

A Remembrance His Highness

God to your grace, Good Lucke how farrely we
Francis Cabrotes Sa Crossing of Our Comrades

How Joyful wyl the hieſt power be may you be
and what pleasure ſhall be made of his pleaſing
This Let ſtand therefore not wnt your ſelfe
but your place to the Grace And though this leſſe
be for a ſeek Vikar yet is his ſent from London

Sonderland

Facsimile and Transcript

OF A

LETTER FROM QUEEN ELIZABETH TO LADY PAGET,

UPON THE DEATH OF HER DAUGHTER, LADY CROMPTON.

COMMUNICATED BY

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IN printing the following letter, the Committee are aware that they are deviating from their prescribed line, it having already appeared in Nichols' *Progresses of Queen Elizabeth*, III. p. 497. They at the same time flatter themselves that they shall not only obtain the pardon but the thanks of the Society, who can scarcely do otherwise than share the gratification they feel at finding themselves enabled, by the liberality of their respected member mentioned above, to insert in their pages a facsimile of a letter from so illustrious a sovereign. The person addressed by Her Majesty was Catherine, daughter of Henry Knevett, of Old Buckenham, in Norfolk, Esq.; married, first, to Henry, second Lord Paget, who died 1568, leaving only an infant daughter, the survivor of her father for three years; and secondly, to Sir Edw. Cary, of Aldenham, Herts.. By the latter she had two sons and three daughters, the loss of the youngest of whom, Meriall, the wife of Sir Thos. Crompton, of Driffield, Yorkshire, called forth this effusion of her royal mistress' affection. Lady Crompton's death happened on the 15th May 1600, when the Queen was in her 67th year; and this

The British Museum Lib. owned.

circumstance may account for her handwriting no longer retaining the strength so remarkable in it in her younger days. The epitaph upon Lady Crompton's mural monument in Aldenham Church styles her "virtuosam et lectissimam fæminam," and designates her memory as "laudabilem et dignissimam." The letter is now in the possession of Mrs. Hansell, the widow of the Rev. Peter Hansell, who received it from Mr. Partridge, the writer of the accompanying transcript and note. The Lord Lyttleton, by whom it was given to Mr. Champion, was fourth in descent from Lady Crompton, and consequently, fifth from her mother, Lady Paget, both of whom he indifferently calls his grandmother.
