

No. XVI.—*Observations in a Northern Journey, taken Hill. Vaccon. 1666, by John Stainsby, of Clement's Inn, Gent. From the original in Ashmole's MSS., Vol. 834, Art. 6. Communicated by WALTER CALVERLEY TREVELYAN, Esq., of Wallington.*

At Doncaster in Yorkshire.

UPON a graveston in the North Isle of the Church this inscripçôn.
How; how; whoo is here. I Robin of Doncaster, and Margarett my ffaire—
That I spent, that I had, that I gave that I have, that I lent that I lost
Quod Robtus Byrkes whoe in this world did raigne 67 yeares and yet lived
not one. Obiit 1579,

Newcastle sup Tyne—St. Nicholas.

Upon the ffont stone in the Church of St. Nicholas a carved coate
quartered 1 pty p fess int. a Greyhound coursant & 3 Annuletts 2 & 1.

2. A Cheveron betweene 3 Martlettts in a bordure ingrayled.

All Saints.

In the Church of All Saints a ffaire Marble Tombe of the Thorneton's
his figure inlayed in brass with a Coate of Armes (Sa. a Chev. ar. a chief
indented, with an Annulet in base.) Obiit 1420. He was reported to come
to Newcastle a poore lame pedler's boy and from soe poore begininge be-
came a great Marchant, had the Castle and Lordship of Nether Wilton*
mortgaged to him which now his posterity enjoy. They have this old saw
of him in Newcastle.

With a hopp, a halfepenny, and a Lamb skin

At Westgate came hodge Thorneton in.

Upon the ffont stone in the s^d Church a Coate of Arms. He beareth a

* Nether Witton.

feild argent 3 Martletts in chieffe sable, a Shield in fess point sable, charged with a Star gules.

St. Andrews.

In the Church of St. Andrews a graveston inlayed with Brass and this inscripçõn.

Dominus Adomarus de Atthett* miles & dnã Marie ux̄ ejus obiit 14 Januarii, 1387, with two Coates in brass. First,—a fess chequy surmounted by a bend engrailed—second, paly of six.—He gave a piece of ground to the Towne called the Towne moore where the ffaire is now kept.

Mumbudgett's † Tower in Newcastle, a ffamily in Northb̄land of that name now extinct, one of y^t name a high sherrife in the County about Edw. 3^{ds} tyme.

It is reported of one Andrewes ‡ a Merch^t in Newcastle y^t lost a Ring at the bridge and found it in a fish mouth at his Table and now gives 3 rings n their Coate.

Morpeth in Northb̄land, affs Murderpeth from the many robberies and murders in those parts committed.

In the Church there the monument of Hen. Gray of Newminster Abbey in Morpeth obiit 1597; hee beareth a Lion rampant in a bordure ingrayled.

In the Chancell the monument of Walter Darly, Rector of Morpeth, on y^e stone ingraved a Coat, a Cheveron betweene 3 Martletts.

In the East window of the Chancell a Coate reported to belonge to the Grunthorp's, a ffamily now extinct in those parts. He beareth barry of 8 argent and azur floretty 3 annuletts rosy or.

About the Mace of the Towne is engraved the Armes followinge, Morley, Lord of Morpeth Castle at y^e Conquest—3 Martletts: Dacres, 3 Escallopps: the Graystock 3 Dyamonds or Lozenges: Grunthorps, y^e barry of 8 as above: the Howards, the Brothertons, 3 Lyons passant a Lambeaux: the Mowbrayes and Warrens.

* Adam de Athol. See Brand's Hist. vol. i, p. 189.

† Bertram Mombowcher's Tower.

‡ This gentleman's name was Anderson. See Brand's Hist. vol. i, p.p. 45, 46.

The Ledger booke of the dissolved Abbey of New minster in Morpeth now in the hands of John Thorneton Esq^{re} at the Castle of Nether Witton 5 miles west from Morpeth.

A custome in the towne of Morpeth (but since the warrs omitted) to choose one out of y^e young men in the Towne to be St. George, and all the rest of the young men to attend him, and upon St. George day all to come to Church, and at the rehearsing of the creed the St. George to stand up and draw his sword. Another custome in the s^d towne to have a L^d of misrule chosen ag^t Easter, and to continue till Whitsonday, and hee to keep a barrell of ale upon the Bridge and make all Passengers drinke thereof, and to collect money of them for repaire of the high wayes, and give a just accompt at Whitsonday.

Mittford Castle.

Humfry Mittford, Esq^{re} descended from the Mittfords of the same place, from the Conquest. Hee beares a fess between 3 Moles, but quere if y^e Moles ought not to be quartered, for a Mittford married with the heiress of the Moles, a ffamily now extinct in those parts.

Middleton and Selby in the tyme of Edw. 3^d robbed the Bishop of Durham, as he came from London to be installed (of great treasure) and secured themselves in Mitford Castle, but after tooke away from thence and hanged at London in the Bishope's presence, the Castle demolished and the charter tooke away from the towne and given to the towne of Morpeth. The old charter of Mittford is now in the hands of Robt. Mitford, Esq^{re} in Morpeth, ffather to the said Humfry.

In the hands of the s^d Humfry Mittford, now inhabiting at Mittford, are several ancient Deeds, Charters, and Grants, of the Mitfords from the Conquest. Alsoe a list of all the high sherriffs of Northbland since the Conquest. Likewise a ancient survey of all the Lordships in the County, and what every mannor p^d p^r annum to the kinge and to their parliam^t men.

Itt is supposed this survey is not in Doomesday booke, the county at that tyme being in the Scotts possession.

Netherwotten Castle.

The seate of John Thorneton, Esq^re descended from the Thornetons of Newcastle afore mençoned. In the Chappell of Wootton is a buryall place of y^e Thornetons & a very faire Tombe, but Chappell and Tombe strangely demolished by a storme hapned in January 1666.

Amongst the ruins of the s^d Chappell belonging to the East Window of the North Isle, I found a coat in glass—a ffeild argent three spread Eagles in Annulets 2 & 1 or. 8 Cross Crossletts bordurwise of the second, which Coate Mr. Thorneton promised to preserve and place in the hall window of his Castle, conjectured to be the armes of Wootton of Wootton.

Joyninge of the arch in y^e great hall of the Castle, ingraven in stone, a Coate, viz.—a Chev—a chief indented with an Annulet in base.

Excuse my unskillful blazonry. Att the Castle of Narwood,* in Cumberland, the present seate of the Earle of Carlisle, are most of the Ledger bookes, ancient deeds, and remaines of antiquity, concerninge the County of Northumberland.

* Naworth Castle.