

*An Account of an Inscription on Fallowfield Fell, in the County of Northumberland, by the Rev. JOHN HODGSON, Secretary.*

*See Plate VI. Fig. E.*

ON the middle of Fallowfield Fell, in the Parish of St. Johnlee, Northumberland, there is a long ridge of very hard sandstone rocks, which runs along the brow of a slightly elevated hill, in a direction nearly north and south, and fronting the east. While on a visit at Mr. Tulip's, of Fallowfield, in July 1813, Mr. Atkinson, of Carr-hill, informed me that on the face of one of these rocks, which the country people there call the *Written Cragg*, he had once observed an inscription, and obligingly offered to conduct me to it. It was readily found, and I then made the sketch of it, which stands at the head of this paper. It is about three furlongs south of the Roman Wall, and the ground about it is covered with ferns and heath. The inscription it bears is : *Petra Flavi Carantini*—the Cragg of Flavius Carantinus.—The letters are deep and very legible ; and from their form, appear to have been cut about the latter end of the first, or the beginning of the second, century.

As far as I am acquainted, it has never been published. It is not, indeed, of much importance. Perhaps no historical inference can be drawn from it. Curiosity and resistance to the attacks of time may be all that it can boast. It, however, records to the present day, the name attached to these craggs, by a people, who, for many ages, denominated themselves the conquerors of the world: but whether it was imposed on them, to point them out as the property of this Flavius Carantinus,

to record some great achievement of him, to shew the place where he fell in battle, or was inscribed to gratify some whim or impulse of vanity by himself, are conjectures too minute, and connected with a period of time too distant, to render their discovery either useful or probable.

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