concludes one of the many Pamphlets that he wrote in the reign of Charles the First thus: "I will conclude this point with an ob-" fervation of the most monstrous number of " witches that have fwarmed fince the wars " against the King, more (I dare fay) than have been in this Island fince the Devil tempted Eve; " for in two counties only, viz. Suffolk and Effex, " there have been upwards of three hundred " arraigned, and eighteen executed, as I have it " from the Clerks of the Peace of the two " counties. What a barbarous, devilish office " one had, under colour of exoneration, to tor-" ment poor filly women with watchings, pinch-"ings, and other artifices, to find them for " witches: while others (called spirits) by a new "invention of villainy, were connived at, for " feizing

"feizing upon young children, and hurrying them on ship-board, where, having their heads flaven, they were so transformed that their parents could not know them, and so were carried over for new schismatical plantations to New England, and other seminaries of rebellion. My Lord," says Howell, (this Treatise is addressed to Philip Earl of Pembroke,) there is no villainy that can enter into the imagination of man hath been lest here uncommitted; no crime, from the highest treasson to the meanest trespasse, but these Reserromers are guilty of!"

Howell, in his Dialogue intitled "Patricus" & Peregrinus," thus describes some of the preludes that ushered in the Civil Wars between Charles and his Parliament:

"It is," fays he, "a long time that both Judges, Bishops, and Privy Councillors have been muttered at, whereof the first should be the oracles of the law, the other of the Gostine pel, and the last of State Affairs. It was common for every ignorant Client to arraign his Judge, for every puny Curate to censure his Bishop, for every shallow-brained home- bred fellow to descant upon the results of the Council-Table: and this spirit of contradic-

" tion and of contumacy has been a long time fermenting in the minds of the people."

"I have heard," fays Dr. Waller in his Funeral Sermon on the Death of the Countess of Warwick, "that it was the observation of that "great Antiquary Charles the First, that the three ancientest families of Europe for Nobility are in England the Veres Earls of Oxford, the Fitzgeralds in Ireland Earls of Kildare, and the Montmorencies in France."

Charles used to say of himself, that he knew so much of arts and manufactures in general, that he believed he could get his living by any of them, except weaving in tapestry,

This unfortunate Monarch most probably met with his very severe fate in consequence of his duplicity. Cromwell declared that he could not trust him. His fate is a striking instance of the truth of the maxim of Menander, thus translated by Grotius:

In re omni conducibile est quovis tempore Verum proloquier. Idque in vitâ spondeo Securitatis esse partem maximam.

At every time, and upon all occasions,
'Tis right to speak the truth. And this I youch
In every various state of human life
The greatest part of our security.

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Of the letter which is faid to have been the cause of the death of Charles, the Author of the "Richardsoniana" has preserved the following very curious account:

"Lord Bolingbroke told us * (June 12, 1742) " that Lord Oxford had often told him that " he had feen, and had in his hands, an original letter that King Charles the First wrote to the Queen, in answer to one of her's that had " been intercepted, and then forwarded to him; " wherein she reproached him for having made " those villains too great concessions (viz. that " Cromwell should be Lord Lieutenant of Ire-" land for life without account; that that king-" dom should be in the hands of the party, with " an army there kept which should know no " head but the Lieutenant; that Cromwell " should have a garter, &c.). That in this letter " of the King's it was faid, that she should leave " " him to manage, who was better informed of all circumstances than she could be; but she " might be entirely easy as to whatever conces-" sions he should make them, for that he should " know in due time how to deal with the rogues, " who instead of a silken garter should be sitted "with a hempen cord. So the letter ended: " which answer, as they waited for, so they in-

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^{* &}quot; Mr. Pope, Lord Marchmont, and myfelf."

"tercepted accordingly, and it determined his fate. This letter Lord Oxford faid he had foffered 500l. for."

Charles, according to Sir Philip Warwick, never appeared to fo much advantage as in the Conference in the Isle of Wight. "He shewed," fays Sir Philip, "that he was conversant in di"vinity, law, and good reason; insomuch as
one day, whilst I turned the King's chair
when he was about to rise, the Earl of Salishury came suddenly upon me, and called me
by my name, and said, The King is wonderfully improved; to which I as suddenly refully improved; to which I as suddenly replied, No, my Lord, he was always so, but
your Lordship too late discerned it."

When Charles was pressed by the Parliament Ministers to give way to a small Catechism for Children which they had composed; "I will "not," said he, "take upon me to determine that all those texts which you quote are rightly applied, and have their true sense given them; and I assure you, Gentlemen, I would license a Catechism, at a venture, sooner for men than I would for children, because they can judge for themselves, and I make a great conscience to permit that children should be corserupted in their first principles."

Speaking one day of some propositions made to him by the two Houses respecting the government of England, he prophetically said, "Well, "they will ask so much, and use it so ill, that the People of England will be glad to replace the power they have taken from the Crown where it is due; and I have offended against them more in the things which I have granted them, than in any thing which I ever designed against them."

The Parliament affected to be outrageous that Charles employed Catholics in his army; the following passage from Salmoneto will shew that the Parliament were not more scrupulous in this respect:

"That which did y' most surprise every body,
was, that they sound amongst the dead, of
those which were slain on the Parliament side,
several Popish priests. For, although in their
Declarations they called the King's army a
Popish army, thereby to render it odious to
the People, yet they had in their army two
companies of Walloons and other Roman
Catholicks. Besides, they omitted no endeavours to engage to their party Sir Ar Aston, Kt.
an eminent Roman Catholic Commander.
True it is, that the King had permitted to
ferve him in his army some Roman Catholick
"Officers.

"Gfficers, perfons of great abilities, and not factiously inclined, as his Majesty expresses

" in that manifesto which he published after the

" battail."

From "A Short View of the Late Troubles in "England," Oxford, 1681, page 564, 565.

The following Letters of this accomplished Prince are copied from the Originals in the British Museum.

" NEWCASTLE,

"This is to tell you, that this rebellion is growen to that height, that I must not look what opinion men ar at this tyme who ar willing and able to serve me. Therfor, I do not only permit but comand to make use of all my loving subjects services, without examining their contienses (more then their loyalty to me), as you shall synde most to conduce to the uphoulding of my just Regal Power. So

"Your most assured faitfull frend,

CHARLES R.

" Shrewsbery, 23 Sep. " 1642."

" STEENIE,

"I fend you herewith letters to my fifter and brother (I place them so becaus I think the

the gray meare is the better horse). As for

" news I can fay but little yet, Ireland being the

" onlie egg we have yet fitten upon, and having

" a thicke shell, wee have not yet hatched it.

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"This is all I have to fay to thee at this time, but that I shall ever fay, and thinke that I am, and ever will be,

"Your faithful, loving, constant frende,

Superscribed,

"CHARLES R."

" For Yourself."

" Oxford, 5 April 1646.

66 GLAMORGAN,

"I have no time, nor doe you expect that "I should make unnecessary repititions to you.

"Wherefor (referring you to Digby for business)

" this is only to give you affurance of my constant

" friendship to you, which, considering the gene-

" rall defection of common honefty, is in a fort

"requisite. Howbeit, I know you cannot but

" be consident of my making good all instructions

" and promises to you and Nuntio *.

sencionem ter "he enacted

Your most affured constant frend,

"CHARLES R."

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* The words printed in Italic are in cypher in the Original, and have not been long decyphered. In the MS. Memoirs of Lady Fanshawe, that excellent woman gives the following affecting account of some interviews she had with this unfortunate Monarch whilst he was prisoner at Hampton Court.

" During the King's stay at Hampton Court, "I went three times to pay my duty to him, " both as I was the daughter of his fervant, and " the wife of his fervant. The last time I ever " faw him, I could not refrain from weeping. "When I took my leave of the King, he faluted " me, and I prayed God to preserve his Majesty " with long life and happy years. The King " stroked me on the cheek, and faid, Child, if "God pleafeth, it shall be so; but both you and " I must submit to God's will, and you know 66 what hands I am in. Then turning to my " husband, he faid, Be fure, Dick, to tell my 66 fon all that I have faid, and deliver these let-" ters to my wife. Pray God bless her, and I 4 hope I shall do well. Then taking my husband. " in his arms, he faid, Thou haft ever been an " honest man; I hope God will bless thee, and make thee a happy fervant to my fon, whom "I have charged in my letter to continue his love and trust to you: adding, And I do promise you, if I am ever restored to my dignity, " I will bountifully reward you both for your 66 fervices and fufferings. Thus did we part 1:1 J 66 from

" from that glorious fun, that within a few

" months afterwards was extinguished, to the

" grief of all Christians who are not forsaken of

" their God."

The following Letter, written by Sir Thomas Herbert whilft he attended this Prince in his confinement, will shew the extreme tranquillity of mind which he possessed during his melancholy and anxious situation:

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM S' THO: HERBERT TO D' SAMWAYS, AND BY HIM SENT TO THE A.BP OF CANT. D' SANCROFT.

. " s",

" After his late Mâtye's remove from Wind-

" for to St. James's, albeit according to ye duty

" of my place I lay in the next room to the bed-

" chamber, the K'z then commanded me to bring

of my pallate into his chamber, we' I accordingly

"did, the night before yt forrowfull day. He

ordered wt cloaths he wd wear, intending y

" day to be as neat as could be, it being (as he

" call'd it) his wedding-day. And having a great

" work to do (meaning his preparation to eter-

or nity) fa he we be stirring much earlier than he

" ufed.

" For fome hours his Mâtye flept very foundly.

" For my part, I was fo full of anguish & grief,

" y' I took little rest. The K's some hours be-" fore day drew his bed-curtains to awaken me, " & could by yo light of a wax-lamp perceive me " troubled in my fleep; the K3 arose forthwith, " and as I was making him ready, Herbert (fd * the KE) I wd know why you were disquieted in "yo' fleep. I replied, May it please yo' Majesty,
"I was in a dream. What was yo' dream? so yo " Ke; I w hear it. May it please yo' Mâtye, s' " I, I dreamed y' as you were making ready, one knock'd at ye bed-chamber door, weh you Mâtye took no notice of, nor was I willing to " acquaint you wth it, apprehending it might be " Colonel Hacket. But knocking ye fecond " time, yo' Mâtye ask'd me, if I heard it not. I " fa, I did, but did not use to go without his " order. Why then go, know who it is, and " his bufinefs. Whereupon I opened the door, " & perceived y' it was y' Ld A. Bp of Cant. "D' Laud, in his Pontifical habit, as worn at " Court; I knew him, having feen him often. "The A. Bp defired he might enter, having " fome thing to fay to yo Kg. I acquainted you " Mâtye w'h his desire, so you bad me lett him " in; being in, he made his obeyfance to you " Mâtye in the middle of ye room, doing ye like " also w" he came near yo' person, and falling " on his knees yo' Mâtye gave him yo' hand to " kifs, and took him afide to the window, where " fome discourse pass'd between yo' Mâtye & oc him,

"ing any thing y' was f', yet cd perceive yo'
"Mâtye penfive by yo' looks, & that y' A. Bp
"gave a figh; who, after a fhort stay, againe
kissing yo' hand, returned, but wth face all y'
way towards yo' Mâtye, & making his usual
reverences, he being so submiss, as he fell
prostrate on his face on the ground, & I immediately step to him to help him up, wth I
was then acting, whyour Mâtye saw me troubled in my sleep. The impression was so lively,
y' I look'd about, verily thinking it was no
dream.

"The K^e f^o, my dream was remarkable, but he is dead; yet had we conferred together during life, 'tis very likely (albeit I loved him well) I should have f^o something to him, might have occasioned his figh.

"Soon after I had told my dream, D' Juxon, then Bp of London, came to the K^g, as I relate in y' narrative I fent S' W^m Dugdale, w^{ch}
I have a transcript of here, nor know whether it rests with his Grace y^e A. Bp of Cant. or S' W. Dugdale, or be disposed in S' Joⁿ Cotton's Library near Westminster-hall; but wish you had y^e perusal of it before you return into y^e North. And this being not communicated

"to any but your felf, you may shew it to his
"Grace & none else, as you promised, S',
"Yo' very affect. fn' & serv'
"Tho: Herbert.

Many refemblances occur in feveral of the cir-

" York, 28 Augst 1680."

cumstances attending the execution of this Prince and that of the late unfortunate Louis XVI. The following extract is made from a very curious little book, called "England's Shame, or the "Unmasking of a Politic Atheist; being a full "and faithful Relation of the Life and Death of that Grand Impostor Hugh Peters. By Wil- liam Young, M. D. London, 1663. 12mo. "Dedicated to Her Most Excellent Majesty "Henrietta Maria, the Mother Queen of Eng- land, Scotland, France, and Ireland."

"The foldiers were fecretly admonished by letters from Hugh Peters to exercise the admired patience of King Charles, by upbraiding him to his face; and so it was; for having gotten him on board their boat to transport him to Westminster-hall, they would not afford him a cushion to sit upon, nay, scarcely the company of his spaniel, but scoffed at him most vilely; as if to blaspheme the King were not to blaspheme God, who had established him to be his Vicegerent, our supreme Mo-

"derator, and a faithful Custos Duarum Tabula-

" rum Legum, Keeper of both Tables of the

66 Law.

"The King being fafely arrived at Whitehall, (that they might the easier reach the crown,) they do with pious pretences, seconded with fears of declining, hoodwink their General Fairfax to condescend to this bloody facrifice. Whereas Oliver Cromwell and Ireton would appear only to be his admirers, and spectators of the regicide, by standing in a window at Whitehall, within view of the scaffold and the people; whilst Peters, fearing a tumult, dissembles himself sick at St. James's; conceiting that he might thereby plead not guilty, though no man was more forward than he to encourage Colonel Axtel in this action, and to animate his regiment to cry for justice against the

"The refolve passed," adds Dr. Young, "that the King must be conveyed from Windsor Castle to Hampton Court, Harrison rides with him, and upbraids him to his face. Peters riding before him out of the Castle, cries, We'll whisk him, we'll whisk him, now we have him. A pattern of loyalty, one formerly a Captain for the King's interest, seizing x 4

" traitor, for fo they called the King."

"Peters's bridle, fays, Good Mr. Peters, what will you do with the King? I hope that you will do his person no harm. That Peters might be Peters, he replies, He shall die the death of a traitor, were there never a man in England but he. The Captain forced to loose his hold of the reins by a blow given him over his hand with Peters's staff, this trumpeter of sorrow rides on singing his sad note, We'll whisk him, we'll whisk him, I warrant you, now we have him!"

Oliver Cromwell is faid to have put his hand to the neck of Charles as he was placed in his coffin, and to have made observations on the extreme appearance of health and a long life that his body exhibited upon dissection. Oliver was at first anxious to have stained the King's memory, by pretending that he had a scandalous disease upon him at the time of his death, had he not been prevented by the bold and steady affertion to the contrary made by a physician, who chanced to be present at the opening of the body.

Sir Thomas Herbert, who was Groom of the Bedchamber to Charles, and who waited on him for two years previous to his decapitation, has written a very curious and interesting account of that period.

He attended his master to the scaffold, but had not the heart to mount it with him. At the staircase he resigned him into the hands of good Bishop Juxon. He tells this curious anecdote respecting the Lord General Fairfax's ignorance of the King's death:---When the execution was over, Sir Thomas, in walking through the Long Gallery at Whitehall, met Lord Fairfax, who faid to him, "Sir Thomas, how does the King?" " which," adds he, " I thought very strange, (it " feemed thereby that the Lord General knew not " what had passed,) being all that morning (and " indeed at other times) using his power and in-" terest to have the execution deferred for some " days." Cromwell, however, knew better; for on feeing Sir Thomas he told him, that he should have orders speedily for the King's burial. When Charles was told, that he was foon to be removed from Windfor to Whitehall, he only faid, "God is everywhere alike in wisdom, " power, and goodnefs."

Charles the First was a man of a very elegant mind. He had a good taste in art, and drew to-lerably well. A Gentleman at Brussels has several original letters of Rubens in MS. In one of them he expresses his satisfaction at being foon to visit England; "for (adds he) I am told that the Prince of that country is the best judge

" judge of art of any of the Princes of his

The state of the s

The character of this Monarch is thus admirably delineated by the pen of Bishop Warburton in his excellent Sermon before the House of Lords on the Thirtieth of January:

- "The King had many virtues, but all of fo unfociable a turn as to do him neither fervice nor credit.
- "His religion, in which he was fincerely zealous, was over-run with fcruples; and the
 fimplicity if not the purity of his morals were
 debased by casuistry.
- "His natural affections (a rare virtue in that high fituation) were so excessive as to render him a slave to all his kin, and his social so moderate as only to enable him to lament, not to preserve, his friends and servants.
- "His knowledge was extensive though not exact; and his courage clear though not keen; yet his modesty far surpassing his magnation in the modesty far surpassing his magnation in the modest of his more ignorant Ministers, and his courage to the irresolutions of his less adventurous Generals.

"In a word, his princely qualities were neither great enough nor bad enough to fucceed in that most difficult of all attempts, the enslaving a free and jealous people."

The full conviction of this truth made Laud, (who was not so despicable a Politician as we commonly suppose him,) upon seeing his coadjutor Strafford led out to slaughter, lament his sate in these emphatic and indignant words: "He served a Prince who knew not how to be, "nor to be made, great."

According to the Compiler of the Apophthegms of Charles the First, that accomplished Prince used to say, "Fortune has no power over "Wisdom, only over Sensuality, and over the lives of all those who swim and navigate without the loadstone of Discretion and Judgement."

"Carry a watchful eye upon dangers," faid this acute Sovereign, "till they come to ripe"nefs, and when they are ripe let loofe a speedy
hand. He that expects them too long meets
them too late; and he that meets them too
foon, gives advantage to the evil. Commit
the beginning of them to the eyes of Argus,
and the end of them to the hands of Briareus,
and then thou art safe."

Charles

Charles used to say of the Presbyterian Preachers, "that there were always two good "fentences in their sermons, the text and the "conclusion."

He professed that he could not fix his love upon one that was never angry; "for," fays he, as a man that is without sorrow is without gladness, so he that is without anger is without out love."

He had often this fentence in his mouth:
"The Devil of Rebellion doth commonly turn
"himself into an Angel of Reformation."

HENRIETTA MARIA,

Howell, in one of his Letters, dated "Lon-"don, 16th May 1626," thus describes this beautiful and accomplished Princess:

"We have now a most noble new Queen of England, who, in true beauty, is much be"yond the long-woo'd Infanta. This daughter of France---this youngest branch of Bourbon, is of a more lovely and lasting complexion, a "dark

"dark brown; she hath eyes that sparkle like stars; and for her physiognomy, she may be faid to be a mirror of perfection. She had a rough passage in her transfretation to Dover Castle; and in Canterbury the King bedded first with her. There were a goodly train of choice Ladies attended her coming upon the Bowling-green at Barham Downs, upon the way, who divided themselves into two rows, and they appeared like so many constellations; but methought the country ladies outshined the courtiers.

"The Queen brought over with her two hundred thousand crowns in gold and silver, as
half her portion, and the other moiety is to be
paid at the year's end. Her sirst suite of servants (by article) are to be French; and as
they die, English are to succeed. She is allowed twenty-eight Ecclesiastics, of any Order
except Jesuits; a Bishop for her Almoner;
and to have private exercise of her religion
for herself and for her servants."

The ill behaviour of the French that the Queen brought over with her, occasioned Charles the First to write the following letters to the Duke of Buckingham, which are copied from the Originals in the British Museum:

" STEENIE,

"I writ to you by Ned Clarke, that I thought "I would here cause anuse in shorte tyme to " put away the Monfers *, either by attempting " to steale away my wyfe, or by making plots amongst my owen subjects. I cannot say cer-"tainlie whether it was intended, but I am fure it is hindered. For the other, though I have " good grounds to belife it, and am still hunting " after it, yet feeing dailie the malitiousness of " the Monfers, by making and fomenting difcon-" tents in my wyfe, I could tarie no longer from " adverticing of you, that I meane to feeke for " no other grounds to casier † my Monsers, " having for this purpose sent you this other " letter, that you may if you think good adver-" tife the Queen Mother ‡ with my intention.

" So I reft

"Your faithfull, constant, loving frende, " CHARLES R."

" STEENIE.

" I have received your letter by Dic Greme: " this is my answer-I command you to fend " all the French away § to-morrow out of the

- * Meaning his wife's French fervants and dependants.
- + Cashier.
 - ‡ Mary of Medicis, widow of Henry the Fourth.
- Mowell, in a Letter dated March 15, 1626, fays-" The " French that came over with her Majesty, for their petu-
- " lancies and some misdemeanors, and imposing some odd of penancies,

" towne, if you can by fayer means, (but stike

" not long in disputing,) otherways force them

" away lyke fo manie wyld beaftes, untill ye have

" shipped them, and so the Devil goe with them.

" Lett me heare no answer, but of the perform-

" ance of my command.

" So I rest

"Your faithfull, constant, loving frende,

" Oaking, the " 7 of August, 1627."

" CHARLES R.

(Superfcribed) " THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM."

The following letter of this intrepid Princess, written soon after the unfortunate attempt upon

of penancies upon the Queen, are all cashiered this week. " It was a thing fuddenly done; for about one of the " clock, as they were at dinner, my Lord Conway and Sir "Thomas Edmondes came with an order from the King, " that they must instantly away to Somerset-House, for " there were barges and coaches staying for them, and there " they should have all their wages paid them to a penny, " and fo they must be content to quit the kingdom. " fudden undreamed-of order struck an astonishment into " them all, both men and women; and running to comof plain to the Queen, his Majesty had taken her before into is his bed-chamber, and locked the door upon them, till he " had told her how matters stood. The Queen fell into a " violent passion, broke the glass windows, and tore her 64 hair, but she was cooled afterwards. Just such a destiny happened in France some years since, to the Queen's Spaof nish servants there, who were all dismissed in like manner " for fome miscarriages. The like was done in Spain to " the French, therefore 'tis no new thing."

Hull, in April 1642, is translated from the French Original in the British Museum. It is without a date.

" As I was closing my letter Sir L. Dives ar-" rived, who has told me all that passed at Hull. "Do not lose courage, and pursue the business with resolution; for you must now shew that " you will make good what you have undertaken. If the man who is in the place will " not fubmit, you have already declared him a " traitor: you must have him, alive or dead; " for matters now begin to be very ferious. "You must declare yourself; you have shewn " gentleness enough, you must now shew your " firmness. You see what has happened from " not having followed your first resolution, " when you declared the five Members traitors; " let that ferve you for an example: dally no " longer with confultations, but proceed to ac-"tion. I heartily wished myself in the place of " my fon James in Hull; I would have thrown " the fcoundrel Hotham over the walls, or he " fhould have thrown me. I am in fuch hafte " to dispatch this bearer, that I can write to no-" body else. Go boldly to work, as I see there is no hope of accommodation," &c.

This beautiful Princess said of Kings, that they should be as silent and as discreet as Father Confessors."

A person appearing anxious to tell her the names of some who had indisposed many of the English Nobility against her, she replied, "I forbid you to do so. Though they hate me now, they will not perhaps always hate me; and if they have any sentiments of honour, they will be ashamed of tormenting a poor woman, who takes so little precaution to defend herself."

Active and indefatigable on the breaking out of the troubles, she went to Holland to sell her jewels, and returned to England with several veffels loaded with provisions for her husband's army. The vessel that carried her was once in great danger; but she sat upon the deck with perfect tranquillity, and said laughingly, "Les Reines ne "se noyant pas—Queens are never drowned."

This Princess, according to Sir William Waller, in his "Recollections," endeared herself to the inhabitants of Exeter by the following act of benevolence. "As she was walking out north- ward of the city of Exeter, soon after her lying-in, she stopped at the cottage of a poor woman, whom she heard making doleful cries: she sent one of her train to enquire what it might be which occasioned them. The page returned, and said the woman was for- rowing grievously, because her daughter had vol. 1.

" been two days in the strawe, and was almost " dead for want of nourishment, she having no-" thing to give her but water, and not being " able, for the hardness of the times, to get any " thing. On this the Queen took a finall chain " of gold from her neck, at which hung an " Agnus. She took off the Agnus, and put it in " her bofom; and making the woman be called 66 to her, gave her the chain, and bade her go " into the city to a goldfmith and fell it, and " with the money to provide for the good wo-" man in the strawe: and for this," adds Sir William, "her Confessor did afterwards rebuke " her, because they were heretics. When this " thing was told to the King, he asked, jestingly, " if her Confessor had made the Queen do a " penance for it, as she had done once before " for some innocent act, when she was made to " walk to Tyburn; fome fay bare-foot."

In 1664, Henrietta went to Paris, where she found the Queen of France not very able, and perhaps less willing to assist her: so that she says of herself, she was obliged to ask alms of the Parliament of Paris for her subsistence: De de"mander une aumone au Parliament pour pouvoir
"fubsister."

Indeed this Queen, the daughter of Henry the Fourth, the beloved Monarch of France, was in fuch

fuch distress at Paris, that she and her infant daughter were obliged to lay in bed in their room at the palace of the Louvre in that city, as they could not get wood to make their fire with. The celebrated Omer Talon in his Memoirs tells us, "Le Mecredi, 13 Janvier 1643. La Reine d'Angleterre logée dans le Louvre, & reduite à la dernière extremité, demande secours au Parlement de Paris, qui lui ordonna 2000 livres pour sa subsistence."

The learned and excellent Pascal, in the first edition of his celebrated work "Les Pensées sur la "Religion," printed about the year 1650, says, "Qui auroit eu l'amitié du Roi d'Angleterre (Charles I.), du Roi de Pologne (Casimir V.), de de la Reine de Suede (Christina), auroit il cru pouvoir manquer de retraite d'azyle au monde?----Could any person that possessed the friendship of a King of England, a King of Poland, or a Queen of Sweden, have thought it possible that he could have been in want of a place to put his head in?"

Madame de Baviere, in her Letters, fays, "Charles the First's widow made a clandestine "marriage with her Chevalier d'Honneur, Lord "St. Alban's, who treated her extremely ill; so that whilst she had not a faggot to warm herse self with, he had in his apartment a good fire, so and a fumptuous table. He never gave the

"Queen a kind word, and when he fpoke to

" him, he used to say, Que me veut cette femme?

" What does the woman fay?"

JOHN SELDEN.

" THE King of Spain (fays Mr. Selden in his "Table-Talk') was outlawed in Westminster-

" hall, I being of Counsel against him: A mer-

" chant had recovered costs against him in a

" fuit, which because he could not get, we ad-

" vised him to have his Majesty outlawed for not appearing, and so he was. As soon as

"Gondemar the Spanish Ambassador heard

"that, he presently sent the money; by reason

"if his master had been outlawed, he could not

" have the benefit of the law; which would

" have been very prejudicial, there being then

" many fuits depending between the King of

"Spain and our English Merchants *."

Mr.

* When the Ambassador of Peter the Great was arrested for debt in London, in the latter end of Queen Anne's time, the Monarch expressed his assonishment and indignation, that the persons who had thus violated the respect due to the Representative of a Crowned Head, were not immediately put to death. His assonishment was considerably increased, when he was told, that in England, whatever punishment (however

Mr. Selden, on the diffolution of the Parliament in 1629, was brought to the bar of the Court of King's Bench for what he had faid in Parliament; and refusing to submit to the jurif-diction of the Court, he was committed to prifon, from whence he was soon released; and in 1631, he was again committed to custody with the Earls of Bedford and Clare, Sir Robert Cotton, and Mr. St. John, on account of having dispersed a libel, intitled, "A Proposition for his Majesty's Service, to bridle the Impertimency of Parliaments *." It was afterwards proved, that Sir'Robert Dudley, then residing in the dominions of the Duke of Tuscany, was the writer.

Lord Clarendon fays of Mr. Selden, that he was a person whom no character can flatter, or transmit in any expressions equal to his merit and his virtue. "If," adds he, "he had some in"firmities with other men, they were weighed down with wonderful and prodigious abilities and excellencies in the other scale."

⁽however short of death) the Law should think fit to inslict upon the offenders, a process of some length must of necessity be gone through, before they could be brought to justice; and that the Sovereign of the Country himself had no power of dispensing with those laws to which he was himself subjected.

^{*} See APPENDIX, No. II.

WILLIAM NOY.

"Nov," fays Howell in his Italian Prospective, "a great cried-up Lawyer, put it into the head of King Charles to impose an old tax called Ship-money upon the subject; which the said Lawyer did warrant upon his life to be legal, for he could produce divers records how many of his progenitors had done the fame."

"With infinite pains and indefatigable study," fays Howell in his Letters, "he came to his knowledge of the Law; but I never heard a "more pertinent anagram than was made of his name, William Noy, I moyl in law."

"Noy," adds Howell, "left an odd will, which is short, and in Latin: Having bequeathed a few legacies, and left his second fon one hundred marks a-year, and five hundred pounds in money to bring him up to his father's profession," he concludes, "Reliqua" meorum omnia primogenito meo Edvardo, dissipando (nec melius unquam speravi ego)---I leave the rest of all my goods to my first born Edward, to be consumed or scattered; for I never hoped better."

PHILIP EARL OF PEMBROKE.

JAMES HOWELL addressed a Pamphlet to this extraordinary Nobleman under the title of "A Sober and Seasonable Memorandum fent to " Philip Earl of Pembroke, &c. to mind him of his particular Secret Ties, (besides the Com-"mon Oath, Allegiance, and Supremacy,) "whereby he was bound to adhere to the King, " his Liege Lord and Master, presented unto " him in the Hottest Bruit of the Civil Wars," in which he thus addresses him: " My Lord, I " beg leave to tell your lordship, (and the Spec-" tator commonly fees more than the Game-" fter,) that the World extremely marvels at "you more than others; and it makes those " who wish you best to be transformed, to wonder that your Lordship should be the first " of your race who deferted the Crown, which " one of your predecessors said he would still " follow, though it were thrown upon a hedge. " Had your princely brother (William Earl of ⁴⁶ Pembroke) been living, he would have been fooner torn by wild horses than have banded against it, or abandoned the King his Master, " and fallen into fuch gross idolatry, as to wor-" ship the beast with many heads."

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The two following Letters relative to the manner in which this Nobleman disposed of his proxy in the House of Peers, at the beginning of the disputes between Charles and his Parliament, were very kindly communicated to the COMPILER. by the Marquis of Buckingham.

66 MADAM,

"I have receaved two very greate bleffings " these two last dayes, the one yesterday at Be-" verley, the other this day at Nottingham, by Mr. Denham, and cannot expresse the greate " fense I have of your Ladyship's favour and " good opinion in both. I am extreme glad to " heare you are upon a journey to London. If " your advice and interest doe not prevayle with " your father, I have no hope left; 'tis not pol-" fible for me to fay more in the argument to " him than I have. Nor can I imagine what ill " fpirit can engage him thus to venture his for-" tune, his fame, his honour, and the honour of " his house, in a vessel where none but despe-" rate persons have the government. His car-" riage of late hath beene fo well represented to " the King, and well receaved, for God's fake " let him not fall into a relapse; but if the pro-" positions now fent be not accepted, persuade " him away hither. Dpon my life he will re-" pente it elfe, and it will be too late; and fure of no honest man can thinke any unreasonable " thing thing is asked. Your brother must give me leave to wonder a little at him: 'tis long since I writ my humble advice to him, and cannot possibly understand the ground of his stay, and I have often assured his Majesty of his resolution. I know not what argument they have at London for the considence, but truly they seeme to have very sew friends in these partes, and I do not think their condition is much better in other places. I cannot take any opportunity of mentioning your Ladyship to his Majesty, but he prevents me in all the expressions of esteeme of you that are possible. I assure you, he hath a very just value of your care of him. I am not yet out of hope of

"Your Ladyship's most humble servant,
"EDW. HYDE *.

" kiffing your Ladyship's hands before the Sum" mer ends, which will be an unexpressible hap-

" Nottingham, this 22d July.

"My Lord of Falkland is your Ladyship's most humble servant."

(Direction)

" For my Lady CARNARVON."

" MY DEARE HART,

"God himself knoweth how much I have "loved and honoured your father more than

^{*} Afterwards Earl of Clarendon.

"any body elfe, and with how much zeale I " have endeavoured to ferve him towards the "King of late, fince that distanse that happened between them; and I believe and am confident. " that if ever there had been a revolution or " change in things, it would have been both in " my power and will to have ferved him very confiderably towards the King, if I may be-" leeve the King's professions to me. But I must " needs tell you, hee has done that that may " perchanse hinder much my credit with the "King, and lessen my power both to serve him " and myfelf. I beleeve it to be the greatest " misfortune that ever beefell me, that have hi-" therto, I thanke God, kept as faire a reputa-" tion as any man, in perfevering in my owne " way constantly and resolutely without either " feare or defigne or change. I am now fuf-" pected and branded with the fuspicion of un-"derhand dealing, by those who are and weere " my chiefest frends; and what troubles mee " most, the King himself takes it very unkindly " from mee, till I cleared myself to him from " whom I came yesterday, I meane in my guiving " my proxy to your father, whom the King does believe to be violent against him in every " thing. My Lord himfelf knowes, how unwill-" ing I was to leave my proxy, for I defired " leave of the House that instant my . Lord " Southampton asked leave, and had it: though ce I had

I had leave first from the King, merely because "I would leave no proxy, foreseeing the inconveniences 'twould bring me into. You know " afterwards, how I declarde it, hoping your " father would have forgotten it. I should not " have left it then, neyther, but that I have oft heard your father fay, he would ever guive the " vote he was entrusted withall according to his " fence that gave it him, not according to his " owne: which if he had done, he had done " himself a grate deal of honour and right " amongst men of honour that I heare speake of " it; he had obliged the King, and not disobliged " his owne party neyther: besides the infinite " obligeing mee: but as it is, he has disobliged " mee fo much, that never anie thing went fo " neere me. I vow to God, I am ashamed to " show my head amongst those I esteeme most, " for I am partly counted a turnecoate amongst " them, and have partly lost that reputation I " had, which I valued infinitely above my life, " and doe yet fo much, that to redeme myself " againe, I must needs desier one favour from " you, which I shall esteeme above any, that you would be pleafed to speake to your father, " relating to him the inconveniencies I have fuf-" fered, which to my fence are the greatest that " ever could have happened to mee, by bequeathing him my vote, fince he has in foe many

" many greate confiderable matters guiven it both against my fence, and, as the King conceiveth, against him; especially that he will be " pleased henceforward either to give it accord-"ing to my fence, by which I know he shall-" gaine good opinion from the King, and not " at all prejudisse himself with his owne party, " and oblidge me very much: otherwise, I shall beg this favour of him, that he will be pleafed " to guive me my vote againe, or else to make " noe use of it at all; and that I shall ever re-66 mane his true fervant and loving fonne to the death. I shall be very forrie after I have beene " all my life time with the hassard of life, fortune, industry, and after laboured to guive " one mess of good milke, and shall at last kicke it downe with my foote. I had never guiven 46 your father my vote, but that I conceived he of mought have mad that use of it that would have very moutch have advantaged him one ec way, and not prejudifed him in any other. My deare hart, pray love mee but as much as I 46 shall ever love you, which shall alwaies be " above my life, and bee the greatest happiness can redound to him that loves you above his 46 life.

" CARNARVON *."

^{*} Indorfed by Mr. Grenville, "Found in a truncke at Lady Carnarvon's, when her house was searched."

LORD STRAFFORD.

LORD STRAFFORD is thus described by Sir Philip Warwick in his Memoirs:

- "Lord Strafford was every waie qualified
- " for business; his natural faculties being very frong and pregnant. His understanding, aided
- " by a good phanfy, made him quick in difcern-
- " ing the nature of any business; and through
- " a cold brain he became deliberate and of found

This letter appears, from Mr. Grenville's indorsement, to have been seized in a box belonging to Lady Carnarvon, when her house at Wing near Aylesbury was searched by him November 29, 1642, under the order of the Committee of Sasety. Robert Lord Dormer of Wenge or Wing, the writer of this letter, was the head of that noble samily, whose possessing in Bucks, belonging to the different branches established at Wing, at Peterley, at Lee Grange, and at Dorton, were very large: all these possessions, save what belonged to the branch established at Peterley (the present Lord Dormer), have passed into other samilies, or have been alienated. The Mansson-House at Wing was pulled down about sifty years ago by Sir William Stanhope, and the Estate now belongs to the Earl of Chestersield.

Robert Lord Dormer was created Earl of Carnaryon 2d August, 4 Car. 1. He married Anne Sophia, daughter of Philip Earl of Pembroke, by whom he had Charles his fon and heir, who was killed at the battle of Newbury. Sept. 20, 1643.

" judgment.

i judgment. His memory was great, and he-" made it greater by confiding in it. His elocution was very fluent, and it was a great part of his talent readily to reply, or freely to harangue, upon any fubject. All this was lodged " in a foure and haughty temper, fo (as it may probably be believed) he expected to have " more observance paid to himself than he was " willing to pay to others, though they were of 46 his own quality; and then he was not like to conciliate the good-will of men of leffer station. "His acquired parts, both in University and "Inns of Court learning, as likewise his foreign " travels, made him an eminent man before he was a conspicuous one; so as when he came " first to shew himself in the House of Commons, "he was foon a bell-wether in that flock. As " he had these parts, he knew how to set a value " upon them, if not to over-value them; and he co too foon discovered a roughness in his nature " (which a man no more obliged by him than I was would have called an injustice); though " many of his confidants (who were my good " friends, when I, like a little worm being trod " on, could turn and laugh, and under that difguife fay as piquant words as my little wit could 66 help me to) were wont to fwear to me, that he " endeavoured to be just to all, but was resolved to be gracious to none but to those whom he 66 thought 10

"thought inwardly affected him; all which never bowed me, till his broken fortune, and, as I thought, very unjustifiable profecution, made me one of the fifty-fix who gave a negative to that fatal bill which cut the thread of his life.

"He gave an early specimen of the roughness of his nature, when, in the eager pursuit of the House of Commons after the Duke of Buckingham, he advised or gave counsel against another, which was afterwards taken up and pursued against himself. Thus, pressing upon another's case, he awakened his own fate; for when that House was in consultation how to frame the particular charge against that great Duke, he advised to make a general one, and to accuse him of treason, and to let him get off afterwards as he could, which really befell himself at last.

"In his person he was of a tall stature, but stooped much in the neck. His countenance was cloudy whilst he moved or fat thinking; but when he spake seriously or facetiously, he had a lightsome and a very pleasant ayre; and indeed, whatever he then did, he did grace-fully. Unavoidable it is but that great men give great discontents to some; and the losty humour of this great man engaged him too often.

" often, and against too many, in that kind; and particularly one with the old Chancellor Loftus, which was sullied (as was supposed) by an intrigue betwixt him and his daughter- in-law. But with these virtues and infirmities we will leave him ruling prosperously in Ire- land, until his own ambition or presumption brings him over to England in the year 1638, to take up a lost game, wherein he lost him- felf."

When Lord Strafford was Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, he made an order, that no Peer should be admitted into the House of Lords in that kingdom without leaving his sword with the door-keeper. Many Peers had already complied with this infolent order, when the Duke, then Earl, of Ormond being asked for his sword, he replied to the door-keeper, "If you make that "request again, Sir, I shall plunge my sword into your body." Lord Strafford hearing of this said, "This Nobleman is a man that we must endeavour to get over to us."

Defection in party was perhaps never more feverely punished than in the fate of this extraordinary Perfonage. On quitting the Country Party, he told his old fellow-labourer Mr. Pym, "You fee, Sir, I have left you."—"So, I fee, Sir Thomas," replied Mr. Pym; "but we will

never leave you fo long as you have a head upon your shoulders."

The following curious and detailed account of the apprehension and trial of Lord Strafford is taken from "A Journal addressed to the Presby-" tery of Irvine in Scotland, by Robert Baillie, "D.D. Principal of the University of Glasgow," who was sent up to London in 1640 by the Covenanting Lords of Scotland to draw up the Articles of Impeachment against Archbishop Laud, for having made some innovations in the service of the Church of Scotland:

"Among many more," fays the Doctor, "I have been an affiduous affiftant of that nation (the English), and therefore I will offer to give you some account of a part I have heard and feen in that notable process.

"Westminster-hall is a room as long as broad, if not more, than the outer-house of the High Church of Glasgow, supposing the pillars were removed. In the midst of it was erected a stage, like that prepared for the Assembly of Glasgow, but much more large, taking up the breadth of the whole house from wall to wall, and of the length more than a third part. On the north end was set a throne for the King, and a chair for the Prince. Before it lay a vol. 1.

" large woolfack, covered with green, for my " Lord Steward the Earl of Arundel. Beneath " it lay two facks for my Lord Keeper and the " Judges, with the rest of the Chancery, all in " their red robes. Beneath this, a little table " for four or five Clerks of the Parliament, in " black gowns. Round about these, some forms " covered with green frieze, whereupon the Earls " and Lords did fit, in their red robes, of the " fame fashion, lined with the same white ermine " skins as ye see the robes of our Lords when "they ride in Parliament; the Lords on their " right fleeves having two bars of white fkins, " the Viscounts two and a half, the Earls three, " the Marquis of Winchester three and a half. " England hath no more Marquisses; and he but " a late upstart, a creature of Queen Elizabeth. " Hamilton goes here but among the Earls, and "that a late one. Dukes they have none in " Parliament; York, Richmond, and Bucking-" ham, are but boys; Lenox goes among the " late Earls. Behind the forms where the Lords " fit, there is a bar covered with green. At the " one end stands the Committee of eight or ten "Gentlemen appointed by the House of Com-"mons to pursue. At the midst there is a little " desk, where the prisoner, Strafford, stands and " fits as he pleafes, together with his Keeper, " Sir William Balfour, the Lieutenant of the cc Tower.

"Tower. At the back of this is a desk for "Strafford's four Secretaries, who carried his "papers, and affisted him in writing and read-"ing. At their side is a void for witnesses to stand; and behind them a long desk at the wall of the room for Strafford's Counsel at Law, some sive or six able Lawyers, who were not permitted to dispute in matters of fact, but questions of right, if any should be inci"dent."

"This is the order of the House Below on " the floor, the fame that is used daily in the " Higher House.-Upon the two fides of the "House, east and west, there arose a stage of eleven ranks of forms, the highest almost " touching the roof. Every one of these forms went from one end of the room to the other, and contained about forty men; the two highest were divided from the rest by a rail; and a rail at every end cut off fome feats. The Gentlemen of the Lower House sat within the rails, others without. All the doors were kept " very straitly with guards. We always behoved " to be there a little after five in the morning. " Lord Willoughby Earl of Lindfay, Lord " Chamberlain of England, (Pembroke is Cham-" berlain of the Court,) ordered the House with " great difficulty; James Maxwell, Black Rod, cc was 7. 2

" was Great Usher; a number of other servants, "Gentlemen and Knights, affisted; by favour "we got place within the rail among the Com-" mons. The House was full daily before seven. " About eight the Earl of Strafford came in " his barge from the Tower, attended with the " Lieutenant and a guard of musqueteers and " halberdeers. The Lords in their robes were " fet about eight. The King was usually half " an hour before them. He came not into his " throne, for that would have marred the action; " for it is the order of England, when the King " appears he speaks what he will, but no other " fpeaks in his presence. At the back of the "throne were two rooms on the two fides: in the " one, Duke de Vanden, Duke de Valler, and other French Nobles fat; in the other, the "King, Queen, Princess Mary, the Prince " Elector, and some Court Ladies. The tirlies " that made them to be fecret the King brake "down with his own hands, so that they sat in " the eyes of all, but little more regarded than " if they had been absent; for the Lords sat all " covered. Those of the Lower House, and all other, except the French Noblemen, fat difcovered when the Lords came, not elfe. A "number of Ladies were in the boxes above " the rails, for which they paid much money. " It was daily the most glorious Assembly the " Ifle "Ifle could afford; yet the gravity not fuch as I " expected; oft great clamour without about the "doors. In the interval, while Strafford was " making ready for answers, the Lords got al-" ways to their feet, walked and chatted: the "Lower Housemen too loud chatting. After " ten, much public eating, not only of confec-"tions, but of flesh and bread, bottles of beer " and wine going thick from mouth to mouth " without cups, and all this in the King's eye; " yea, many but turned their backs and let water " go through the forms they fat on. There was " no outgoing to return; and oft the fitting was " till two, three, or four o'clock at night.

" TUESDAY THE THIRTEENTH.

"The feventeenth fession. --- All being set " as before, Strafford made a speech large two " hours and a half, went through all the articles " but these three, which imported statute-treason, " the fifteenth, twenty-first, twenty-seventh, and " others which were alledged, as he spake, for "constructive and consequential treason. First, " the articles bearing his words, then these " which had his counfels and deeds. To all he " repeated not new, but the best of his former "answers; and in the end, after some lashness " and fagging, he made fuch a pathetic oration " for an half hour, as ever comedian did upon " a stage. 23

" a stage. The matter and expression was ex-" ceeding brave; doubtless if he had grace or "civil goodness, he is a most eloquent man. "The speech you have it here in print. One " passage made it most spoken of; his breaking off in weeping and filence when he spoke of " his first wife. Some took it for a true defect in his memory; others, and for the most part, " for a notable part of his rhetoric; fome," that " true grief, and remorfe at that remembrance, " had stopt his mouth; for they fay that his first " lady, the Earl of Clare's fifter, being with " child, and finding one of his whore's letters, " brought it to him, and chiding him therefore," " he struck her on the breast, whereof shortly " fhe died."

Principal Baillie's account of the apprehension of Lord Strafford is very curious:—" All things "go here as we could wish. The Lieutenant of Ireland (Lord Strafford) came but on Monday to town, late; on Tuesday rested; and on Wednesday came to Parliament; but ere night he was caged. Intolerable pride and oppression call to Heaven for vengeance. The Lower House closed their doors; the Speaker kept the keys till his accusation was concluded. Thereafter Mr. Pym went up with a number at his back to the Higher House, and,

in a pretty short speech, did in the name of the " Commons of all England accuse Thomas Lord "Strafford of high treafon, and required his " person to be arrested till probation might be " made: fo Mr. Pym and his back were removed. "The Lords began to confult on that strange " and unpremeditated motion. The word goes " in haste to the Lord Lieutenant, where he " was with the King: with speed he comes to " the House of Peers, and calls rudely at the " door. James Maxwell, Keeper of the Black "Rod, opens. His Lordship, with a proud " glooming countenance, makes towards his " place at the board head, but at once many " bid him void the House. So he is forced in " confusion to go to the door till he is called. " After consultation he stands, but is told to " kneel, and on his knees to hear the fentence. "Being on his knees, he is delivered to the " Black Rod to be prisoner till he is cleared of " the crimes he is charged with. He offered to " fpeak, but was commanded to be gone with-" out a word. In the outer room, James Max-" well required of him, as prisoner, to deliver " him his fword. When he had got it, with a " loud voice he told his man to carry the Lord " Lieutenant's fword. This done, he makes " through a number of people towards his " coach, all gazing, no man capping to him, 66 before 7. 4

" before whom that morning the greatest in " England would have stood discovered; all " crying, What is the matter? He faid, A fmall "matter, I warrant you. They replied, Yes " indeed, high treason is a small matter! Com-" ing to the place where he expected his coach, " it was not there; fo he behoved to return the " fame way through a world of gazing people. "When at last he had found his coach, and " was entering it, James Maxwell told him, My "Lord, you are my prisoner, and must go inmy coach; fo he behoved to do. For some days too many went to fee him; but fince, " the Parliament has commanded his keepers to 66 be straiter. Poursuivants are dispatched to "Ireland, to open all the ports, and to pro-" claim, that all who had grievances might " come over."

RICHARD BOYLE,

FIRST EARL OF CORK.

DR. WALLER, in his funeral fermon on the death of the Earl's feventh daughter, the Countels of Warwick, fays, "She was truly excel"lent and great in all respects; great in the"honour

"honour of her birth, being born a lady and a
"vertuofa both, feventh daughter of that emi"nently honourable Richard the first Earl of
"Corke, who being born a private Gentleman,
and a younger brother of a younger brother,
to no other heritage than this device and
motto, which his humble gratitude inscribed
on all the palaces he built,

" God's Providence is my inheritance;"

"by that Providence, and by his diligent and wife industry, he raised such an honour and estate, and left such a family as never any subject of these three kingdoms did; and that with so unspotted a reputation of integrity, that the most invidious scrutiny could find no blot, though it winnowed all the methods of his rising most severely, which the good Lady Warwick hath often told me with great content and satisfaction.

"This noble Lord, by his prudent and pious confort, (no leffe an ornament and honour to their defcendants than herfelf,) was bleffed with five fonnes, of which he lived to fee four Lords and Peers of the kingdom of Ireland; and a fifth (more than thefe titles speak) a fovereign, and peerleffe, in a larger province (that of universal nature), subdued and made observations.

"quious to his inquisitive mind *;—and eight daughters. And that you may know how all things were extraordinary in this great perfonage, it will, I hope, be neither unpleasant nor impertinent to add a short story I had from his daughter's (Lady Warwick's) own mouth.

" Master Boyle, (afterwards Earl of Corke,) " who was then a widower, came one morning " to wait on Sir Jeoffery Fenton, Secretary of. State for Ireland; who being engaged in buif finefs, and not knowing who it was that de-" fired to speak to him, for a while delayed him. " accesse, which time he spent pleasantly with " the Secretary's daughter, then a child in the "nurse's arms. But when Sir Jeoffery came and faw whom he had made flay fomewhat too long, he civilly excufed it. But Master "Boyle replied, he had been very well em-" ployed, and had fpent his time much to his " fatisfaction in courting his daughter, if he " might obtaine the honour of being his fon-in-66 law. At which Sir Jeoffery smiled, (so hear " one who had been formerly married move for " a wife carried in arms, and under two years " old,) and asked him if he could stay for her;

^{*} The Honourable Robert Boyle, one of the greatest natural philosophers that any country has ever produced.

66 to which he frankly answered him that he

" would, and Sir Jeoffrey as generously pro-

" mised him that he should have his consent.

"And they both kept their words afterwards

" very honourably."

BISHOP BEDELL.

This excellent Prelate, to whom the Irish are indebted for the translation of the Bible into their language, was Bishop of Kilmore in Ireland. Like the late Bishop Berkeley, he would never be translated from one See to another, thinking with him, that his church was his wife, and his diocese his children, from whom he should never be divorced.

"Bishop Bedell lived with his clergy," says his Biographer, "as if they had been his brethren. "When he went his visitations, he would not accept of the invitations that were made to him by the great men of the country, but would needs eat with his brethren, in such poor inns, and of such coarse fare, as the places afforded. He went about always on foot when he was at Dublin, (one servant only attending him,) except upon public occasions, that obliged him to ride in procession with his

"his strength always enabling him to ride on horseback. Many poor Irish families about him were maintained out of his kitchen, and in the Christmas-time he had the poor always eating with him at his own table, and he brought himself to endure both the fight of their rags and their rudeness. He by his will ordered that his body should be buried in a church-yard, with this inscription:

DEPOSITUM GULIELMI QUONDAM EPISCOPI KILMORENSIS.

"He did not like," continues his Biographer, the burying in a church; for as, he observed, there was much both of superstition and pride in it, fo he believed it was a great annoyance to the living, where there was fo much of the " fleam of dead bodies rifing about them. was likewife much offended at the rudeness " which the crouding the dead bodies in a fmall " parcel of ground occasioned; for the bodies " already laid there, and not yet quite rotten, were often raifed and mangled; fo that he " made a Canon in his Synod against burying in churches, and recommended that burying-" places should be removed out of towns. In "this he was imitated by the Cardinal de Lo-" menie, Archbishop of Sens, who published, " fome years ago, a very eloquent mandement " on the subject."

SIR HENRY WOTTON.

THE conclusion of the Inscription which this learned man used to put under the Achievement of his Arms, when he left them in foreign Inns in his Travels, after the enumeration of his qualities, and of the Embassies in which he had been engaged, was

"HENRICUS WOTTON, tandem hoc didicit
"Animas fieri sapientiores quiescendo."

He gave this excellent character of Sir Philip Sydney's wit, "That it was the very measure of "congruity."

According to his Biographer, Sir Henry had made fome progress in a work which he had begun on the Reformation, and which he gave up at the desire of his Sovereign Charles the First, who wished him to write the History of England. It were, indeed, much to be wished, that it were possible to procure Sir Henry's Manuscripts of his intended work.

He wrote a very excellent Treatife on the "Elements of Architecture," in which the idea of Home, that scene of every man's happiness or misery, is thus pathetically described: Every "man's proper mansion-house and home being the theatre of his hospitality, the seat of self
15 "fruition,

" fruition, the comfortablest part of his own " life, the noblest of his son's inheritance, a " kind of private princedom, nay, to the poffessors thereof, an epitome of the whole world, may well deferve by thefe attributes, accord-" ing to the degree of the master, to be de-" cently and delightfully adorned." He wrote likewife "A Survey of Education," which he calls Moral Architecture, in which he well obferves, that the way to knowledge by epitome is too streight, and by commentaries too much about. "When," adds he, "I mark in children much folitude and filence, I like it not, " nor any thing born before its time, as this " must needs be in that sociable and exposed " age, as they are for the most part. When either " alone or in company they fit still without doing " any thing, I like it worfe. For furely all difof position to idleness or vacancy, even before they " grow habits, is dangerous; and there is com-" monly but little distance in time between do-" ing of nothing and doing of ill."

Sir Henry fays beautifully, in his character of a Happy Life—

I.

How happy is he born and taught
That ferveth not another's will,
Whose armour is his honest thought,
And simple truth his utmost skill:

II.

Whose passions not his masters are, Whose soul is still prepared for death; Untied unto the world by care Of public same or private breath:

III.

Who envies none that chance doth raife, Nor vice hath ever understood, How deepest wounds are given by praise, Nor rules of State, but rules of good:

IV.

Who hath his life from rumours freed,
Whose conscience is his strong retreat,
Whose state can neither flatterers feed,
Nor ruin make oppressors great:

V

Who God doth late and early pray
More of his grace than gifts to lend,
And entertains the harmless day
With a religious book or friend:

VI.

This man is freed from fervile bands, Of hope to rife, or fear to fall; Lord of himfelf, though not of lands, And having nothing, yet hath all.

OLIVER CROMWELL,

after he had run through his youthful career of amusement and dissipation, became so hypochondriacal, that he used occasionally to have his physician called up in the middle of the night to attend him, as he imagined himself to be dying. In one of these fits of melancholy he is said to have seen a gigantic female figure, that told him he should be a King.

Sir Philip Warwick thus describes Oliver Cromwell:

"The first time that I ever took notice of him was in the very beginning of the Parliament held in November 1640. I perceived a gentleman speaking, whom I knew not, very ordinarily apparelled; for it was a plain cloth fuit, which seemed to have been made by an ill country taylor. His linen was plain, and not very clean, and I remember a speck or two of blood upon his little band, which was not much larger than his collar: his hat was without a hat-band.---His stature was of a good fize; his sword stuck close to his side; his countenance swoln and reddish; his voice

" fharp and untunable, and his eloquence full of fervor, for the fubject-matter would not

" bear much of reason, it being in behalf of a " fervant of Mr. Prynne's who had dispersed " libels against the Queen for her dancing, and " fuch like innocent and courtly sports; and he "aggravated the imprisonment of this man by " the Council-table unto that length, that one " would have believed that the very govern-" ment itself had been in great danger by it. I " fincerely profess it lessened very much my reverence for that great Council, for he was " very much hearkened unto. And yet I lived " to fee this very Gentleman whom (out of no " ill-will to him) I thus describe, by multiplied " fuccesses, and by real but usurped power, hav-" ing had a better taylor, and more converse " amongst good company, in mine own eye, " when, for fix weeks together, I was a pri-" foner at Whitehall, appear of a great and ma-" jestic deportment and comely presence.

"The first years," adds Sir Philip, "of Cromwell's manhood were spent in a dissolute course of life, in good fellowship and gaming, which afterwards he seemed very sensible of, and very sorry for; and as if it had been a good spirit that had guided him therein, he used a good method upon his conversion; for he declared that he was ready to make restitution unto any man who would accuse him, or whom he could accuse himself to have vol. 1.

"wronged. (To his honour I speak this," continues Sir Philip; "for I think the public action with the honour shape of the public evils they have done, to be the most glorious tro- phies that can be assigned to them.) When he was thus civilized, he joined himself to men of his own temper, who pretended to transports and revelations."

Lord Hollis, in his Memoirs, accuses Cromwell of behaving cowardly in two or three actions; and adds, that as he was going in procession to the High Court of Justice in Westminster-hall, to try the King, some of the soldiers reproached him openly, and in the hearing of the people, with want of courage.

Oliver's speeches to his Parliament appear perplexed and embarrassed. He had, most probably, his reasons for making them unintelligible.

Mr. Spence, in his MS. Anecdotes, fays, that a Dean of Peterborough told him, that he once heard Cromwell, in Council, deliver an opinion upon fome commercial matter with great precifion, and great knowledge of the fubject *.

* "Anecdotes by the Rev. Mr. Spence," (Author of Polymetis,) in MS. which contain feveral very curious particulars of the great men of the last and of the present age. The publication of them would afford great instruction and amusement to the lovers of the history and literature of this country.

In his cheerful hours Cromwell appears to have laughed at the fanatics who supported him and his government. The jest of the cork-screw is well known; and when, on his having dispatched a sleet upon some secret expedition; one of the fanatics called upon him, and had the impudence to tell him that the Lord wanted to know the destination of it; "The Lord shall know," says Cromwell, "for thou shalt go with the sleet." So ringing his bell; he ordered some of his foldiers to take him on board one of the ships belonging to it.

Cromwell, like many other reformers of government, was very apt to censure grievances in Church and State, though he had not framed to himself any particular or specific plan of amending them. On the subject of ecclesiastical affairs he once frankly and ingenuously said, to some perfons with whom he was disputing, "I can tell what I would not have, though I cannot tell what I would have."

Cromwell, like some other politicians, thought very slightingly of the will and of the power of the people; for when he was told by Mr. Calamy, the celebrated Dissenting Minister, that it was both unlawful and impracticable that one man should assume the government of the country,

he faid to him, "Pray, why is it impracticable?" And on Mr. Calamy replying, "O, it is the "voice of the Nation; there will be nine in ten "against you:"—"Very well," rejoined Cromwell; "but what if I should disarm the nine, and put the sword into the tenth man's hand, would not that do the business?" The French proverb says, "A man never goes so far as "when he does not know where he is going." This was, most probably, Cromwell's case: he had, indeed, gone so far, that, with Macbeth, he might have said,

Returning were as tedious as go o'er.

Marshal Villeroy, Louis the XIVth's Governor, asked Lockhart, Cromwell's Ambassador, "Why his master had not taken the title of King?"—"Monsieur," replied Lockhart, "we know the extent of the prerogatives of a King, but know not those of a Protector."—D'ARGENSON, p. 347.

Oliver's fears for his personal safety carried him on in his career of wickedness when once he had begun it, and particularly when he sound that he could not trust the assurances of his Sovereign. The latter part of his life was embittered by fear and remorfe, and after the publication of that celebrated work "Killing no "Murder,"

"Murder," he appears never to have had a quiet moment.

Oliver was, perhaps, never more accurately described than by Sir William Waller in his recollections." Speaking of the beating up of Colonel Long's quarters, as he terms it, in which Cromwell's horse did good service, he fays, " And here I cannot but mention the won-" der which I have oft times had to fee this Eagle in his eirey: he att this time had never 66 shewn extraordinary partes, nor do I think that " he did himself believe that he had them, for, " although he was blunt, he did not bear himself with pride or disdaine. As an Officer he was " obedient, and did never dispute my orders, "nor argue upon them. "He did indeed feeme " to have great cunning; and whilft he was " cautious of his own words, (not putting forth too many, lest they should betray his thoughts,) " he made others talk untill he had, as it were, " fifted them, and known their most intimate "defigns. A notable instance was his discovering, in one fhort conversation with one Cap-" tain Giles, (a great fayourite with the Lord "General, and whome he most confided in,) " that although his words were full of zeal, and " his actions feemingly brave, that his heart was 16 not with the cause; and, in fine, this man did 66 shortly A A 3

"fhortly after join the enemy at Oxford with three and twenty front fellowes. One other

" instance I will here sett down, being of the

" fame fort as to his cunning:

"When I took the Lord Piercy at Andover, having at that time an inconvenient distemper, I desired Colonel Cromwell to entertaine him with some civility; who did afterwards tell me, that amongst those whom we took with him (being about thirty) there was a youth of so faire a countenance, that he doubted of his condition; and, to confirm himself, willed him to sing; which he did with such a daintimes, that Cromwell scrupled not to say to Lord Piercy, that being a warriour, he did wifely to be accompanied by Amazons. On which that Lord, in some confusion, did acknowledge that she was a damsel."—Recollections, by General Sir William Waller, page 124.

The Original of the following Letter is in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. It is without the fignature.

" SIR,

" In pursuance to my promise, I have sent you the story you desired of me when I saw you last. Sir, after the late King was beheaded, " (if I mistake not,) Latham House, web belonged to the Earl of Derby, (who was also beheaded at Liverpool,) was surrendered to my Lord Fairfax, upon promise of having quarter; which surrender, my father being in the house, and Chaplain to the Earl, was taken prisoner with the Earl of Derby's children, who were imprisoned in Liverpool Gaol, where he was kept close prisoner in ye dungeon, tho' the rest were permitted the liberty of the gaolity yard; where I believe he would have lain till the King's return, or till Death had set him at liberty, if it had not been his fortune to have been freed by the following accident.

". The Patriarchs of Greece hearing of the " unparalleled murder of our late King by his " own fubjects, sent one of their own body as " an Envoy over here into England, and his " errand was this: To know of Oliver Croin-" well, and the rest, by what law, either of God " or man, they put their King to death. But " the Patriarch speaking no language but the " common Greek, and roaming without an in-" terpreter, no one understood him; and tho' " there were many good Grecians (whose names [I have forgot) brought to him, yet they could " not understand his Greek, Thereupon Lenstale, who was Speaker to the House of Com-" mons, AA4

" mons, told them, that there was in prison one " of the King's party that understood the com-"mon Greek, who would interpret to them what the Patriarch faid, if they would fet him " at liberty, and withal promife not to punish " him, if what he interpreted out of the Patriarch's words reflected on them; which, at last, they " were forced to do, tho' much against their " will. At last the day was fet for hearing, " where were prefent Cromwell, Bradshaw, and " most of the late King's Judges, if not all. When the Patriarch came, he wrote in the "common Greek the aforefaid fentence, and " figned it with his own hand; after which, my " father turned it into our Greek; which, when " it was written, he did (tho' with much adoe) " understand and set his hand to it. Then my " father turned it into Latin and English, and " delivered it under his hand to Cromwell, ye " that was the business of the Patriarch's embassy: " who then returned him this answer, that they " would confider of it, and in a short time send " him their answer: but after a long stay, and " many delays, the Patriarch was forced to re-"turn as wife as he came. Upon the Patriarch's departure, they would have fent my father to " prison again, but Lentale would not let them, " faying, that it was their promise that he should " be at liberty; whereupon they fent for him, " and

" and commanded him to keep the Patriarch's " embaffy private, and not to divulge it, upon " pain of imprison, if not of death. Then Len-" tale made him Preacher of the Rolls, and my " father bought chambers in Gray's-Inn, which "chambers he afterwards parted with to Mr. "Barker, who now has the possession of them. "This is the relation which I have heard my " father oftentimes tell; and, to the best of my " knowledge, I have neither added nor diminished " any thing."

Cromwell, after having dissolved the Parliament by his own authority, nominated and called up persons to serve in a Council of State that was to fupply the absence of that assembly, as appears by the following Summons.

. The Original was obligingly communicated to the Compilier by Mr. Green, of Bedford Square.

" Forasmuch as upon the dissolution of " the late Parliament, it became neces-" fary that the peace, fafety, and good " government of this Commonwealth " should be provided for; and in order there-" unto, persons fearing God, and of approved " fidelity and honesty, are by myself, with the " advice of my Councill of Officers, nominated, " to whome the greate charge and trust of foe " weighty

"weighty affaires is to be comitted; and having good affurance of yo' love to & courage for God, & y' interest of his cause, & of y' good people of this Comonwealth;

" I, OLIVER CROMWELL, Cap' Generall and "Comander in Chiefe of all the armies and " forces raifed and to be raifed within this " Comonwealth, doe hereby fomon & require " you, William West, Esquire (being one of the of persons nominated), psonally to be & appeare " at ye Councill Chamber comonly knowne or se called by the name of the Councill Chamber " in Whitehall, wthin the City of Westminstr, " upon the fourth day of July next enfueing the date hereof, then & there to take upon you ye se faid trust, unto weh you are hereby called and 46 appointed to serve as a Member for ye countie " of Lancaster, and hereof you are not to faile. "Given under my Hande and Seale the fixth " day of June 1653. . . O. CROMWELL."

The Originals of the following characteristic Letters of Oliver Cromwell are in the Bodleian Library at Oxford:

"Sir, Wee doe with greife of hart recent the fadd condition of our armie in the West, and of affaires there. That businesse hath our hartes with

with itt, and truly had wee winges, wee would se flye theither. Soe soone as ever my Lord and the foote fett mee loofe, there shall bee noe want in mee to hasten what I cann to that feruice; for indeed, all other confiderations are to bee layed aside, and to give place to itt, 46 as beinge of farr more importance. I hope the " kingdom shall see, that in the middest of our necessities wee shall serve them wthout dispute. Wee hope to forgett our wants, which are ex-66 ceedinge great, and ill cared for, and defier to ef referr the many flaunders heaped upon us by 46 false tongues to God, whoe will in due tyme " make it apeare to the world, that we studye " the glory of God, the honor and libertye of the Parliament, for web wee ynannimously fight, without feekinge our owne interests. Indeed, " wee finde our men never foe cheerfull as when there is worke to doe. I trust you will alwaies " heere foe of them. The Lord is our strength, and in him all our hope. Pray for us. Pre-66 fent my loue to my freinds. I begg their or prayers. The Lord still blesse you. Wee " have some amongst us much slow in action. "If wee could all intend our owne ends leffe, " and our ease too, our businesses in this armie " would goe onn wheeles for expedition. Be-" cause some of vs are enimies to rapine, and other wickednesses, wee are fayd to be factious,

"to feeke to maintaine our opinions in religion by force, weh wee detest and abhorr. I pro-" fesse I could never satisfie my selfe of the iuste-" nesse of this warr, but from the authoritye of the Parliament to maintaine itt in itts rights, and in this cause I hope to approue my selfe an honest man, and single harted. Pardon mee " that I am thus troublesom. I write but sel-" dom; itt giues me a little ease to poure my " minde, in the middest of callumnies, into the bosom of a freind: S', noe man more truly " loues you than

"Your Brother and Seruant, " OLIVER CROMWELL,"

"Sept. 6 or 5th. "Sleeford."

"For Colonel WALTON, "theife in London."

"Deere S', It is our duty to fympathife in all mercyes, that wee may praise the Lord toge-"there in chastifements or tryalls, that foe wee " may forrowe together." Truly England, and the Church of God, hath had a great fauor " from the Lord in this great victorie given unto " us, fuch as the like neuer was fince this warr begunn: itt had all the euidences of an abso-" lute victorie, obtained by the Lord's bleffinge " upon the godly partye principally. Wee " neuer charged but wee routed the enimie: er the

" the left winge wih I comanded beinge our owne " horse, sauinge a few Scotts in our reere, beat " all the Prince's horse. God made them as " stubble to our swords; wee charged their re-" giments of foote wth our horse, and routed all " wee charged. The perticulars I cannott relate " now, but I beleive, of 20,000, the Prince hath " not 4000 left. Give glory, all the glory, to "God. S', God hath taken away your eldest " fonn by a cannon shott: itt brake his legg; " wee were necessitated to have it cuttoff, wherof " he died. S', you know my tryalls this way, but the Lord supported me wth this, that the " Lord tooke him into the happinesse wee all " pant after and live for. There is your pre-" cious child, full of glory, to know neither finn " nor forrow; and more, hee was a gallant " younge man, exceedinge gracious. God give " you his comfort. Before his death, he was " foe full of comfort, that to Franke Ruffel and " my felfe hee could not expresse itt, itt was soe " great aboue his paine; this hee fayd to us; " indeed, it was admirable. Little after, hee " fayd one thinge lay upon his spirit. I asked " him what that was: he told me, that it was, ", that God had not suffered him to bee noe "more the executioner of his enimies. Att his. " fall, his horse beinge killed wih the bullett, and, " as I am enformed, 3 horses more, I am told, 66 hee

" hee bid them open to the right and left, that " hee might fee the rogues runn. Truly hee was exceedingly beloved in the armie of all " that knew him; but few knew him; for he was a precious younge man fitt for God. You " have cause to blesse the Lord; hee is a glorious " fainct in heauen, wherein you ought exceed-" ingly to reioyce. Lett this drinke up your " forrowe, feinge theife are not fayned words to comfort you, but the thinge is foe real and " undoubted a truth. You may doe all thinges 66 by the strength of Christ. Seeke that, and " you shall easily beare your tryall. Lett this " publike mercy to the Church of God make you to forgett your private forrowe. The 46 Lord bee your strength, soe prayes

"Your truly faythfull and louinge Brother,
"OLIVER CROMWELL."

" July 5th, 1644."

"My loue to your daughter, and to my cozen Perceual, fister Desbrowe, and all freinds with you."

"Oliver Cromwell, the Protector," fays Anthony Wood, "loved a good voice and inftrumental music well. Mr. James Quin, a student of C. C. Oxon, a good singer, was introduced to him: he heard him sing with very great delight, liquored him with sack, and in "conclusion

"conclusion said to him: "Mr. Quin, you have done very well: What shall I do for you?" To which Quin made answer with great compliments (of which he had command) with a great grace, "that your Highness would be pleased to restore me to my student's place:" which the Protector did accordingly, and so he kept it to his dying day."

It is mentioned in Spence's MS. Anecdotes, that a few nights after the execution of King Charles the First, a man covered with a cloak, and with his face muffled up, supposed to have been Oliver Cromwell, marched slowly round the costin, covered with a pall, which contained the body of Charles, and exclaimed, loudly enough to be heard by the attendants on the remains of that unfortunate Monarch, "Dreadful necessity!" Having done this two or three times, he marched out of the room, in the same slow and solemn manner in which he came into it.

Cromwell and Ireton faw the execution of Charles from a small window of the Banqueting House of Whitehall.

Provost Baillie, who was in London at the time of Oliver's death, says:

"The Protector, Oliver, endeavoured to fettle " all in his family, but was prevented by death " before he could make a testament. He had " not fupplied the blank with his fon Richard's ame by his hand; and fcarce with his mouth " could be declare that much of his will. There " were no witnesses to it but Thurloe and "Goodwin. Some did fearfully flatter him as " much dead as living. Goodwin, at the Fast " before his death, in his prayer is faid to have " spoke such words: Lord, we pray not for " thy fervant's life, for we know that is granted, " but to hasten his health, for that thy people " cannot want. And Mr. Sterry faid in the " chapel, after his death, O Lord, thy late fervant here is now at thy right hand, making " intercession for the sins of England .-- Both " these are now out of favour, as Court para-" fites. But the most spake, and yet speak, " very evil of him; and, as I think, much " worfe than he deferved of them."

RICHARD CROMWELL

oliver Cromwell, to beg the life of his Sovereign Charles the First. In the same spirit of humanity,

humanity, when Colonel Howard told him, on his father's death, that nothing but vigorous and violent measures could secure the Protectorate to him, and that he should run no risk, for that he himself (Howard) would be answerable for the consequences; Richard replied, "Everyone shall see that I will do nobody any harm: I never have done any, nor ever will. I shall be much troubled if anyone is injured on my account; and instead of taking away the life of the least person in the nation for the preservation of my greatness, (which is a burthen to me,) I would not have one drop of blood spilt."

Richard, on his difmission from the Protectorate, resided some time at Pezenas, in Languedoc, and afterwards went to Geneva. Some time in the year 1680 he returned to England, and resided at Cheshunt in Hertfordshire.

In 1705 he lost his only son, and became in right of him possessed of the manor of Horsley, which had belonged to his mother. Richard, then in a very advanced age, sent one of his daughters to take possession of the estate for him. She kept it for herself and her sisters, allowing her father only a small annuity out of it, till she was dispossessed of it by a sentence of one of the Courts of Westminster-Hall. It was requi-

fite for this purpose that Richard should appear in person; and the Judge who presided, tradition says, was the elegant and eloquent Lord Chancellor Cowper, who ordered a chair for him in court, and desired him to keep on his hat.

As he was returning from this trial, curiofity led him to fee the House of Peers, when being asked by a person, to whom he was a stranger, if he had ever seen anything like it before; he replied, pointing to the throne, "Never, since I " fat in that chair."

Richard Cromwell enjoyed a good state of health to the age of eighty-six, and died in the year 1712. He had taken, on his return to England, the name of Richard Clark.

SIR HENRY VANE, JUN.

THERE feems never, in the History of Mankind, to have been a more complicated character than that of Sir Henry Vane, so sagacious and resolute as to daunt and intimidate even Cromwell himself, yet so visionary and so seekleminded as to be a Seeker and Millennist. His speech respecting Richard Cromwell is a masterpiece piece of good fense and of eloquence. His writings on religious subjects are beneath contempt. His behaviour on the scaffold was dignissed and noble, and he appears to have been executed contrary to the word of his Sovereign.

The following Letter addressed to Lord Clarendon is printed in Harris's "Life of Charles "the Second."

" Hampton Court, Saturday,
" Two in the Afternoon.

"The relation that has been made to me of Sir Henry Vane's carriage yesterday in the Hall *, is the occasion of this letter, which (if I am rightly informed) was so insolent, as to justify all he had done, acknowledging no surpreme power in England but a Parliament, and many things to that purpose. You have had a true account of all, and if he has given new occasion to be hanged, certaynlye he is too dangerous a man to let live, if we can honeftly put him out of the way. Think of this, and give me some accounte of it to-morrowe, 'till when I have nothing to say to you. C."

Sir Henry opposed the Protectorate of Richard Cromwell, in the following short and impressive speech in the House of Commons:

^{*} Westminster-Hall.

"One would (faid he) bear a little with Oli-" ver Cromwell, though, contrary to his oath of " fidelity to the Parliament, contrary to his duty to the public, contrary to the respect he owed that venerable body from whom he received "his authority, he usurped the government. "His merit was fo extraordinary, that our judg-" ments, our passions, might be blinded by it. "He made his way to empire by the most illus-" trious actions. He had under his command " an army that had made him Conqueror, and " a people that had made him their General. " But as for Richard Cromwell his fon, Who is " he? What are his titles? We have feen that " he had a fword by his fide, but, Did he ever " draw it? and, what is of much more import-" ance in this case, Is he fit to get obedience " from a mighty nation who could never make " a footman obey him? Yet this man we must " recognize under the title of Protector; a man " without worth, without courage, and without conduct. For my part, Mr. Speaker, it shall never be faid that I made fuch a man my " mafter."

Provost Baillie, in one of his letters to his wife in Scotland, thus describes Cromwell and Sir Henry Vane:

"They be of nimble hot fancies for to put all in confusion, but not of any deep reach. St. "John

"John and Pierpont are more stayed, but not great heads. Say and his son not—albeit wiser, yet of so dull, sour, and fearful a temperament, that no great atchievement in reason could be expected from them. The rest, either in the Army or in the Parliament of their party, are not in their mysteries, and of no great parts, either for counsel or action, as "I could observe."

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This Frenchman, fon of the celebrated Gui Patin, was in England in the year 1672. In giving an account to the Margrave of Baden Dourlach of what he faw in London in that year, he mentions having feen (upon what he calls le Parlement, but which I suppose was Westminster-Hall) the heads of Cromwell, Ireton, and Bradshaw. He says:

"On ne sauroit les regarder sans palir, et craigner qu'elles vont jetter ces paroles epou"vantables: Peuples, l'eternité n'expiera pas notre attentat. Apprenez à notre exemple, que la vie des Rois est inviolable."

"One cannot," fays he, "look upon these heads without horror, and without imagining that they are just going to pronounce these terrible words: People, eternity itself will not be able to expiate our offence. Learn by our example, that the life of Kings is inviolable."

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Charles Patin was a Physician, and used to say for the credit of his art, that it had enabled him to live in perfect health till he was eighty-two years of age; that it had procured him a fortune of twenty thousand pounds; and that it had acquired him the friendship and esteem of many very respectable and celebrated persons.

Patin mentions in his Travels a reply of a German to a Frenchman, who had taxed the Germans with loving wine, and exposing themfelves in consequence of that vice: "Les Allemands font quelquesois sous dans leur vin, (said he,) mais les François sont toujours sous."

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LORD FAIRFAX.

Persons who have been the most active in promoting Revolutions in Kingdoms, have in general, after their experience of the dangers and miseries consequent upon them, been very open in proclaiming them to the world. Lord Fairfax, the celebrated Parliamentary General in Charles the First's time, fays, in the Memoirs that he left of the part which he took in those times of trouble and confusion, in speaking of the execution of his Sovereign, " By this purging "of the House (as they called it), the Parliament was brought into fuch a confumptive " and languishing condition, that it could never "again recover that healthful condition which "always kept the kingdom in its strength, life, and vigour. This way being made by the " fword, the trial of the King was the easier " for them to accomplish. My afflicted and se troubled mind for it, and my earnest en-" deavours to prevent it, will, I hope, fuffise ciently testify my dislike and abhorrence of " the fact. And what will they not do to the "fhrubs, having cut down the cedar?"

Lord Fairfax by no means confented to the death of Charles the First, and was much surprised

prised when Sir Thomas Herbert informed him that the fatal stroke had been given.

This nobleman made an offer to his Sovereign of the affiftance of the Army. Charles replied, that he had as many friends there as his Lordfhip.

Lord Fairfax told Sir Philip Warwick, who was complimenting him upon the regularity and temperance of his army, that the best common soldiers he had came out of the King's army, and from the garrisons he had taken. "So," added he, "I found you had made them good "foldiers, and I have made them good men."

According to Sir Henry Slingsby's MS. Memoirs, Lord Fairfax appears to have been once in the most imminent danger of his life, in the summer of 1642.

"My Lord of Cumberland once again fent out Sir Thomas Glenham to beat up Sir Thomas

"Fairfax's quarters at Wetherby. Command-

" ing out a party both of horse and of dragoons,

"Sir Thomas comes close up to the town undif-

" covered, a little before sun-rise. Prideaux

and fome others enter the town through a

" back yard. This gave an alarm quite through

" the town. Sir Thomas Fairfax was at this

" juncture drawing on his boots to go to his

" father at Tadcaster. Sir Thomas gets quickly

" on horseback, draws out some pikes, and so

" meets our Gentleman. Every one had his

" fhot at Sir Thomas, he only making at them

" with his fword, and fo retired under the guard

of his own pikes to another part of the town."

LORD KEEPER FINCH.

THE following curious particulars relative to the impeachment of Lord Keeper Finch were copied by Bishop Warburton from a MS. History of the Rebellion, found in a large volume, all in Lord Clarendon's hand-writing, which contains the private Memoirs of his own Life, as well as the public history that was extracted from this volume. They form one of the many passages which Lord Clarendon himself had drawn his pen through, as not to be printed as part of the History of the Rebellion, and were presented to the Complete by the late learned and excellent Dr. Balguy, who received the copy from Bishop Warburton:

"It began now to be observed, that all the public professions of a general reformation, and redress

" redrefs of all grievances the kingdom fuffered " under, were contracted into a sharp and ex-"traordinary perfecution of one perfon * they 66 had accused of high treason, and within some " bitter mention of the Archbishop †; that there " was no thought of dismissing the two armies, " which were the capital grievance and infup-" portable burthen to the whole Nation; and "that instead of questioning others, who were " looked upon as the causes of greater mischief "than either of those they professed so much " displeasure against, they privately laboured by " all their offices to remove all prejudice towards " them, at least all thoughts of prosecution for their transgressions, and so that they had 55 blanched all sharp and odious mention of Ship-"Money, because it could hardly be touched "without fome reflection upon the Lord Keeper " Finch, who had acted fo odious a part in it; " and who, fince the meeting of the Great "Council at York, had rendered himself very " gracious to them, as a man who would facili-" tate many things to them, and therefore fit to be preserved and protected. Whereupon the " Lord Falkland took notice of the business of "Ship-Money, and very fharply mentioned the " Lord Finch as being the principal promoter of " it; and that, being a fworn judge of the Law,

^{*} Lord Strafford. The Archbishop Laud.

" he had not only given his judgment against " law, but had been the folicitor to corrupt all " the other Judges to concur with him in their " opinion; and concluded, that no man ought " to be more feverely profecuted than he." was very fensible that the leading men were " much troubled at this discourse, and defired to " divert it; fome of them proposing (in regard " we had very much and great business upon our hands in necessary preparation) we should " not embrace too much together, but fuspend " the debate of Ship-Money for some time, till " we could be more vacant to purfue it, and fo were ready to pass to some other matter. "Upon which Mr. Hyde infifted upon what the " Lord Falkland had said, that this was a parti-" cular of a very extraordinary nature, which 66 ought to be examined without delay, because " the delay would probably make the future examination to no purpose; and therefore " proposed, that immediately, whilst the House " of Commons was fitting, a fmall Committee " might be appointed, who, dividing themselves " into the number of two and two, might visit " all the Judges, and ask them apart, in the " name of the House, What messages the Lord " Finch (when he was Chief Justice of the Court " of Common Pleas) had brought to them from " the King in the business of Ship-Money? and, " Whether

Whether he had not folicited them to give iudgment for the King in that case? Which " motion was fo generally approved of by the "House, that a Committee of eight persons " (whereof himself was one) was presently sent out of the House to visit the several Judges, " most whereof were at their Chambers; and " Justice Croke and some other of the Judges " (being furprifed with the questions, and pressed " earnestly to make clear and categorical answers) " ingenuously acknowledged that the Chief Jus-" tice Finch had frequently (whilft the matter was depending) earnestly solicited them to give " their judgment for the King, and often used "his Majesty's name to them, as if he expected "that compliance from them. The Committee " (which had divided themselves to attend the " feveral Judges) agreed to meet at a place ap-" pointed to communicate the fubstance of what "they had been informed of, and agreed upon " the method of their report to the House, which " they could not make till the next morning, it " being about ten of the clock when they were " fent out of the House.

"That Committee was no fooner withdrawn, "(which confifted of men of more temperate fpirits than the Leaders were possessed with,) but without any occasion given by any debate,

" or coherence with any thing proposed or men-" tioned, an obscure person inveighed bitterly " against the Archbishop of Canterbury; and " there having been a very angry vote paffed the " House two days before, upon a sudden debate " upon the Canons which had been made by " the Convocation after the dissolution of the " last Parliament (a feason in which the Church " could not reasonably hope to do any thing " that would find acceptation); upon which de-" bate they had declared, by a vote, that those " Canons were against the King's prerogative, the fundamental laws of the realm, the liberty and property of the subject, and that they con-" tained divers other things tending to fedition, " and of dangerous confequence; Mr. Grimstone " took occasion (from what was said of the " Archbishop) to put them in mind of their vote " upon the Canons, and faid, that the prefump-" tion in fitting after the dissolution of the Par-" liament, (contrary to custom, if not contrary " to law,) and the framing and contriving all " these Canons, (which contained so much sedi-" tion,) was all to be imputed to the Archbishop; " that the Scots had required justice against him " for his being a chief incendiary and cause of " the war between the two nations; that this " kingdom looked upon him as the author of " all those innovations in the Church which were " introductive

se introductive to Popery, and as a joint contriver " with Lord Strafford to involve the Nation in " flavery; and therefore proposed, that he might " be prefently accused of high treason, to the end that he might be sequestered from the "Council, and no more repair to the presence of the King (with whom he had fo great credit, " that the Earl of Strafford himself could not do " more mischief by his councils and infusions). "This motion was no fooner made but feconded " and thirded, and found fuch a general acceptaso tion, that, without confidering that of all the " envious particulars whereof the Archbishop " flood accused there was no one which amounted " to treason, they forthwith voted that it should " be fo, and immediately promoted Mr. Grim-" stone to the message, who presently went up " to the House of Peers; and being called on, " he, in the name of all the Commons of Eng-" land, accused the Archbishop of Canterbury of high treason and other misdemeanors, and " concluded in the fame style they had used in " the case of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. "Upon which the poor Archbishop (who stoutly or professed his innocence) was brought to the "Bar upon his knees, and thence committed to " the custody of Maxwell, the Gentleman Usher " of the Black Rod, (from whence the Earl of " Strafford had been fent a few days before to

the Tower,) where he remained many months before they brought in a particular charge against him.

" Notwithstanding which brisk proceeding " against the Archbishop, (when the Committee " the next morning made their report of what " the feveral Judges had faid concerning the " Lord Finch,) they were wonderfully indifposed " to hear anything against him; and though " many spoke with great sharpness of him, and " how fit it was to profecute him in the fame " manner and by the same logic they had pro-" ceeded with against the other two, yet they " required more particulars to be formally fet "down of his miscarriage, and made another " Committee to take farther examination (in " which Committee Mr. Hyde likewife was): " and when the report was made, within a few " days, of feveral very high and imperious mif-66 carriages, (besides what related to the Ship-" Money,) upon a motion made by a young " Gentleman of the fame family (who pretended " to have received a letter from the Lord Keeper, " in which he defired leave to speak in the House " before they should determine anything against "him); the debate was suspended for the pre-" fent, and leave given him to be there (if he " pleafed) the next day; at which time (having " likewife obtained a permission of the Peers to

" do what he thought good for himself) he apof peared at the Bar of the House of Commons, " and faid all he could for his own excuse (more " in magnifying the sincerity of his religion, and 66 how kind he had been to many Preachers " [whom he named, and] whom he knew were of precious memory with the unconformable " party); and concluded with a lamentable 66 supplication for their mercy. It was about of nine of the clock in the morning when he went out of the House (and when the debate could on longer be deferred what was to be done " upon him); and when the fense of the House appeared very evidently (notwithstanding all " that was faid to the contrary by those eminent 66 persons who promoted all other accusations " with the greatest fury) that he should be ac-" cufed of high treason in the same form the " other two had been, they persisted still so long " in the debate, and delayed the putting the question by frequent interruptions (a common " artifice) 'till it was twelve of the clock; and "'till they knew that the House of Peers was se risen (which they were likewise readily enough " disposed to, to gratify the Keeper); and the " question was put and carried in the affirmative, " (with very few negatives,) and the Lord Falk-66 land appointed to carry up the accusation to " the House of Peers (which they knew he could ee not

not do 'till the next morning); and when he "did it the next morning, it appeared that the Lord Keeper had fent the Great Seal the night " before (to the King), and had newly with-" drawn himself, and was soon after known to " be in Holland." and " part that side in the

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This diftinguished person, according to Sir Philip Warwick, who knew him well, was a man of great and plentiful estate, and of considerable interest in his county; of a regular life; and had extensive knowledge, both in scholarship and in the law (the effential studies for an English Gentleman). "He was," adds Sir Philip, " of " a concife and fignificant language, and the politest, yet subtilest speaker of any man in the House of Commons; and had a dexterity " (when a question was going to be put which agreed not with his fense) to draw it over to it, by adding fome equivocal or fly word, which " would enervate the meaning of it as first put." D'Avila's History of the Civil Wars of France was fo favourite a book with Mr. Hampden, that it was called his Vade Mecum.

Lord Clarendon fays of him, "that after he was amongft those Members accused by the "King of High Treason, he was much altered, his nature and carriage seeming much siercer than they did before; and without question," says the noble Historian, "when he first drew his "fword he threw away the scabbard."

Mr. Hampden was one of the earliest that were in the field against his Sovereign, and distinguished himself very considerably in an action at Brill near Oxford, a garrifon belonging to the King. He had foon afterwards the command of a regiment of foot, under the Earl of Essex; and had he lived, he would most probably have been Commander in Chief of the Parliament forces. His great ambition feems to have been the appointment of Governor to the young Prince; for, as Sir Philip Warwick fays, "aiming at the " alteration of some parts of the Government, " (for at first probably it amounted not unto a ". defign of a total new form,) he knew of how " great a confequence it would be, that the " young Prince should have principles suitable " to what should be established as laws."

This fagacious Man discovered the great talents of Oliver Cromwell through the veil which coarse manners and vulgar habits had thrown over them; for (according to Whitelocke) Lord Derby in going down the stairs of the House of Commons with Mr. Hampden, observing Cromwell pass by them, said to Mr. Hampden, "Who is that sloven immediately before us? He is on our side, I see, by his speaking so warmly to-day."---"That sloven, as you are pleased to call him, my Lord," replied Hampden, "that sloven, I say, if we were to come to a breach with the King, (which God forbid!) will be the greatest man in England *."

Clarendon fays, that Mr. Hampden carried himself throughout the whole business of the Ship-money with such singular temper and modesty, that he actually obtained more credit and advantage by losing it, than the King did service by gaining it †.

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^{*} So the fanguinary and penetrating Dictator of Rome faw many Marii in young Julius Cæsar trailing his gown negligently along the streets of Rome, like a careless and dissolute boy.

^{† &}quot;Noy the Attorney-General," fays Mr. Selden, in his Table-Talk, "brought his Ship-money first for Mari"time Towns; but that was like putting in a little auger,
"that afterwards you may put in a greater. He that pulls
down the first brick does the main business; afterwards
"'tis easy to pull down the wall. They that first would
"not pay the Ship-money till it was decided, did like brave
"men." The solemn decision of a Court of Justice is with
us in England as truly the Law of the Laud as an act of
Parliament.

By the kindness of the MARQUIS OF BUCKING-HAM, the COMPILER is enabled to decorate this Volume with two Letters and a Fac Simile of the Hand-writing of this Great Man. They must be perused by every Englishman with that respect with which he will behold, we trust, the smallest relic of the strenuous, yet temperate. Affertor of the Liberties of his Country

"GENTLEMEN,

- "The army is now at Northampton, moving every day nearer to you. If you difband not,
- "wee may be a mutual fuccour each to other;
- "but if you disperse, you make yourselves "and the country a pray. You shall heare

" daily fro'

"Yo' fervant,

"I. HAMPDEN.

" Northampt. " Octob. 31.

" For Coll. BULSTRODE, Capt. GREN-

" VILLE, Capt. TYRRELL, and Capt.

WEST, or any of them."

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Parliament. Pascal observes very well, "Il seroit bon qu'on "obeit aux loix et aux contumes parcequ'elles sont loix, et que le peuple comprit que c'est là ce qui les rend justes. Par ce moyen on ne les quitteroit jamais, au lieu que quand on fait dependre leur justice d'autre chose, il est aisé de la rendre douteuse, et voila ce qui fait que les peuples sont sujets à se revolter."

* In such respect is the memory of Hampden still held

by his grateful countrymen, that some years ago, one of his

GENFARMEN. The army is now at North Hampton: mouing surry day wra wer may be a mutuall fuccour rach to others: but it you dif perfe you make your felurs a yr country a pray. you shall hear Jacky In ye frant Affampden Jorth Hampl. och 6. 31.

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"" FOR COLL. BULSTRODE, CAPT. GRENVILLE,
"" CAPT. TYRRELL, AND CAPTAIN WEST,
"" OR ANY OF THEM *.

"I wrote this inclosed letter yesterday, and thought it would have come to you then, but the messenger had occasion to stay till this morning. Wee cannot be ready to march till to-morrow, and then I believe wee shall. I desire you would be pleased to send me againe, as soon as you can, to the army, that wee may know what posture you are in, and then you will hear which way wee go. You shall do mee a favore to certify mee, what you hear of

descendants being descient in an account of public money, he was exonerated from the debt due to Government by an Act of Parliament, particularly expressing that it was for the services his illustrious relation had done to his country that this mark of favour was shewn to him.

* The persons to whom these Letters are addressed, commanded the Cavalry raised in Bucks for the Parliament.

The family of Bulftrode lived at Bulftrode, now the Duke of Portland's, and is long fince extinct.

The male lines of the family of Tyrrell, established at Thornton near Buckingham, and at Castle Thorn near Newport Pagnell, are likewise extinct.

The family of West were established at Long Crendon near Thame, but its property is fold. The present respectable President (1) of the Royal Academy is descended from this branch.

Captain Grenville is the Great-Great-Grandfather of the Marquis of Buckingham.

(1) In 1795, BENJ. WEST, Efq.

"the King's forces; for I believe, your intelli-

"gence is better from Oxford and those parts than ours can be.

" Yo' humble

" fervant,

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" I. HAMPDEN.

" Northampt.

" November 1°

. " 1642."

"Queen Elizabeth was entertained by Grif"fith Hampden, Esq. of Hampden, the ancestor
"of John Hampden, Esq. in her progress. For
"the more convenient access to his house, he
"cutt a passage through his woods (which is
now called the Queen's Gap). There is
"an ancient tradition, that King Edward the
"Third and the Black Prince were entertained
"at Hampden, where the Prince and Mr.
"Hampden exercising themselves in seats of
"chivalry, they disagreed, whereupon Mr.
"Hampden struck the Prince on the face.
"They went away in a great wrath, upon
"which came this rhyme:

" Tring, Wing, and Ivinghoe;

" For striking of a blow,

" Hampden did foregoe,

" And glad he could escape so."

From MS. Collections for the County of Bucks, in the Bodleian Library.

During the time in which Mr. Hampden was engaged in the Civil Wars, he wore round his neck an ornament, confisting of a small silver chain, inclosing a plain cornelian stone. Round the silver rim of the stone was inscribed,

"Against my King I never fight,
"But for my King and Country's right."

This interesting record of the sentiments of that great man has been bequeathed to the University of Oxford by the late Thomas Knight, Esq. of Godmersham Park, Kent.

A representation of it is here subjoined:



The following Petition from the County of Bucks to Charles the First, in favour of their imprisoned Member, is printed from a MS, in the Bodleian Library at Oxford:

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"TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

"THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE INHABIT." "ANTS OF THE COUNTY OF BUCKS:

"SHEWETH, That your Petitioners having, by

" virtue of your Highnes writ, cho-

fen John Hampden, Efq. Knight " for your Shire, in whose loyaltie

and wisdome we his countrymen,

" and neighbours have ever had-

good cause to confide, however of

" late, to our no less amazement

then grief, we find him, with other

66 Members of Parliament, accused

" of treason. And having taken to

" our ferious confideration the man-

" ner of his impeachment, we can-

of not but under your Majestie's fa-

" vour conceive, that it doth fo op-

" pugn the rights of Parliaments, to

the maintenance whereof our pro-

" testation binds us, that we believe

" it is the malice which their zeal to

" your Majesty's fervice, and the

" State have contracted in the ene-

mies to your Majesty, the Church,

and Commonweal, which have oc-

out ai . Rice caffoned those foul acculations, ra-

"ther than any defert of theirs, who

" do likewise through their sides

" wound

" wound the judgment and cares of

us your petitioners and others, by

whose choice they were presented

ss to the House.

"Your Petitioners therefore most

" humbly pray, that Mr. Hamp-

den, and the rest that lye under

" the burden of that accufation,

" may enjoy the just privileges of

Parliament.

And your Petitioners will " ever pray."

AT THE COURT AT WINDSOR, 13th of JAN. 1641.

" His Majesty being graciously pleased to let " all his subjects understand his care not (know-

" ingly) to violate in the least degree any of the

" privileges of Parliament, has therefore lately, " by a meffage fent by the Lord Keeper, figni-

" fied that he is pleased (because of the doubt

" that hath been raifed of the manner) to wave

" his former proceedings against the faid Mr.

" Hampden and the rest mentioned in this Peti-

" tion, concerning whom his Majesty saith it

will appear that he had fo fufficient grounds

" to question them, as he might not in justice to

66 the kingdom, and honour to himself, have

forborn; and yet his Majesty had much and a

" rather

"rather that the faid persons should prove innocent than be found guilty; howsoever he
cannot conceive that their crimes can in any
fort reslect upon those his good subjects, who

" elected them to ferve in Parliament."

As every fragment relating to this distinguished Englishman must be interesting to his grateful countrymen, the following Inscription, written by him, and inscribed on his Wise's Monument in Hampden Church, Bucks, is subjoined:

"To the eternal Memory
of the truely
Vertuous and pious
ELIZABETH HAMPDEN, wife of John

ELIZABETH HAMPDEN, wife of John
Hampden, of Great Hampden, Efquier,
Sole Daughter and Heir of Edward
Symeon, of Pyrton, in the County
of Oxon, Efq. the tender Mother
of an happy offspring in 9
Hopefull Children.
In her Pilgrimage

The state and comfort of her neighbours, I The joy and glory of a well-ordered family; The delight and happiness of tender Parents,

But a crowne of bleffings to a Husband.

In a wife, to all an eternal paterne of godeness and cause of joye, whilst she was.

In her Dissolution

a loss invaluable to each, yet herself blesst, and they fully recompenced in her translation from a tabernacle of claye and fellowshipp of Mortals, to a celestial Mansion and Communion with a Deity, the 10 day of August, 1634.

John Hampden, her forrowfull Husband, in perpetual testimony of his conjugal love, hath dedicated this Monument."

So little is known respecting this illustrious character, that even the manner of his death has never been ascertained; some persons supposing that he was wounded in the shoulder by a shot of the enemy; and others supposing that he was killed by the bursting of one of his own pistols, with which his son-in-law had presented him.

Of the person of this honour to our country, there is, I believe, no representation of which we can be certain. The print of him in Houbraken's Heads of the Illustrious Persons of England, is supposititious. An account of one defect in his face Sir Philip Warwick has preferved *.

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^{* &}quot; Mr. Hampden received a hurt in his shoulder, " whereof he died in three or four days after; for his

The last male descendant of his family always declared, that the ivory bust of him was not an actual representation of his features, but composed by the memory and tradition of them. The arms under it have this inscription, but too well suited in general to those who have the misfortune to be engaged in civil wars:

Veftigia nulla retrorfum:
'There is no possibility of returning.

The following account of the death of Mr. Hampden was found on a loofe paper in a book bought out of Lord Oxford's collection, and was kindly communicated to the Compiler by H. J. Pye, Efq. the prefent Poet-Laureat, a lineal descendant in the semale line from that great Affertor of the Liberties of his Country:

- "Two of the Harleys, and one of the Foleys, being at supper with Sir Robert Pye, at Far-
- " ringdon House, Berks, in their way to Here-
- " fordshire, Sir Robert Pye related the account
- " of Hampden's death as follows: That at the
- " action of Chalgrave Field his piftol burft, and
- " shattered his hand in a terrible manner. He
- " however rode off, and got to his quarters;
- " but finding the wound mortal, he sent for Sir

[&]quot;blood in his temper was acrimonious, as the scurfe commonly on his face shewed."

Sir Philip Warwick's Memoirs.

"Robert Pye, then a Colonel in the Parlia"ment army, and who had married his [eldeft]
daughter, and told him, that he looked on
him as in some degree accessary to his death,
him as the pistols were a present from him. Sir
Robert assured him that he bought them in
Paris of an eminent maker, and had proved
them himself. It appeared, on examining the
other pistol, that it was loaded to the muzzle
with several supernumerary charges, owing to
the carelessness of a servant who was ordered
to see the pistols were loaded every morning,
which he did without drawing the former
charge."

The King, on hearing of Mr. Hampden's being wounded at Oxford, defired Dr. Giles*, who was a friend of Mr. Hampden, to fend to inquire after him, as from himfelf; and, adds Sir Philip Warwick, "I found the King would "have fent him over any furgeon of his, if any had been wanting; for he looked upon his interest, if he could gain his affection, as a "powerful means of begetting a right under-"ftanding between him and the two Houses."

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^{*} Dr. Giles, according to Sir Philip Warwick, was a near neighbour of Mr. Hampden's in Buckinghamshire, and being an opulent man had built himself a good parsonage-house, in which structure Mr. Hampden had used his skill.

Osborn, in his "Advice to a Son," fays, that it was an observation of Mr. Hampden, that to fpeak last at a conference is a great advantage. " By this means," adds Osborn, " he was able " to make him still the gaol keeper of the party; "giving his opposites leisure to lose their reafons in the loud and less fignificant tempest commonly arising upon a first debate, in " which if he found his fide worsted, he had the dextrous fagacity to mount the argument " above the heads of the major part, whose fine gle reason did not seldom make the whole Pariament fo suspicious of their own as to apor prove his; or at least gave time for another " debate, by which he had the opportunity to muster up more forces. Thus by confound-" ing the weaker, and by tiring out the acuter "judgment, he feldom failed to attain his ends."

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SIR TOBY MATTHEWS, in his collection of English Letters, has preserved the following letter of Sir William Waller, before he took the command of the forces of the Parliament against Charles the First.

A LETTER OF SIR WILLIAM WALLER TO SIR RALPH HOPTON, ANN. DOM. 1643, IN THE BEGINNING OF THE CIVIL WARS BETWEEN CHARLES THE FIRST AND THE PARLIAMENT.

The experience which I have had of your "worth, and the happinesse which I have en-" joyed in your friendship, are wounding consi-" derations to me, when I look upon this pre-" fent distance between us. Certainly, Sir, my " affections to you are fo unchangeable, that " hostilitie itself cannot violate my friendship to " your person; but I must be true to the cause "wherein I ferve. The old limitation of u/q. " ad aras, holdeth still; and where my con-" fcience is interested, all other obligations are " fwallowed up. I should wait on you, accord-" ing to your defire, but that I look on you as " engaged in that partie beyond the possibility of retreat, and, consequentlie, uncapable of " being wrought upon by anie perswasion; and "I know, the conference could never be for " close betwixt us, but it would take wind, and " receive a construction to my dishonour. That "Great God, who is the fearcher of all hearts, "knows, with what a fad fear I go upon this " fervice, and with what perfect hate I detest a " war without an enemie. But I look upon it

as opus Domini, (the work of the Lord,) which is enough to filence all passion in me. The God of Peace send us in his good time the blessing of peace; and in the mean time sit us to receive it. We are both on the stage, and must act those parts that are assigned to us in this tragedy; but let us do it in the way of honour, and without personal animositie. Whatever the issue of it be, I shall never resign that dear title of

"Your most affectionate friend, "and faithful fervant,

" WILL. WALLER.

Bath, 16 Junii 1643."

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In Sir William's "Vindication" of himself, lately published, he thus describes the state of England at the end of the Civil War, after the boasted improvements that were supposed to have been made in the Government of it:

"To be short, after the expence of so much blood and treasure, all the difference that can be discerned between our former and present estate is this: That before time, under the complaint of a slavery, we lived like freemen; and now, under the notion of a freedom, we live like slaves, enforced by continual taxes and oppressions to maintain, and feed, our own misery. But all this must be borne with patience,

"patience, as in order to a reformation, of " which there cannot be a birth expected in rea-" fon without fome pain and travail. I deny not " but possibly some things in the frame of our "State might be amis, and in a condition fit to be reformed. But is there no mean between " the tooth-ache and the plague? between a " fore finger and a gangrene? Are we come to " Asclepiades's opinion, that every distemper is " the possession of the Devil? that nothing but " extreme remedies, nothing but fire and fword, " and conjuring could be thought upon to help " us? Was there no way to effect this without " bruizing the whole kingdom in a mortar, and " making it into a new paste? Those disorders " and irregularities which through the corrup-" tion of time had grown up amongst us, might " in process of time, have been well reformed, with a faving to the preservation and consist-" ency of our flourishing condition. But the " unbridled insolence of these men hath torn " our heads from our shoulders, and difmem-66 bered our whole body, not leaving us an en-" tire limb. Inque omni nusquam corpore corpus. "Like those indiscreet daughters of Peleus, they " have cut our throats to cure us. Instead of " reforming, they have wiped though not yet " cleanfed the kingdom, according to that ex-" pression in the scriptures, as a man wipeth a " dish and turneth it upside down."

at Bath, under a very superb monument with his essignes upon it. The tradition current in that city is, that when James the Second visited the Abbey, he defaced the nose of Sir William upon his monument: there appear, however, at present no traces of any disfigurement.

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At the end of the "Poetry of Anna Matilda," 12mo. 1788, are "Récollections" of this great General, in which he feems, with an openness and an ingenuousness peculiar to himself; to lay open the inmost recesses of his heart, and to disclose in the most humble and pious manner his frailties and his vices, under the article "Father-"like Chastifements." He says, "It was just " with God, for the punishment of my giving way to the plunder of Winchester, to permit the demolition of my house at Winchester. "My prefumption upon my own firength and "former fuccesses was justly humbled at the Devizes by an utter defeat, and at Croperdy "with a dishonourable blow. This," adds Sir William, speaking of his defeat at Croperdy, was the most heavy stroke of any that did ever befall me. General Effex had thought to ec persuade the Parliament to compromise with the King, which fo inflamed the zealous, that they moved that the command of their army is might be bestowed upon me; but the news 6 .: . . « of

of this defeat arrived whilst they were deliberating on my advancement, and it was to
me a double defeat. I had nearly sunken under
the affliction, but that I had a deare and a
fiveet comforter; and I did at that time prove
according to Ecclesiasticus, chap. xxvi. A virtuous woman rejoiceth her husband: as the sun
when it ariseth in the high heaven, so is the
beauty of a good wife. Verse 16."

Sir William in the conclusion of this very curious and valuable little work, in what he calls his "Daily Directory," has these reflections: " Every day is a little life, in the account whereof " we may reckon our birth from the wombe of "the morning; our growing time from thence " to noon (when we are as the fun in his strength); " after which like a shadow that declineth, we if hasten to the evening of our age, till at last " we close our eyes in sleep, the image of death; " and our whole life is but this tale of a day "told over and over. I should therefore so " fpend every day, as if it were all the life " I had to live; and in pursuance of this end, " and of the vow I have made to walke with "God in a closer communion than I have " formerly done, I would endeavour, by his " grace, to observe in the course of my remain-" ing spann, or rather inche of life, this daily directory:

"To awake with God as early as I can, and "to confecrate the first-fruits of my thoughts "unto him by praier and meditation, and by renewed acts of repentance, that so God may awake from me, and make the habitation of my righteousness prosperous. To this end I would make it my care to lye down the night before in the peace of God, who hath promised that his commandment shall keep me when awake, otherwise it may be justly feared that those corruptions that bid me last goodinght will be ready to give me first good to-

"Sir William Waller," fays Sir Philip Warwick, who knew him personally, "was a genteleman of courage and of parts, and of a civil and ceremonious behaviour. He held a gainful farm from the Crown of the butlerage and prisage of wines; but upon a quarrel between him and Sir Thomas Reynolds, a courtier, who had an interest in the farm of the wine licences, upon whom Waller having used his cudgel, and being censured and fined for it in the Star Chamber, and having a zealous lady, who used to call him her man of God, he engaged on the Parliament side."

This great leader of the Parliamentary forces, in his "Recollections," pays the following tri-

bute of regard to the exertions and tenderness of his wife:

"I have been," fays he, " in prisons frequent; se feized upon by the army, as I was going to " discharge my duty in the House of Commons, " and, contrary to priviledg of Parliament, made " a prisoner in the Queen's Court; from thence se carried ignominiously to a place under the " Exchequer called Hell, and the next day to " the King's Head in the Strand; after, fingled " out, (as a sheep to the slaughter,) and removed " to St. James's; then fent to Windfor Castle, se and remanded to St. James's againe; lastly 56 toffed, like a ball, into a strange country, to 66 Denbigh Castle in North Wales, remote from 66 my relations and interests. After above three " years imprisonment, and thus being changed as itt were from vessel to vessel, itt pleased the 66 Lord to turne my captivity, and to restore me " to the comforts of my poore family again. 46 And here let me call to mind how much rea-" fon I had to be thankful to Him who chasteneth " those whom he loveth, for the great consolation experienced in the dear partner of my captivity. She came to me difguifed in mean se apparel, when I had groaned in my bonds feven " months, thinking it the duty of a wife to riske " all things for the fatisfaction of her husband. Much difficulty had she in comming, and was " frequent DD 3

" frequent on the brink of being discovered; 66 but at length, over mountains and unknown " roads, fometimes with a guide and fometimes " with none, she arrived att my prison; and " fhe feemed, when she discovered herself to me, " to be like the Angell who appeared unto Peter in like circumstances. She did not, indeed, " bid my prison-gates fly open, but by her sweete converse and behaviour she made those things " feem light which were before heavy, and scarce " to be borne. I must ever acknowledg itt also " a very great mercy, that being fo long fubject " to fo great a malice, armed with fo great power, "I was not given as a prey to their teeth; and " that after all the indeavours that were used to " finde out matter of charge against me, I came off with an intire innocency, not only uncon-" demned, but unaccufed."

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JOYCE.

LILLY, in the History of his Life and Times, fays, "The next Sunday after Charles the First "was beheaded, Robert Spavin, Secretary to "Oliver Cromwell, invited himself to dine with me, and brought Anthony Peirson, and several others, along with him to dinner; and that "the

the principal discourse at dinner was only, Who " it was that beheaded the King? One faid it " was the common hangman; another, Hugh "Peters; others also were nominated, but none " concluded. Robert Spayin, fo foon as dinner " was done, took me by the hand, and carried " me to the fouth window. These are all mistaken, faith he; they have not named the man " that did the fact. It was Lieutenant-Colonel " Joyce. I was in the room when he fitted him-" felf for the work, flood behind him when he "did it, when done went in again with him. "There is no man knows this but my master "Cromwell, Commissary Ireton, and myself." "Doth not Mr. Rufhworth know it? quoth I. " No; he did not know it, faid Spavin. The " fame thing," adds Lilly, " Spavin fince had often related unto me when we were alone."

Colonel, then Cornet Joyce feized upon the person of the King at Holmby; and when his Majesty required him to shew him his commission, Joyce pointed to the soldiers that attended him.— "Believe me, Sir," replied Charles, "your in- structions are written in a very legible character." The King seeing Lord Fairfax and Cromwell soon afterwards, asked them, Whether they had commissioned Joyce to remove him to Royston, where the quarters of the army then

were? They affected to deny it. "I will not believe you," replied Charles, "unless you hang up Joyce immediately."

SIR HENRY SLINGSBY, BART.

This Gentleman, who was a most decided Royalist, wrote "Commentaries of the Civil "Wars, from 1638 to 1648." They are still in MS. and by the kindness of a learned and ingenious friend, JAMES PETIT ANDREWS, Esq. a few curious extracts from them are permitted to have a place in these Volumes.

The beginning of the Civil Wars is thus pathetically described by Sir Henry:

"The third of January 1639, I went to Bramham House, out of curiosity, to see the training
for the Light Horse, for which service I had sent

" two horses by commandment of the Lieute-

" nant * and Sir Jacob Ashley, who is lately come

" down, with special commission from the King,

" to train and exercise them. These are strange

" fpectacles

Sir Henry was one of the Deputy Lieutenants of the County of York, and Member of Parliament for Knaref-borough.

fpectacles to this Nation in this age, that has lived thus long peaceably, without noise of drum or of shot, and after we have stood neuter, and in peace, when all the world besides hath been in arms. Our fears proceed from the Scots, who at this time are become most warlike, being long experienced in the Swedish and German wars. The cause of grievance they pretend is matter of religion.

"I had but a short time," adds Sir Henry,
of being a soldier; it did not last above six
weeks. I like it, as a commendable way of
breeding for a Gentleman, if they consort
themselves with such as are civil, and if the
quarrel is lawfull. For as idleness is the nurse
of all evil, enseebling the parts both of body
and mind, this employment of a soldier is
contrary unto it, and shall greatly improve
them, by enabling the body for labour, and
the mind for watchfulness; and so by a contempt of all things, (but that employment
they are in,) they shall not much care how
hard they lie, or how hardly they fare."

At the defeat of the King's troops near Chester, which Charles saw from one of the towers of that city, Sir Henry exclaims:

"Here I do wonder at the admirable temper of the King, whose constancy was such, that no "perils

perils ever so unavoidable could move him to aftonishment, but that still he set the same face and settled countenance upon whatsoever adverse fortune besell him, and neither was he exalted by prosperity, nor dejected by adversity; which was the more admirable in him, seeing he had no other to have recourse unto, but must bear the whole burthen upon his own shoulders."

"On the eleventh of May 1646," continues Sir Henry, "I was commanded by the King to return home. After taking leave of his Majesty, I went to Newborough, where my daughter was in the house with my brother Belasyse; and, after a few days rest, came home to Red House. But since, from York, they have laid wait for me, to take me, and I have escaped them, I take myself to one room in my house, scarce known of by my servants, where I spend many days in great silence, fearce daring to speak, or to walk, but with great heed, lest I be discovered.

Jam veniet tacito curva senecta pede.

"Why I should thus be aimed at, I know not, if my neighbourhood to York makes them not more quarrelsome. My disposition is to love quietness; and since the King willed me to go home,

"home, I resolved indeed to keep home, if the Lord Mayor of York, Alderman Watson, would have permitted me quietly to live there; but they will not suffer me to have the benefit of the Articles of Newarke, which gives us liberty of three months to live undisturbed. But they send from York to take me rather the first month, and all this is to try me with the negative Oath and national Covenant: the one makes me renounce my allegiance, the other my religion.

" For the oath, why it should be imposed " upon us not to affift the King, (when all " means are taken from us whereby we might " affift him,) and not to bear arms in this war, " which is now come to an end, and nothing in " all England held for the King, I fee no reafon, unless they would have us do a wicked act, and they, the authors of it, out of a " greater spite, to wound both foul and body. " For now the not taking of the oath cannot " much prejudice them, and the taking of it will 46 much prejudice us, being contrary to former oaths which we have taken, and against civil iustice, which, as it abhors neutrality, will not " admit that a man should falsify that truth which " he hath given."

"As for the Covenant which they would have me take, there is first reason that I flould be convinced of the lawfullness of it before I take it, and not urged, as the Maho- metans do their discipline, by force, and not by reason. For by this new religion which is imposed upon us, they make every man that takes it guilty either of having no religion, and so becoming an atheist, or else a religion put on and put off, as he doth his hat to every one he meets.

"Meantime, to keep out of their hands, I am deprived of my health, as wanting liberty to enjoy the fresh air; for keeping close in one room, without air, did stifle the vital spirits, and meeting with a crazy body, did very much distemper me."

Sir Henry thus concludes his Commentaries:

"Whilft I remained concealed in my own house, I hear the Parliament began to treat with the Scots, to have the King return back unto them, making show that they would give him an honourable reception. I could hear of the King's going to Holmby, to Hampton-court, the Isle of Wight, to Whitehall, and at length, upon his last day,

- day, upon the thirtieth of January 1648,
 - « Heu mihi, heu mihi : quid humani perpessi sumus!
- "Thus I end these Commentaries, or Book of
- " Remembrance."

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MARQUIS OF WORCESTER.

This Nobleman feems to have been no less distinguished for the ingenuity of his mind than for his courage. He wrote a little book intitled, "A Century of the Names and Scantlings of fuch Inventions as at present I can call to mind to have tried and perfected, which (my former Notes being lost) I have, at the inflance of a powerful Friend, endeavoured now (the year 1655) to set down in such a way as may sufficiently instruct me to put any of them in practice."

His Book is addressed to the King and the Members of both Houses of Parliament. In his Dedication he thus nobly and patriotically expresses himself:

"And the way to render the King to be feared abroad is to content his people at home, who then

then with hand and heart are ready to affift " him; and whatfoever God bleffeth me with " to contribute towards the increase of his reve-" nues in any confiderable way, I defire it may be employed to the use of his people; that is, " for the taking off fuch taxes or burthens from " them as they chiefly grone under, and by a " temporary necessity only imposed upon them; " which being then supplied, will certainly best content the King and fatisfie his people, which "I dare fay is the continual tenor of all your " indefatigable pains, and all the perfect demonftrations of your zeal to his Majesty, and an evidence that the kingdom's trust is justly and defervedly reposed in you." . . o cruos in and AC my of the Pures and Sources of

That most useful and exquisite invention of the steam engine is assuredly hinted at in the following section:

" LXVII. An admirable and most forcible way to draw up water by fire, not by drawing or sucking it upwards (for that must be, as the Philosopher calleth it, intra sphæram activitatis, which is but at such a distance). But this way hath no bounder if the vessels be strong enough; for I have taken a piece of a whole cannon, whereof the end was burst, and filling it three quarters full of water, flopping and screwing up the broken end, as

"also the touch-hole, and making a constant " fire under it, within twenty-four hours it " burst, and made a great crack; so that hav-"ing a way to make my vessels so that they " are strengthened by the force within them, and the one to fill after the other, I have " feen the water run like a constant fountain fream forty foot high. One vessel of water, " rarified by fire, driveth up forty of cold water; and a man that tends the work is but to turn two cocks, that one vellel of water " being confumed, another begins to force, and to refill with cold water, and fo fuccessively, " the fire being tended and kept constant, which "the felf-same person may likewise abundantly perform in the interim between the necessity "of turning the faid cock *."

^{* &}quot;Spare me not, my Lords and Gentlemen," fays this illustrious Nobleman, in his Dedication to his Scantling of Inventions, "in what your wisdoms shall find me useful, who do esteem myself, not only by the Act of the water commanding engine, (which so chearfully you have passed,) sufficiently rewarded, but likewise with courage enabled me to do ten times more for the future; and my debts being paid, and a competency to live according to my wish and quality settled, the rest I shall dedicate to the service of our King and Country, by your disposals; and esteem me not the more, or rather any more, by what is passed but what is to come; prosessing really, from my heart, that my intentions are to out-go the fix or seven thousand pounds already sacrificed."

Two of the Inventions of the Marquis seem to be of most eminent utility.

" XXXII. How to compose an universal cha"racter, methodical, and easy to be written, yet
intelligible in any language, so that if an Englishman wrote it in English, a Frenchman,
Italian, Spaniard, Irishman, Welchman, (being
Scholars,) yea, Grecian, or Hebrew, shall as
perfectly understand it, in their own tongue,
as if they were perfect English, distinguishing
the verbs from aouns, the numbers, tenses,
and cases, as properly expressed in their own
language, as if it was written in English."

"IXXXIV. An instrument*, whereby per"fons ignorant in Arithmetic may perfectly ob"ferve numerations and substructions of all
"fums and fractions."

The following anecdotes of this illustrious Nobleman, no lefs the loyal subject of his Sovereign than the defender of the liberties of the People, are taken from a very scarce little book intitled, "Worcester's Apophthegmata, or "Witty Sayings of the Right Honourable "Henry (late) Marquis of Worcester. By

^{*} An instrument of this kind was made a few years afterwards by the learned and excellent Pascal, who calls it, "une machine arithmetique." See Ocuvres de Pascal.

66 S. B. a constant Observer, and no less Ad-

" mirer, of his Lordship's Wisdom and Loy-

66 alty."

АРОРИТН. V.

"When the King (Charles the First) had "made his repaire to Raglon Castle *, a seat of

the Marquis of Worcester's, between Mon-

66 mouth and Abergavenny, after the battell of

"Nafeby; taking occasion to thank the Mar-"quis for some monies lent to his Majesty, the

" Marquis returned his Majesty this answer:-

" Sir, I had your word for the money, but I

" never thought I should be so soon repayed;

" for now you have given me thanks, I have all

" I looked for."

APOPHTH. VI.

"Another time the King came unto my Lord and told him, that he thought not to have

" flayed with his Lordship above three days, but

" his occasions require his longer abode with

" him, he was willing to ease him of so great a

" burthen, as to be altogether fo heavy a charge

" unto him; and confidering it was a garrison,

" that his provisions might not be spent by so

* "The King marched from Hereford to Ragland

"Caftle, belonging to the Earl of Worcester, very strong of itself, and beautiful to behold. Here the King con-

" tinued three weeks."

Sir HENRY SLINGSBY's MS. Memoirs.

"great a preffure, he was willing that his Lordfhip should have power given him to take what
provisions the country would afford for his
present maintenance and recruit; to which
his Lordship made this reply: I humbly thank
your Majesty, but my Castle will not stand
long if it leanes upon the countrey. I had
rather be brought to a morsel of bread, than
any morsels of bread should be brought me to
entertain your Majesty."

APOPHTH. XIV.

"The Marquis had a mind to tell the King " (as handsomely as he could) of some of his " (as he thought) faults; and thus he contrives " his plot. Against the time that his Majesty " was wont to give his Lordship a visit, as he " commonly used to do after dinner, his Lord-" ship had the book of John Gower lying be-" fore him on the table. The King casting his " eye upon the book, told the Marquiss that he " had never feen it before. Oh, faid the Mar-" quifs, it is the book of books, which if your " Majesty had been well versed in, it would " have made you a King of Kings. Why fo, " my Lord? faid the King. Why, faid the " Marquifs, here is fet down how Aristotle " brought up and instructed Alexander the Great in all the rudiments and principles be-" longing to a Prince. And under the persons " of Alexander and Aristotle he read the King

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" fuch a leffon, that all the standers-by were amazed at the boldness; and the King, sup-" posing that he had gone further than his text would have given him leave, asked the " Marquifs if he had his leffon by heart, or whether he spake out of the book. The Marquiss replied, Sir, if you could read my heart, it may " be you may find it there; or, if your Majesty " please to get it by heart, I will lend you my " book; which latter proffer the King accepted " of, and did borrow it. Nay, faid the Marquis, " I will lend it to your Majesty upon these con-" ditions: first, that you read it; secondly, that " you make use of it. But perceiving how that 66 fome of the new-made Lords fretted and bit their "thumbs at certain passages of the Marquiss's " discourse, he thought a little to please his Maif jesty, though he displeased them the more, " who were fo much displeased already. Protesting unto his Majesty, that no one was so " much for the absolute power of a King as " Aristotle; desiring the book out of the King's " hand, he told his Majesty, that he could shew " him a remarkable passage to that purpose, turning to that place that has this verse:

- " A King can kill, a King can fave,
- " A King can make a Lord a Knave;
- " And of a Knave a Lord also,
- " And more than that a King can do.

"There were then divers new made Lords who fhrunk out of the room; which the King obferving, told the Marquifs, My Lord at this rate you will drive away all my Nobility. The Marquifs replyed, I protest unto your Majesty, I am as new a made Lord as any of them all; but I was never called knave and rogue so much in all my life as I have been since I received this last honour, and why should not they bear their shares?"

"Speaking of the antient House of Peers, that were nearly melted with the House of Commons during the civil wars, without confequence and without weight, he said, Oh, when the noblest and highest element courts the noise of the waves, (the truest emblem of the madness of the people,) and when the highest region stoops unto the lower, and the lowest gets into the highest seat, what can be expected but a chaos of confusion and dissource lution of the universe? I do believe that they are so near unto their end, that as weak as I am, there is physic to be had, if a man could find it, to prolong my days, that I might out-

"Whilft he was under the custody of the Black Rod, for his loyalty to his Sovereign, and the resistance that he made to the forces of

"the Parliament, he faid to a friend of his one day, Lord blefs us, what a fearfull thing was this Black Rod when I heard of it at first! It did fo run in my mind, that it made an affliction out of mine own imaginations; but when I spoke with the man, I found him a very civil gentleman, but I saw no black rod. So, if we would not let these troubles and apprehensions of ours be made worse by our own apprehensions, no rods would be black."

"When he was told upon his death-bed that leave was given by the Parliament that he might be buried in Windfor Castle, where (as the Editor of the Apophthegms says) there is a peculiar vault for the family within the great Chapel, and wherein divers of his ancestors lie buried, he cried out with great sprightliness of manner, Why God bless us all! why then I shall have a better castle when I am dead, than they took from me whilst I was alive."

Dr. Baylie, Dean of Wells, published in 1649

The Conference; or, Heads of a Conversation

between the late Charles the First and the

Marquis of Worcester, concerning the Ca
tholics and Protestants, that took place when

the King was at Raglon Castle in 1646." The

Marquis being a Catholic of course exalted the

decisions of the Church above the conclusions of reason; and in one part of the Conference the dialogue proceeded thus:

" Marquiss .- Your Majesty has forgotten the " monies which came unto you from unknown " hands, and were brought unto you by un-" known faces, when you promifed you would 66 never forsake your unknown friends. 66 have forgotten the miraculous bleffings of the 44 Almighty upon those beginnings; and how " you discountenanced, distrusted, and difregarded, aye and difgraced the Catholiques all along, and at last vowed an extirpation of them. Doth not your Majesty see clearly " how that in the two great battailles, the North so and Naseby, God shewed signs of his difpleafure? When in the first, your enemies were even at your mercy, confusion fell upon " you, and you lost the day; like a man that " fhould fo wound his enemies that he could " fcarce stand, and afterwards his own fword " should fly out of the hilt, and leave the strong " and skillfull to the mercy of his falling ene-" mies: and in the fecond, (and I fear me the 66 last battaile that e'er you'll fight,) whilst your " men were crying Victory! and I hear they 66 had reason to do so, your sword broke in the " aire, which made you a fugitive to your flying enemies. Sir, pray pardon my boldnesse, for 66 it

" it is God's cause that makes me so bold, and no inclination of my own to be so: and give me leave to tell you, that God is angry with you, and will never be pleased untill you have taken new resolutions concerning your religion, which I pray God to direct you, or else you'll fall from naught to worse, from thence to nothing."

" King Charles .- My Lord, I cannot so much " blame as pity your zeal. The foundnesse of "Religion is not to be tryed by dint of fword, " nor must we judge of her truths by her pro-" fperity; for then, of all men Christians would be " the most miserable. We are not to be thought no followers of Christ, by observations drawn 66 from what is crosse or otherwise, but by taking " up our crosse and following Christ. Neither " do I remember, my Lord, that I made any " fuch vow before the battaile of Naseby concerning Catholiques; but some satisfaction I " did give my Protestant subjects, who, on the " other fide, were perfuaded that God bleft us " the worse for having so many Papists in our " army."

" Marquis.—The difference is not great; I
pray God forgive you, who have most reason to ask it."

King.—I think not so, my Lord."

E E 4 Marquiss.

" Marquis. - Who shall judge?"

- " King.—I pray, my Lord, let us fit down, and let Reason take her seat."
 - " Marquis.-Reason is no judge."
- " King.—But she may take her place, Mar" quis, not above our faith."
 - " Marquifs.—Not above our faith."

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SIR THOMAS SOMERSET,

" brother to the Marquis of Worcester, had
" a house which was called Troy, sive miles
" from Ragland Castle. This Sir Thomas being
" a complete Gentleman, delighted much in fine
" gardens and orchards, where, by the benefit of
" art, the earth was made so grateful to him at
" the same time that the King (Charles the First)
" happened to be at his brother's house, that it
" yielded him wherewithal to send his brother
" Worcester a present, and such an one as (the
" times and the seasons considered) was able to
" make the King believe that the Sovereign of

" the Planets had new changed the Poles, and

" that

" that Wales (the refuse and the outcast of the " fair garden of England) had fairer and riper " fruit than England's bowels had on all her " beds. This present given to the Marquis he " would not fuffer to be presented to the King " by any hand but his own. In comes, then, " the Marquis at the end of the supper, led by " the arm, with a flow pace, expressing much " Spanish gravity, with a filver dish in each hand, " filled with rarities, and a little basket on his " arm as a referve, where, making his obeyfance, " he thus speaks: May it please your Majesty, if " the four Elements could have been robbed to " have entertained your Majesty, I think I had " but done my duty; but I must do as I may. " If I had fent to Bristol for some good things " to entertain your Majesty, that would have " been no wonder at all. If I had procured " from London fome goodness that might have " been acceptable to your Majesty, that would " have been no wonder. But here I present " you, Sir, (placing his dishes upon the table,) " with that which came not from Lincoln that " was, nor London that is, nor York that is to " be, but from Troy. Whereupon the King " fmiled; and answered the Marquis, Truly, my " Lord, I have heard that corn now grows where "Troy town stood; but I never thought that " there had grown any apricots before. Where-" upon the Marquis replied, Any thing to please " your " your Majesty. When my Lord Marquis de-" parted the presence, one told him that he

" would make a very good Courtier. Remem-

" ber well, replied the Marquis, that I faid one

"thing which may give you fome hopes of me: " Any thing to please your Majesty."

Apophthegmes of the EARL OF WORCESTER.

BLANCHE, LADY ARUNDELL,

BARONESS OF WARDOUR.

FORTES creantur fortibus & bonis. Est in juvencis, est in equis patrum Virtus, nec imbellem feroces Progenerant aquila columbam;

The offspring of a noble race Their high-bred Sires can ne'er difgrace; .Valour and worth to them fupply'd With Life's own warm and crimfon tide; The courfer of a gen'rous breed Still pants for the Olympic mead; Nor the fierce eagle, bird of Jove, E'er generates the timid dove;

fays Horace, and Lady Arundell confirms his affertion. The fame courage, the fame spirit, which her father the Earl of Worcester exhibited in the defence of his Castle of Ragland, this excellent

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cellent woman displayed at the siege of Wardour The account of the noble defence she made against her savage and unprincipled befiegers, is told in the "Mercurius Rusticus," a kind of Newspaper of those times in which it was written; and which, in the narrative of the behaviour of the Parliamentary Generals, ferocious and infolent as it is, will recall, for the honour of the country where it happened, but imperfectly perhaps to the mind of the reader, the scenes of ravage, desolation, and murder, that have taken place in a neighbouring Nation; which, not fatiffied with the destruction of its old corrupt Government, has raised upon the ruins of it a system of tyranny and of rapine without example in the annals of the world.

EXTRACT FROM MERCURIUS RUSTICUS.

"On Tuesday the second of May 1643, Sir Edward Hungersord, a Chief Commander of the rebels in Wiltshire, came with his forces before Wardour Castle in the same county, being the mansion-house of the Lord Arundell of Wardour. But sinding the castle strong, and those that were in it resolute not to yield it up unless by force, called Colonel Strode to his help. Both these joined in one made a body of 1300, or thereabout, Being come

before it, by a trumpet they summon the castle to surrender: the reason pretended was, because the castle being a receptacle of cavaliers and malignants, both Houses of Parliament had ordered it to be searched for men and arms; and withal by the same trumpeter declared, that if they sound either money or plate, they would seize on it for the use of the Parsilament. The Lady Arundell (her husband being then at Oxford, and since that dead there) refused to deliver up the castle; and bravely replied, that she had a command from her Lord to keep it, and she would obey his command.

"Being denied entrance, the next day, being "Wednesday the third of May, they bring up the cannon within musquet-shot, and begin the battery, and continue from the Wednesday to the Monday following, never giving any intermission to the besieged, who were but twenty-sive sighting men, to make good the place against an army of 1300 men. In this time they spring two mines; the first in a vault, through which beer and wood and other necesfiaries were brought into the castle: this did not much hurt, it being without the foundation of the castle. The second was conveyed in the small vaults; which, by reason of the inter-

" courfe between the feveral passages to every

" office, and almost every room in the castle, did

" much shake and endanger the whole fabrick.

"The rebels had often tendered fome unrea-" fonable conditions to the belieged to furrender; " as to give the ladies, both the mother and the " daughter-in-law, and the women and children, quarter, but not the men. The ladies both " infinitely fcorning to facrifice the lives of their " friends and fervants to redeem their own from " the cruelty of the rebels, who had no other " crime of which they could count them guilty " but their fidelity and earnest endeavours to pre-" ferve them from violence and robbery, choose " bravely (according to the nobleness of their " honourable families from which they were both " extracted) rather to die together than live on " fo dishonourable terms. But now, the castle " brought to this diffress, the defendants few, oppressed with number, tired out with conti-" nual watching and labour from Tuefday to " Monday, fo distracted between hunger and " want of rest, that when the hand endeavoured to administer food, surprised with sleep it for-" got its employment, the morfels falling from " their hands while they were about to eat, de-" luding their appetite; now, when it might " have been a doubt which they would first have 66 laded

" laded their musquets withal, either powder " before bullet, or bullet before powder, had not the maid-fervants (valiant beyond their fex) " affifted them, and done that fervice for them: " laftly, now, when the rebels had brought pec tarrs, and applied them to the garden-doors, " (which, if forced, opened a free passage to the " castle,) and balls of wild-fire to throw in at " their broken windows, and all hopes of keep-" ing the castle was taken away; now, and not " till now, did the befieged found a parley. And " though in their Diurnals at London they have " told the world that they offered threefcore " thousand pounds to redeem themselves and the castle, and that it was refused, yet few men take "themselves to be bound anything the more to " believe it because they report it. I would " Mafter Case would leave preaching treason, and " instruct his disciples to put away lying, and " fpeak every man truth of his neighbour. Cer-" tainly the world would not be so abused with c untruths as they now are; amongst which " number this report was one: for if they in the caftle offered fo liberally, how came the rebels " to agree upon articles of furrender fo far be-" neath that overture? for the Articles of Sur-" render were these:

[&]quot; First, that the Ladies and all others in the castle should have quarter.

[&]quot; Secondly,

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"Secondly, That the Ladies and fervants "fhould carry away all their wearing-apparel; "and that fix of the ferving men, whom the Ladies should nominate, should attend upon their persons wheresoever the rebels should dispose of them.

"Thirdly, that all the furniture and goods in the house should be safe from plunder; and to this purpose one of the six nominated to attend the ladies, was to stay in the castle, and take an inventory of all in the house; of which the Commanders were to have one copy, and the Ladies another.

"But being on these terms masters of the castle and all within it, 'tis true they observed the first article, and spared the lives of all the besieged, though they had slain in the defence at least fixty of the Rebels. But for the other two, they observed them not in any part. As soon as they entered the castle, they first seized upon the several trunks and packs which they of the castle were making up, and lest neither the Ladies nor servants any other wearing-

"There was in the castle, amongst many rich ones, one extraordinary chimney-piece, valued

" at two thousand pounds; this they utterly de-

" faced, and beat down all the carved works

" thereof with their pole-axes. There were

" likewise rare pictures, the work of the most

" curious pencils that were known to these latter

" times of the world, and fuch that Apelles him-

" felf (had he been alive) need not blush to own

" for his. These in a wild fury they break and

" tear to pieces; a loss that neither cost nor art

can repair.

"Having thus given them a taste what per"formance of articles they were to expect from
them, they barbarously lead the Ladies, and
the young Lady's children, two sons and a

"daughter, prisoners to Shaftesbury, some four

" or five miles from Wardour *.

"While they were prisoners, to mitigate their forrows, in triumph they bring five cart loads

" of their richest hangings and other furniture through Shaftesbury towards Dorchester: and

"fince that, contrary to their promife and faith,

" given both by Sir Edward Hungerford and

"Strode, they plundered the whole castle: so

* The learned and illustrious Mr. Chillingworth was in Wardour Castle when it was taken, having retired thither in very bad health. He was carried by the Parliamentary army first to Salisbury, and then to Chichester; in the Bishop's palace of which city he died soon afterwards.

little use was there of the inventory we told " you of, unless to let the world know what " Lord Arundell lost, and what the Rebels gained. This havock they made within the castle. Without they burnt all the out-houses; they " pulled up the pales of two parks, the one of " red deer, the other of fallow; what they did " not kill they let loofe to the world for the next taker. In the parks they burn three tenements " and two lodges; they cut down all the trees " about the house and grounds. Oaks and elms, " fuch as but few places could boast of the like, " whose goodly bushy advanced heads drew the " eyes of travellers on the plains to gaze on them; these they fold for four-pence, sixpence, " or twelve-pence a-piece, that were worth three, "four, or five pounds a-piece. The fruit-trees " they pluck up by the roots, extending their " malice to commit spoil on that which God, by " a special law, protected from destruction even " in the land of his curse, the land of Canaan; " for fo we read: When thou shalt besiege a city, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing " an ax against them, for thou mayest eat of them, " and thou shalt not cut them down and employ them in the fiege; only the trees which thou so knowest that they be not trees for meat thou shalt " destroy. Deut. xx. 19, 20. Nay, that which " escaped destruction in the Deluge cannot escape " the VOL. I.

" the hands of these Children of the Apollyon 66 the Destroyer. They dig up the heads of "twelve great ponds, fome of five or fix acres " a-piece, and destroy all the fish. They fell carps of two foot long for two-pence and threee pence a-piece: they fent out the fish by cart-" loads, fo that the country could not spend "them. Nay, as if the present generation were too narrow an object for their rage, they plunder posterity, and destroy the nurseries of the " great ponds. They drive away and fell their " horses, kine, and other cattle, and having left on nothing either in air or water, they dig under the earth. The castle was served with water " brought two miles by a conduit of lead; and " intending rather mischief to the King's friends than profit to themselves, they cut up the pipeand fold it (as these men's wives in North Wiltshire do bone-lace) at sixpence a yard; " making that waste for a poor inconsiderable " fum which two thouland pounds will not make " good. They that have the unhappy occasion " to fum up these losses, value them at no less " than one hundred thousand pounds. And "though this loss were very great, not to be " paralleled by any except that of the Countess " of Rivers, yet there was fomething in these " fufferings which did aggravate them beyond all example of barbarity which unnatural war

till now did produce, and that was Rachel's tears, lamentation and weeping and great mourning, a mother weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they were taken of from her. For the rebels, as you hear, having carried the two Ladies prisoners to Shaftesbury. thinking them not fafe enough, their intent is to remove them to Bath, a place then much infected both with the plague and the fmall-66 pox. The old Lady was fick under a double confinement, that of the Rebels and her own indisposition. All were unwilling to be exof posed to the danger of the infection, especially " the young Lady, having three children with "her; they were too dear, too rich a treasure " to be fnatched away to fuch probable loss without reluctancy; therefore they resolve not 66 to yield themselves prisoners unless they will " take the old Lady out of her bed, and the rest " by violence, and fo carry them away. But the Rebels fearing lest so great inhumanity 66 might incense the people against them, and " render them odious to the country, decline this; and, fince they dare not carry all to 66 Bath, they resolve to carry some to Dor-" chester, a place no less dangerous for the in-" fection of schism and rebellion than Bath for the plague and the small-pox. To this pur-" pose they take the young Lady's two fons, cc (the FF 2

" (the eldest but nine, the younger but seven years of age,) and carried them captives to Dorchester.

"In vain doth the mother with tears intreat that these pretty pledges of her Lord's affections may not be snatched from her. In vain do the children embrace and hang about the neck of their mother, and implore help from her, that neither knows how to keep them, nor yet how to part with them: but the Rebels, having lost all bowels of compassion, remain inexorable. The complaints of the mother, the pitiful cry of the children, prevail not with them: like ravenous wolves they seize on the prey, and though they do not crop, yet they transplant those olive branches that stood about their parents' table."

Lady Arundell is buried with her Lord, near the altar of the very elegant chapel at Wardour Castle, built by the present Lord Arundell. The inscription on their monument is as follows:

"To the Memory of the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Arundell, fecond Baron of Wardour, and Count of the facred Roman Empire; who died at Oxford of the wounds he received at the battle of Lanfdown, in the fervice

" fervice of King Charles the First, for whom

" he raifed a regiment of horse at his own ex-

" pence at the time of the Usurpation.

" Obiit 19th Maii 1643. Ætat. 59.

" And of the Right Honourable Blanch Lady

" Arundell, his wife, daughter of Edward So-

" merset, Earl of Worcester, Lord Keeper of

" the Privy-feal, Master of Horse, and Knight

" of the most noble order of the Garter, ances-

" tor to the Duke of Beaufort, lineally descend-

" ed from John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster,

" fon of King Edward the Third. This Lady,

"as distinguished for her courage as for the

" fplendor of her birth, in the absence of her

66 husband bravely defended the Castle of War-

" dour, with a courage above her fex, for nine

" days, with a few men, against Sir Edward

" Hungerford and Edmund Ludlow and their

" army, and then delivered it up on honourable

" terms. Obiit 28th Octobr. 1649. Ætat. 66.

" Requiescat in Pace.

" Who shall find a valiant woman! The price

of her is as things brought from afar off, and

" from the uttermost coasts. The heart of her

se husband trusteth in her. Prov. xxxi.

". Our God was our refuge and strength; the Lord of Armies was with us, the God of Jaçob

" was our Protector. Pfalm xlvi."

By the kindness of the present LORD ARUN-DELL, these Volumes are decorated with an ENGRAVING of this incomparable Woman, from the original Picture of her at Wardour Castle, Wilts.

WILLIAMS,

SUCCESSIVELY BISHOP OF LINCOLN, LORD KEEPER, AND ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

It is faid upon the monument of this learned Prelate, at an obscure village in Carnarvonshire, that "he was linguarum plus decem sciens—that "he understood more than ten languages." The Lord Keeper had found, in the course of his own life, the advantage of knowledge to himself, and was very anxious that other persons should possess those benefits which he had turned to so good an account. His Biographer tells us, that in all the various progressions in the dignities of the Church, whether as Canon, Dean, or Bishop, he always superintended the grammarschools that were appended to his Cathedral, and took care that they should be supplied with proper and able masters.

Williams had been Chaplain to Lord Bacon, and succeeded him in his office. When that



BLANCH
LADY ARUNDEL.

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great man brought the Seals to his Sovereign James the First, the King was overheard to say, "Now, by my soule, I am pained to the heart where to bestow this; for as to my lawyers, they be all knaves."

Williams, however, was not more honest than the persons of that profession which James had so scandalized; for, as Keeper of the King's conscience, he gave to his Sovereign, Charles the First, that advice respecting the signing the warrant for Lord Strassord's death, which prevented him from having afterwards any persons firmly and steadily attached to him.

Lord Clarendon fays, "That Lord Keeper 66 Williams told his Sovereign, that he must so consider that he had a public conscience as well as a private conscience; and that though " his private conscience, as a man, would not per-" mit him to act contrary to his own understand. " ing, judgment, and conscience, yet his public " conscience, as a King, which obliged him to " do all for the good of his people, and to pre-" ferve his kingdom in peace for himself and " his posterity, would not only permit him to do " that, but even oblige and require him; and that he faw in what commotion the people were; that his own life, and that of the 4 Queen FF4

"Queen and the royal iffue might probably be facrificed to that fury; and it would be very ftrange if his confcience should prefer the right of one single person (how innocent soever) before all these other lives, and the preservation of the kingdom."

Williams, who foon after this ruinous advice was made Archbishop of York, fortified Conway Castle for the service of his Sovereign; and having left his nephew as Governor there, fet out to attend the King at Oxford, in January 1643. In an interview that he had with Charles, he is faid to have cautioned him against Cromwell; telling his Majesty, that when he was Bishop of Lincoln, " he knew him at Bugden, but never knew of " what religion he was. He was," added he, " a common spokesman for Sectaries, and took stheir part with stubbornness. He never difs' coursed as if he were pleased with your Ma-" jesty or your officers; indeed, he loves none " that are more than his equals. His fortunes " are broken, fo that it is impossible for him to " fubfift, much less to be what he aspires at, but by your Majesty's bounty, or by the ruin of " us all, and a common confusion: as one said 6 long ago, Lentulo salvo, Respublica salva esse " non potest. In short, every beast hath evil proff perties, but Cromwell hath the properties of se all

e all evil beafts. My humble motion is, that

5 your Majesty would win him to you by pro-

" miles of fair treatment, or catch him by fome

" stratagem, and cut him off."

After the King was beheaded, the Archbishop is said to have spent his days in forrow, study, and devotion. He indeed only survived his unfortunate Sovereign one year. The Archbishop was extremely attentive to the Cathedrals successively committed to his care,

By the kindness of Paul Panton, Esq. of the Island of Anglesey, the Compiler is enabled to present the Public with Three Original Letters of this extraordinary person. The first two were written from St. John's College in Cambridge; and the other after he had lost the Great Seal,

LETTER I.

TO JOHN WYNNE, OF GUEDER, ESQ. IN CARNARVONSHIRE.

" WORSHIPFUL SIR,

"My humble dutie remembred—I am righte heartilie forrie to fee you impute my turbulent " & paf-

" & paffionate Letter to ill nature, wch proceedded only from suspicious povertie, and a preserie fent feare of future undoinge, bredd and soffent feare of future undoinge, bredd and softered by the suggestions of those, who either
knewe not what it was, or else would not imparte the best counsaile. Well might your
Worshippe have guesde my fault to have been
noe blemish of nature, but such another as
that of soolish Euclio in Plautus, who suspected Megadorus, though he had soe farre
againste his estate & reputation demeande
himselse as to be a suytor for Euclio's daughter:

Nam si opulentus it petitum pauperioris gratiam,
Pauper metuit congredi, per metum male rem gerit;

56 Idem quando illac occasio periit, post sero cupit :

" a faulte I have committed (for the wch I moste humblie crave pardonne, vowing heere before the face of God to doe you what recompence & satisfaction soever, how and when you will); but that saulte was not in writinge unto you, for therein I proteste I do not knowe that I have any way misdemened myselfe, but it was in a certain suspicion I concived of your love towards me, caused particle by your late letter, far more sharpe and less courteous than at other times, partly also

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by the letters of others, who assured me that the money was not dewe any waves to Thom ap Maurice. That my nature is not intemperate, those that have ever knowne me doe knowe, being dull and melancholicke in conse stitution: neither could I ever heare that my kindred was tainted with that uglie spot. God forbid that the least of these three causes, your se greatness, my meanes, but especiallie your defertes towards me, might not be a sufficient 56 motive to curbe the furie of my penne. I 66 heere confess (et maneat bæc non illa furore " (cripta litera) that now I am & always did account of myselfe as one infinitely bound unto vour Worship, especiallie for three things: " 1. the perswading of my Father to sende me to Cambridge: - 2. the writinge both to my "Tutour as alfoe to others concerninge my "Scholarshippe and Fellowshippe: - 3, the de-" meaninge of your felfe foe belowe your estate se as to meddle foe much with my poor portion. "These things are written in my hearte, what-" foever frenzy writ in paper. My forrowe is " farre the greater, because against my expect-" ations you doe not forget to fend me fom money towards my Commencement, wch I 66 protest I thought to have differred. Your & scoffes made me verie little, but that you 66 should so should beside my deserte and beyond my ex-

pectation shewe me such a kind & tender

se hearte.

" Obstrepui, steteruntg. coma, & von faucibus hasit.

"Three Petitions I in all humble dutie crave at your Worships hands—if not for mine, yet

66 for my father and mothers fake. - First - that

46 you would (if possible you can) lett me have

66 that money in Easter Term wch you promise

" in Trinity—fecondly—that in your next lre " you doe fende me that foolish letter of myne

" enclosed—that therein I might see myne own

66 follies, wch els I cannot believe to have been " fo greate—thirdly—that if there be any

" fuch follie committed, you will gentlie pardon

" it-affuringe yourself I will never fall into the

66 like againe. And thus with my humble dutie

" I take my leave.

"The most woefull

" JOHN WILLIAMS."

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LETTER II.

TO THE SAME.

"St. John's College, Cambridge, Aug. 18, 1611.

Whether you will be at that coste with " your fon (Robert) or noe to make him Senior " Brother in Cambridge, beinge a Younger Brother at home, year the very conceyte thereof " hath wroughte fuch miracles, as that there is " more sittinge uppe at nights, more studiinge " & gettinge up in morninges than either love " or feare could worke before, so that as St. "Austen speakes, there is felix error quo decipimur in melius. Beside his ordinarie charges " for apparaile & commencement, wch your "Wor: knows must necessariely be borne in " every Batchelor, he is beside to feaste the " Doctours and Maisters of Houses, wch will " come to some 181. & to give the Father of the Acte a Satten Suyte, or the value thereof: "who if it should prove to be myself, as is most " likelye, that coste may be spared. I referre " it wholye to yr Worshippes discretion to judge " if the creditt will countervaile the charges; " furelie it will be an honor unto him as long " as he continues in the Universitie, & to his "Brothers if they should followe him.-Your " poor kinfman in all dutie."

LETTER IH.

TO THE SAME!

es SIR, Bugden; 1 Dec. 1625: "With the remembrance of my love and " best affections unto you-Being very sensible " of that great good will you have ever borne " me, I thought it not unnecessary to take this "course with you, wch I have done with no " other Frynd in the worlde, as to defire you to " be no more troubled with this late accident " befallen unto me, than you shall understand I. " am myselfe. There is nothing happened " which I did not foresee & (sithence the death " of my dear Maister) assuredly expect, nor " laye it in my power to prevent, otherwife "than by the facrififinge of my poor estate, and " that wch I esteem farre above the same, my reputation. I knowe you love me too well, " to wish that I should have been lavishe of " either of these, to continue longer (year noe " longer than one man pleased) in this glorious " miferye and splendid slaverie, wherein I have " lived (if a man may call fuch a toilinge a liv-" inge) for these five years almost. I loosinge " the Seals I have lost nothinge, nor my fer-" vants by any fault of mine, there being no-" thing either layde or fo much as wispered to ee my

my charge. If I have not the opportunitie I

" hadd before to ferve the King, I have much

" more conveniency to serve God-wch I em-

" brace as the onelye end of Gods love provi-

" dence to me in this fudden alteration.

"For your Sonne Owen Wynne (who toge"ther with my debts is all the object of my
"worldlye thoughts & cares) I will performe
towards him all that he can have expected
from me, if I live; & if I dye, I have per-

" formed it allreadye.

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"You neede not feare any misse of me, being fo just and reserved in all your desires & requests; having alsoe your Eldeste Sonne neare the Kinge & of good reputation in the Court, who can give you a good account of any thinge you shall recommend unto him.—

"Hoping therefore that I shall ever hold the fame place I did in your love, weh was first fixed on my person, not my late place, & weh I will deserve by all the freyndlye & lovinge offices which shall lie in my power, I end with my prayer unto God for the continuance of your health, & due rest your very assured

" loveinge Friend and Cozen

" Jo. LINCOLN."

"This learned Prelate," fays Wilson, "was " of a comely and stately presence; and that, animated with a great mind, made him appear " very proud to the vulgar eye; but that very temper raised him to aim at great things. " which he effected: for the old ruinous body of the Abbey-church of Westminster was new clothed by him; the fair and beautiful Library " of St. John's in Cambridge was a pile of his erection; and a very complete Chapel built " by him at Lincoln College in Oxford (merely " for the name of Lincoln, having no interest " in nor relation to that University); these," observes Wilson, "were arguments of a great mind: how far from oftentation * (in this " frail body of flesh) cannot now be deter-"mined, because the benefit of publique actions fmooths every shore that piles up the buildce ing.

"But that," continues Wilson, "which heightened him most in the opinion of those who knew him best, was his bountiful mind to men in want, he being a great patron to support, where there was merit that wanted fupply; amongst the rest M. du Moulin † (a) "very

^{*} Tacitus says, " Contemptu fama virtutes contemnuntur."

+ Pierre de Moulin, a celebrated Protestant Minister in France, author of many books on religious controversy. He came

very famous Protestant Minister of France) " in the perfecution there driven into England " for refuge. The Bishop hearing of him, " fpoke to Dr. Hacket, his Chaplain, to make " him a visit from him; and because, saith he, I " think the man may be in want in a strange country, carry him fome money (not naming the fum, because he would sounde the depth " of his Chaplain's minde). Doctor Hacket, se finding the Bishop nominate no proportion, told him he could not give him leffe than "twenty pounds. I did demurre upon the 66 fum, faid the Bishop, to try you. Is twenty " pounds a gift for me to give a man of his ef parts and deferts? Take a hundred pounds, " and present it to him from me, and tell him 66 he shall not want, and I will come shortly and visit him myself. Which he after performed, " and made good his promife in fupplying him " during his abode in England."

According to Wilson, "After a speech of James the First to his Parliament, the Lord Keeper Williams, Bishop of Lincoln, and Speaker of the House of Peers, (who always uses to make the King's mind be further

came to England in the year 1615, with a plan of a general union of all the Protestant churches. The University of Leyden offered him their Divinity Professorship, which he refused. He died in 1658, at the age of 90.

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" known if there be cause,) told the Houses of " Lords and Commons, that after the eloquent. " fpeech of his Majesty, he would not say any-" thing; for as one of the Spartan Kings, being " asked whether he would not willingly hear a " man that counterfeited the voice of a nightin-" gale to the life, made answer, that he had " heard the nightingale; fo, for him to repeat " or rehearfe what the King had faid, was (ac-" cording to the Latin proverb) to enamel a " gold ring with studs of iron. He doubted " not but that the King's speech, like the Ora-" tions of Æschines, had left in their minds a " fling; and as an Historian faid of Nerva, that "having adopted Trajan, he was immediately " taken away, ne post divinum et immortale factum, aliquid mortale faceret, fo he could not " dare, after his Majesties divinum et immortale dictum, mortale aliquid addere.

"This is not inferted," adds the acute and neglected Historian, "to shew the pregnancy and genius of the man, but the temper of the times, wherein men made themselves less than men, by making Kings little less than Gods. In this the Spanish bravery is much to be admired, and the French do not much come short of them, who do not idolize their Kings with Sacred, Sovereign, Immortal, and oraculous expressions, but in their humblest peti-

"tions give him the title Sir, tell him their bu"finess, and demand justice of him. But where
"these adulations are admitted, though it doth
not strike suddenly into some incurable disease, yet the same hand can make them confume, and in the end waste to nothing."

JAMES HOWELL, Esq.

This learned writer took up his pen very early in the difputes between Charles and his Parliament. He wrote feveral pamphlets on the fide of the King. In one of them, called "The "Land of Ire," he has this observation:

"Touching the originals of Government and Ruling Power, questionless the first amongst mankind was that natural power of the father over his children, and that despotical superintendance of a master of a house over his family. But the world multiplying to such a mass of people, they found that a consused equality and a loose unbridled way of living like brute animals to be so inconvenient, that they chose one person to protect and govern, not so much out of love to that person, as for their own conveniency and advantage, that they might live more regularly, and be segment to the superior of superior

"cured from rapine and oppression; as also, that justice might be administered, and every one enjoy his own without fear and danger. Such Governors had a power invested in them accordingly; also to appoint subservient able Ministers under them, to help to bear the burden."

Mr. Howell, in his "Italian Prospective," thus describes the situation of England during the time of the Republic:

"The King's fubjects," fays he, "are now " become perfect flaves; they have fooled them-" felves into a worse slavery than Jew or Greek " under the Ottomans, for they know the bot-" tom of their fervitude by paying fo many "Sultanesses for every head, but here in Eng-" land people are now put to endless unknown "tyrannical taxes, besides plundering and accise, " which two words, and the practice of them, " (with storming of towns,) they have learnt of " their pure brethren of Holland. And for plun-" derings, these Parliamenteer Saints think they " may rob any that adheres to them as lawfully as the Jews did the Ægyptians! 'Tis an unfom-" mable masse of money these Reformers have " fquandered in a few years, whereof they have " " often promis'd, and folemnly voted; a public " account to fatisfie the kingdom; but as in a " hundred

hundred things more, fo in this precious particular they have dispensed with their votes: " they have confum'd more treasure with pretence to purge one kingdom, than might have " ferved to have purchased two; more (as I am credibly told) than all the Kings of England, " fpent of the public stock fince the Saxon Con-" quest. Thus they have not only * beggared " the whole Island, but they have hurl'd it into the most fearful chaos of confusion that ever poor country was in. They have torn to so pieces the reins of all Government, trampled " upon all Laws of Heaven and of Earth, and " violated the very dictates of Nature, by forcing of mothers to betray their fons, and the fons 66 their fathers; but specially that Great Char-" ter, which is the Pandect of all the laws " and liberties of the free-born subject, which 46 at their admission into the House of Parliament they are folemnly fworn to maintain, is torn to " fritters: besides these several oaths they forged " themselves, as the Protestation and the Cove-" nant, where they voluntarily fwear to main-" tain the King's honour and rights, together with the establish'd laws of the land. Now I

^{*} A poor woman being asked by one of the Puritanical Leaders, if she did not think the Government of her country much better by the system of reform made by his party? her answer was, that she only perceived one effect from it, which was, that she paid double taxes.

" am told, that all Acts of Parliament in Eng" land are Laws, and they carry that majefty
" with them, that no power can suspend or re" peal them but the same power that made them,
" which is the King sitting in full Parliament;
" but these mongrel Politicians have been so
" notoriously impudent as to make an inferior
" Ordonance of their's to do it, which is point" blank against the fundamentals of the Govern" ment of England and their own oaths; which
" makes me think that there never was such a
" pack of perjured wretches upon earth, such
" monsters of mankind."

Howell feems to have been fo weary of the oppression caused by the Republican Government of England, that though a Royalist, and a strong partisan of Charles the First, yet in one of his pamphlets he compliments Cromwell upon assuming the title of Protector, and compares him to Charles Martel.

PRESIDENT BRADSHAW.

VERY little is known of this extraordinary person, who by a wonderful concurrence of circumstances presided at the trial of his Sovereign. He is mentioned, however, occasionally in "Lud"low's Memoirs," as distinguished for his attachment to a Republican form of Government,
and for his detestation and abhorrence of any
attempt to place the government of this country
in any one hand whatever.

"In a debate in Parliament, during the Protectorate of Cromwell," fays Ludlow, "whether the supreme legislative power of the nation
should be in a single person, or in the Parliament; in this debate Sir Arthur Haslerig,
Mr. Scott, and many others, particularly the
Lord President Bradshaw, were very instrumental in opening the eyes of many young
Members, who had hever before heard their
interests so clearly stated and afferted, so that
the Commonwealth party increased daily, and
that of the sword lost ground.

"Soon after Cromwell's death, when the army had been guilty of violence to the Par- liament, and whilft one of their Officers of the Council of State, at which Bradshaw presided, was endeavouring to justify the proceedings of the army, and was undertaking to prove that they were necessitated to make use of this last remedy, by a particular call of the Divine Providence; Lord President Bradshaw," says

Ludlow, "who was then prefent, tho' by long fickness very weak, and much extenuated, yet animated by his ardent zeal and constant affection to the common cause, upon hearing those words stood up, and interrupted him, declaring his abhorrence of that detestable action, and telling the Council, that being now going to his God, he had not patience to sit there, and hear his great name so openly blasphemed; and thereupon departed to his lodgings, and withdrew himself from public employment,"

Bradshaw did not pronounce sentence of death against the unfortunate Charles the First. The sentence was read by the Clerk (the President of the High Court of Justice, and the rest of the Members, standing up while it was reading, in testimony of their approbation of it). The King objected to the legality of the Court. The President replied, "Sir, instead of answering the Court, you interrogate their power, which becomes not one in your condition."—"These words," says Lilly, who was present and relates them, "pierced my heart and soul, to hear a subject thus audaciously to reprehend his Sovereign, who ever and anon replied with great magnanimity and prudence."

The following original supplicatory letter from Lord Keeper Williams to President Bradshaw, when he was Chief Justice of Chester, shews but too forcibly the vicissitude of earthly things, and the uncertainty of the possession of human power and dignity;

ORIGINAL LETTER

FROM JOHN WILLIAMS, ARCHBISHOP OF YORK,
LORD KEEPER IN THE REIGN OF CHARLES
THE FIRST, TO MR. BRADSHAW, AFTERWARD PRESIDENT BRADSHAW, CHIEF JUSTICE OF CHESTER, AND MR. WARBURTON,
HIS ASSOCIATE IN THAT CIRCUIT.

.. " Gwyder, 24 March 1647.

FC RIGHT HONBLE

- "I live here under the favour & protection
- " of both the most honourable Houses of Parlt:
- " to whom I am much bound in that kynde, &
- " in the House of Sir Richard Wynne my nere
- "Kinsman & a constant Member of the House
- of Commons.
- "Where upon my return from Ruthyn (where I hadd the opportunitye to falute you)
- "I finde that Sir Rd Wynne is a Patentee for
- " the Post Fynes, &c. of the Countyes of
- " Cheshyre and Flintshyre, & hath assigned his
- brother Owen Wynne for the executinge of

" that place, who by these late distractions & discontinuance of the Assizes is threatened by the Attorneys & some other Officers now in of place in those Countyes to be putt off from " the employment & receivinge of the profitts of that Office, the rest accountable unto 66 the psent Estate, for the rent reserved upon " the Patent, & (at this instant) cal'd upon for the arrears of 4 years rents, wherein, for want of Circuits and peaceable times, there hath been little profit, & year forced to give fatisfaction to the Committee for the Revenue, & all this under a ptext that this shold be a cc grievance in those two Countyes wch both 46 you (and myfelf too upon fome remembrance of the course heretofore) doe know to be no se grievance but a constant & settled Revenue to "the Crowne in all England, in the Dutchye " of Lancaster & the several Countyes of North " Wales & South Wales.

"My humble fuyte therefore to you on the behalfe of my Landlord Sir Rd Wynne & his "Affignee is this, that he maye, by your favoure, proceede peaceably in the execution of his Office (wch he hath under both the Greate Seale of England & the Seale of the Chamberlayne of that Countye Palatyne) until fuch time as by any complaynt before the most honor-

"honorable House or the Committee of the Revenue this shal be proved to be any such pretended grievance either in point of right or of execution. And for this just favoure not onelye Sir Richd Wynne, the Patentee, & his Brother the Assignee, shal be readie in all thankfull acknowledgement to take notice thereof, but myselfe, though a stranger & of late acquaintance yeat much your Servant, for your great care of the Justice & quietnes of these partes, in order to theyr obedience to the psent Government, shall be obliged to remayne to the utmost of my poore Abilitie your

" very faithful & Humble Servant

" Jo: EBORAC.
" qui fuit."

Bradshaw died before the Restoration, and some of his descendants in the semale line were a few years ago in possession of an estate at Chapel in the Frith near Buxton, which had belonged to him.

JOHN MILTON.

DR. JOHNSON divined with his usual acumen when he supposed that Milton had undergone some bodily discipline while he was at College. Mr. Aubrey was told by Christopher Milton, that his brother John was whipped for some "unkindnesse" by his first Tutor in the University of Cambridge, Mr. Chapel; and that he was afterwards (though it seemed against the rules of the College) transferred to the tuition of one Mr. Tovell, who died Parson of Lutterworth.

"Ut pictura poesis erit," has been often said, and pictor ut poeta perhaps occasionally thought. Mr. Garrick used to call Salvator Rosa the Shakespeare of Painting, and might not the name of the MILTON of Painting be transferred to our Mr. Fuseli, a man whose ardent imagination, like that of Milton, unites the terribiles vifu forma, as well as the molle atque facetum? Mr. Fuseli has nearly finished a series of pictures from the principal scenes of the Paradise Lost and of the Paradise Regained of that divine Poet, which he intends to exhibit in a gallery to be called "the Gallery of Milton." Who appears fo fit to transmit and convey the ideas of Milton, as the Painter that feems possessed with the same fublimity and force of imagination which inspired

the Poet? Who but Michael Angelo could have pourtrayed the gigantic ideas of Dante?

The following lines were addressed to Mr. Fuseli on the subject of his "Gallery of Milton." They were sent to him soon after he had sinished his celebrated picture of "the Conspiracy of "Catiline," and were printed in the European Magazine for January 1795.

TO HENRY FUSELI, ESQ. R. A. QUEEN-ANN STREET EAST.

ARTIST fublime! with every talent bleft. That Buonarota's ardent mind confest; Whose magic colours, and whose varying line, Embody things or human or divine; See the vast effort of thy mastering hand, See impious Cat'line's parricidal band, By the lamp's tremulous fepulchral light, Profane the facred filence of the night; To Hell's stern king their curs'd libations pour, While the chas'd goblet foams with human gore: See how, in fell and terrible array, Their shining poignards they at once display; Direly refolving, at their Chief's beheft, To sheath them only in their Country's breast. Too well pourtray'd, the scene affects our fight With indignation, horror, and affright. Then quit these orgies, and with ardent view Fam'd Angelo's advent'rous track purfue; Like him extend thy* terrible career Beyond the visible diurnal sphere:

^{*} La Terribil Via, applied by Agostino Caracci to Michael Angelo.

Burst

Burst Earth's strong barrier, seek th' abyss of Hell, Where fad despair and anguish ever dwell; In glowing colours to our eyes disclose The Mouster Sin, the cause of all our woes; To our appall'd and tortur'd fenses bring Death's horrid image, Terror's baneful King; And at the last, the solemn, dreadful hour, We all may blefs thy pencil's faving power; Our danger from thy pious colours fee, And owe eternity of bliss to thee. Then to the Heav'n of Heav'ns ascend; pourtray The wonders of th' effulgent realms of day; Around thy pallet glorious tints diffuse, Mix'd from th' eternal Arch's vivid hues; With every grace of beauty and of form Inspire thy mind, and thy rich fancy warm, Cherub and Seraph, now, in "burning row," Before the Throne of Heaven's high Monarch bow; And tun'd to golden wires their voices raife, In everlafting strains of rapt'rous praise. Blest Commentator of our Nation's bard. Admir'd with every reverence of regard, Whose matchless Muse dares sing in strains sublime, "Things unattempted yet in prose or rhyme!" The Critic's painful efforts, cold and dead, By flow degrees inform the cautious head; Whilst thy effusions, like Heaven's rapid fire, Dart thro' the heart, and kindred flames inspire, And at one flash, to our astonish'd eyes Objects of horror or delight arise. Proceed, my friend, a Nation safely trust, To merit splendidly and quickly just; She the due tribute to thy toils shall pay, And lavishly her gratitude display.

The Bard himself, from his Elysian bowers, Contemplating thy pencil's magic powers, Well pleas'd, shall see his same extend with thine, And gladly hail thee, as himself, divine.

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ARCHEISHOP USHER

faw the execution of Charles the First from the Countess of Peterborough's house near White-hall: he swooned away, and, being carried to his bed, is said to have prophesied what happened in England ever since.

"Oliver Cromwell, out of an humble re"fpect to the memory of so learned and pious
"a champion of the Protestant cause as this
"learned Prelate, issued an order to the Com"missioners of the Treasury for two hundred
"pounds, to defray the expences of his
"funeral."—From a MS. Letter in the Bodleian
Library.

HENRY MARTIN, Esq. (Commonly called HARRY MARTIN,)

faid, during the Civil War between Charles the First and his Parliament, "If his Majesty were to take advice of his gunsmiths and of his powder-men, he would never have Peace."

When he drew up the Remonstrance of the Parliament, in which it is called a Commonwealth, he faid in one part of it, "restored to "its ancient Government of Commonwealth." Sir Henry Vane stood up and reprimanded him, and wondered at his impudence in affirming such a notorious lie. He made the motion to call those persons to account, and to turn them out of the House of Commons as enemies to their country and betrayers of the Commonwealth of England, who addressed Richard Cromwell, and promised to stand by him with their lives and fortunes.

This decided Republican gave the completest testimony that ever was given to the excellence of the character of Charles the First, when he said, in the debate upon King or no King, in 1649, after the execution of Charles, that if they must have a King, he had rather have the last than any Gentleman in Engin land."

"This viper," fays Wood in his Athenæ,

which had been fostered in the bosom of Par-

" liament, was against the Parliament itself, and

" against all Magistrates, like a second Wat

"Tyler, all Pen and Inkhorn Men must down.

"This his levelling doctrine is contained in

" a Pamphlet, called ' England's Troubles

" Troubled,' wherein all rich men whatfoever

" are declared enemies to the mean men of Eng-

" land, and in effect war denounced against them.

" Besides all this, he being a Colonel, plundered

" fo much wherever he came, that he was com-

" monly called the Plunder Master General *.

"Soon after the Restoration, after one or two

" removes from prison to prison, he was sent to

" Chepstowe Castle in Monmouthshire, where

" he continued another twenty years, not in

" wantonness, riotousness, and villainy, but in

confinement, and repentance if he had pleased.

" Some time before he died he made this Epitaph

" by way of Acrostic on himself:

"Here or elsewhere (all's one to you or me),

Earth, aire, or water gripes my ghostless dust,

"None knowing when brave fire shall set it free.

"Reader, if you an oft tried rule will truft,

"You'll gladly doe and fuffer what you must.

" Rich are fent empty away."

^{*} Abbé Sieyes was asked, when he thought the Revolution in France would end: he replied, in a verse of the Magnificat,

[&]quot; When the Hungry are filled with good things, and the

- " My life was worn with ferving you and you,
- ". And death's my pay it feems, and wellcome too,
- " Revenge destroying but itself, while I
- " To birds of prey leave my old cage and fly.
- " Examples preach to the eye, care (then mine fays)
- "Not how you end, but how you fpend your days."
 Aged 78.

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"Henry Martin," adds Wood, "became a

"Gentleman Commoner of University College,

"Oxon, at the age of 15 years, in 1617, where

" and in public giving a manifestation of his preg-

" nant parts, he had the degree of Batchelor of

"Arts conferred upon him in the latter end of

" 1619."

He was a striking instance of the truth of Roger Ascham's observation: "Commonlie," says he, "men very quick of wit, be very light of conditions. In youth they be readie scoffers, privie mockers, and ever over-light and merrie. In age they are testie, very waspish, and alwaies over miserable: and yet few of them come to any great age, by reason of their miserable life when young; but a greate deal fewer of them come to shew any great counternance, or beare any great authority abroade in the world, but either live obscurely men wot not how, or dye obscurely men mark not when."

THOMAS HOBBES

used to say, that evil Government was like a tempest, which may throw down a tree, here and there a fruitful tree; but Civil War, or Anarchy, like a deluge, would sweep all away before them.

- "The Papacy," faid he, " is the Ghost of the deceased Roman Empire, sitting crowned upon the grave. It is a shuttle-cock kept up by the difference between Princes.
- " Ambitious men wade through the blood of other persons to their own power.
- "Words are the counters of wife men, they
 do but reckon by them; but they are the
 money of fools, that value them by the authority of Cicero, Aristotle, and Thomas

" Aquinas."

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