

No. XIX.—*The Maner of the King's Majesty coming to the City of Durham Anno 1617.—A Record of the Founder and Erector of the Market Cross there; and an Abstract of the Contents of the Mayor of Durham's MS. Communicated by GEORGE TOWNSHEND FOX, Esq.*

UPON Good Friday being the 18<sup>th</sup> of April, 1617, Mr. Lyeaborne one of his Majesty's Gentlemen Ushers, spoke unto George Walton, Maior, that it was his Majesty's pleasure, to come in state to the City and that it were fitting that the Maior and Aldermen should be ready upon the next day following, being Easter, and to give their attendance upon his Majesty in some convenient place within the City, and the said Maior to have his foot cloth horse there ready to attend, which likewise was done upon Elvett Bridge, near the Tower thereof, being impaled within railles of wood then made for that purpose—at which time, his Majesty's said Gentleman Usher standing by the said Maior & Aldermen, till his Majesty's coming, when there was a speech delivered by the said Maior to his Majesty, together with the maces and staff, and as time fitting in the same speech so made, a Silver Boule gilt, with a cover, was presented by the said Maior to his Majesty, which speech appeareth as followeth :

“ Most gracious Sovereigne, what unspeakable joy is this your highness  
“ presense unto us your loving subjects, our tongues' not able to utter, nor  
“ our means to shew your welcombe—your gracious Majesty at your happy  
“ coming hither with much peace and plenty, found this City inabled with  
“ divers liberties and priveleges, all' sovernignty and power spiritual and  
“ temporal being in your self, gave unto us the same again, and afterwards  
“ of your gracious bounty confirmed them under your great seal of England.  
“ We humbly beseech your Majesty continue your favour towards this City,  
“ and in token of our love and loyalty, crave the acceptance of this mite  
“ (*the cup delivered*) and we shall be ready, to the uttermost expence of our

“dearest blood to defend you and your royal progeny here on earth, with our  
“prayers to God to bless you and yours in all Eternity.”

After which speech the Maior was called by his Majesty's Gentleman Usher, to take his horse, and to ride before his Majesty, and immediately upon which commandment made by his Majesty's Gentleman Usher, there was at the same place, about 40 yards distant, certain verses spoken by an apprentice of this city, to his Majesty, as followeth, after which the Maior was placed in rank next the sword, and so ride forwards, carrying the city's mace to the church.

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

“Durham's old city, thus salutes our King,  
“Which entertainment she doth homely bring ;  
“And cannot smile upon His Majesty  
“With shew of greatness ; but humility  
“Makes her express herself, in modern guise  
“Directed to this north, here to your eyes—  
“For the great Prelate which of late adored  
“Her dignities, and for which we implored  
“Your Highness' aid, to have contenance  
“And so confirmed by your dread Soverance  
“Yet what our Royal James did grant herein  
“William our Bishop\* hath appugnant been—  
“Small talk to sway down smallness, where man's might  
“Hath greater force than equity or right.  
“But these are only in y<sup>e</sup> breast included,  
“Your subjects know them not, but are secluded  
“From your most gracious graunt ; therefore we pray  
“That the fair sunshine of your brightest day  
“Would smile upon this City with clear beams  
“To exhale the tempest of insueing streams,  
“Suffer not, great Prince, our antient state  
“By one forced will to be depopulate ;  
“Tis one seeks our undoing, but to you  
“Ten thousand hearts shall pray and knees shall bow ;

\* William James was Bishop of Durham at this period but died on the 11th day of May following.

“ And this dull cell of earth wherein we live  
 “ Unto your name, immortal praise shall give.  
 “ Confirm, graunt good King, Durham's old city  
 “ Would be more powerful, so it had James' pity.”

*A Record of the Founder and Erector of the Cross now situate in the Market Place of the City of Durham.*

To the honer of Almighty God the ornament of the City of Duresme and Comodite of the people frequenting the market of Durham the Market Crosse now there extant was framed with twelve Stone Pillars and covered with Lead at the sole charges and expences of Thomas Emerson of the Black Fryers in London, Esquire, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and seventeen, and in the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the Reign of our Sovereigne Lord James, by the Grace of God of England France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

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9.	4 Oct. 1604.—Orders for such as are infected w <sup>th</sup> the Plague, ...	Edwd. Wanles.
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17.	4 Oct. 1608.—Hugh Wright being elected Mayor and refusing to take office } is fined £20, &c., ... .. }	H. Hucheson.
19.	9 Dec. —.—Order for the Mayor hav <sup>e</sup> Corn during his year, ... ..	John Patteson.
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33.	2 July 1613.—Richd. Watson, appd. apprentice to Mr. Richd. Wright, ...	Richd. Wright.
—.	8 Nov. 1614.—Robt. Barwlcck, do. to John Lee, ...	Hugh Wright.
35.	18 Ap. 1617.—The manner of the King (James I.) coming to D <sup>m</sup> . with the Speech of the Mayor, ... ..	Geo. Walton.
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40.	26 Oct. 1620.—Petition of Corporation to the King for M. P., ... ..	Tim. Comyn.
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42.	—.—.—Do. of Attorney to Mr. W. Hall, ... ..	Do.
43.	24 Mar. 1621.—The Rect. of £5 from the Executors of the late Mr. Thos. Cooke, Ald., to buy a Cup for the use of the Mayors, ... ..	Nic. Whitfield.
44.	4 Oct. 1622.—Fine of £20—Mr. J. Lambton, Draper, for refusing office, ...	Do.
45.	—.—.—Ditto do.—Mr. Thos. Pearson, do., ...	Do.
46.	—.—.—Fine of £5—Mr. John Heighington, do., ...	Do.
47.	—.—.—Adjournment of the meeting for Election until the 11th Oct., not being able to get a Mayor to stand the office, ... ..	(No sig.)
48.	21 Oct. 1624.—Mr John Lambton fined £20 for refusing office, ... ..	H. Wright, late Mayor.
49.	4 Oct. 1625.—Mr. Thos. Pearson do. £10 do. ... ..	Sig. by sundries.
50.	12 Oct. —.—.—Mr. John Heighington do. £10 do. ... ..	H. Walton.
51.	24 Mar. 1627.—Lease to Gilbert Stott of Premises, ... ..	P. Philipson.
52.	26 July 1628.—Do. Do., ... ..	Do.
54.	—.—.—1629.—Draft of Lease of Shop under the Tollbooth to Richd. Whit- field, son of the Mayor, during the Corporation interest in the term granted by the Bp., ... ..	(Not executed.)
55.	30 Sept. 1630.—Counterpart of preceding Agreement for a Lease of Shop with Chappel, ... ..	(Not signed.)
—.	3 Oct. 1630.—Further assurance about do., ... ..	(Do.)
56.	—.—.—Do. do., ... ..	(Do.)
58.	10 Mar. 1639.—Order for a Petition to the Bp., ... ..	Hugh Walters.
59.	—.—.—The Petition to the Bp.—Thomas (Morton), ... ..	
59.	17 Mar. 1637.—The Bp.'s Answer and Lease to the Corp <sup>n</sup> . to be joined with the Freeholders in petitioning the King for Members, ... ..	Thos. Dresemis.
60.	8 Ap. 1640.—Leave of the Corp <sup>n</sup> . to Nicholas Joyce to set up as an Apo- thecary, at the recommendation of the Bp., ... ..	H. Walton.
60.	21 Oct. 1642.—The appointment of Frans. Tempest, Esq., as Recorder, with salary of £4, ... ..	Ra. Allenson.
61.	—.—.—The Ball of the Market, ... ..	
62.	21 Aug. 1647.—Omnibus & per fidelibus, &c., Mr. Turner, the Recorder's Patent, ... ..	(Not signed.)
63.	4 Oct. 1649.—Purchase of Tolls, &c., ... ..	John Agreson.
64.	12 Ap. 1650.—Order about the Tolls, Salary to the Mayor, Recorder, Clerks, Serjeants, &c., ... ..	(Not signed.)
65.	3 Ap. 1663.—Order to pay Mr. Turner (the Recorder) £30 a-year for 7 Years, on account of the £150 which he is bound to the now Bp. of D. (Cosins) for the Lease of the Tolls and Pro- fits of the Town, ... ..	H. Thompson.

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66.	22 Nov. 1663.—Petition to the D. and Chapter to confirm the above grant by the Bp. Petition to be signed by Mr. <i>George Kirkby</i> , Clerk to the Corp. ... ..	} Matt. Bailes.
67.	10 Feb. 1663.—Richard Toward, of Wolsingham, Tanner, having brought certain hides to the City to be sold, not sufficiently tanned and dried, ... ..	
68.	15 Feb. 1663.—Corp. indebted to John Turner, Esq, £118 10s,	
69.	9 Ap. 1664.—John Harrison, of Wolsingham, Tanner, had hides.	
70.	19 Ap. —.—To borrow £20 to repay Mr. Turner in full, ... ..	} Matt. Bailes.
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75.	6 Ap. 1665.—Mr. Turner's Rect. in full, for payment of Kirkleatham, } York, Recorder, ... ..	} J. Turner.
76.	13 June 1666.—Articles of Agreement for Arbitration in difference betw <sup>n</sup> } Mr. John Hall, Senr., and the Corporation, ... ..	} J. Marshall.
77.	22 June 1666.—Do. to extend the time of Do., ... ..	} Do.
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80.	12 Dec. —.—Order to Recorder to consider the right of Parkinson to plant } Curr. Berries, &c., ... ..	} Do.
81.	10 Nov. 1642.—Mr. Fras. Tempest's Patent.	
83.	7 Oct. 1644.—Election of Mr. Richardson, Alderman, in place of Mr. Thos. Tunstall, dec <sup>d</sup> .	
84.	11 Ap. 1645.—Mr. Wright : Patent of Recorder.	
86.	3 Oct. 1646.—Order for the Mayor & Ald <sup>n</sup> . to meet once a month to confer together on matters for the good of the City, &c., each member to forfeit 12 pence for non-attendance, ... ..	} John Hall.
87.	7 May 1650.—Agreement respecting the purchase of the Tolls, with reference to a former order of 12 Ap. 1650, which see above, }	} J. Agieson.
88.	23 Oct. 1651.—Payment by Mr. Thos. Hutton & John Ruchett, Farmers, } of £10, &c., ... ..	} J. Hall.
88.	31 Jan. 1557.—Mayor to be paid £20, ... ..	} Anty. Smith.
89.	26 Mar. 1657.—Agreement of Mayor, &c., to maintain the right of the Corp. } to the Collieries & Seams of Coal in the moors belonging } to the City of Durham, Findon Hill, Harley Home, and } Brafflee Moor, ... ..	} Do.
90.	1 Dec. 1658.—The demand of the Borough Rent, ... ..	} Richard Lee.
91.	2 Ap. 1663.—Bp. Cosins' Prohibition to the Inh <sup>s</sup> of Darlington, ag <sup>t</sup> . holding a Market for Cattell from the day before Xmas to Whitmonday, addressed to the Sheriff of Dm. ... ..	} Jo. Dier.
92.	7 Mar. 1663.—Mem. respecting the Loan by Mr. Turner of £150, & leave to the Mayor to raise and pay him £30.	