

NOTTINGHAMIA VETUS ET NOVA

OR AN

HISTORICAL ACCOUNT

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OF THE

ANCIENT AND PRESENT STATE

OF THE TOWN OF

NOTTINGHAM.

GATHER'D

From the REMAINS of ANTIQUITY and Collected from Authentic
MANUSCRIPTS and Ancient as well as Modern HISTORIANS.

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With beautiful COPPER-PLATES

WITH

An APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

Besides Extracts of WILLS and DEEDS relating to CHARITIES,
Diverse other CURIOUS PAPERS.

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Derivation of the Name *Caufenna* which he alters into *Gofenna* or *Gouenna*, and says that signifies a Cluster of Hills, or else (which to me seems rather more probable) from the old British Words *Kaff* or *Kaou* signifying a *Cavern* or *Cave*, which answers the Signification of the Name which the Saxons afterwards gave to this Town. The Doctor will besides have it, that the Caves and Rock Holes, &c. which have been, and are in part still observed about *Nottingham*, are Remains of the *Roman* Grandeur, to which I cannot agree for several Reasons. *First*, nothing appears in any of them now to be seen that bespeaks the *Roman* Taste, and those subterraneous Structures which upon digging for Foundations have been discovered within the Memory of Man, and have shewn the most curious Workmanship of any, will by and by appear to be of a much later Date. *Secondly*, if we allow with *Dr. Gale*, that *Caufenna* is the Place where *Nottingham* now stands, this Name is derived from the British, whence the Romans usually borrowed their Names of Places which they met with in their Way, hence it follows that these cavernous Dwelling Places were in being before their Time, else they would have called them by a Name of their own. The Romans were the first that took Notice of the Bath in *Somersetshire*, whence *Antoninus* calls it *Aque solis* which Name has no Affinity with any British Word, so the *Pharos* at *Dover*, a true Monument of the *Roman* Magnificence, derives its Name from the Island of *Pharo*, where *Queen Cleopatra* had formerly caused such an high Tower to be erected, furnished with Lights for the Service of Mariners. Of this kind many more Instances might be brought, which to avoid too great Prolixity I omit. Thus what the Reverend Antiquary has advanced in some Measure proves, that, at or very near the Place where *Nottingham* is built, there was a *Roman* Station, but it does not make out that there was either a *British* or *Roman* Town, built on the top of *John Rouse's* delorous Hill. For my part if I consider that the Fosse way is on the South of the River *Trent*, and that the Romans always made their *Val-lum* on the South-side and where the Ground was rising, I can hardly forbear thinking that there was a Station in that Neighbourhood, where now *West-Bridgeford* stands, (almost directly over-against *Nottingham*,) a little Town not built till many Ages after, and that from the remarkableness of the many Caves in the opposite Rock they might give the Station the Name of *Caufenna* or *Causenna*, and what seems to add to my Conjecture, is what *Dr. Stukeley* informs us of, that one *Mr. Cooper*, a Man of 72 Years of Age, told him, that there was found at *Wilford* a Pot of *Roman* Coins, a Town which lies on the same side of the River, and at a very little Distance from *Bridgeford*, the High-Road only, parting the Parishes. A learned Gentleman, Native of this Town, who has been so kind as to send me some Remarks of his own, relating to a *Roman* Station hereabout, seems rather to favour *Mr. Baxter's* Opinion, the which with my Answer to them the curious will find in the *Appendix*.—I have done with the Romans.

THE SAXONS who were the next Possessors of *Britain*, afford us a more satis-

THIS ancient bridge bears in all writings the name of *Heathbeth-bridge*, tho' differently spelt, for the etymology of which name I am indebted to *John Plumptre*, Esq; a Gentleman happily furnished with all kinds of learning; the following are his own words:

"IN Dr. *Thoroton's* antiquities of *Nottinghamshire*, p. 492. he quotes an escheat-roll of the 30th of *Edward I.* in which the bridge now called *Trent-bridge*, is mentioned by the name of *Heathbethe-brigg*. He also quotes in the same page, a paper of serjeant *Boun's*, where this name of the bridge is spelt *Heathbet (a)* and in some ancient writings it is writ (more rightly as it should seem) *Hebetke*; all which come to the same point, (for orthography in those elder times was very uncertain) and plainly shew the word to be saxon, *heath* in that language signifies *high*, and *keath*, *highb*, and *beth* signifies a *batb* or washing place, so that in modern *English* it would sound *Highbath-bridge*, a name it undoubtedly received from some near adjacent place then noted for the resort of persons to bathe and swim in. ----- So far Mr. *Plumptre*.

THIS derivation seems to me to be highly probable, and that the word *highb* was to denote such bathing place to have been above bridge, and on the higher part of the *Trent*, where at this very day, there is a box (as I may call it) made of wood, on the south bank of this river, built over the water upon piles, also another below bridge on the north bank, contrived for the conveniency of bathing unseen, whither in the summer the ladies frequently take a walk and bath themselves.

Dr. *Thoroton* takes notice of a chapel upon this bridge, for a proof of which he quotes the above-mentioned escheat-roll of the 30th of *Edward I.* viz. "That the jury found it not to the king's loss, if he granted licence to *John le Paumer*, and to *Alice* his wife, (who was sister and heir of *Hugh de Stapleford*, son of *Robert de Stapleford*, of *Nottingham*) to give 6 l. 13 s. 5 d. rent with the appurtenances, in *Nottingham*, to a certain chaplain, to celebrate divine offices for the souls, &c. in the chapel of St. *Mary* on *Hethbethe-brigg*:" where in the doctor's time there was an arch, which went still by the name of chapel-arch, but at this time is not remembered by any body I have met with, insomuch that it cannot certainly be known whether the said chapel stood at the south or north end of the bridge, tho' one might conjecture that it might have been placed near the road, and that this chapel might possibly have given, (to a spot of ground which is the farthest boundary to the east beyond the *Trent*, of the county of the town of *Nottingham*) the name of *Lady-bay*.

WHITLOCK, in his memorials, mentions a fort on *Trent-bridge* in the time of the civil-war, of which I cannot discover the least footsteps, neither on, nor close by the bridge, I am therefore induced to think that this fort was raised at some distance in the meadows, where I meet with a high spot of ground between the bridge and the castle, which even in the greatest floods remains uncovered, in which opinion I am confirmed by the name it goes by, viz. *Hooper's-sionce*, this last word being a corruption

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(a) In an Exemplification concerning the Leen bridge, that name is spelt *Heyegh-beythe-Brugge*. See Appendix.

Nomina Villarum infra Honorem PEVEREL in Comit. Nott. & Derbians.

Nottingham.

ADbolton *p. se et cum* Cothinstock.
 Aldefworth *alias* Arfworth.
 Annesley.
 Aspley. Arnold.
 Adinburgh.
 Assert *de* Heywood *in* Forest. *de* Sherwood.
 Albocton.
 Aram *alias* Averham *alias* Arum.

Barton *a* Mannor.
 Bridgford *a* Mannor.
 Bassingfield.
 Basford.
 Brinsley.
 Beeston.
 Bramcote.
 Bilborow.
 Broxstow *hundred*.
 Bulwell.
 Barneston *alias* Barestoll.
 Blidworth.
 Brocton.
 Bunney.
 Bradmore.
 Bingham.
 Beavall.
 Burton-Jace.
 Barnby.
 Bagthorp.
 Bleasby *cum* Membris.

Clifton.
 Conard *alias* Conorde.
 Codlingstoake.
 Cossal *alias* Cotesshall.
 Colston-Baffer.
 Colwick West.
 Colwick East.
 Cropshall *alias* Cropwell-Butler.
 Clipsow.

Cleadon *alias* Cleidon.
 Carleton *juxta* Nottingham.
 Codgrave.
 Caunton.
 Chilwel.
 Cromwell.
 Curline.
 Carleton North.
 Carlton Chelmerton.

Estwicke.
 Eastwood *alias* Esthwick.
 Eperstone *alias* Eperstowe.
 Eford.
 Edoulton.
 Ernesbya.
 Estwaite.
 Estnotherwicke.
 Edingfield *cum* Halam.

Forrest of Sherwood.
 Flinton *alias* Flintham.
 Farnsfield.
 Fiskerdow.
 Fledborough.

Gunston *alias* Gunnalston.
 Greasley.
 Gamston *alias* Gonelston.
 Gresvile *alias* Greswell.
 Glapton.
 Gedling.
 Gestock.
 Gotham.
 Gresthorp *cum* Normantons.

Hucknall.
 Hucknall Torkard.
 Hempshall.
 Hawkefworth.
 Hickling Mannor.

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