

ARCHAEOLOGIA AELIANA.

I.—NOTICES OF RUINED TOWERS, CHAPELS, ETC., IN NORTHUMBERLAND *circa* 1715.

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In the possession of the duke of Northumberland there is a manuscript in the handwriting of John Warburton, the herald, mostly relating to Northumberland, from which, with his Grace's permission, the following excerpts have been selected.

John Warburton was a Lancashire man, being a son of Benjamin Warburton of Bury, in which parish he was born on the 28th of February, 1681/2. In early life he entered the service of the Inland Revenue as an officer of excise, and it was probably in connexion with his official duties, that in the memorable year 1715, he came up to Northumberland, where he made the acquaintance, and apparently gained the friendship of the learned John Horsley, author of *Britannia Romana*. Having determined, or perhaps having been commissioned to prepare a survey and plan of the Roman Wall and Military Way, to use his own words in the preface of *Vallum Romanum*, 'in order to shew the government the necessity there was at that time, for the said Roman road to be repaired and made passable for troops and artillery, from the east to the west sea,' Warburton secured the inestimable assistance of Horsley, who accompanied him in his journeyings. Although the survey of the military way did not materialize until 1751, when an act of parliament, 24 George II, was passed to provide for 'the laying-out, making, and keeping in repair, a road proper for the passing of troops and carriages from the city of Carlisle to the town of Newcastle,' Warburton

in 1716 published a map of Northumberland which introduced him to public notice. On 10th March, 1719/20 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, and about the same time, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London. Six months afterwards, on 18th June, 1720 he was made Somerset Herald. With means and opportunity he became an indefatigable collector, some of the fruits of his labours being now in the Lansdowne MSS. at the British Museum. His *Vallum Romanum* was not published until 1753. Six years later he died in his apartments at Heralds' College, and was buried in the church of St. Benet, Paul's Wharf, in the burial register of which may be found the following entry:—

'1759. May 17. John Warburton, esq., Somerset Herald, in ye church, south isle.'

His portrait, whole length, standing, looking to right, in tabard, by G. Vandergucht was engraved in mezzotint, in 1740, by Andrew Miller.

The original manuscript is ill-arranged and contains numerous out-of-date and unfortified statements based on the public records, but the observations on what Warburton saw with his own eyes, are not without interest. Some excerpts submitted to the Society in 1898 with the permission of the late duke of Northumberland, may be found in *Proceedings*, 2 ser. VIII, pp. 145-150 under the description of 'Some Forgotten Epitaphs and Monumental Inscriptions in Hexham Priory Church.' In taking out the following notices contractions have been extended and marginal notes with interlineations have been combined with the text. They may be compared very instructively with John Horsley's own observations and notes printed in chapter iv. of *Materials for the History of Northumberland* printed in 1869 by the late Mr. John Hodgson Hinde for private distribution.

ALNHAM.

Near to ye church is ye ruins of an ancient well built pile seemingly to have been a building of note, but, at present, claim'd by ye parson of ye vicaridge.

Scranwood is a poor village standing on a brook of ye same name, hath in it ye ruins of an old tower and belongs to Madam Horsley of Horsley.

ALNWICK.

St. Margret's: a small village with ye ruing of an old chapell.

Clayport, a strong bluwark (*sic*) leading west out of Alnwick to Hobberlaw.

Bondgate, a strong fort at ye entrance from Newcastle. Pottergate leading to ye fell, by Mr. William Ord's.

ALWINTON WITH HOLYSTONE CHAPELRY.

Hollystone. . . . At present there is nothing to be seen of the nunery but ye rubish of its walls over-grown with grass; and ye little church is sunk so deep in ye ground that ye tops of ye doors are almost level with ye surface of ye earth, and so out of repair that ye parson hath only a heap of stones for a pulpet. It is preached at quarterly by ye vicker In a field adjacent is Paulinus' Well, a very beautiful fountain in a square figure, length 42 foot and 21 [foot] in breadth; wall'd about with a curious stone resembling porfire, p[ave]d in ye bottome and incompos'd with a grove of trees and at each corner thereof ye foundation of a small [illegible]. Out of ye well floweth a stream of water very cold, and clear as christall, and if cleaned out would be a most comodious cold bath and perhaps effect several cures without a marvell. At the east end lyeth a stone 3 foot in length and 2 in breadth called ye holy stone, said to be ye same whereon ye forementioned Bishop [Paulinus] kneeled at his baptising of ye heathen English; and was formerly held in great veneration by the gentry of ye Roman Catholick religion who ofttimes come here on pilgrimage.

Bidleston, or Billesdun: the seat of Tho. Selby, esqr., is a large well-situated structure, being defend'd on ye north by hills and on ye west and east by a grove of trees. The house is built of freestone in ye figure of a cross, consisting of four severall wings or apartments; the middlemost tower-like with battlements, ye others more modern; it hath a good garden on ye south, good offices, outhouses, etc. Mr. Selby; the present possessor, son of Charles Selby, by Elizabeth, daughter of Gillebrand, gent., of Chorley in Lancashire, married Barbrey Peircey, daughter of by whom he hath living Thomas, Ann and Barbary

Clennill, the seat of Luke Clennill esqr., is situated in a vale of ye little river of Clennill, allmost surrounded with hills; the east of ye house is an old tower; on ye west side of which is added a double wing, a small court

on ye south and a handsom gateway. Mr. Clenell married Sarah, the daughter of Sr Wilfrid Lawson of Brearton, in ye county of Cumberland, and hath issue by her three sons and one daughter:—Jon., Thomas, Sharperton: a small vill on ye east side river Coquet, in which is an old tower.
 Coteswall A vill of five houses and in it ye ruins of an old tower
 Harbottle castle is situated on ye top of a hill and on two sides incompast with ye river Coquet; it hath formerly been a stronghold but at present hath only its ruins to speak its grandure. Near to it is Harbottle, the seat of Thomas Gaskin, esq., who is the present owner thereof and ye aforementioned castle

BAMBURGH WITH BELFORD CHAPELRY.

Bamburgh castle which is yet standing, but in ruins, hath been large and strong In Bambrough is a regular and well built edifice, till of late ye seat of ye ancient family of ye Forsters. . . . Friery with a ch. in ruins, length 42 [yards] breadth 7.
 Shorston: a large village near the sea belonging to L^d Crew; and in it an old tower bellonging to
 Spindleston: a large house on ye east bank of ye river Warn, well planted about with trees, and, till of late years, the habitation of the Ratclives; at present out of repair and seemly discarded. A pleasant village with a rivulet running through ye middle of it, and ye ruin of a chape. L^d Derwentwatter [proprietor]. East of ye hall is a hill called St. Hellen's heugh where are ye ruins of an old chape, and a hole in ye rock called ye Ladley worme hole, of which place ye inhabitants tell strange story.
 Lucker: a plesant village with a rivulet runing through ye midle of it, and ye ruins of a chape, belongs to ye Duke of Somerset.
 Etherstone: a handsome new built house plesantly situated on a dry soil, and near to it ye ruins of an old hall ye residence of ye Forsters.
 [Thomas Forster of Adderstone married] and had issue Thomas, now member of parliament for Northumberland, John councillor at law, married W^m Bacon, esq., son of Jo^a Bacon, Dorothy yet unmarried. His 2nd wife was Mary, daughter and had issue by her one daughter, Mary. His 3rd and present wife is Barbara, daughter of Laws of Alnwick, by whom he hath issue one son, Ralph, a youth.
 Bewdle: a small village at ye entrance of ye river Warn into ye sea, noted for its fine cockles; formerly belonging to ye Malevers.
 Beednell: a large village on ye sea shore; a chapell of ease preach'd at once a month by ye curate of Bamburogh.
 Tuggall: a mean village on a levell ground; a parochial chapell in ruins with land belonging to it.

- Newtown : a small village where are ye remains of an ancient pile; Ralph Brandling, esq.
- Outchester in it an old house bellonging to L^d Derwentwatter.
- Moweswell : a small village [belonging] to ye free school of Haydon Bridge fey [feofee] in trust; Joⁿ Bacon, esq.
- Belford adjoining to it on ye top of hill is ye remains of an ancient chapell dedicated to ye Virgin Mary, and near to it ye remains of an ancient camp. Belford castle (now called ye West Hall), was formerly possessed by ye Armorers, now to S^r Robert Shafto.
- Middleton : a small village with a handsome house; had formerly an old tower; Captain Gifford.
- Detchon : a small village with ye remains of an old tower therein bellonging to Nevill Gray, esq.
- Elwick : a small village not far from ye sea, with ye ruin of two ancient piles bellonging to Lord Ossleston.

BEDLINGTON.

- Chopington in which is a large old tower belonging to the Bishop of Durham; lessee, George Bulman, merchant in Newcastle.

BENTON.

- Witchled where formerly was an old chapell.

BOLAM.

- Belsey : a beautiful edifice, ye east thereof consists of a strong tower of stone with a circular dome at each corner and a piramid in ye middle; on the west is a new edifice erected with a double front

BOTHEAL WITH HEBBURN CHAPELRY.

- Shipwash a house belonging to Mr. George Bulman, hatter in Newcastle chapell in ruins.
- Cockley park an old pile bellonging to ye Dutches of Newcastle.

BRAINSHAUGH EXTRA-PAROCHIAL.

- Brainshaugh the church situated in a low plane allmost sorounded with ye river Coquet hath formerly been large and well built but wants ye roof and all other ornaments; yet is preach'd at and ye sacrament administered a year by the

BRANXTON.

- Branckston the church is a mean building covered with straw, length 20 [yards] including ye choir, breadth 6 [yards] no monuments in it of note

CHATTON WITH DODDINGTON CHAPELRY.

- Chatton: a large village . . . where ye church stands dedicated to ye Virgin Mary: in length, 20 yards, and breadth, 11 yards without ye chancell which is fallen down, its newly repaired; hath 2 small bells
- Nesbitt: a small village bellonging to Nevell Gray, esq., the remains of an old tower in it.
- Humbleton: a small village on the east side of Cheviot-hills in which is ye remains of an old pile
- Doddington, a large village with a chapell of ease in it; preach'd at every Sunday.
- Weetwood: a small village on a good soil, in several hands, near ye river Till, with a handsome house in it bellonging to Lanc. Ord, esq.
- Horton castle: the seat of Nevell Gray, esq., an ancient edifice pleasantly situated, and till of late ye chief house of ye Grays, but at this time ruinous.
- Hasslerigg: a small village on ye south side of a hill; a good house in it built out of ye ruins of an old tower belonging to Ed. Haggerston to Ed. Haggerston and Francis Foster, esq.
- Fowberry: a handsome house pleasantly situated on a rising ground in ye middle of a fertile vally, well planted about and good garden, bellonging to Mark Strother, esq., at present high sheriff of this county, son of William Strother, by Elizabeth, daughter of Sr Robert Shaftoe of Whitworth. Mr. Strother married Eliz., daughter of in the kingdom of Ireland, and hath no child.

CHILLINGHAM.

- Heburn: a large village on arising ground, and in it a handsome house bellonging to Robert Heburn, esq. Mr. Heburn, son of Robert Hebborn, esq., by daughter of Ro. Forster of Crookletch is unmarried. Upon ye top of ye hill east of ye house is a platform incompas'd with a mighty wall or rampart.
- Newtown: a small village bellonging to L^d Osleston(?), near to it a remarkable stone called ye Hurle-stone, twelve foot in height, fixt into another.
- On a mountain called Raws castle at ye head of Chillingham park is a circular plott of ground enclosed with a double trench; and at ye bottom of Hebborn wood is another mighty one called ye Chesters.
- Writ in a window in ye hall at Chillingham: 'I, Ben Dudley, and thou frail glass which bears the name as well as I, God knows which of us first shall die; secretary to'

CHOLLERTON WITH BIRTLEY CHAPELRY.

- Chipchace A long squar tower with a circ. turret at each corner; to which hath been added a new front three stories. It is built after ye maner us'd in Queen Eliz. time, with cimy-circular windows, and round every of them bellconies. The rooms very large and lofty and

severall of ye chimney peces carv'd after a curious manner. At ye entrance is a handsome gate leading into a large court. On ye south side of which is a terrace walk, and under it ye stables, which are beautiful and comodious and no obstruction to prospect of ye house. On ye north a specious park till of late well furnished(?) with deer and timber, but now quit of both.

Chipchace: a domestic chapel belonging to the family of ye Herons, who pay 40s. pr. ann. for four sermons.

Gunerton: hath in it ye remains of an ancient pile and a chaple without a stipend and formerly belong'd to ye Fenwicks of Wallington.

Collwell: hath ye remains of a chapell.

Swinburn castle: an ancient pile

Berkley: a parochial chapel preach'd at every third Sunday.

EDLINGHAM.

Edlingham situated in a vale, had formerly a castle of note, but now in ruins.

Lemington: a small village on arising ground and in it an old pile bellonging to ye Lady Clavering.

Newtown: a mean village on an eminence and in it an old pile possesst by Madam Howard.

EGLINGHAM.

West Lilburn: a small village on a low ground, and in it the seat of Parceval Clenell, gent., son of John Clenell of esq., unmarried: a chapell of ease in ruins.

Old Beawick: a village on an assent, with a large ruinous tower therein, bellonging to Mrs. Mary Williamson, ye only daughter of Ramsey, possessor of this place.

East Didgburn: a small village on arising ground belonging to Carrs of Lesbury and Collingwood of Biker(?); an old tower.

Crawley: a large ruinous tower on a high hill formerly possesst by ye Herrons, now by ye Browns of Bolton.

Tittlington: a small villag in a low vale, with an old tower formerly possesst by ye Reid, now to Jacob Peirson, gent.

Brandon: a mean village on ye north side of ye river Bremish with ye ruins of an old chapell in ruins.

Herrop: a small villag in a bottom bellonging to on Forster of Wernford and Fergus Story.

EMBLETON WITH ROCK CHAPELRY.

Rock: a pleasant, well built village with a fine house in it, ye seat of Tho. Prockter, esq., incompas'd with good gardens, out-plantations, etc. In the town is an ancient chapell of ease preach'd at every third Sunday. Tho.

Procter, esq., son of John Procter, esq., by . . . daughter of . . .
 Rodam of Little Houghton in this county, married . . . daughter of
 . . . Fenwick of Kenton, and hath issue Tho., Vincent, Geo.
 Rennington: a large village on a good soil and a chapel of ease therein
 preach'd at every other Sunday by ye curate of Embleton.

ELSDON.

Haveracres: a handsome house situated on ye north side the river Read
 bellonging to Mad. Howard of Ford Castle.
 Berreenes: a chapell of ease but in ruins, only us'd for burying.
 Burdup-cragg: a prespeterian (*sic*) meeting-house.
 Elishaw . . . where are foundations of large building and ye remains of an
 ancient chapell.

FELTON WITH BRINKBURN.

Brenkburn abby: now ruinous and look'd upon as a chapell to Felton;
 preach'd at three times a year by ye parson of Felton.

FORD.

Etall: a large and pleasant village—60 houses—on ye south side of ye river
 Till, in which is ye remains of ancient pile formerly belonging to ye Colling-
 woods of Brackston, now to . . . Carr, esq., who resides nere . . . Mr.
 Carr married Mary, daughter of Wm. Carr of Eatell (*sic*), and hath issue
 William, George. . . .

HALTWEHISTLE.

Fetherstonehaugh castle: an ancient and well built structure . . . a
 ruinous chapell adjoyning.
 Bellister castle: a ruinous building on ye south banks of ye river Tyne.
 Blenkinsop castle . . . an ancient structure tho' now in ruins.

HARTBURN WITH NETHERWITTON CHAPELRY.

Netherwitton: ye seat of John Thornton, esqr., a neat regular freestone
 building in ye figure of a long square, 14 yards long, 7 windows in front,
 flatt roof, with banesters, cover'd with lead, erected ano. 1698. On the
 north east side is some remains of an ancient tower formerly ye mansion
 house; hath good gardens, with large out-plantations, and ye whole in-
 compas'd with a new arected park. Near to ye house a neat little chapell
 of ease.

Roadley: in which is ye remains of an old pile.
 North Middleton: in which is ye remains of an old pile.
 Camma: in a field adjoyning, the ruins of a chapell.
 Thornton: a ruinous chapell and a callebet well.

HEXHAM WITH ALLENDALE.

Whitley chapell is ye only chapell of ease in ye parish, situated 4 miles south of Hexham, dedicated to St. Hellen, rebuilt ano. 1662 at ye charge of ye neighbouring inhabitants; its but a mean edifice yet very servic[able] to that remote part, but seldom preached at for want of a sufficient salary, it being at present only 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* p. ann.

Allendale 'The church is built of a common hewn stone cover'd with slate; a small pedement at ye west end for one bell; it's but a mean structure 30 yards in length and 16 in breadth, 9 in height, nor any inscription worthy of particularising, or tombstone except one near the comunion table where lyes enter'd Jon Bacon and Cicely his wife, memorable for his extraordinary success in lead mines by which he attained a vast fortune and then for her many acts of charity, and both of them for being ye founders of a very worthy family.'

'In it is 4 chapells of ease, viz.:'

Allonheads, 'inhabited by groovers, who have a neat little chapell.'

Coleclugh, 'inhabited wholly by groovers who have at there own and Sr Will. Biacket's charge arrected a small chapell which is preach'd at every month by ye Revd. Mr. Rickerby, curate at Allonheads.'

Park chapell, 'where till ye erecting of Allonheads and Coleclugh chapel was Divine Service at certain times.'

Ninebanks 'hath a chapel of ease near to it only used once a year for administering ye Holy Sacrament.'

HOLY ISLAND WITH KYLOE, ANCROFT AND DUDDOE CHAPELRIES.

Barrington: a large village and handsom seat, well planted, ye residence of John Clavering, gent., who hath one part of ye town and Mr. Ingram ye other.

Haggerston: a large, ancient and beautiful edifice pleasantly situated on a level ground not far from ye sea, hath good gardens, etc., and domestic chapel adjoining but ruinous.

Beel, a handsome village pleasantly situated on arising ground belonging to John Talbot, esqr. Prid. Selby, gent.

Kilo: a small village on ye side of a hill and an old tower in it; with a chapel of eäse in it; Mr. Robinson, parson of Holy Island, preacher; 70 inhabitants, ye most part freeholds.

Fenham: on ye sea shore, a large village belonging to Pailer, esq.

Ancroft: a large village with a chapel in it. . . . Preacher ye Rev. Mr. Methuen, parson of Tweedmouth.

Buckton: a handsome village with a good house at the north end of it belonging to Edw. Haggerston near Buckton are two fortified hills called Redd-chester and Outchester.

HOWICK.

Howick: a pleasant village in a good soil near the sea and in it the seate of Hen. Gray, esq., a most magnificent freestone edifice in a square figure, flat roof'd, and embattled on ye top, a handsome court and gateway on ye front, with good gardens, plantations. . . . The church is a decent little edifice.

KIRKHARLE.

Kirkharle: The church hath formerly been a handsome structure, but at present ruinous, a part thereof being only us'd for Devine Servis It is a rectory on the gift of Sr Tho. Loraine till of late that he sold it to ye Revd. Mr. Thomleson, rector of Rothbury. . . .

Kirkharle: a small village and in it ye seat of Wm. Loraine, esq. . . . The building consists of quadrangular tow'r with ye addition of a more modern building. To ye south east is a spacious garden adorn'd with cannalls, fountains, greenhouses and grottoes, and ye whole incompas'd with large groves of trees and other regular plantations, which compose severall beautiful avenues and many other pretty curiosities much to be admir'd.

ILDERTON.

Ilderton church hath been desent but at present is in ruins, only ye middle isle is covered over with sods of earth—length 15 [yards], and is one of the meanest to be made use of that I ever saw.

Ilderton: a small village, and in it ye seat of George Ilderton, a mean edifice at present, ye tower, which was ye ancient mansion house, being in ruins. Mr. Ilderton married Rach[el] daughter of John Story of Beenley and hath issue three sons and one daughter, Thomas, Jo., George and Eliz.

Houghhead: a noted inn on ye Scotch road.

KIRKHAUGH.

Whitley: a discontinued village on arising ground near ye meeting of ye River Gelt and Tine, and in several hands, in which is ye ruins of an old castle.

Kirkhaugh: a small village . . . in which is ye parish church, but a mean edifice, length 19 [yards], breadth 7 [yards], of an ill hewn stone and cover'd in slate.

KIRKHEATON, EXTRA-PAROCHIAL.

In it is ye ruins of an old church, length 20 yards, breadth 7, said to be a parish of itself. It contains only ye lands bellonging to ye town of Kirkheaton, which since ye demolition of ye chapell pays no tyths, nor hath any other molestation.

KIRKNEWTON WITH CARHAM CHAPELRY.

Kirknewton village . . . hath in it ye ruuing of a large tower with a quadrangar wall and circular towers about it, belonging to Mark Strother, esq. . . . The church, built 1669, hath nothing about worthy perticularising (*sic*), built in ye figure of a cross, length 33 [yards], breadth 15 [yards]; near ye communion table are hung ye arms of ye Strothers and under it a vault where that family are repositid.

Lanton: a small village on the north side of ye river Glen and in it ye ruin of an old tower, belonging to Mark Strother, esq.

Cowpland: a small village on ye north side ye river Glen in which is an ancient pile, of late bellonging William Wallace, esq., but now possest by . . . Ogle, esq., of Newcastle; most part to Nevell Gray, esq.

Melfield . . . a large village situated in a plesant fruteful vale, and near to it Milfield plaine, so much frequent[ed] by horse rasers.

Killham: a large village . . . a chapell in ruins.

Akeld: a village . . . in several hands with ye ruins of an ancient chapell.

Howtell: a village in a vale near ye river Bowmont with ye remains of an ancient pile belonging to William Burrell, gent., whose posterity (*sic*) hath long enjoyed it.

Carham . . . a village on ye south brink of ye river Tweed, of 20 houses; the church is a mean building, length 20 [yards], breadth 6 [yards], height 6 [yards], covered with thatch and for nothing remarkable but its meanness being in all appearance a barn: no bell . . . Foster of Etherston, esq., is chief lord and hath a mansion house in it but ruinous.

LAMBLEY.

Harper Town a small village on ye west side ye river Tine bellonging to Robt. Allgood, esq., near to which is a mount or platform called Castle Hill. The church standing in this village is but a mean structure, length 13 [yards], breadth 6 [yards], height 8 [yards], one bell, slate, built about 26 yeres agoe at ye charge of ye parish.

LESBURY.

Alnemouth: a considerable and well built village at ye entrance of ye river Alne into ye sea, hath a small road for ships, and hath considerable quantities of corn loaded for London, France, etc. On a bank adjoyning are standing ye walls of a very large and neat chapell which hath been in ye figure of a cross.

KNARSDALE.

Knarsdale . . . church is a mean edifice built of irregular stone and cover'd with slate, length 19 [yards], breadth 5 [yards], the inside is decent. . . .

LONG HORSLEY.

Stanton : the seat of John Fenwick, esq., is pleasantly situated on ye east side of ye river Font; the house is large and well built encompassed with good gardens, Mr. Fenwick ye present possessor is son to [blank]. Adjoining to ye house was formerly a domestick chapell now converted to a barn.
Witton Shield : a large old building bellonging to Jon. Thornton, esq.

LOWICK.

Lowick : a village and in it a chapell of ease.
Bowsdon : a large village, chief lord, Sam Ogle, esq.
Houbburn a small village Paler, esq.

NEWCASTLE WITH GOSFORTH CHAPELRY.

Gosford: the church is built of freestone and cover'd with slate; in length with ye chancel 18 yards, breadth of ye church 8 [yards]; a tower at ye west end 4 yards square and 13 in height with one bell therein.
North Gosford with a ruinous chapell.

NEWBURN.

North-Dissington : a small village and in it a hall bellonging to Jo. Talbut, esq.
Wharilton moor hath a handsome edifice on it bellonging to Austin, gent.

NORHAM WITH CORNHILL CHAPELRY.

Twisle : a small village belonging to Robert Blake, esq., who hath a handsome house adjoining to ye bridge. Mr. Blake, son of an Irish gent., married ye 3rd daughter of Sr Francis Blake of Ford.
Tillmouth : a small village on ye south side ye river Till belonging to David Stow, gent., in which is ye ruins of an ancient chapell.
Heton : a village of 40 houses in which is an ancient pile belonging to ye Lord Osleston being the [most] ancient bilding that lord hath.
Cornhill hath a chapel of ease in it, preach'd at every Sunday by Mr. Blare who hath ten pound per annum. At the west end of it a handsome building belonging to Atkinson, esq., who hath one half of ye town and Sr Frances Blake of Ford Castle [ye other half]. In a feild adjoining a callebet watter much resorted to by ye inhabitants on ye Borders of the two kingdoms
Duddo : a village of about 40 houses on ye banks of a rivulet of ye same name; in it an ancient pile belonging Claverin of Calley.

ROTEBURY.

Cartington : a handsome seat on the top of hill well planted about with trees; and near to it an almes-house in which is mentain'd three poor Roman Catholicke widdowes, each of which hath 40s. per annum and house rent. . . . Dame Mary Charlton, relict of Sr Edward Charlton of

Hazelside, barrt., eldest daughter and coheir of Sr Edward Withrington of Cartinton, barrt., both in this county, who dyed ye 8th of April, 1703 eat sue 71. John Talbot, esqr., present possessor of Cartington, son of John Talbot, esqr., by Chris., daughter to Sr Edward Charlton of Hazleside.

Whitton: a small village on a high ground south of ye river Coquet, in which is a tower bellonging to ye rector of Rothbury.

Great Tasson: a small village south of ye river Coquet, in which is ye remains of an old pile.

Thropton: a large village at ye entrance of Scranwood watter into Coquet, with a handsome bridge, bellonging to Luke Glenill, esq., and other freeholders, and in it a popish mass-house.

At Thropton is a house lately purchased by ye executor of Madam Ord [Howard struck out] of Cartinton for ye mentenance and entertainment of a popish priest.

On a point of land on ye south brink of ye river Coquet is ye ruin of an old chapell, which formerly belonged to Thropton Hospital.

Near Rothbury ye river Coquet is so contracted by two rocks that ye same is step'd over at pleasure, being but on yard and continues so for 200 yards; great holes wrought in ye rocks to which ye inhabitants give names as 'ye beef-tub'; it is called the Thrum.

Hepple . . . ye remains of an old tower.

ST. JOHN LEE.

Bingfield . . . is a small village with ye ruins of a chapell in it, dedicated to ye Virgin Mary.

St. Oswald's . . . of which place so much accounted of in former days, ye end and side walls are only remaining and those of a course hewn stone, so yt hath but been a mean structure . . . The devotees of the Romish comunion . . . from very remote parts come in pilgrimage to pay their devotions to that primitive Christian hero St. Oswald and drink of his watters at a well adjoining.

Errington . . . is a firme stone edifice arect(ed) ano. . . . out of ye ruins of an old pile formerly standing.

Bukeley and Portgate . . . two ancient piles.

STAMFORDHAM.

Ingo: a large village situated on the summitt of a rock, bellonging to severall persons in which ye remains of an ancient chapell.

Ryall: a large well built, well situated village in which is ye ruins of an ancient chapell to which a stipend belongs of 50*l.* per annum and ye vickar of [Stamfordham?] obliged to preach every Sunday, notwithstanding which the same is disused at this time.

Fenwick . . . in which is ye ruins of a noble tower.

SIMONBURN.

[On the banks of the rivers] ye soil is rich and firtil; the rest generally wast and barren, especiall to ye west and north-west where are large tracts unimprov'd lands and most desolate, usefull only for grazing a small sort of sheep and hardy cattle which are many times taken from ye inhabitants by a body of lawless persons called Faws, who live in a hostil sort of a manner (?) and in defiance of ye laws, insult ye poor, and plunder them at pleasure.

Ninwick: a small village on ye west side of the North Tine bellonging to ye heirs of Chipchase; in a field adjoyning to which, called Ninwick eastfeild, are large stones sett up on ye ends in a circular figure, circumference 35 yard, 4 of ye stones about 8 foot in height and 9 in circumference.

Wark: a large village near to which is ye ruins of a large chapell.

Wark Mote Hill: a vill of 6 houses close to ye last menconed place where formerly stood a mansion house of ye Ratcliffes.

Kimmins Cross, or Cuming Cross, now a wast piece of ground with ye remains of an old cross and round it large foundation of buildings.

Houghton: a large pile on ye south side ye river Tine, at present something ruenouse bellonging to ye Smiths; a chapell adjoyning in ruins.

Hasleside, the seat of William Charlton, esq., pleasantly situated amongst meadows on the south side ye North Tine. The house consists of separte apartments, to east a new arected edifice yards in front, of hewn freestone; to ye west a long something low and building with a cirqular door and domes at ye end.

The Bowre: an ancient pile on ye north side ye River Cherdon, bellonging to Edward Charlton of Readsmouth, gent.

Cherdon: an ancient pile and small vill on ye south side of ye river of ye same name, of late belonging to ye Herrons of Chipchace, now to Robert Allgood, esqr.

Fawstone: the remains of a chapell in ruins but now rebuilt and used [by] ye Presbyterians.

Shillburnhaugh, an old pile [belonging] to one Robson.

Bells: a mean village near ye head of North Tine, where are the ruins of an old chapell.

Bellingham Town on ye north side of ye North Tine giving its name to a family lately residing at Levens in ye county of Westmorland, who are still lords of the town and receive tolls.

Lee hall: a neat house on the south side ye North Tine bellonging to William Charlton, gent. . . . [the following description of the ceremony of dipping is not in Warburton's handwriting but on a separate slip of paper appended to his notes.] At ye Lee hall a exclent spring, ye vertue is such yt if ye lady of ye Hall dip aney children yt have ye rickets or any other

over groone destemper, it is either a speedy cure or death. The maner and form is as followeth:—The days of dipping are on Whitsunday Even, on Midsummer Even, on Saint Peeter's Even. They must bee dipt in ye well before the sun rise, and in ye River Tine after ye sun bee sett: then ye shift taken from ye child and thrown into ye river and if it swim child liveth, but if it sink dyeth.

SLALEY.

Slaley: is a mean village of 26 houses situated on a high ground hath nothing of note in it but ye church which is but a mean little edifice of ye following dimensions: length of ye church 12 yards, breadth 7 [yards]; quire, length 8 [yards], breadth 5 [yards], height 9 [yards], the roof hipt and covered with slate, at ye west end a pedement with two small bells therein; ye inside decent but nothing worthy of remark.

TYNEMOUTH WITH EARSDON CHAPELRY.

Tinmouth castle built upon ye remains of ye Tunnocellum of ye Romans. It is at present a garrison and in it a company of Foot and 60 Invalides, a master guner and store keeper. In it is ye ruins of the old parish church and an abby—the latter very beautiful—at ye east end of which is a little oratory or chapell, very intire, six yards in length and three in breadth, three in height, arch'd overhead with stone in which is depicted ye Twelve Apostles, Virgin Mary and ye rest of ye Holy Family. Within the garrison walls is a large house built by the late governor, Coll. Hen. Villars, by leave of the Crown, who had likewise power to arect a lighthouse and to receive 1s. for every English, and 6d. for every foreign ship that anchors in the harbour of Sheilds, which brings him in an income of 80l. pr. annum. It hath a parochial chapell at Earsden, preach'd at every Sunday by ye Revd. Mr. Hallsey, who likewise at certain times preaches at ye little chapell of Seaton Delevall.

Burrowton: an ancient pile enclosed with good land bellonging to
Ogle of Cawsey Park, esqr.

Seghill: the seat of Mich. Mitford, esqr., seated in level ground, is an ancient well built pile consisting of a quadrangular tower with some modern additions, a large and well planted garden on ye south.

THOCKRINGTON.

Little Bavington: the seat of Will^m Shafftoe esqr., is a well situated and gracefull building incompas'd with a grove; good gardens.

WARDEN WITH NEWBROUGH AND HAYDON CHAPELRIES.

Walwick Grange in ye feild adjoining where we Roman Wall crosses ye Tine are foun[dations] of a large castle.

[Warden church has been] spacious but now in ruins, excepting the quire, which is cover'd with slate and made use of for Devine Service; at ye west end is yet standing a square tower or steeple 18 [yards] in height, but no

bell in it, nor any monuments of note, but several ancient gravestones with swords and crosiers cut thereon.

Newbrough On ye north-east side of it is the remains of an old tower, till of late belonging to now possess'd by exec[utors] of Jon^r Armstrong, gent.

Haydon Bridge On ye top of a high hill a furlong north of ye town stands ye church of Haydon built of good freestone, hye roofed and cover'd with slate with a tower at ye west end. On ye south (*sic*) side ye bridge is another neat little chapell erected an.

WARKWORTH.

Warkworth: a pleasant well built, mercate town almost compass'd by ye river Coquet, over which at ye entrance from ye north is a goodly bridge 70 [yards] in length, supported by two arches, in ye middle whereof an ancient cross with ye arms of ye Peircies thereon, and at ye south end a quadrangular tower with port-callases, etc.

West Chivington: a mean village, in which is a ruin (*sic*) chapell of ease.

Gloster Hill: ye seat of George Lawson, gent., is pleasantly situated on arising ground near ye sea, where is a woollen manufactory where are made broad cloath, drudgetts, where is employed some hund[red] of poor indigent persons, about 30 are employed in spinning looms.

WHITTINGHAM.

Great Ryle: the seat of Tho. Collingwood esq., is pleasantly situated on a declining bank north of ye river Alne. Married Dor., the daughter of Carr, esq. of in Scotland; hath living Alex., Daniel.

Little Ryle: the seat of ye above mencon'd Collingwood's son, Elex. (*sic*) Collingwood. Married daughter of Sr Wilfrid Lawson of Brearton in ye county of Cumberland and hath issue 5 daughters and 1 son: Alex., Doro., Jane, Sarah, Eliz., Isabel.

WOODHORN.

North Hurst 'in which is 2 ancient piles, ye one belonging to ye Dutches of Newcastle and ye other to one Johnson, both formerly possess'd by ye Withringtons.'

Cresswell an old chapell.

WOOLER.

Woller church is but a mean structure, nor of any antiquity, in the figure of a roman T; in length from east to west 17 yards, and from north to south 15 [yards]; without any monuments or other things worthy of remark.

Fenton: a village of 12 houses on ye east side ye river Till, in which is ye remains of an ancient tower belonging to Henry Gray, esqr.; and in it ye ruins of a church, said to be formerly the parish church of Wooler, to which parish at this time it belongs, tho' quite seperated from it and enclosed in ye parish of Chatton.