The following paper is in the handwriting of the Earl of Hertford (afterwards the Protector Somerset.) Though without date, it was evidently drawn up by him at Alnwick just before his return from the Border at the end of November or beginning of December, 1542, when he was succeeded as lord warden by John Dudley, Viscount Lisle (afterwards Duke of Northumberland.) Hertford had been ordered by the Privy Council to bring back with him a memorandum of the state of affairs on the Borders for the information of Henry VIII., and this paper is the result of his labour. Among other notes of interest in it may be remarked those as to digging coal at Alnwick, and appropriating the timber of the "abbay besid Anwik," to repair the castle. The Percys were then under forfeiture, their castle was in Henry's hands, and for a long period was the head quarters of the Warden of the Marches. There is an abbreviate of this paper drawn up by a clerk from Hertford's rough draft. Both of these documents are in the collections of the Marquis of Bath at Longleat, by whose kind permission the former is now printed for the first time.

[MEMORANDA ON THE BORDERS BY THE EARL OF HERTFORD.]

For the pensioners to be dischargit.
For the intellyens betwene them men of Northumb(e) and Skots.
For the coming in of the Skots for pouarti and what shal be don with them—and to show the causes whey the proclimacion is stayde.
Item Tyndall and Ridesdal suferith the Skots to cum throw them and rob the Kyngs subiets and summe tyme cumme with them.
Item rich mens goode beth on touchid and onspoylyd and the pore men that dwellyth w'ine them robid and spoilyd.
Item the facion of the takyng of my pritf.
Item that yt the Skotz haue no lether owght of Ingeland they shall haue a gret lake.
Item cart whelis was wont to be bowght her for v£ which now be sould for xvj£ and all for that the borderarz sell them into Skotland.
Item that lether be restrainid to be sould in Skotland.
Item timbar and mile ftones lykwis to be restrained.
Item the Shreve of Northumbarland ys not acuntabull, and bi resun that they be not amersid and pay the amersement that allso that stelyng is on ponishid ys a gret cause of the decay of the cuntri.
"My lorde tailebusshe to kepe Ridesdale from wulf and theifs. 1
Item the favar and intelligens betwene them of Northumblanl and
Cukdall and Glendall which is bi resun the most part of ther
trendes and kyn be takyn bi the Skotc and otherwis.
Item the number of Skotc in this cuntri and wher it be nesesari
to advoyd them.
Item the intelligens betwene the borderars and Skotc.
Item the delverey of presenars doth mich hurt.
Item the Tindalp and Ridesdalep er sufering the Skotc to cum
throw them and robe the kynge subiety.
Item the kynge subiety of Beaucastell dalle doth mari dayly with
the Skotc of Lythersdale.
Item yf ordar be not taken for the diging of see colle here, the
kynge wode will be distroide within a yeire and for lak of feuell
the inabitans of this towne of Anwik shall be dreven to forsak
hit, which will be not only a gret losse to the kynge ma^ co reneues
but all so lose to the contre.
Item to spek w^ the shanselar of the augmentacion for to give streyght
commandement to the oficarf that those somat (?) and bemes which
be att the abbay besid Anwik to be safli kept and housid for the
reparacion of the kynge mate castell of Anwike.
The state of Wark w^ the captenes.
Item for not carieng owght of Ingeland woud timb' and milleltonp
shall hindar Skotland.
Item the Skotc did fere that the navi should have mad a belwark
hon the roke or iland caulid the Linch, 2 which should be the
distruccon of Edunborow and Light, for that no shep shuld cum
in nor owght.
Item in Northumarland ther be mani jentellmen of small land and
other that faverith Tindalp and Ridesdalep so that they robe the
good subjectp hoo dar not for fere of ther lyves lay eni thing to
ther charg and all sich robris ys leyd that it ys the Skotc.
Item ther is likewis mich intelliens betwene them and the Skotc soo
that no entrepris can be donne withowgh knowleg.
Item the hedp men of the cuntre will have his shepard and hirdman
to be a Skot, bi reasun of ther good goith in safte and por
mens everi day stolen.
Item those shepardes and hirdis men beth good spies to the Skotc
which doth mich hurt.
Item bi reason that the Skotes coren is soo burnid and consumid and
they bi resun thereof in sich miseri that yf spedi remedi be
ministered and some terrar showeed unto them that shal cum in to
this reme I think or it be long ther will be mani Skotc cumme
into this reme.
Item the number of Skotc dwelling here and what the cuntres
answer is to it.
Item to declar the facion of the overthrow of the Skotc. 3
4 Item the workes of Hull and the departure of the ships.
Item of conference with the Lorde Maxwell.

1 In Sir John Thynne's handwriting.
2 Inch Keith, opposite the port of Leith.
3 i.e., at Solway Moss.
4 In Sir J. Thynne's writing.
I am not aware that any thing of so early a date as the following has been printed in any of the books relating to the affairs of the Borders. The orders as to watches in Bishop Nicolson's *Laws of the Marches* and Hodgson's *Northumberland*, are not of earlier date than the reigns of Edward VI or Elizabeth. The first of the following documents, though without a date, must have been written in the end of November 1542, under these circumstances. The Earl of Hertford, who was Lord Warden of the Marches for a short time till relieved by John Dudley Lord Lisle, was ordered by Henry VIII to bring back with him a note of the Border laws and customs, &c., of which he being a stranger, knew little, and therefore wrote to Wriothesley the Secretary of State, doubting if he could procure it.

He had, however, applied for such a thing to Sir William Eure, the Captain of Berwick, who on 3rd December, 1542, sent Hertford this very document or "book" as he calls it. It is a copy of several earlier orders made in the years 1525-6, when Eure himself was Lieutenant of the Middle Marches, under Ralph, Earl of Westmoreland the Lord Warden. The names of many of the places are far different from those they now bear, and a better acquaintance with the district than I possess is requisite for their identification. It is written in a good round legal hand, and endorsed: "A boke sent by Sir William Eure of the custume of the Bordres."

The other document is a list of the watches kept on Tweed in Norhamshire, and was evidently made for Hertford's information about the same time as the former paper. It is in the handwriting of Brian Layton, Captain of Norham Castle, who was killed two years later, at Ancrum moor.

Both of these documents are indorsed by Sir John Thynne. They are among his papers at Longleat, and are now printed for the first time by the kind permission of his descendant the Marquis of Bath.

**Th'ordour off the Watche to be observed, kepe, and mainteyned in manour and forme following.**

The watche to stand upon the

| Fyrst-the larde off Thirwale to kepe from Lirthing bryg tyll | Typwall to Walltowne Crage. |
| Typwall to Tywwall. The larde of Blenkensoppe to kepe from | Doughins. |
The watchman to stand upon the Walltowne Crage.  The larde of Walltowne and Nicholas Blenkensopp to kepe the Walltowne Crage to Haltwissell bornhede.
The watchman to stand upon the Crage.  The townshipe off Haltwysell and Plenmellour to kepe from Haltwysell bornhede to the Hare heugh.
The watchman to stand on the Hawe heugh.  The Townshipe off Melryg and Hensaugh to kepe from the Hare heugh to Helborne hede.
The watchmen, one of them to stonde upon the Kynges hyll, and the other upon Fewingles Crage.  The barronry off Langley to kepe from Knage bornehede to the Cairrawe.

Two watchmen to watche upon (The townshipe off JSTewburgh with the parishing from the Carraburghe towre hede.  The barronry off Symondeborne to kepe from Carraburgh to Tortie.

The barronry of Langley to kepe from Knage bornehede to the Cairrawe.

The watchmen to watche upon (The townshipe off JSTewburgh with the parishing from the Carraburghe towre hede.  The barronry off Symondeborne to kepe from Carraburgh to Tortie.

The watchmen, one of them to stonde upon the Wallwood.  Two watchmen to watche upon the Carrawe towre hede.  Two watchmen to watche upon the Wallwood.  Two watchmen to watche upon the Carrawe towre hede.

Two watchmen to stonde at Priest Yate.  The townshipe off Newburgh with the parishing from Carrawe to the Carraburghe.

Two watchmen to stonde at Sainte Oswaldes Kerck.  The townshipe off Haughton Walleck and Homeshaulgh to kepe from Tortie to Chellerford mylne.

Two watchmen to stonde at Smydywell Crosse.  The townshipe off Aycombe and Walle to kepe from Chellerford Mylne to Saint Oswaldes Kirke.

Two watchmen to stonde at Smydywell Crosse.  The townshipe off Sando, Aynyke, Portyate, and Befront to kepe from Saint Oswaldes Kirke to Smyddywell Crosse.

Two watchmen to stonde at Portyate.  The townshipe off Corbreg to kepe from Smyddywell Crosse to Halton parke newke.

Two watchmen to stonde on the Hawle downes.  The Lorde shippe off Halton to kepe from Halton parck newke to Carnaby Crosse.

Two watchmen to stonde on Grene Castell Stedes on the Walle.  The townshipe off Newtoun, Newton hall, Weldon and Harlower on the hyll to kepe from Carnaby Crosse to Harlow on the hyll.
It is further agreed that all thes townshippes that hereafter ensuethe shall kepe a watchman in every towne as they shall thyncke by thear discretion, to reyse a blast off an home when so ever yt shall falle, as well upon the days as nyghtes to cum forewarde to maigtayne the fray, which way so ever yt goo:—Fyrst, in the township of Knaresdale, Henry Walles the pryoress off Lameley tenantes, Syr Edward Musgrav, tenauntes of Colyngwood, the larde of Fetherstonehaughe, the lordeship of Whytfeld, the lordeshippe off Allwendale in Hexham shire, Hexham towne with the lord of Colsey and his tenauntes, Dilstone township Cutbert Radelcyff, the township of Redyng, Bromley, and Bywell, the township of Ovington, Ovingham, and Horsley. It ys also thought necessary and expedient for thinviolable observacion off the promisses, that the Wardane lyvetenauntes or their deputies shall every vj wekes kepe a Cowrt by them sellves to see this ordinances put in full execution, and raise the same fyne of them that shall breake the same, under such payne as my lorde off Richmountz grace shall sett upon the Wardane lyvetenaunte or their deputies.

Moreover yt ys agreed by the gentylmen off Northumberlond afore my lorde Wardane, that this endentewre and every article off the same shall contignew in effect untill Whytsunday next comyng after the date under wrytten. And further yt ys ordaygned by the saide lorde Wardane that his cowrt shall be kept at Newburghe and Corbreg within every fortie daies unto the said feast of Whytsontyde for execucion comprised in this present indenture. In wytnes wherof as well the saide lorde Wardane as the gentylmen being here present have setto their handes. Yoven the Monday after Saynt Lucyes day which is the xviijth day of Decembre anno xviijmo Henrici Octavi.—[1525.]

Rawffe Westmerlonde Warden  
S* Will'm Eure  
S* Nicholas Rideley  

A watche and ordre devysed by Syr William Eure lyvetenaunt of the Myddell Marchies off Englond by thadvyse of dyverse gentyll-men of the contre the xxth day of Apryle the xviijth yere of Kyng Henry theight. [1526].

Fyrste:—a watch to begyn at the Carraw and so to Warckes pyke, from Warkes pyke to Warkes borne mowthe, and so to Prystoppes hedde, and so to Fowre lawys and in a bow ray through Arwood and to Baldwell stene at Symondsye.

The gentyllmen that shall kepe this watche—

S* John Heron knyghte  
S* Rawle Fenwyke  
Nycholas Thornton esquier  
John Fenwyke of Wallyngton  
Robert Ramys  
Robert Aynsley  
Thomas Lawson  
John Loren of Kyrkharlile  
Thomas Fenwyk of Littile Harle  

Cuthbert Shaftow  
John Fenwyk of Ryall  
Georg Fenwyk of Fenwike  
Nycoll’ off Eryngton of [blank]  
Robert Eryngton of Wyttyngton  
William Swynborn of Capethton  
Rawff Wethercryngton  
Thomas Eryngton of Fallofeld  
for Coklaw and Eryngton.

Also the baylyff of Hexham ys agreed to kepe such lyke order in Hexham shire as well watching as folowing as other of the contre dothe.
An ordour taken for watchis the xiiij day off Decembere the xvij yere of the reign of our sovereigne lorde king Henry viijth, Sir William Eure being then lieutenant of the Myddell Marchies.

[1525.]

Fyrst :—Secret watches to be leyd by the discression off them that shalbe baylyves or keepers of Tyndall—that is to say one upon the west syde of the watour off Tyne for in commyng at the Belles and downe Shulborne mowre, and an other upon thest syde of Tyne for commyng in at Lusborne mowth and downe Wanehope, and also an other for commyng in at the Collercleves and so downe Emlope. Also for Ryddisdale and Kowkdale by the discression of them that shalbe keepers of Harbottell, a secret watch to be layde at Akynsyd hede for commyng down the wattend off Reyd and the Haukeshaue. Also a watch at Crokdom pyke for commyng in at Camellspeth streate and the hedd off Redles.

Also a watch at the Wether Law for commyng in at the Howen gate and the Sylmgate.

Also a watch upon the Helo (?) which may kepe the in commyng at the Wend goyle and the Kocklaw and the Bownd rode hedde — —

Also for the watour of Bremmys and the watour of Aele must be two watiches. And thes two watiches with the watiches aforesaid may kepe all amongst the Borders from the great hyll off Chevoyth to the hedd off the watour off Tyne — —

(2) WATCHES IN NORHAMSHIRE.

Memorandum :—Watches to be kepyt in the nyght in Norhamshyer by my lorde Wardens comandment, as here after foluyth :—

Inprimis, at Berwyk stremes, - ij men
Item, at the Nayder belles - ij men
Item, at the Over belles - ij men
Item, at Newwatter - ij men
Item, at Wylsford - ij men
Item, at the Darnesford - ij men
Item, at Swefte - ij men
Item, at Damesfordes - ij men
Item, at Graydensforde - ij men
Item, at Twysell brege - ij men
Item, at Fernyhawesford - ij men
Item, at Hetonmelnesford - ij men
Item, at Crossford - ij men

Item, day wayche to be sayt in Norhamshyer.

Fyrst, one Longrege hell - i man
Item, at Norham - i man
Item, one Ruffenton - i man
Item, one Heton Lawe - i man

Summa xxviii men.

Summa iiiij men.