

Before the battle of Flodden in 1513, the Scots destroyed the little tower of the parson of Ford. The stone-house attached to the tower of Kirk Newton appears to have been burnt by them during the foray they carried as far as Fowberry in 1532.

V.—BORDER SURVEYS IN THE 16TH CENTURY.

In 1538, or soon after, John Leland, the Royal Antiquary of Henry VIII., arrived at Newcastle on one of his long journeys through the kingdom. For his information concerning Northumberland he appears to have been chiefly indebted to Anthony Musgrave, Vicar of Corbridge, and Dr. Robert Davell, Master of the Hospital of St. Mary the Virgin in Newcastle and Vicar of Bedlington. Of a most disappointing character, very meagre and often inaccurate, it comprises the following notices of our ancient bulwarks:—¹³⁹

There appere ruines of arches of a stone bridge ouer tyne ryuer at
castelle¹⁴⁰ longging to y^e e'le of westm^r a ('litle' *erased*). 3. mil^{es} lower on the
ryuer then Corbidge

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Hasilrig of Northamptonshire¹⁴¹ hath about a .50.li lande in Northubreland
And Esselington wher is a pratie pile¹⁴² is Hasilrigg^{es}: and one of the Colinwoodd^{es}
dwellith now in it and hath the ouer site of his land^{es}.

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Tarset castelle ruines in Northumbreland ha'd by north Tyne long now to the
lord Borow.

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The wauill^{es} of Newcastle were begon as I haue harde in King Edwardes y^e
firste day as I harde by this occasion A great riche man of Newcastle was taken
prisoner by the Scottes owt of the town self as it is reported. Whe'apon he was.
raunsomid for a greate sum: And returning home he began to make a wauille on the
ripe of Tyne ryuer from Sandehille to Pandon gate and beyound y^t to the towre
agayne the Augustine freres.

¹³⁹ Leland's *Itinerary* (Orig. MS. Bodl. Lib.) vol. v. fo. 102. The date of this portion of the work is approximately fixed by the mention it makes of Harbottle's lands coming 'of late days to 2 doughters wherof the one was married to S^r Thomas Percy that was for treason hangid at Tyburne. The other was married to Fitton of Chesheshire.' Sir Thomas Percy, brother of the 6th Earl of Northumberland was executed at Tyburn in June 1537 for the share he took in Aske's rebellion.

¹⁴⁰ *i.e.* Bywell Castle.

¹⁴¹ This is corrected by the words 'Leicest^rshire of Nouseley' in the margin, said to be in the hand of Dr. Burton.

¹⁴² Leland seems to use the word 'pile' much in the modern acceptation of 'a pile of buildings', and not at all in the modern acceptation of 'pele.' Caverswall Castle in Staffordshire and many more in the southern parts of England are 'castelets or praty piles' in Leland's diction. See Note (C) p. 57.

The residew of the marchauntes of the toune seyng this towardness of one man : sette to their helping hande and continuid on tyll the hole toun was strongly about waullid and This worke was finished in Edwarde the .3. dayes as I have harde.

The strength and magnificens of y^e waulling of this towne far passith all y^e waull^{es} of the cities of England and most of the townes of Europa.

Prior castel of Dyrham the last saue one buildid the toure in Farne isleland for defence owt of the grounde Ther was a chapel and a poore house afore.

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Morley of Morpath was ons lo'd of we'cworth castel on Coket mouth.¹⁴³

Possibly Leland paid a second visit to Northumberland, as in his seventh volume¹⁴⁴ he traces his *Itinerary*

Over the little brooke¹⁴⁵ of Poltrosse the which deuideth Gillesland in Cumberland from Sowth Tyndale yn Northumbreland. then to a castel caulled Thirlewal stondyng on the same, thens directly est *thorowgh* Sowth Tyndale not far from the great ruines of the castel of cairuorein the *which be nere Thyrlawal* and so ouer North Tyne . . from a ('place called Cholle . . *erased*) . . hen directly *thorowgh the hedd*¹⁴⁶ of Northumbreland.

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[Coquet¹⁴⁷ cummithe by herbotell a goodly castle and thens to linne briggs sumtyme of stone now fallen. Therabout was great buyldinge but now desolation

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morpet a market towne is . xij longe miles frm new castle, wansbeke a praty ryver rynnithe thrwghe the syde of the towne on the hetharsyde of the river is the principall church of the towne, on the same syde is the fayre Castle stond- inge apou a hill longinge with the towne to the lord dacles of Gilsland.

¹⁴³ There is no authority for this singular statement. Morwick near Warkworth did certainly belong to the Merlays soon after the Conquest, and was by them given to the monastery of Durham, by which it was lost under obscure circumstances—Hodgson, *Northd.* II. ii. p. 469.

¹⁴⁴ Leland's *Itinerary* (Orig. MS.) Bodl. Lib. vol. vii. fo. 72. He mentions in it that the wife of Sir Edward Grey of Chillingham had been married to Sir 'Robert Helder-car,' but Sir Edward Grey who m. Anne dau. of Sir Thomas Gower and widow of Sir Ralph Eller-car of Risby, d. 6. Dec. 1533.

¹⁴⁵ The letters and words in italics are now defective in the Orig. MS. of the *Itinerary* and are supplied from Stowe's transcript of it.

¹⁴⁶ *Sic* in Stowe's transcript; the Orig. MS. probably read 'thorowgh the bredd (breadth) of Northumbreland.'

¹⁴⁷ Stowe's *Transcript of Leland's Itinerary* (Tanner MS. 464 Bodl. Lib.) fo. 139. It is very disappointing to find that the Original MS. of this the part of the *Itinerary* dealing more especially with Northumberland is lost, while Stowe's text is manifestly most corrupt, e.g. on fo. 139. 'In Ridesdale be but .3. parochie churchus, the cheffest is Ellesdene . then Halistene, and Corsansid . to thes parochis resorte the *niteriding* men other wyse *thenes* of that englishemarche.' On this passage Hodgson has based a most erudite note on the survival in Redesdale till the 16th century of the Witan and the Thaness of Saxon times! *Northd.* II., i., p. 91. Leland no doubt wrote '*niteriding* (or *nasteriding*) men othar wyse *thieves*.' Camden called them 'Ranke-riders or Taking-men.'

CASTLES IN NORTHUMBARLAND

new Castle

Chipchace a praty towne and castle hard on the easte parte of the arme of northe Tyne the whiche deuidethe Tyndale frome northehumbarland, for Tyndall thowghe it be as a parte of northumberland, yet it is as a parte privilegyd within it selfe,

Tynmouth abbay sumtym usyd for a castle,

Dalawele Castle . 4 . miles from Tynemouthe and within a mile of the shore.

Otterburne castle stondinge on otter in Ridesdale the whiche ioynethe hard apon northtyndall,

There be ruines of a castle longynge to the lord borow at mydforde on the sowthe syde of wansbeke . iiij . miles above morpeth,

It was beten downe by the kynge, for one ser Gilbert midleton robbyd a cardinall cominge out of scotland, and fled to his castle of midford,

morpeth castle stondythe by morpith towne it is set on a highe hill, and about the hill is moche wood, the towne and castle belongeth to the lord dacors, it is well mayntayned

witherington castle longinge to the wytheringtons stonde the with in halfe a myle of the shore somewhat as towchinge a gaing Coket isleland, by it runnithe a litle broke on the northe syde and there is a litle village of the same name, the broke renneth in to the se by it selfe,

werkworthe castell stondythe on the southe syde of Coquet watar, it is well maynteyned and is large, it longed to the erle of northomberland it stondithe on a highe hille the whiche for the more parte is includyd with the ryver, and is about a mile from the se, ther is a plety (*sic*) towne and at the towne ende is a stone bridge withe a towre on it beyond the bridge is banborowshire

Alnewik castle,

Howwike a litle pile longinge to the a mile from the shore,

Dunstaneborowgh a . 2 . miles beyond howwik harde on the se shore, it stonde the on a hy stone rok the castle is more than halfe amile in compace and there hathe bene great building in it, therby is a strong,

betwixt dunstanborow and banboro is Embleton a mile fro the shore and a mile from dunstanboro

bamborow, sometyme a huge and great castle one of the strongest in thos partes,

Agerston a towre apon the southsyde of lindis ryver,

Chillingham castle longinge to ser Edward Grey, whos wyfe was married to ser Robert heldercar,

foord castle in Glyndale apon the east syd of the Tille it is metly stronge but in decay

Etel castle stondinge on playne grounde hard on the este syde of Tylle longynge to the erle of Rutland,

Eyton castle longinge to ser Edward Graye . 2 . miles lower on Tyle the Etel it stondithe on the west syd of Tylle, the scotts at fioden fild bet it sore,

werke Castle on the southe syde of Twede, a praty towne there,
 norham Castle on the same syde,
 berwike on the northe syd,] * * * * *

CASTLES.

*Huttun*¹⁴⁸ a faire Castle in the midste of Northombarland, as in the Bredthe of it. It is a iiii. or v. Miles Northe from *Fenwike* Pile, and this is the oldest Howse of the *Swynburnes*.

Wallington Castle 2. Miles Est from *Hutten*. It is the cheifist Howse of the *Fenwiks*. Ser *John Fenwike* is now Lorde of it. * * * * *

Glyne risethe in *Chivet* Hills, and so into *Glyndale* on to *Newton* Village, where is a Towr. Ther is a litle Broke cawlyd *Bonbent* cumminge owf of *Scotland* rennithe into *Glyn* to *Langton* Village 9. Miles of. where is a Ruine of a Towre a Myle of. So to *Copland* Village a Mile, where the Watar brekethe into *Armes* makynge Islets; but sone after metynge, and so a 2. Mills a this Syde *Forde* Castle in to *Tylle*.

Tyle risethe in the Hills of *Chivet*, and so cummithe into *Glindale* unto a Castle caullyd *Chillingham* Castle a vi. Miles from the *Chyvet* Hylls, so to *Forde* Castle an viii Miles of, to *Ethell* Castel on the Bridge of Stone downe on the Est Syde a Mile, to *Hetton* Castle on the West Syde of the *Tylle* a 3. Miles and halfe off, so to *Twislebridge* of Stone one bow, but greate and stronge, where is a Townlet and a Towre a 2 Miles of. * * * * *

At . . *Carham* is a litle Towre of Defence agayne the *Scotts*. So to *Werke* Castle a Mile of and more, a meatly stronge Fortresse to *Cornehil* a litle Pile 2. Miles of, agaynst the whiche on the farther Rype in *Scotland* is *Cauldstreame* a Place of Nunes. So to *Norham* Castle where is also a meatly good Toune about a 3 Miles of.

We are, fortunately, able to contrast with these scanty and confused notes of Leland, the official *View of the Castles, Towers, Barmekyns, and Fortresses of the Frontier of the East and Middle Marches*, drawn up with great care by Sir Robert Bowes and Sir Ralph Ellerker at the end of the year 1541.¹⁴⁹ The part of Northumberland embraced by it, however, is only that to the west of a line drawn from Haggerston on the coast to Featherstone on South Tyne so as to include, roughly speaking,

¹⁴⁸ Leland's *Itinerary*, vol. vii., prt. I., fo. 78-81 (Hearne's ed. 1769, vii., pp. 65-66). By Hutton is meant Capheaton.

¹⁴⁹ Cotton MS. Calig., B. vii., fo. 636. (n.p.) 'Wrytten at his ma^{ties} towne of Newcastle upon Tyne the ij^a daie of December in the xxxiiijth (sic) yere of his most gracyous reigne.' The 2nd Dec. 33. Hen. VIII. was in 1541, not 1542 as in Hodgson's *Northd.*, where the whole Survey is printed, anything but accurately, III. ii. pp. 171-242 nn. Sir Robert Bowes was taken prisoner by the Scots at Halydon Rigg, 24. Aug. 1542, and was still in captivity at the end of the November following.—*Cal. State Pap. Scotland*, I., p. 41, consequently he could not have commenced the Survey with Sir Ralph Ellerker on the 8th Oct. of that year.

Chillingham, Rothbury, Wallington, Haughton, and Langley. The importance of this document is such that no apology is needed for again printing the portions of it that relate to the strongholds themselves:—

The townes lyinge upon the northe & west syde of the ryver of Tyll wthin the said East marches of England foranempst Scotland & howe the same be at this p'sent peopled & plenyshed and what castells towres & fortresses be at this daie wthin the said precyncte and howe the same be maynteyned & reparelyd¹⁵⁰ with certayne other devyces for the repayinge & fortefyng and strengthenynge of those borders muche necessary to be releved in brefe tyme

Towns &c. in the EAST
MARCHES

Fyrste upon the Ryv' of Twede & upon the west side of the ryv' of Tyll nere unto where the same ryv' falleth into Twede standeth a towne called Tylmothe of th' inherytaunce of one Claveringe being at this p'sent a childe wthin age. In the same towne be tenne husbandlands well plenyshed and in yt standeth a pece of an olde tower whiche was casten downe broughte & defaced by a knyghte of Scottes¹⁵¹ in a warre tyme more then fortye yeres paste And yet standeth more the half p'te of the vawte & walls of the same tower. The costes of the repayinge whereof ys estemed to amount & entende nere unto one hundredth m'ks

Tilmowthe

Claverings inheritance

an olde tower defaced
by the warres

reparacions estim. 100
marks

Nexte thereunto wthin a myle & a half of the said ryv' of Tyll standeth the towne of Heaton of xij husbandlands well plenyshed. In the which standeth the ruynous walls of an olde castell lykewyse rased & casten downe by the kinge of Scottes in the warre aforesaid and bothe the said castell and towne be of thinherytaunce of Graye of Chyllingham now beinge a chylde wthin age & warde to the kings ma^{ts}. A great p'te of the vawtes & walls of the said castell be yet standinge wthout any rouffes or flores And the repayinge of the same as yt is estemed well amounte unto two hundredth m'ks or nere thereabouts

Heaton

a ruinows castle defaced
by the warres

Gray of Chillingham's
inheritance

reparacions estim. 200
m'ks

The tower of Cornell standing upon the banke of the said ryver of Twede in yt be twelve husbandlandes well plenyshed

Cornell

¹⁵⁰ REPARELLE. To repair. *He salle . . . reparelle this citee, and bigge it agayne also nele als ever it was.*—MS. Lincoln A. i. 17, f. 11. REPAREL. Apparel, clothing. *To array his garden with notabil reparel.*—Ashmole's Theat. Chem. Brit., 1652, p. 214.—Halliwell *Dict. of Archæic and Prov. Words*, 1847, ii. p. 678. The simple verb APPAREL, old Fr. *apareiller*, Romanic 'adpariculare', to make equal or fit, is given with the significations, (1) To make ready, put in proper order; (2) to furnish or fit up with things necessary, in *New Engl. Dict.* Clar. Press (prt. ii.) p. 395.

¹⁵¹ *Sic* in Cotton. MS. Probably 'the Kinge of Scottes' was meant, as in the next paragraph.

a tower in good repara-
con
Gilbert Swynnowe's
inheritance

and a tower newe embattled cov'ed & put in good reparacon by one Gylbert Swynnowe gentlema' the owener & inherytur of the said tower & towne of Cornell who entendeth also as his powers may serve to buylde a barmekyn about the said tower and doth prepare stufte for the same and the said barmekyn from yt be ons well fynyshed wylbe a greate succor defence & relefe in tymes of warre aswell for thinhabytants of the said towne of Cornell as for other neybours nere adioyninge thereunto

Warke

the princes inheritance

The towne of Warke standeth also uppon the banke of the said Ryv' of Twede in the which towne bene xvj husbandlands well plenyshed of the kings Ma^{ties} of inherytaunce . There ys also a castell of the said kings ma^{tie} of thre wardes whereof the utter most wardes s'yeth for a barmekyn¹⁵² the said castell ys in greatt & extreme decaye as well by reason that yt was never p'fytely fynyshed nor the walls of the pryncypall tower or doungeon thereof was nev' cov'ed as by occasion of a battrye made upon the utter walls of the same wth greatt orden'nce at the last sege lade thereunto by the duke of Albany .

Leermouth resortes
Warke for relefe in
necessyite

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The townshippe of Leremouthe standinge two myles of the said castell & towne of Warke and parcell of the same lordeshippe conteynes twenty husbände landes well plenyshed and hath in yt no maner of fortresse but resortes all waies to the castell of Warke for their relefe in tyme of warre & necessyitie

Carrame

the princes inheritance

The townshippe of Carrame conteynes in yt viij husbandlands well plenyshed & ys all of the inherytaunce of the kinges My^{tie} (as of th' augmentacons of his graces crowne and late belonginge to the suppressed monastery of Kyrkeham wthin the countie of Yorke Hereyn ys a lytle tower wythout barmekyn or iron gate metely for the defence of thinhabytants of the said towne in a sodenly occurrante skyrmyshe and in tyme of warre they may resorte for theyr relefe to the said castell of Warke.

a littell tower for a
sodayne reskue other-
wise hath Warke for
refuge

Presfen

Gray of Chillingham's
inheritance
no fortresse, in warre
the towne left deso-
late

The townshippe of Presfen¹⁵³ conteyneth in yt viij husbandlands plenyshed & thereyn is nether tower barmekyn nor other holde by occasion whereof in every apparence of warre the ten'ntes there recules¹⁵⁴ inwarde to some fortresse for their

¹⁵² On the word 'Barmekyn,' see Note (E) p. 64. For the repairs of Wark Castle, 12 Feb.—10 Nov., 1543, see Harl. MS., 1724.

¹⁵³ Presfen near Carham now corrupted into Presson.

¹⁵⁴ *Sic* in Cotton. MS.

suertye & leaves the same towne waste, redye to be spoylled or destroyed wth enemyes and the said towne ys of the Inheritaunce of Graye of Chylyngham and now in the order of lyonell Graye esquier porter of the said towne of Barwyke.

The townshippe of Myndrome conteynes in yt xvj husband lands nowe plenyshed and of thinherytaunce of the said Graye of Chillingham and because there ys nether towre barmekyn nor other fortresse yn yt whereyn the ten'nts maye be releved in tyme of warre Therefore in ev' y apparence of a troublous worlde or warre yt ys abandoned & left waste as an easye praye for enemyes to ov'ronne

The townshippe of Monylawes conteyneth in yt ix husbandlands & ys nowe plenyshed In yt ys nether tower barmekyn nor fortresse & therfore yt suffereth greatt hurte in tyme of warre Wyll'm Strouther of Easte Newton gentlemā ys the Inherytur & owener of this towne

The townshippe of Downeham conteyned in tyme passed viij husbandlands and when yt lay waste by occasion of warre Sr Cuthbert Ogle clerke purchased yt & hath buylded thereyne an newe tower as yet but of two house heighte and not fully fenysched by one house heighte and imbattlements nor hath not as yet any barmekyn and the said Sr Cuthbert occupieth the said towne nowe but with two plowes of his owne The resydewe thereof he kepeth to medowe and pasture for his owne cattall

The townshippe of Pawston conteyneth xij husband lands now plenyshed one Garrarde Selbye gent. of late purchased this towne and in yt hath buylded a lytle tower wthout a barmekyn not fully fenysched

The townshippe of Kylham conteyneth xxvj husband lands nowe well plenyshed and hathe in yt nether tower barmekyn nor other fortresse whiche ys greatt petye for yt woulde susteyne many able men for defence of those borders yf yt had a tower & barmekyn buylded in yt where nowe yt lyeth waste in ev' y warre and then yt is a greatt tyme after or yt can be replenyshed againe and the most parte thereof ys the inherytaunce of the said Mr Graye of Chyillingham

The townshippe of Shotton¹⁵⁵ was sometyme of vj husband lands & nowe lyeth waste & unplenyshed and so hath continued this xxx^{to} yeres & more And the most parte thereof ys the Inherytance of the Erle of Rutland

Myndrome

Gray of Chillingham's inheritance

in warre left to the enemy

Monylawes

Wm Strowthers inheritance No fortresse but desolate in warre time

Downeham

layed waste by warres

a towre built by Sr Cuthbert Ogle

in his private occupying

Pawston

Garrard Selbyes inheritance a little tower unfinished

Kylhame

most part Gray of Chillingham's inheritance

No fortresse desolate therefore by warre Fytye being a good plot

Shotton

most part Erle of Rutland's inheritance. continuyd wast these 30 years

¹⁵⁵ Shotton, now in Pawston township, near where the river Bowmont flows out of Scotland.

Anterchester	The townshippe of Anterchester ¹⁵⁶ was sometye by esty-macon of viij husband lands & hath lyen waste unplenyshed sythence before the remembraunce of any man now lyvyng
Gray of Chillingham's inheritance waste out of mans memorye	and ys of the inherytaunce of the said Rauffe Graye of Chyllingham
Elterton	The townshippe of Elterton ¹⁵⁷ hath in lyke wyse lyen so longe tyme waste that yt can not be well p'ceyved howe many husband lands yt dyd conteyne And yt ys of th' inherytaunce of the said Mr Graye .
Gray's inheritance waste time out of mind	
Heddon Alesdone & Trohope	And in lyke wyse the townshippe of Heddon ¹⁵⁸ Alesdon ¹⁵⁹ & Trohope ¹⁶⁰ lyinge under the Este ende of Chevyott hath lyen waste and unplenyshed ev' sythence before the remembraunce of any man now lyvyng & ys also of th' inherytaunce of the said Rauffe Graye of Chyllinghame
Gray of Chillingham's inheritance waste time out of mind	
Hethepole	The townshippe of Hethepol conteyneth vj husband lands
a little stone house	newe plenyshed & thereyn .ys a lytle stone house or pylé ¹⁶¹ whiche ys a greate releyffe to the ten'nts thereof And the most parte of thys towne ys of th' inherytaunce of Sr Roger Graye and other ffreholders have p'cell of the same
most Sir Roger Graye's inheritance	
West Newton	The townshippe of West Newton conteyneth xij husband lands nowe plenyshed & hathe in yt neyther fortresse nor barmekyn but resort for their relefe in tyme of nede unto the towne of Est Newton and ys of th' inherytaunce of Wyll'm Strouther of the said Est Newton gent.
Strowther of Est Newton's inheritance	
No fortresse	
Repayre for succour in time of warre to Est Newton	
East Newton	At Est Newton ¹⁶² there ys a lytle towre and a stone house
a little towre	

¹⁵⁶ Anterchester has altogether disappeared in the Ordnance Maps. It stood on high ground to the west of Mindrum between the range of Horse Ridge and the Camp Hill. The 'Dercestre' probably of the Pipe Roll 33 Hen. II. (Hodgs. *Northd.* III. iii. p. 43), it appears as the manor of 'Antrichestre' in 1379-80 (Inq. p.m. Sir John de Arundel and Eleanor his wife 3 Ric. ii. num. 1), and corrupted into 'Turn Chester' on the older maps of Northumberland (Armstrong's 1769, Greenwood's 1828, Shadforth and Dinning's 1847).

¹⁵⁷ Elterton, another vanished township, lay on the east side of the Elterburn which formed the march to Scotland to the south of Shotton. 'Nere the fote of Elterburne the Scottes had dem'd the water of intente to make yt alter the course ry'e towarde England so that thereby they mighte wyne the haughes endlonge that burne syde And Sr Rob't Ellerker had broken the damynge & sett the water againe in his righte course'—Hodgs. *Northd.* III. ii. p. 219 n.

¹⁵⁸ Heddon, represented probably by the Butterstone Shank of the Ordnance Survey, was in the upper part of the valley, in which rises the burn that flows into the Glen at Kilham. Lord Grey was the proprietor of Heddon and of Thompson's Walls, lower down the same valley in 1663—Hodgs. *Northd.* III. i. p. 279.

¹⁵⁹ Now Elsdonburn, on the mountain-stream that joins the College-burn just below Hethpool.

¹⁶⁰ Now Troughburn, situated in the 'hope' that opens out into the valley of the College-burn a little above Hethpool. This was the manor of 'Trollope' in 1379-80—Hodgs. *Northd.* III. ii. p. 251.

¹⁶¹ On the word 'Pele,' see Note (C) p. 57.

¹⁶² Kirk Newton; the stone house was probably burnt in the raid of 1532.

**CASTLES TOWERS
BARMKINS & FORTRESSES
along the East & Middle Marches.**

— 1541. —





THE BORDER HOLDS OF NORTHUMBERLAND.



joyned to the same the walls of which stone house ys so lowe that in the laste warres the Scotts wanne the said stone house & sett fyre on yt and had thereby almost brunte the tower & all The experyence whereof sheweth that yt were expedyente to rase the walls of the said stone house higher and to fortefye the same able for the defence of common skrymyshes This tower ys of th'inherytaunce of the said Will'm Strouthier and he hath there two husband lands w^{ch} he occupyeth as his demayne wth his owne plowes

The towneshippe of Yeveryng conteyneth viij^{te} husband lands all nowe plenyshed & hathe nether in yt fortresse nor barmekyn & is of the Inherytaunce of the said Gray of Chillingham

The towneshippe of Aykeld conteyneth xvj husband lands all plenyshed and hath in yt a lytle fortelett or bastle house¹⁶³ wthout a barmekyn And the most p'te thereof ys of th'inherytaunce of the said Mr Graye of Chyllingham

The towneshippe of Homylton conteyneth xij husband lands now plenyshed and hath yn yt nether fortresse nor barmekyn yt is of the Inherytaunce of the Erle of Rutland and of one Ellwycke

The towneshippe of Wouller conteyneth xx^{ti} husband lands all plenyshed and had a lytle towre standynge stronglye whiche dyd muche releve as well the Inhabytants of the same towne as of two or three vyllages nere adjoyninge thereunto yt stode in a marvelous convenyent place for the defence of the countrye thereabout And the half of yt ys fallen downe for lacke of reparacons nowe lately this same yere And yt had muche nede to be reedyfied againe for the defence of all that quarter ffor nere thereby ys the common entree & passage of the Scottes for invadyng this realme or makinge any spoyle in tyme of warre or troubles peace And yt is thought that fortye pounds would yett repaire the ruynes & decayes thereof And yf yt be not shortly amended yt wyll allwaies in processe of tyme fall in gretter decaye and the more chargeable to repaire The said towre and muche of the towne ys of th'inherytaunce of the said Mr Graye of Chyllingham nowe duringe his mynorytie beinge in warde to the kynges ma^{tie}

The towneshippe of Yerdle conteyneth x husband lands and hath in yt a bastell house wthout a barmekyn & ys of th'inherytaunce of Thomas Hebburne esqre and Gylbert Scotte

The towneshippe of Mydleton Hall conteyneth iiij hus-

requireth more fortification for common forrayes

Strowther's inheritance

Yeveryng

Gray of Chillingham's inheritance

No fortresse

Aykeld

Gray of Chillingham a lytle fortelett

Homylton

Erle of Rutlands and Elwikes
No fortresse

Wouller

a lytle towre in decay

A necessary place of defence

The Scottes common passage

Gray of Chillingham's inheritance

Yerdle

Hebburn and Scottes a lytle fortresse

Middleton Hall

¹⁶³ On the word 'Bastle,' see Note (F.) p. 65.

two stone howses	band lands plenyshed & hath in yt two stone houses or bastells
Robert and John Rotherforthes	the one of th'inheritaunce of Robt Rotherforthe & thother of John Rotherforthe
Langton	The towneshippe of Langton conteyneth xij husbandlands
an old tower cast down by the Scotts	plenyshed & in yt standeth a greatt p'te of the walls of an olde tower whiche was rased casten downe by the kinge of Scotts in a warre time nowe more than xl th yeres paste & by estymacon an hundreth merks would repayre yt agayne and
Erle of Rutland and Strouthers inheritance	the said tower ys of th'inherytaunce of the Erle of Rutland and of Wyll'm Strother gentlëman
Cowpland	The towneshippe of Cowpland conteyneth x husband
Gray of Chillingham's	lands plenyshed & hath in yt nether fortresse nor barmekyne
No fortresse	and of th' inherytaunce of the said Graye of Chyllingham
Milne feld	The towneshippe of Mylnefelde conteyneth vj husband
Muschien's widow	lands plenyshed w th out any fortresse or barmekyn and ys of
No fortresse	th'inherytaunce of a wedowe late the wyfe of Mychaell Muschiens
Howtill	The towneshippe of Howttyll conteyneth x plowe lands
Burrell's inheritaunce	plenyshed and there standeth a greatt parte of the walls of a
a tower caste downe by the Scottes 40 yeres past 40l ⁱ wold bild it agayne	tower that was rased and casten downe in a warre tyme by the Kinge of Scottes more than xl th yeres paste and by estymacon xl th wold repaire yt againe yt ys of one John Burrells Inherytaunce
Brankstone	The towneshippe of Brankëstone conteyneth xvj husband
Ths Mannors inheritance	lands plenyshed & in yt ys a lytle tower w th out a barmekyn
a towre repayed by John Selby	which was lykewyse rased by the Scotts and ys newly repared agayne by one John Selby gentleman Inherytour of the said towre and of one parte of the said towne the resydewe of the said towne ys of th'inherytaunce of therle of Rutland and one Thomas Manors Gentleman
Croukhame	The towneshippe of Croukhame conteyneth xxj husband
Heron's inheritance	lands plenyshed w th out any fortresse or barmekyn Albeyt thë ten'nts thereof in a troublous tyme or warre do resorte for their relefe to the castell of fforde standinge upon the Est syde of the ryver of Tyll and this towne ys of the inherytaunce of the heyre of Sr Wyll'm heron nowe beyng in warde to the Kings ma ^{tie}
Eddersley	The towneshippe of Eddersley ¹⁶⁴ conteyneth x husband
Heron's inheritaunce	lands plenyshed w th out fortresse or barmekyn and lykewyse the tenn'nts thereof resorte for theyr relefe in tyme of nede to the said Castell of Forde and this towne ys also of thinherytaunce of the same Sr Wyll'm Heron's heyre
Succored at Forde Castle	

¹⁶⁴ Now Heatherslaw near Ford.

The townshippe of Eworthe¹⁶⁵ conteyneth xij husband lands well plenyshed without fortresse or barmekyn and ys of thinherytaunce the said Graye of Chyllingham and the ten'nts thereof in tyme of nede do resorte to the tower of Fenton standynge nere thereby upon the southe est syde of the said ryver of Tyll

Eworthe
Gray of Chillingham
succored at Fenton
tower

The townshippe of new Etayle conteyneth viij husband lands plenyshed wthout fortresse or barmekyn and ys of thinherytaunce of the Erle of Rutland and the ten'nts thereof in tyme of nede resorte to his castell of Etayle standynge upon the Est syde of the said ryver of Tyll

New Etayle
Erle of Rutland

The townshippe of Fowberye conteyneth viij husband lands well plenyshed & hath in y^t a tower wthout a barmekyn in reasonable good reparacons and is of thinherytaunce of Rycharde Fowberye gentleman

succored at Etayle
castell

Fowberye
a towre Fowberye's
inheritance

The townshippe of Chatton conteyneth xxx^{ti} husband lands plenyshed of the kyngs ma^{ties} inherytaunce late of the Erle of Northumberland's lands In y^t be two lytle towers without barmekyns thone of thinherytaunce of the said Richard Fowbery¹⁶⁶ and thother ys the mansion of the vycaredge

Chatton
the princes inheritance
two towers without
barmekyns
Fowberyes and the
vicarage

This part of Glendall lyinge upon the west syde of the said ryver of Tyll ys a very good plenteous and fertyll cowntrye and wyll bere and susteyne a greatt nomber of men with lyvinge able to maynteyne horse & harnes for defence of the borders there Every husband lande a man yf they be not to hye rented

Glendall
this part a very fertile
soil well peopled

Albeyt because there ys not in this said part of Glendale towers and fortresses sufficient to releve all the inhabytants thereof wth theyr horses in tyme of warre nor yet barmekyns for the savegarde of their cattalls so sone as there ys any apperance or suspeccon of warre the most parte of thinhabytants thereof do withdrawe themselves with their goods inwarde to other fortresses for their defence and leaves the said border by west the said ryver of Tyll almost dyssolate & waste and yf warre contynue longe those ten'nts provyde them of other fermes And so y^t is a longe season afterthende of every suche warre or that frounter and border can be again peopled and replenyshed

from want of relefe
in warres desolate and
not replenyshed in
long time again

¹⁶⁵ Now Ewart.

¹⁶⁶ Chatton. Roger Fowberry gent. holdeth there a Tower builded on the Lord's Waste of the Towne aforesaid And Renteth by Yeare at the Termes aforesaid. (Note—This Tower was builded by Lycence of y^e Lord for a Strength to y^e Towne there & now y^e Inherytance thereof claymed by Roger Fowberry).
—Stockdale's Survey, 1586; at Alnwick Castle.

Warke castle repayed
will servethis purpose

For the remedy whereof we thinke ys most necessary fyrste that the kings ma^{tie} said castell of Warke be repered and fortified in forme afore expressed and that in avoydinge of excessyve costs suche towers and fortresses as be in the same precyncte begonne te be buylded may be fynyshe and lykewyse where there remayneth standyne a parte of anye fortresse whiche hath bene before tyme rased or decayed the same to be newly reedyfied and repared wth barmekyns about every tower

All fortresses to be re-
edified wth barme-
kyns aboute every
towre

A new tower and barme-
kyne to be made at
Kilham

Also that a new tower and a barmekyne be made at Kilham and that the townshippes be so assygned unto such fortresses and barmekynes as they with their goods may be releved in tyme of necessity and to be so apporconed & rated that at the lest fourty persons or mo be assygned to every fortresse for as we thinke the more men that bene together in any fortresse so, that yt may conveniently conteyne them with their goods the more stronger shalbe the defence thereof

Forty persons to be as-
signed to every for-
tesse the mo the
stronger

Great store of lime &
stone

Also we thinke that there ys in those parties convenyent store of lymestone fre stone and rough stone suffycient for the buyldinge and reparacons of the said towers and barmekyns but there ys no store of tymbre wood in those parties so that yf yt shalbe the kings ma^{ties} pleasure that suche warkes and buyldings shalbe sett forwarde in those parties there must nedes be a gret provysion of Tymbre made in places upon the sea coste or upon ryvers naverage and the same to be conveyed by shippe to Holly llande and Twedemouthe & there to be wroughte and broken in peces after such lengthes and sortes as shalbe requysyte in the said buyldyngs for sparinge of muche carriage whiche surely ys verry nedefull the caryage of beasts be so small & weake in those parties wth suche good & pollytyke provysion we esteme that the buyldinge of a convenient tower in that countrie shall not excede the charge of an hundreth pounds & a barmekyn two hundreth marks.

Timber to be brought
from other places to
Hollye Islande and
Twedemouthe there to
be wrought for sparing
carriage

100li bilde a tower 200
mks a barmekin

Competent rewardes to
such as have bilt
Recompence to owners
whose fortresses are
raised by warres wold
encourage others

Also we suppose that yf yt would please the quennes¹⁶⁷ ma^{tie} to gave some competente rewardes unto suche persons as have allredye begonne to buyde fortresses upon those borders and also to such as be owners of the said houses which were raised by the Scottes towarde the sufficientlye repayrynge

¹⁶⁷ *Sic* in Cotton. MS. As this View of the Frontier was completed in Dec., 1541, Katherine Howard was then still Queen of England: but in circumstances that make it evident she could not have been called on to reward the builders of border fortresses. Probably this is a clerical error, due to the Cotton. MS. being a copy made of the original View in the reign of Mary or Elizabeth.

fynysshyne & performyne of the same they might thereby be induced & encouraged to bere a greatt parte of the chargs thereof themselves as farre as their powers wolde extende

The Fortresses standinge & beinge upon the Frounters & borders of the said marches of England endlonge the ryvers of Twede & Tyll upon the Este syde of the said ryver of Tyll

At Twedemouthe upon the southesyde of the ryver of Twede foranest Barwyke there ys two lytel towers in reasonable good reparacons the one belongeth to the hospytal of Kepeyere within the byshopprycke of Durrisme & thother ys of thinherytaunce of

At Scrymmerstone upon the sea coste a myle from the said ryver of Twede ys a great olde towre muche decayed for lacke of contynuall necessary reparacons and yt is of thinherytaunce of a gentlewoman that is heyre to John Swynowe & maryed to one Edmund Lawson

At Cheswyke but two myles from the said ryver of Twede there ys a lytle tower of the inhereytaunce of one Thomas Mannors & others beinge lykewyse in decaye for a lacke of reparacons

At Braggarstone¹⁶⁸ beinge thre myles from the said ryver of Twede there standeth against the stronge tower of thinherytaunce of one Thomas Haggarsen & yt is in myeserable good reparacons

At Ancrofte two myles from the said ryver of Twede there ys a lytle fortresse standinge nere unto the churche of the saide towne of thinherytaunce of Gray of Chillingham scarce-ly beinge in good repare

A Lawyke foure myles from the said ryver of Twede there is a towre of thinherytaunce of Mr Swynburne of Captheton

At Byermore beyng of lyke dystance from the said ryver of Twede there ys a tower of thinherytaunce of Mr Muschyens in extreme decaye & almoste ruynous for lacke of reparacions

At Berryngton beyng thre myles from the said ryver of Twede there was a towre of thinheritance of therle of Rutland w^{ch} for lacke of reparacons ys lately fallen to extreme ruine & decaye

At Shoreswolde but a myle from the said ryver of Twede standeth a pece of a tower that was rased & casten downe by the Kinge of Scotts in a tyme of warre xli^{ti} yeres & more passed and belongeth to the Colledge of Duresme

Fortresses at

Twedemouth
two little towers

Scrimmerstone
an old towre in decay
a gentlewoman married
to one Lawson

Cheswyke
a little tower in decay

Thomas Mannors

Braggarstone
A strong tower in reason-
able reparacions
one Haggarsen's

Ancrofte
a little fortresse scarce
in reparation
Gray of Chillingham's

Lawyke
a tower
Swynborne of Cap Hetons

Byermore
a towre in extreme
decay
Mr Muschyens

Berryngton
a towre decayed
Erle of Rutland's

Shoreswolde
a pece of a towre de-
faced in the warres
The Colledge of Durham's

¹⁶⁸ *Sic* in Cotton. MS., which if it had been the original View could hardly have contained such a blunder for 'Haggarstone.'

Norrham a castle well furnyshed the B. of Durrams	The castle of Norrham standinge nere unto the said ryver of Twede belonginge to the byshoppe of Duresme ys in very good state both in reparacons & fortificac'ons well furnyshed & stuffed with artyllery munyc'ons and other necessaries requysyte to the same
Thornbye a little towre in good case Herons	At Thornebie ¹⁶⁹ there is a lytle towre in reasonable good reparac'ons yt standeth within a myle of the said ryver of Twede & ys of thinherytaunce of Sr. Wyll'm Herons heyre
Newbrigging a towre in reasonable reparations Mr Ordes	At Newebygginge nere to the said ryver of Twede there ys a towre in reasonable good reparacons of thinherytaunce of George Orde esquier & at a place in the felde of the same towne called the gret hewghe there ys a stronge stone house or bastell newly made by one John Smythe
Twisle a stone house new biit one Smithes	At Twysle nere unto the said ryver of Twede there ys standinge the walls of an old fortresse or castell rased & caste downe by the Kinge of Scotts in a warre xl th yeres and more since
Grindon rigge a little tower repayred Mr Selbyes	At Gryndonrygge there ys a lytle tower of thinherytaunce of John Selbye gent. in reasonable good reparac'on and is a myle & a half from the said ryver of Twede
Duddo a towre rased Clavering's inheri- taunce	At Duddo there standeth a pece of a towre that was rased & casten down by the Kinge of Scotts in the said warre xl th yeres sence & more and yt is of the inherytaunce of Claveringe and twoo myles from the said ryver of Twede
Etayle decayed a necessary place for defence to receive a hundred men Erle of Rutland's a bridge over Tyll de- cayed	The castell of Etayle beinge of the Erle of Rutlands inherytaunce standeth upon the Est syde of the said ryver of Tyll thre myles from the said ryver of Twede ys for lacke of reparacons in very great decaye & many necessary houses within the same become ruynous & fallen to the ground Yt were muche necessary to be repared for the defence of those borders aswell in tyme of peace as for the receyvinge and lodginge of a garryson of an hundreth men or mo in tyme of warre for whiche purpose that place ys very convenient
to be reedified for pas- sage of ordeance into Scotland &c.	There was also at Etayle a brigge over the said ryver of Tyll which is decayed & fallen down of late to the great trouble hurte & annoyaunces of thinhabitants thereabouts whiche had allwais redy passage over when the said river is waxen greate & past rydinge upon horsebacke & muche necessary yt were to have yt reedyfied againe as well for the purpose aforesaid as for the conveyinge of orden'nce & armyes into Scotland over the same

¹⁶⁹ Generally called Thornton. Place-names in Northumberland do not end in the Danish 'by.' There was another Thornton Tower at Newbrough on South Tyne.

The castell of Forde standinge lykewyse upon the Est syde of the said ryver of Tyll was bronnte by the laste Kinge of Scotts a lytle before he was slayne at Flodden felds some parte thereof hath bene repanelled againe sythence that tyme but the great buyldinges & most necessarye houses resteth ever sythens waste and in decaye the whiche if they were repaired were able to receyve and lodge an hundreth & mo horsemen to lye there in garryson in tyme of warre and for that purpose yt is a place muche convenient & standeth well for servyce to be done at any place within the said Est marche and ys of thinherytaunce of Sr Will'm Heron's heyres

Forde

a Castle decayed

fit to lodge 100 men
and for any service
on the Est marches

Heron's inheritance

a little towre the parson's mansion

unfinished

much for the defence
of the towne

Fenton

a great tower with a
barmekin in decay

There ys also in the same towne a lytle tower which was the mansion of the parsonage of the same & a quarter thereof was casten downe by the last Kinge of Scotts at the tyme aforesaid and Sir Cuthbert Ogle parson of the churche there beganne to reedyfie the same againe & rased the wall thereof two houses highte and there so yt resteth and yt were muche requysite to be fynysht for defence of that towne

At Fenton lykewyse standinge upon the Est syde of the water of Tyll there ys a grett towre wth a barmekyn in great decaye in the rooffe and floores and the walls of the barmekyn wth other necessary houses wthin the same and yt were muche requysyte that yt were kepte in reparations for yt standeth in a very convenient & apte place for lyinge of an hundreth men in garryson in tyme of warre against Scotland and yt is of the inherytaunce of the said Graye of Chyllingham

mete for a garrison of
100 men

Gray of Chillinghams

At Nesebytte there was a towre of thinheritaunce of Sir Roger Graye but yt is longe synce for lacke of reparacons decayed & fallen and no fortresse there nowe remaineth

Nesebitt

a towre utterly ruyned

Sr Roger Grayes

At Wetewood there is a lytle towre of thinheritaunce of one Wetewood gent. in measurable good rep'acons

Wetewood
a little towre in reparations
one Wetewoods

Horton

At Horton there is a greatt towre wth a barmekyn of Sir Roger Grayes Inherytaunce & his chefe house in great decaye for lacke of contynuall reparacons & greatt petye yt were that yt should be suffered to decaye for yt standeth in a very convenient place for the defence of the countrie thereabouts

a great tower with a
barmekin in decay

a place mete for defence & Grayes

At Holburne ys a towre and a barmekyn of thinherytaunce of Thomas Holburne esquier in measurable good rep'acons

Holburne a tower &
barmekyn
Holburns inheritance

At Hesellerygge ys a lowe towre w^{ch} was never fully fynysht of thinherytaunce of Thomas Haggarstone esquier kepte in measurable good rep'acons

Heselrigge a low tower
not finished one Haggarstones

Upon the viewe & examynacon of the estate of these afore-

Cause of decay

The owners retire for
more surety & avoyd-
ing expence into the
country further from
the borders

Fortes left by little &
little fell to decay

L'es addressed to the
owners for to redresse
the same

said fortresses we p'ceyved that a great cause of the decaye of the same was that the oweners thereof for their more easye quyetnes & savyng of expences dyd wthdrawe from their houses standinge nere to the uttermost borders and frounter towarde Scotland and inhabyte themselves in fermes or other smaller houses wthin the cuntreye further dystante from the sayd borders to the great decaye of the same And also not regardinge their said uttermost fortresses or houses at the fyrste made for defence & strengthninge of the said borders for lacke of necessary contynuall rep'acons have suffered them by lyttle & lyttle to fall in extreme ruyn & decaye Whereupon we devysed to geve straye monyc'on & charge in the Kings ma^{ties} name unto all such p'sons as bene fownde in suche defaulte wth convenient spede to reforme the same and for that purpose we addressed l'es of the tenor hereafter folowinge unto all these p'sons (the said Erle of Rutland onely except) whome aswell because he ys not resyante in those p'ties as consyderinge his greatt estate & degree we refarre unto the Kings ma^{tie} & his most hon'able councell to take further order wth hym in that behalfe

The copy or minute of the l're aforesaid.—After our ryghte hartly cōmendacons these shalbe to adv'tyse you that whereas we beinge by the King our sov'eigne lordes comyssion authorysed & appoynted to viewe & survey the wastes & decayes of his graces fronnters & borders of his Este & mydle m'ches of England foranenste Scotland do well p'ceive & knowe that the toure or fortresse of a. b. beinge of yo^r Inherytaunce & standinge & scytuate in a place apt & conveniente for the strength & defence of the said borders of England ys not onely ruynous & in extreme decaye by yo^r neglygence & for lacke of contynuall necessary reparacons but also the same your house is onely used & inhabyted wth herdes & hynds whereof a greatt p'te be Scotts borne for y^r onely lucre & advantage and contrary to the com'on welthe of all the kinge our said sov'eigne lords subiects inhabytinge upon these his graces said marches & borders (for reformacon whereof we in the Kinge our said sov'eigne lordes name and by vertue & auctorytie of his ma^{ties} said com'yssion do wyll charge & admonyshe you thatye wth convenyente expedycon wthout delaye do not onely cause your said house tower or fortresse of a. b. wth all fortificacons belonginge to the same to be putt in able & sufficiente rep'acons but that also ether ye yo^r self or some other apte & able p'son by y^r appoyntemente be p'pared & sett to in-

habyte & dwell wthin your said house by whom as well yo^r owne tenⁿts as other the inhabytants there abouts may be ledde & broughte furthe to fraye & followinge for the defence & savegarde of the said borders & m^ches against the incources of Scottes & theves as ofte as nede shall requyre Faile ye not hereof as ye will avoyde the Kinges ma^s most dredful dyspleasure & at y^r further p^yll And thus hertely fare ye well. Wrytten at Hexam. &c.¹⁷⁰

And yf they wyll not upon this monycon conforme themselves to preferre the com^on welthe of their country & the p^s's'vacon of their inheritaunce rather then their owne pryvate profytte or sensuall appetyte then we thinke there would be some meane devysed by the Kings Ma^{tie} or his most hon^oable counsell to compell suche as would be obstynate to apply themselves unto reason in that behalf

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The describe^on¹⁷¹ of the p^s'ent state of all the CASTELLS TOWERS BARMKYNS & OTHER FORTRESSES standinge & scytuate nere unto the utter border & frounter of the myddle m^ches of England wth certayne devyses for the repayringe & fortifyinge of the said borders where moste nede requyryeth aft' our fantasye & opynyon

Fyrste in the towne of West Lylburne there bene two towers the westerne toure whereof ys of thinherytaunce of one Cuthbert Proctour gent. and for lacke of contynuall necessary repac^ons ys fallen in greatt ruine and decaye for all the roves & floors thereof be wasted & fallen downe & nothing standynge but the walles The Esterne toure of the same towne ys the Inherytaunce of Sr Cuthbert Ogle clerke and the rooffe & floores thereof were lately broughte by soden fyer Lyonell Graye porter of Barwyke ys the fermer & occupyer of bothe the said toures And the fermes belonginge to the same yt were muche com^odyous for the countrye thereaboutes that the said two towers were newly repayed agayne for they stande not onely in a place com^odyous for the defence of those quarters in the tyme of peace but also in the tyme of warre they would be able to receyve and lodge an hundreth souldyours in garryson And the said west lylburne standeth wthin two myles of the waste under the southe syde of Chevyotte

West Lylburne

two towres decayed

The place of importance

able to receave 100 men in garrison

The Castell of Chyllingham of thinheritaunce of yonge

Chillingham a castle

¹⁷⁰ Hodgson in his version has here the droll misprint of 'Vary them by exam.'—*Northd.*, III. ii. p. 194 n.

¹⁷¹ Cotton. MS. Calig. B. 8. fo. 746.

Graves inheritance well repayed	Raffe Graye of the same beinge in the kinges Ma ^{te} warde & order duringe his mynorytie & none age ys in measurable good repac'ons for Sr Robt Ellerker knyghte havyng the custodie & gov ⁿ naunce of the said castell hath of late newly reparellled tke same
Hebburne a litle tower repayed	At Hebburne ys a lytle toure of thinherytaunce of Thomas Hebburne in reasonable good rep'ac'ons At Bewyke ys a good tower of the kinges ma ^{te} Inherytaunce as of the augmentac'ons of his graces crowne late belonginge to the suppressed monastery of Tynemouthe A parte thereof ys newly cov'ed w th leade & thother p'te ys not well cov'ed nor in good repac'ons And yt is much requysyte that the said tower were kept in convenyent reparill for yt standeth in a fyttle place for the defence of the cuntrye thereaboutes And is able in tyme of warre to conteyne fyfthe men in garryson
Bewike a good tower the princes inheritance	
a good place for a gar- rison of 50 men	
Ilderton a great tower wth a strong barmekin of stone	At Ilderton there ys a great tower w th a stronge barmekyn of stone of thinherytaunce of Rauffe Ilderton gentleman whiche for lacke of contynuall necessarye rep'ac'ns ys fallen in extreme ruyne & decaye and all the Rooffes & flores thereof wasted & nothings standinge but the bare walles It were muche necessarye and requysyte to have the said fortresse repaired for yt standeth uttermost in that p'te nexte unto the waste under the southe syde of Chevyott And yf yt were in good repac'ons yt would well receyve & lodge fyftie souldio's in tyme of warre
out of reparacons	
Ilderton's inheritance	
a mete place for garri- son of 50 men	
Roddon a litle tower unrepayed Roddons inheritance	At Roddome there is a lytle toure w th out a barmekyn of thinherytance of John Roddom esquier the rooffe ys decayed for lacke of necessarye repaco'ns
Crawley	At Crawley there is a lytle toure of thinherytance of the daughter and heyre of S Wll'm Heron in greatt decaye for lacke of contynuall reparac'ons
a litle towre unre- payed	
Titlington	At Tytlyngton ys a lytle toure of the kinges ma ^{te} Inherytance late belonginge to the Supp'ssed monastery of Kyrkeh'm decayed in the rooffes for lacke of repac'ons And the Imbattlementes thereof were nev' fynysheed
a litle towre the princes inheritance decayed	
Shawden	At Shawden ys a toure of thinheritaunce of Cuthb't Proc- tour in measurable good repac'ons
a towre in reparacon	
Whittingame	At Whyttyngame bene two towers whereof the one ys the mansion of the vycarédge & thother of the Inheritance of Rb't Collyngewood esquier & bothe be in measurable good repac'ons
two towres repayed	
Callalye a tower	At Callalye ys a toure of thinheritaunce of Clav'erynge in measurable good repac'ons

At Eslyngton ys a toure wth a barmekyn of the Inherytaunce of one Heslerygge esquier And in the tenor & occupaco'n of Robt. Collingewood esqui' who kepeth the same in good repac'ons¹⁷²

Eslyngton
a towre wth a barmekyn

At Ingrame ys a lytle toure w^{ch} ys the mansion house of the p'sonage there & for lacke of contynuall necessary repac'ns ys fallen in greatt decaye in the Cov'ynge & Roofes thereof

Ingrame
a little towre decayed

Also a lytle by west the said toure of Ingrame the ryv' or water of Brymyshe by rage of floodes hath worne sore upon the southe banke thereof that except there be shortely made a were & defence of the same yt is very lyke in contynnuance of tyme to were awaye both the said towne of Ingram & tower aforesaid

The water like to wear
the towne of Ingram

At Great Ryle there hath one Thomas Collingewood gent' newly buylded a toure upon the Inherytaunce of Robt Collingewood And is mynded to buylde lykewise a barmekyn about the same as his power may serve thereunto

Great Ryle a towre

At Prendyke ys lykewyse a lytle toure newlye buylded by one Thomas Aldye gent. thinherytoure of the same

Prendike a little towre

At Alname be two lytle toures whereof thone ys the mansion of the vycarege and thother of the Inherytaunce of the kinges ma^{tie} p'cell of the late Erle of Northumb'landes landes beinge scarcely in good reparac'ons¹⁷³

Aylname
two little toures oute of
reparacons

At Scrynwood is a toure & a barmekyn of the Inherytaunce of John Horseley esquier kepte in very good repac'ons

Scrynwood
a towre and a barmekin

At Byttilsden ys a toure & a barmekyn of the Inherytaunce of Percyvall Selby esqui' in good repac'ons & nere unto the same ys an other lytle toure at a place called the Cotte walles in measurable good repac'ons of the said p'cyvall Selbyes Inherytaunce

Bittilsden
a towre and a barmekin

At Borrodone ys a great toure of thinherytaunce of George Fenwycke & Percyvall Lysle in the righte of his wyfe whiche for lacke of necessary repac'ons ys fallen into extreme ruine & decaye

Borrodone
a great towre in ruine

At Clennell ys a lytle toure of thinherytaunce of one p'cyvall Clennell gent newly reparellled and brattyshed by the

Clennell
a little towre

¹⁷² Cf. Leland's *Itinerary*, ante p. 25.

¹⁷³ 'Alnham. The Lord hath there a faire stronge stone Tower of Ancient tyme builded & strongly vaulted over & the Gates & Dore be all of great stronge Iron Barres and a good demayne adjoining thereto, the House is now ruinous and in some decay by reason the Farmer useth to carry his sheep up the Staires and to lay them in the Chambers which rotteth the Vaultes and will in shorte time be the utter decay of the same house if other reformation be not had'—Stockdale's Survey, 1586, at Alnwick Castle.

- same p'cyvall And also he ys in makinge of a newe barme-
kyn about the same as his power will extende thereunto
- Allaynton
a litle stone howse
At Allaynton¹⁷⁴ ys a lytle bastell house of stone the man-
sion of the vycareadge scaresly in good repac'ons
- The Linnebrigg
At the Lynne brigge there hathe bene a stone house of
thinherytance of one Rog' Horseley but yt was bronnte &
casten downe by the Scottes in tyme paste, and the owener
hathe gathered the stones thereof unto a place of more
strength nere unto the same, and to buylde a newe bastell
house as his power wyll serve hym Intendeth¹⁷⁵
- Tharnam a tower
At Tharnam¹⁷⁶ ys a toure of thinherytance of one Rog'
Horseley in measurable good repac'ons
- Nether Trewhitt
a toure
At nether Trewhytt ys a toure of thinherytance of Edward
Gallon in measurable good repac'ons
- Hephell
a towre decayed
At Hephell ys a toure of thinherytance of the lorde Ogle
decayed in the roofes & scarcely in good repac'ons
- Throptone
a litle tower
At Throptone ys a lytle toure of thinherytance of S'
Cuthb't Ratclyffe knighte
- Cartington
a good fortresse
At Cartyngton ys a good fortresse of twoo toures & other
stronge stone houses of the Inherytance of the said S' Cuthb'
Ratclyffe knight & kepte in good repac'ons
- Harbottle castle in great
decay
Apon the Southe syde of the ryv' of Cockett ys a stronge
place & metely for the defence of all that cuntrye aswell
againste the Invasion & Incourses of Scottes in tyme of warre
as for defence of the theftes & spoyles of the Ryddesdayle men
standeth the castell of Harbottell wythin the said country
of Ryddesdayle and ys of the Inherytance of the lorde Tayl-
boys heyres & is for lacke of necessary repac'ons fallen into
extreme ruynes & decaye that greatt pety yt is to see for suerly
that castell ys muche necessary for the comon welthe of those
p'ties to be reparell & kepte in repac'ons For it serveth not
onely for defences as ys aforesaid but also yf yt were in suche
good state as hath bene yt would in tyme of warre receyve &
lodge an hundrethe souldio's & their horses And also there
is no other convenient place for the keeper of Ryddesdayle to
dwell in to conserve the Ryddesdayle men in good rule & for
the chastysinge of the evell desposed people of the same when
they offende And yt is so farre rune in ruynes in the cov'ture
Roofes floores & walles both in stone worke tymbre & leade
- a very convenient place
for to lodge a garrison
of 100 horse
for the kepar of Riddes-
dale

¹⁷⁴ Alwinton.¹⁷⁵ Cf. Leland's *Itinerary*.¹⁷⁶ Thernham in Coquetdale, now miscalled Fairnham. This permutation of 'Th' into 'F' is curious; it reminds one of the way in which the Greek Θ is pronounced like F in Russian, &c.

That we can not esteme the charge of the repac'ons thereof to bringe yt into suche a conveyent state as yt hathe bene & as yt was ordeyned afore to be any lesse sōme then foure hundreth poundes And the owener thereof hathe no tymber of his owne in those p'ties to repare yt wth all nor none groweth nere thereunto but that the kirges ma^{tie} hath in Rothebury forrest & breakeburne being p'celles of thaughtmentac'ons of his graces crowne asmu^{che} tymbre growinge as we esteme will sufficiently serve for the repac'ons of the castell And yf yt be not amended in brefe tyme yt will more & more decaye & shortly be paste Inhabytac'on which would be a m'velous great hurte & loss to all that countrye

In short time wilbe unhabitable

We have not dyrected any l'res of monyc'on to the lorde & owener of the said castell for the reparelleinge of the same because we knewe not certainly who is the Inherytour thereof nor he dwelleth not in these p'ties And as we thinke he would be better & more soner p'swaded thereunto by moc'on of the kirges ma^{tie} & his most hon'able counsell then by our l'res unto whom we reserve the p'mysse as matter of greatt Importaunce & necessarye for the comon of these marches

At Barrowe a lytle above Harbottell upon the southe syde of the same ryv' of Cokett standeth the olde walles of a lytle fortresse of the Inherytance of one Gerrard Barrowe which in tyme past was brounte & rased by the Scottes in a warre tyme And so remaineth still waste because the oweners thereof have bene but poor men and not able nor of power sythens to reparell the same

Barrow
a little fortresse ruyned
by the warres

At a place called the hare clewgh one Rog' hangingeshawes hath lately buylded upon his owne Inherytance a stronge pele house of stone in a conveyent place for resystence of the Incourse of theves of Ryddesdayle and he ys not able in defaulte of substance to p'forme & fynyshe the same

Hare Clewgh
a stone pile not finished

At Great Tosson is a tower of the lorde Ogles Inherytance & not in good repac'ons

Great Tosson
a towre

At Whytton nere unto Rotheberye is a toure & a lytle barmekin beinge the manc'on of the p'sonage of Rothbery and is in good reparac'ons

Wyton
a towre and a little
Barmekin

At Elyburne p'cell of the lordeshippe of Rotheberye is a strong pele house of the kirges ma^{ties} Inherytance as of thaughtmentac'ons of his graces crowne & p'cell of the late erle of Northumb'lands landes¹⁷⁷

Elyburne
a strong pile

¹⁷⁷ All memory of the strong pele house of Elyburne has been lost; the very name has perished. It was evidently between Whitton and Ritton; and the passage 'Rothebury: Thornyhaughe—Roger Mutford tenet unum tenementum

Rytton a stone house oute of reparacions	At Rytton is a stone house & a lytle barmekyn of the kinges maties Inherytance p'cell of thaugmentac'ons of his graces crowne lately belonginge to the suppresssed monastery of Newemnstre scarcely in good repac'ons
Grenelyghton a little stone house wth a barmekin	At Grenelyghton is a lytle stone house wth a barmekyn of the same Inherytance & not in good repac'ons
Rotheley a litle toure	At Rotheley is a lytle towre of the same inherytance in measurable good reparacions
Harterton a strong house	At Harterton hall ys a stronge bastell house of the Inherytance of Sr John Fenwyke in good repac'ons
The Sawnes a little pile	At the Sawnes ¹⁷⁸ is a lytle pele house or bastell of thinherytance of the said Sr John Fenwyke in measurable good repac'ons
Wallyngton a strong towre	At Wallyngton is a stronge toure & a stone house of thinherytance of the said Sr John Fenwyke in good repac'ons
Little Harle a towre	At lytle harle ys a toure of thinherytance of Thomas Fenwyke in good repac'ons
Kirk Welpington a little towre	At Kyrke Whelpyngton is a little toure the mansyon of the vyccaredege in good repac'ons
Hawike a bastell howse	At Hawyke ys a bastell house of thinherytance of one Bellyngiam in good repac'ons
Swetehope a bastell howse	At Swetehope is an other bastell house of thinherytance of Sr John Fenwyke knyghte in good repac'ons
Fylton more a bastell howse	At Fylton more is a bastell house called the Whyte house of the kinges maties Inheritance p'cell of the Augmentac'on of his graces crowne belonginge to the late suppresssed monastery of Newemminster in measurable good repac'ons
Carre Cottes a bastell howse	At Carre Cottes ¹⁷⁹ in the said Fylton more is an other bastel house of the same Inherytance in measurable good repac'ons

&c. in Elybornemouth' in Hall and Humbertson's Survey of the confiscated estates of Thomas Earl of Northumberland in 1569 (Vol. I., p. 65, P.R.O.) seems to prove the Elyburne to be the same stream as that now known as the Forest Burn which flows into the Coquet near Thornyhaugh. Consequently we may be justified in regarding the Lee, a farm house on the Forest Burn, in the direct line between Whifton and Ritton, as occupying the site of Eliburne pele. Mr. D. D. Dixon of Rothbury, it is gratifying to find (considering the great knowledge he possesses of the Forest and its history), agrees with this identification. 'The proximity (to the Lee) of an old hollow way—the ancient road—seems,' he remarks, 'to denote the spot as an old centre.'

¹⁷⁸ i.e., the Fawnes, to the north of Wallington, so called in Swinburne deeds of the 15th century. See *Hodgs. Northd.* III. ii. p. 10. Accordingly to Jamieson's *Dict. of the Scottish Language*, Paisley, 1833, white spots on moorish ground are called *Fawns* in Ettrick Forest.

¹⁷⁹ Carry Coats may possibly be derived from the Celtic *Caer y coed*—the stronghold in the wood.'

At lytle Swyneburne is a lytle toure of thinheritaunce of Thomas Mydleton of Belso esqui' decayed in the roofes

Little Swinborne
a little towre decayed

At Mykle Swynburne¹⁸⁰ hath nebe a great toure of the Inherytaunce of S^r John Wetherington knyghte but all the roofes & floores thereof bene decayed & nothings standinge but the walles

Mickle Swinborne
a great towre decayed

At Gonnerton is a toure & a stone house of thinherytance of S^r John Fenwyke knyghte in good repac'ons

Gonnerton
a towre & a stone howse

At Chypchase ys a fare tower & a manor of stone warke Joyned thereunto of thinherytance of John Heron of the same esquier kepte in good repac'ons

Chipchase
a fayre towre and manor
of stoneworke

At Symondburne ys a stronge toure of foure house height of thinherytance of S^r Wyll'm Herons heys and yt standeth of a very stronge ground a myle from Chypchase upon the west side of the ryv' of northe tyne & ys in measurable good repac'ons

Symondburne
a strong towre in a very
strong grownd

And in the same towne of Symondburne ys a nother lytle towre the manc'on of the p'sonage there in measurable good repac'ons

a little towre

At the hall barnes in the same towne ys a bastell house of the late Inheritance of S^r Will'm Heron in good repac'ons

The Hall barnes
a bastle howse

At Hawghton two myles southe from the said towne of Symondburne standeth the walles of an olde castell or fortesse very stronge but the roofes & floores thereof bene decayed & gone And an olde barmekyn p'tely decayed in the walles thereof of thinherytance of S^r John Wetherington knyghte & in greatt decaye

Hawghton
a fortesse very strong
but decayed

At Tekett ys a strong stone house of thinherytance of Wyll'm Rydley in good repac'ons

Tekett
a strong stone house

At the Carrowe is a toure & a stone house ioyninge to the same of the kinges ma^{ties} Inherytance p'cell of the augmentac'n of his graces crowne late belonginge to the supp'ssed monastery of Hexam and by a lete dymytted unto S^r Reynold Carnabye knyghte for certayne yeres yt lyeth in decaye & not Inhabyted nor in good repac'ons

Carrow
a towre and a stone howse

At Sewyngeshealles is an olde towre of thinherytance of John Heron of Chypchase esquier in great decaye in the roofes & fiores & lyeth waste & unplenyshed

Sewyngesheales
an old towre wast

At Braydley ys a stone house of the inherytance of Nycolas Carrowe & lyeth wast & unplenyshed

Braydley
a stone howse

At Satlyngstones ys a toure of thinherytance of Will'm Carnabye esquier in measurable good rep'aco'ns

Satlingstones
a towre

¹⁸⁰ Swinburne Castle.

Wawetowne a towre	At Wawetowne ¹⁸¹ is a toure of thinherytance of John Rydley of the same, and is not in good rep'aco'ns
Thirlewall a towre	At Thyrlwall ys a toure of thinherytaunce of Rob't Thyrlwall of the same in measurable good rep'ac'ons
Blenkinsopp a towre decayed	At Blenkinsoppe ys a toure of thinherytance of John Blenkinsoppe & is decayed in the rooffe & not in good rep'a-cons
Bellester a bastell house	At Bellester is a bastell house in thoccupac'n of one Blenkinsoppe & is in measurable good repaco'ns
Fetherstonhawgh a towre	At Fetherstonhaughe ys a toure of thinherytaunce of Alexander Fetherstonhaughe of the same in good rep'ac'ons
Hawtewysle a towre	At Hawtewysle is a toure of thinherytance of S ^r Will'm Musgrave knyghte in measurable good rep'ac'ons
Willimowteswike a good towre and a stone howse	At Willymonnteswyke ys a good toure & a stone house ioyninge thereunto of the Inherytaunce of Nycolas Rydley kepte in good rep'ac'ons
Langley	At Langley standeth the walles of an olde castell of thinherytaunce of the kinges ma ^{tie} as p'cell of the augmentac'ons of his graces crowne late of thinherytance of therle of Northumb'land All the rooffes & flores thereof be decayed wasted & gone & nothinge remayning but onely the walles and yt standes in a very conveyent place for the defence of the Incourses of the Scottes of Lyddesdale & of the theves of Tyndale Gyllesland & Bowecastell when they ryde to steal or spoyle w th in the byshoprycke of Duresme
an old castell defaced	
in a very convenient place	
the princes	
Newbrough a towre	At the Newbrough is a toure of thinherytaunce of the lorde Burrowe in measureable good rep'aco'ns
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Bellingeam theyr towne and assembling place	. . . In all the said countrye ¹⁸² of Tyndall there ys not any other towne or place of Cōmon resorte where vyttalles ys to be solde for money but onely at Bellingeam aforesaid nor there ys nowe standinge w th in the said countrye of Tyndall any towers save one lytle tower at heslesyde of thinherytaunce of one Charleton sōne to Edward Charleton deceased
Tarsett hawle defaced	There was w th in the said countrye of Tyndall an other tower called Tarsett hall of the lorde Burrowes Inherytaunce the which was brounte by the said Tyndalles xvj yeres sythence & more at a tyme when S ^r Rauffe Fenwyke lay w th

¹⁸¹ 'Wawetowne' (for Walltown) may only be a case of phonetic spelling. The late Mr. Lyon, Headmaster of Sherborne School, a native of Hexham, used to declare that he could tell from what particular township along the line of the Wall any man came by hearing him pronounce the word 'Wall.' Some would say Wa', some Wo', some Wael, &c., &c., the only thing none of them said was 'Wall.'

¹⁸² Cotton. MS. Calig. B. viii. fo. 856 (n. p.)

a certayne garryson in the tower at Tarsett hall for the re-
formac'on of certayne mysorders wth in the said countrie of
Tyndall There ys also an olde mansion and apparence of a
fortresse that hathe bene in tyme passed at a place in Tyndall
called Warke wythin two myles or lesse of the said Bellin-
geam of the kinges ma^{ties} Inherytaunce which Warke ys the
chefe Sygnoury & Mano^r whereof aswell all the said country
of Tyndall as almost all the townes standinge betwene the
said riv's of north tyne and South Tyne bene holden and at
the said Warke ys there a courte or lawe daye kepte at suche
tymes as the kep' of Tyndale doth appoynte the same

Warke the chefe seign-
ory of Tyndale and al
the contrye betwene
North Tyne and South
Tyne

The houses buildings & Inhabitacons of the said country
of Tyndale ys muche sett upon eyther syde of the said Ryv'
of Northe Tyne & upon other lytle brokes & rynnelles run-
ninge and descendinge into the said ryv' in strong places by
the nature of the grounde and of such strengthes naturally
fortefyed aswell by reason of mosses and marresces w^{ch} wth
great dyffycalty maye be passed wth horsemen as of bankes
& clewghes of wood whereyn of olde tyme for the more
strength great trees have bene felled and layde so ov' thwarte
the waies & passages that in dyv's places onles yt be by suche
as knowe & have experyence of those said strate & evell waies
& passages yt wylbe harde for straungers havynge no know-
ledge thereof to passe thereby in any order & sp'c'ally upon
horsebacke

Theyr howsing

Inaccessable wth
horsemen

In which naturall strength & fortyficac'ons of such places
almost inaccessible the said Tyndalles do muche rejoyce &
Imbolden themselves & when they be affrayed do rether trust
in the strength of suche places wthout their houses then to the
suertye or defence of their houses And yet suerly the hed-
desmen of them have very stronge houses whereof for the
most p'te the utter sydes or walles be made of greatt sware
oke trees strongly bounde & Joyned together wth great teno's
of the same so thicke mortressed that yt wylbe very harde
wthoute greatt force & laboure to breake or caste downe any
of the said houses the tymber as well of the said walles as
rooffes be so greatt & cov'ed most p'te wth turves & earthe
that they wyll not easily burne or be sett on fyere

Theyr howses strong

It will not escape notice that this Survey of 1541 states that the
towers at Great Ryle, Prendwick, Filton Moor, and Carry Coats had
only been recently built, while those at Downham, Pawston, and
Hezelrigg, as well as Roger Hangingshaw's 'strong pele house of

stone' at the Hare Cleugh, and 'the stronge stone house or bastell at the Great Heugh,' were not yet quite finished. Roger Horsley at the Linnebrigg had already gathered on a fresh and stronger site the stones of a house destroyed by the Scots, in order to build 'a new bastell house of stone.' The tower of Cornhill, is especially mentioned as having been 'new embattled'; the 'imbattlements' of Titlington had never been completed. Instead of building these towers, as the Normans did their keeps, in areas already enclosed by an outer wall, the Borderers of the 16th century, as instanced at Clennell, Cornhill, and Great Ryle, seem to have added their barmekins afterwards.

The terms used to describe the various strongholds are worthy of close attention. Scremerston, Borrowden, Horton, Ilderton, Mykle Swinburne, and Fenton are called 'great towers,' which, judging from the last of these, meant that they were capable of holding garrisons of a hundred men. Bewick, a 'good tower,' could accommodate fifty. At Kirk Newton, Wallington, Gunnerton, Chipchase, Carraw, and Willimoteswyke, stone houses had already been joined to the towers for the purpose of affording better accommodation for the owners and their families. The disadvantages of this in case of a siege had been experienced at Kirk Newton, apparently in 1532, since the Scots 'wan the stone house and sett fyre on yt and had thereby allmost burnt the tower and all.' These strong stone houses with gable ends when they stood alone were called 'bastells,' as we learn from the alternative designation of those at Middleton Hall, and the Great Heugh. Akeld is 'a little fortelett or bastell house.' Earle, Alwinton (vicarage), Harterton Hall, Hawick, Sweethope, the White House on Filton Moor, Carrycoats, and Bellester are 'bastell-houses,' though by some confusion, Hebburn (in Chillingham Park), the most characteristic 'bastell-house' imaginable, and one that still retains that name,¹⁸³ is called a tower. While the stronger stone houses were known as 'bastells,' the smaller came to be termed peles; Hethpool is 'a lytle stone house or pyle.' The fact that Roger Hangingshaw's abode at the Hare Cleugh is mentioned as being 'a stronge pele house of stone,' suggests that a pele might have been constructed of wood. There

¹⁸³ The Ordnance Surveyors seem to have been much puzzled by the term 'bastell' still applied to Hebburn, and have marked it on their maps as **The Bastile**, at the same time misspelling Hebburn, Hepburn, as though it had been in Scotland.

was a 'strong pele house' at Elyburn, and 'a lytle pele' house or bastell' at the Fawnes; but the sparing use made of the term 'pele' is remarkable. The instances of its employment are, however, sufficient to clearly prove that at that time it by no means conveyed the idea of a large tower. As has been already noticed, the word was originally used in the 14th century as the equivalent of a moated stronghold, while the country people in Northumberland still apply it to the remains of old fortified farm houses, never to towers of any consequence.¹⁸⁴

The Book of the State of the Frontiers and Marches betwixt England and Scotland, which Sir Robert Bowes wrote in 1550 at the request of the Marquess of Dorset, then Warden-General, informs us¹⁸⁵ that:—

"There is ij myles or more west from warke a towne that liethe waste in every warre called Myndrom whiche standithe upon the water of bowbent in a very fertile soille, and might be fortified for the suddeine, wthout it were assailed wth a powre or great ordynance, wth no great charge. If there were there made a strong towre wth stables byneth and lodging^{es} above after the fashion of Roclyf¹⁸⁶ my Lord Dacres house upon the west borders able to conteigne many men and horses, and in circuyte about it a large barmekyn or fortylage for save garde of cattle, whiche might easely in that place have water in a ditche rownde aboute. And that towne so fortified might bē a savegarde for men, horse and cattalle of sondry villages in that q^{ter} whiche now for lacke of suche fortresses lyē waste in every warre or troublesome tyme.

Also that towne of Myndrom well plenyshed, liethe so in the highe strēte, and waye, whereby the Scottes passe and repasse into those merchies of englande, that it wolde not onely be a great reliefe or defence to that frontier, but also (having ij litle piles or watche houses, the one upon Teversheughe betwene it & Warke, and the other upon Heddon Lawe betwene it & Chevyot¹⁸⁷) theie colde no scottesmen passe into Englande nor from englande, but one of those houses might discover them. And so by burnyng of beacons or shoote of a goone to give knowlege of and warnyng frome one to an other. Whereby they might assemble to resiste, repulse, or anoye thenemye, as occasion and theyre powre might serve them. The uttermost frontier thus fortyfyed upon theast m^{ches}

¹⁸⁴ On the word 'Pele,' see Note (C.), p. 57.

¹⁸⁵ State Papers, Dom. Add. Ed. VI., vol. iv., No. 30, fo. 73b. This appears to be the original of which Cotton. MS. Titus F. 13. (printed in Hodgson's *Northumberland*, III., ii. p. 171) is a copy. The title, however, is wanting, and it has consequently been tentatively placed in the printed Calendar (p. 421) under the year 1552.

¹⁸⁶ Rockliff, in Cumberland, 5 miles N.E. of Carlisle.

¹⁸⁷ Cf. 'Pauston, Pytmyers, Ryehau-ford, Shotton-burnmouth, Turnchester-bogg, North side of Myndram-bogg, Teuers-heughe, to be watched with fourteen Men nightly, of the Inhabitours of Langton, Mylnefeld, Edderslaw, Brangestone, Heton, Howtyll, Pawston, and Myndram.'—Nicholson's *Border Laws*, 1705, p. 138.

wolde cause that sondry vyllages wasted by warres and lieng long tyme uninhabited to be repeopled and plenyshed whiche were a great strengthe to those borders.

The moste parte of the fortresses towres and piles upon the utter side or frontier of those east m^{ch}es have bene in tymes past rased and casten downe by the Scottes, and yet be not repaired whiche is muche pitty to se, as the castle of Heton belonging to Mr. Gray, the towre of Twisell belonging to the heires of Heron of foorde, The towre of Howtell belonging to one burrell. The towre of Shoreswoode belonging to the College of Durham, The towre of barmo^r belonging to Edward Muschaunce. The towre of Duddo belonging to Robert Clavering. And the most parte of all the other Castles, fortresses, towres, and pyles, wthin the saide este m^{ch}es belonging as well to the kings ma^{tie} as to any other person be suffred to decaye, whiche wolde be amended, otherwise it wilbe great daungier if the Scottes shalbe hereafte able and of powre to invade those m^{ch}ies and remayne any tyme in the same without repulse."

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"The forte of Beblowe¹⁸⁸ wthin that (Holy) Islande liethe very well for the defence of the haven there. And if there were about the lowe parte thereof made a ringe wth bulwarks to flank the same the ditche thereabout might be easely watered towarde the lande. And then, I think, the saide fort^e were very strong, and stooode to great purpose bothe for the defence of the forte and anyoyance of the enemies, if they did arrive in any other parte of that llande."

The Survey Book of Norham and Islandshire in 1561¹⁸⁹ has many particulars relating to the defences of those districts, though, except for the notices of the 'bastall house of smale strength' at Felkington, the tower of Fenham, and the 'good pile' of Goswick (which may be supposed to have been built since the time of the Survey of 1541); these do not add much to our knowledge:—

NEWBIGING. 'In the same towne is one tower in good reparacions, and a good barnkin about the same.'

TWIZELL. 'There hath beene in the said towne one towre, or pile, which is of auneynt tyme decayed and cast downe, and there remayneth one parte or quarter thereof, and a barnkin about it.'

TILMOUTH. 'In the same towne is a little tower or pile much in decay, and a little barnekin about y^e same.'

¹⁸⁸ State Papers, Dom. Add. Ed. VI., vol iv., No. 30, fo. 75.

¹⁸⁹ 'THE SURVEY BOOKE OF NORHAM AND ILANDSHIRE, taken and made in the third yeare of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, Queene of England, France, and Ireland, Def. of the Faith, etc., by Anthony Roone, Esq^r., one of the Queene's Ma^{ties}. Auditors, and Thomas Baytes, Gent., Surveyor of her Ma^{ties}. Lands in the County of Northumberland.'—Raine's *North Durham*, p. 15.

CORNEHYLLE. 'There is in the same one towre, or pile with a barnekin about the same, and is in indifferent good reparacyons.'

HEATON. 'In the same towne is the scite of a fayre castle decayed; which was destroyed by the Scotts in tyme of Kinge Henry the Seaventh, and neuer syne repaired, so that there remayneth no buildings save y^e vaults of y^e same, and a dwelling house for y^e fermor, and a barnekin.'

DUDDOO. 'In the same is one pile, or tower, which is decayed by reason it was cast downe by the Scotts at Flodden-field,¹⁹⁰ and nyver repayred senths, and there standeth bot the halfe y^r of; about the which is one barnekin.'

GRYNDON. 'There is at Grindon Ridge a towre in good reparacions.'

ANCROFT, FELKYNGTON, AND ALLERDEN. 'In the same towne of Ancroft is one pile, builded to the end of the church, and dyvers good howses beside.' 'In the towne of Felkyngton is noe tower, or pile, but one bastall house of smale strength.'

ROOSE. 'There is in the same Towne no towre nor pile.'

ELLWICK. 'There is in the same towne twoe towres.'

SHORESWOODE.

FENHAM. 'There is in the same towne one towre in good reparacions.'

THORNTON. 'There is in the same one towre which was cast downe at Flodden field by the Scotts,¹⁹¹ and is not yet well repayred, bot y^t one peece yett is in decay, and a barnkin about it.'

GOSEWICK. 'There is one good pile there builded vppon the enheritaunce of Thomas Swinhoe, and in good reparacions.'

SKREMERSTON. 'There is in the same towne on good towre, with a barnekin in good reparacions.'

CHESWICK. 'There is a little towre, ruinous and in decay, of the inheritaunce of Thomas Maners.'

LOWLYN. 'Hath neither towre, nor any hovse of defence.'"

It appears that, in accordance with the views of the Commissioners of 1541, a strong house was built at Kilham. This has been unfortunately recently destroyed, but it is said to have closely resembled,

¹⁹⁰ Really in 1496, see *ante* pp. 22, 38.

¹⁹¹ This, too, seem a mistake; 'the lytle towre of Thornbie' was 'in good case' in 1541, see *ante* p. 38.

on a smaller scale, the baste-house at Doddington, one of the most charming remains of Border architecture, only finished, as an inscription on it informs us, in 1584. Nothing seems known of the 'castle' of Hurst, near Woodhorn, before 1562, nor of the tower of Kirk Harle before 1583.¹⁹² The great tower of Coupland is probably of even later date, and may possibly not have been completed till 1619, sixteen years after the personal Union between England and Scotland.

In addition to the number of castles and towers which are recorded in the old Surveys, or still impress the traveller in their ruined state, there are scattered up and down Northumberland traces of fortified dwellings of a humbler order, and possibly more recent origin, some of them sites and nothing more, others perfectly imbedded in modern houses. These it is purposed to enumerate and describe in a separate chapter. A comparative account of the architectural features of the various surviving castles, towers, baste-houses, and peles is only possible after the buildings themselves, and their history, have been studied in detail.

¹⁹² In 1581, an Act (23. Eliz. cap. iv.) was passed to appoint Commissioners to report on the defences of the Border, see Note (G.) p. 65.

APPENDICES.

(A.)

Note, p. 7.—BRETESCHE.

A *Bretesche*, according to Viollet-lé-Duc (*Dictionnaire de l'Architecture Française*, II., p. 244), signified primarily an embattled wooden erection of several stories used for the attack or defence of a fortress. This signification is brought out very distinctly in the account given by Guillaume le Breton in his *Gesta Philippi Augusti* (Duchesne, *Historia Francorum Scriptores*, V., p. 63) of that king erecting, in 1202, seven double *bretesches*, or very strong forts (*Bretaschias duplices per septem loca, castella videlicet munitissima*) round Château Gaillard which he was besieging, each *bretesche* being surrounded by a double quadrangular moat with draw-bridges over it.

One important characteristic of a *bretesche* was the ease with which it could be moved from place to place. William of Normandy (*Roman de Rou*, prt. xi., v. 9448-51) having gained possession of Domfront, ordered the *bretesches* there to be carried to Ambrières, where he fortified a castle:—

‘Li *bretesches* en fit porter.

A Aubrieres les fit lever :

Un chastel fit iloez fermer.’