

XVIII.—An Account of the Tomb of Philippa, Queen of Eric Pomeranus, King of Denmark, and daughter of Henry IV. of England, in a Letter from W. C. Trevelyan, Esq., of Wallington, to John Adamson, Esq. Sec. (For the Plate the Society are indebted to Miss Emma Trevelyan.)

DEAR SIR,

I send you a drawing of the Tomb of Philippa, Queen of Eric Pomeranus*, King of Denmark, and daughter of Henry IV. of England, who died in 1430.

Queen Philippa was much esteemed for her good qualities, but is particularly celebrated for her courageous and successful defence of Copenhagen, when attacked by the Hanseatic States in 1428, with a force of 12,000 men. A few months before her death she retired to Wadstena Monastery in Sweden, where her monument now exists. Her loss was much lamented by her subjects, as she had shown herself to be a good, a valiant, and a wise queen; possessing those qualities which they could the better appreciate in her, in consequence of the absence of them in her husband.

Among the Cotton MSS. in the British Museum (Caligula B. iii) is preserved "Litera procuratoria facta de maritagio Erici Regis Daciæ cum Philippa filia Henrici quarti," 1402. At the same time there appears to have been a treaty going forward for the marriage of Henry Prince of Wales (Henry V.), with a daughter of Eric, as in the same volume is, "Litera procuratoria de maritagio Henrici Principis Walliæ et Catarinæ Sororis Erici Regis Daciæ, 1402."

Holinshed says, of the marriage of Philippa,—" In the summer of this

^{*} Eric IX. son of Wratislaws, Duke of Pomerania, by Mary of Mecklenburg, niece to Margaret, the Semiramis of the North;—(See Monstrelet, 8th edit. vol. ii, p. 78), whom he succeeded in 1412.

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year (1406), the ladie Philip, the King's younger daughter, was sent over to her affianced husband, Erike, King of Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, being conveyed thither with great pomp, and there married to the said King, where she tasted (according to the common speech used in praying for the success of such as match together, in marriage,) both joy and some sorrow among. There attended her thither, Henry Bowet, Bishop of Bath, and the Lord Richard, brother to the Duke of York.

In a note in p. 67, vol. i, of *Ellis' Original Letters*, is mentioned the equipment of the ship which carried Philippa to her home, where a reference is made to Rym. $F \alpha d$. t. viii. p. 447.

For this drawing, copied from an original by Abildgaard, in the collection of the Antiquarian Society of Copenhagen, I am indebted to the kindness of Mr. Thomsen, Secretary to that Society.

The original is, I believe, merely figured in outline, on the stone or on brass, I know not which.

I remain, DEAR SIR, Very sincerely, your's,

W. C. TREVELYAN.