

No. XVII.—*A royal licence by Henry VII. in favour of the Merchants of Newcastle to export Wool. From the Manuscript in the British Museum. 1 Bib. Cotton. Vespas. c. xiv. fol. 477, &c. Communicated by JAMES ORCHARD HALLIWELL, Esq., F.R.S., F.S.A.L., and Corresponding Member of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of France, and Honorary Member of the Society of Antiquaries, Newcastle upon Tyne.*

HENRY by the grace of God King of Englande and of Fraunce and Lord of Irlande. To all maner of officers, ministers trew liegemen and subgettes hering or seeing these our lettres greting. Whereas we for certain causes and consideracions us moving gave and graunted licence by oure lettres patent undre oure great seal unto the merchants inhabited within our towne of Newcastle upon Tyne, that they by theymself or their factours, servauntes, and attorneys, during the space of vi yeres next and immediately ensuyng the date of our said lettres, shulde nowe provide and bye al maner of wolles and felles of the growing of the Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, and Westmoreland, the Bisshopryke of Duresme, and the Lordships of Richemond and Aldreton, And the same by theym bought to come unto the poort of our said towne, ther to ship and further to convey it into what parte or parties it shal best like them, paying unto us therfor our custumes subsidies, and other devours as apperteigneth. It is soo as we bee enfowrmed credibly that by the grete repayre thider of strangiers and other our subgjetts, the said wolles and felles be gretely bought and importunately engrossed and conveyed from thens into Scotland, Irland, and other contreys, wherby oure said custumes be not oonly diminished, but also grete losse and hinderance hath growne unto our said merchauntes and enhabitauntes of the contrey ther, whiche we ne wol suffre soo to contynue, Wherfor we straitly commaunde you and every of you that, during the space of foure yeres next folowing the date of thes presentes, ye suffre no maner parsonne or parsonnes to convey or carye any of the said wolles and felles oute of the counties,

bisshoprike, and Lordships aforesaid, but that ye see the same to be reserved and kepte for the said merchautes and suche other our subgjettes as wol applye them to make cloth thereof within the contrey there, And if any of our said subgjettes or other wool presume tatement anything to the contrary herof, We upon your certyficat made unto us of the demeanure of the said parsonne shal soo provide for his sharpe punicion as shal be example of alle other hereafter like offending. Not failing thus to doo as ye wol answer therin unto us at your perill, Geven undre our signet at our Manoir of Grenewiche the xxvi.th day of Marche. The seventh yere of owre Reigne.

No. XVIII.—*Bird's-eye View of Newcastle upon Tyne. From a Drawing preserved in the British Museum. Communicated by JAMES ORCHARD HALLIWELL, Esq., F. R. S., &c., &c.*

THIS view of Newcastle, of which a fac-simile Engraving is given herewith was found in the MS. Augustus 1, vol. i., No. 4, amongst the Cottonian MSS. in the British Museum, and was copied under the superintendence of Mr. Halliwell for this work. The drawing was made about the year 1590. In the same volume are contained a map or plan of the River Tyne, and a plan of Bambrough. Together with a "Platte" or Plan of Tynemouth, described in vol. i. of the *Archæologia*, p. 217.