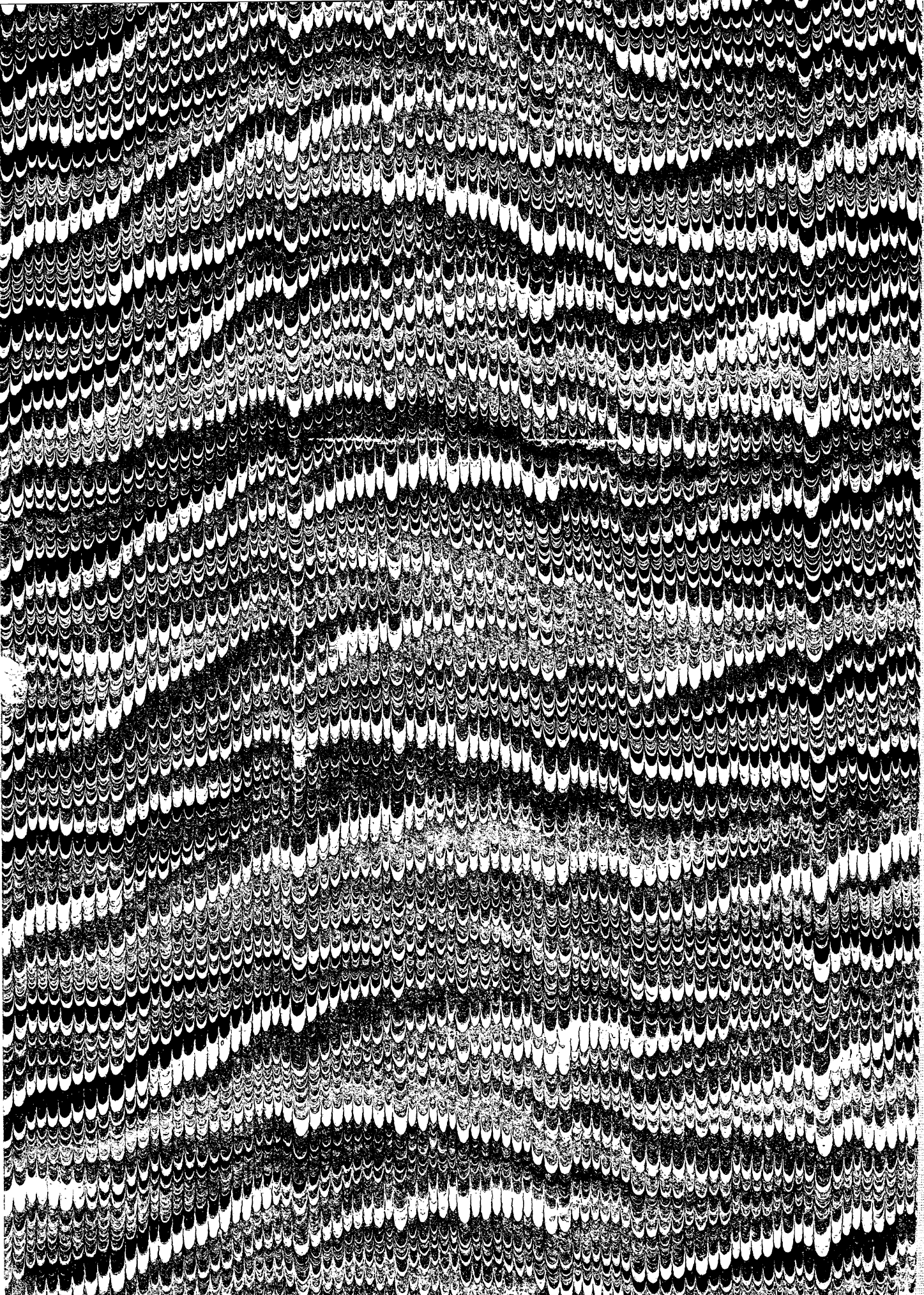


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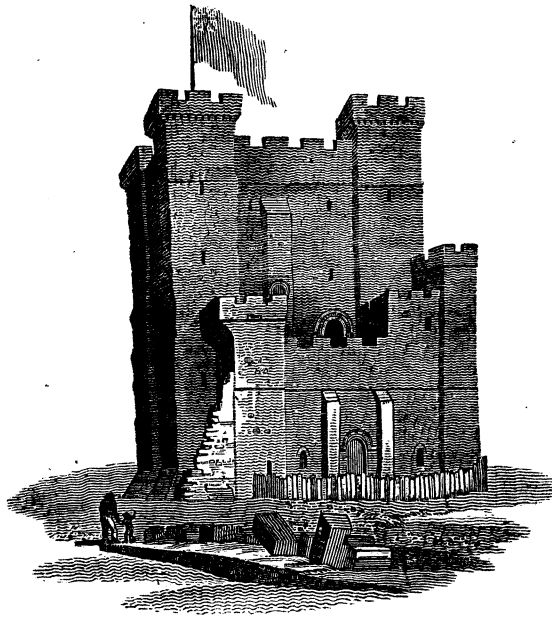


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THE ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE was established on the 6th day of February, 1813; when the purport of its Institution was declared to be "Inquiry into Antiquities in general, but especially into those of the North of England, and of the Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, and Durham, in particular;" the following Code of Statutes was adopted for the regulation of the Society; and the Officers for the year nominated.

CODE OF STATUTES.

I. The Society shall consist of Ordinary, Corresponding, and Honorary Members. The number of Ordinary Members limited to one hundred; the number of Corresponding and Honorary Members unlimited. The candidates for admission as Ordinary Members shall be proposed at a regular meeting by at least three Members, and balloted for at the next succeeding meeting; three-fourths of the Members present to confirm the admission of the candidate. The election of Corresponding and Honorary Members shall be subject to the same regulations as the election of Ordinary Members, excepting that they may be balloted for the same meeting at which they are proposed. Twelve Members to form a constitution.

II. Persons residing within the town and county of Newcastle upon Tyne, the counties of Northumberland, Durham, or Cumberland, shall not be eligible as Corresponding Members.

III. The Officers of the Society to consist of a Patron, one President, three Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries, one Treasurer, and a Council of six. The office of patron to continue for life; the other Officers to be annually elected, out of the class of Ordinary Members, by written lists, to be delivered by the Members in person at the Anniversary Meeting. These officers to have charge of the property of the Society, and any five to be competent to act.

IV. The interest of each member in the funds and property of the Society to continue so long only as he shall remain a Member ; and the property shall never be sold or otherwise disposed of (except in the case of duplicates hereinafter mentioned), so long as there remain Members sufficient to form a constitution ; but should the Members be reduced below the number of twelve, and so remain for twelve calendar months then next following, the funds and property of the Society shall be delivered unto, and vest in, the oldest Society of Antiquaries in Great Britain.

V. Each Ordinary and Corresponding Member to pay an admission fee of two guineas, and each Ordinary Member to pay an annual subscription of one guinea, commencing the Anniversary Meeting in 1814.

VI. The Meetings of the Society to be held in the Society's room, at six o'clock in the evening, on the first Wednesday in every month ; and the Anniversary Meeting at twelve o'clock in the day, at the same place, on the first Wednesday in January.

VII. All papers to be read in the order of their dates. If any Member declines reading his own paper, any other Member may be allowed to read it : but such as are to be read by the Secretaries shall be sent to them a month previous to their being laid before the Society.

VIII. Three Censors to be annually chosen by the Officers out of the Ordinary Members ; to whom shall be intrusted the charge of revising and printing all such papers and communications as the Officers may admit into the Transactions of the Society.

IX. All donations to the Society to be regularly recorded in a book kept for that purpose, describing at length their nature, when and where discovered, the donor's names, &c. And all duplicates of Coins, Books, &c. to be at the disposal of the Officers, for the benefit of the Society at large.

X. Each Member, on his admission, shall sign the Statutes ; but any Ordinary Member may, on producing and leaving the authority by letter for it, sign them for such Members as cannot conveniently attend at the time of their admission.

XI. No alteration shall be made in the Statutes, except at the Anniversary Meeting in January. And every alteration intended to be then proposed, must be publicly announced and inserted in the Transactions at a meeting previous to the General Meeting.

XII. And lastly,—We, the undersigned Members, oblige ourselves to observe and fulfil

the above Statutes, and conform ourselves to all the future Rules and Regulations, which may be made by the Society and regularly entered in the Minute Book.

It having appeared, on further deliberation, to the Society, that certain alterations should be introduced into this Code of Statutes, it was at the Anniversary Meeting holden on the 5th day of January, 1814,

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,

I. That every new Member shall conform to the statutes of this Society, within four of its meetings after his election, or such election to be void.

II. That all donations to the Society be presented through the Council.

III. That the Council be increased from six to twelve.

IV. That at the time of balloting for any gentleman as a Member of this Society, one of the gentlemen who proposed him shall be present, and in case of his election, pay his admission fee and subscription.

At the Anniversary Meeting, holden on the 4th day of January, 1815,

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Constitution be reduced from twelve to eight Members.

At the Anniversary Meeting, holden on the 5th of January, 1820, at the Society's apartments in the Bigg-market,

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the 4th Rule do end at the word "mentioned," and that the remainder be expunged.

And at the Anniversary Meeting, holden on the 2d day of January, 1822,

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Constitution be reduced from eight Members to six.

Shortly after the institution of the Society, a Seal, engraven by Mr. Wyon, of the Royal Mint, from a design by Mr. Howard, R. A. was presented to the Society by its President, Sir John Edward Swinburne, Baronet. On the field is represented the figure of a female, who is supposed to be recording the proceedings of the Society; she is seated on the fragment of a column, opposite to an altar, found near Newcastle upon Tyne, and inscribed LAMIIS TRIBVS; beneath is written SCRIPTA MANENT, and round the seal, SIGILLVM SOCIETATIS ANTIQVARIORVM PONTIS ÆLII. MDCCCXIII. Of this seal, a wood cut executed by Mr. Thomas Bewick, of Newcastle, to whose abilities in that art his various productions bear ample testimony, is given in the title page of this volume.

This publication of the Transactions of this Society is submitted to the notice of the public, not without a considerable degree of hope that, not more from the attention of those entrusted with its management, than from the numerous donations which have been presented to it, and from the countenance and support which it has received from many gentlemen, who have become members of it since its first establishment, the wishes of its institutors will be realized.

The various presents which have been liberally sent to the Society, and the interesting communications with which it has been favoured relative to antiquities in its neighbourhood, afford ample testimony of the loss, which has been sustained, in consequence of a Society for the preservation of Antiquarian Remains not having been previously established in this district.

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