

XLIX.—*A Letter from the Corporation of Newcastle upon Tyne to the Mayor and Aldermen of Berwick.*

MR. Charnley, one of the members, having presented the Society with the curious little volume, entitled “*Newcastles Call, To her Neighbour and Sister Townes and Cities throughout the land, to take warning by her Sins and Sorrows, &c., by R. Jenison, D. of D., whereunto is added, the number of them that dyed weakely in Newcastle and Garth-side, from May 6th. to December 31, 1636,*” the following letter, on the same subject, was presented to the Society by the Rev. Jas. Raine, of Durham; extracted from the Guild-book, Berwick, 1636, fol. 159 :—

*A letter redd in guild from the mayor and aldermen of Newcastle upon Tyne to the mayor and aldermen of this Brough.*

RIGHT WORTHIE GENT.

Wee haue receaved from yo<sup>w</sup> by a servant of Sir John Clavering the some of 40 marks a verie ample expression of your pittie to us in this our great calamitie by reason of the sore pestilence soe long contynueing in this place, your charitie with the helpe of God shall be by us continually had in remembrance, and as occasion shall require shal be requited with thankfullness according to our powers. God in his merce for Christ Jesus his sake cease the sickness and preserve yuw and all others from the same. The number of the dead is not so manye this last weeke as formerly being but one hundred twentie two. The great death of people that hath beene which doth amount to verie nere

6000 persons since the beginning wee feare is the cause that there dye fewer now ; there being not soe many people left in the towne as there was. Thus with all due respects of thankfullness wee rest.

Your truly loving friends,

PETE RIDDELL, maior.

WM. WARMOUTH,

ROB. ANDERSON,

RAPHE COLE,

LEONARD CARR, vic.

*Octob. 1636.*