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WONHAM MANOR, REigate,
April 21, 1856.

MY DEAR SIR,—During a recent examination of a few MSS. in the possession of the Duke of Northumberland, at Sion House, I found a volume of miscellaneous historical collections, relating almost exclusively to the fifteenth century, and chiefly connected with court ceremonial, royal christenings, funerals, coronations, and the like. The collection has evidently been formed by some herald, and it consists, in great part, of original writings, not of transcripts. The value of the collection is thus enhanced by its authentic and contemporaneous character. There are drafts of ceremonial for the obsequies of Henry VIII., the coronation of Edward VI., the treaty for the marriage of Queen Mary with the Prince of Spain in 1553. One of the most curious papers in the book is the
original draft for the ceremonial of the funeral of Katharine of Arragon, described as "Lady Katharine, late wife to Prince Arthur:" it bears very numerous erasures and alterations, possibly made under the actual directions of the king; and it shows in a remarkable manner the anxiety of Henry to make a studied and solemn show of doing all honours to the memory of his divorced queen.

Amongst these collections I noticed an original paper, which has every appearance of having been a despatch or official communication to some person in authority, relating to the disastrous capture of Scottish nobles and gentry, on November 24, 1542, when Lord Maxwell's army suffered so fatal a surprise near the Esk. It is probable that other lists of the prisoners taken on that occasion may have been preserved, with which you will be familiar. This paper may, however, I would hope, prove of some interest, on account of its being a contemporaneous memorial of that fatal day. It will be gratifying to me if you should consider it worthy to be brought before the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, of which I regret to have been so unprofitable a member for several years past. I heartily wish that, on the present occasion, some subject matter of more pleasing character had fallen in my way, which might have been tendered with better grace, and greater satisfaction to myself, than thus to revert to a period of disaster. It is almost needless, however, to allude to such considerations, for these documents which occasion enables me to offer you, have become part and parcel of those details of national history which no longer present any debateable ground, save in the field of friendly discussion and the pursuit of historical truth.

The antiquaries of the south, as you are aware, are projecting a foray across the Border this season. If, as in the present communication, we are occasionally reminded of the evil times of discord and violence, it will only make us more fully appreciate the brighter times in which we live, and the cordial welcome which has been tendered to us in your ancient capital. The purpose which will bring us amongst you is kindred to your own. We desire, in unison of feeling with your own, the preservation of all records and monuments of the past,

1 [In Lodge's Illustrations of British History, vol. i., pp. 44-50, edit. 1838, will be found "The names of such Scottish pledges and prisoners as were taken since this war first began in these West Marches, with an estimate of their values and estimations, and where they were bestowed at the first." In the State Papers, published under the authority of His Majesty's Commission, vol. v., pp. 232-235, is an account of "The yearly value of the landes, and also the value and substance in goodes of the Scottishe prisoners taken at Salowe Mosse." In both these lists, as well as in the roll printed in the text, the names of persons and places have been sadly disfigured by the English scribes.]
and to give a fresh impulse if possible to an intelligent taste for historical and
archaeological research. Your national antiquities present to us a new and im-
portant field of investigation, of much greater interest than has been presented
to us in former years. We look with much gratification to the friendly guidance
and encouragement of the Antiquaries of Scotland, and to the occasion of estab-
lishing those relations of friendly communication which must always promote
the interest of science.—I remain, my dear sir, yours very faithfully,

ALBERT WAY.

JOSEPH ROBERTSON, Esq., &c. &c.

NOBLEMEN AND GENTELMEN OF SKOTLAND TAKEN PRISONERS UPON
ESKE, ON FRIDAYE THE xxijth DAYE OF NOVEMBER.

Therle of Casselles.
Therle of Glenkern otherwise called
the Lorde Kylmars.
The Lorde Maxwelle admiralle of Skotland,
and warden of the west marches
of the same.
The Lorde Fleminge.
The Lorde Sommerwelle.
The Lorde Graye.
The Lorde Olyvant.
Oliver Seinklere of the Kinges prevy
counselle, and iiij of his breth[ren].
John Rosse lorde of Cragye and gen-
tilman ussher of the Kinge of Scottes
prevy chamber and of his counselle.
Roberte Herskyn son and heire to the
Lorde Herskyn late ambassadour.
Seton son in lawe to the sayde Lorde
Herskyn.
George Humme lorde of Hayton.
Carr lorde of Groddene.
John Charter uncle and keper to the
lorde Hempsfeld duringe his non-
age.
Davy Gorden bastard eme to the lorde
Lokynfer.
Andrewe Rowke lorde of Duncrowbe.
The lorde Mountethe.
The lorde of Largo.
Johnn Maxwelle the Lorde Maxwelles
brother.
Henry Maxwelle bastard brother to
the same Lorde.
Mr Johnn Seton.
John Lesley bastard son to therle of
Rothers.
Johnn Carmelle capitayn of Craffurthe.
Johnn Mauntlaud the lorde of Awyke
Castelle.
Roberte Sharters the lorde Hempsfel-
des brother.
Mr Davy Kythe.
Johnn Mylwelle the lorde of Cayrnb.
James Pringelle chefe storer of alle the
Kinges goodes and in greate fa-
vour.
Johnn Myknn marrow.
Thomas Craige.
Robyn Gorr.
Thomas Seinklere.
Christofer Gyles.
Sawnder Short.
ANTHONYES OF SCOTLAND.

Thomas Rosse
Peter Rigge.
Christofer Maristyne.
John Bassley.
Hobbey Amytonn.
William Makanytt.
Peter Kirkepatryke.
Richarde Watson.
Roberte Pingretton.
William Andirston.
Johnn Roberton.
Sir Roberte Maxwelle presto.
Johnn Williamson.
Johnn Forcheneythe.
Johnn Morrowe.
James Browne.
Archibold Edmonstoune.
Peter Larborow.
Steven Bromefelde.
Roberte Wilson.
+James Seinclere [a + opposite this name in original].
James Maxwelle.
Cutbert Graye.
Jocke Graye.
Mathew Alyn.
Johnn Diksame.
Mathew Lynnesayye.
James Wilson.
Thomas Horne.
William Alonne.
William Ceton.
William Mounteighth.
Henry Dromount.
Patric Busshopp.
Andrew Mounteighth.
Johnn Browne.
Johnn More.
Harbert Maxwelle.
James Amyilton.
Arthur Seinclere.
James Lensay.
Andrew Trayle.
Roberte Carre.
Johnn Yonge.
Thomas Rythebeth.
Andrew Rithbe.
John Maycowle.
George Maxwelle.
James Maxwelle.
Clement Egre.
Thomas Kirkepatryke.
Thomas Crayforde.
Richard Maxwelle.
Roberte Stewarde.
Christofer Morrowe.
Henry Kyrkepatrycke.
George Harryott servaunte to the Abbott of Gedwourthe.
Peter Trotter.
Thomas Trotter.
Anthony Trotter.
Edwarde Bromefelde of the Merches.
Cutbert Huton.

THINGES DONE BY THEST AND MYDLE MARCHES SINS THE OVERTHROW GIVEN TO THE SCOTTES ON THE WEST BORDERS.

The Capitayne of Norham Castle, Bryan Laton, and Thomas Suttelle, brent a toune called Hiltone, the xxvth day of November, and toke xxxv prisoners, xlv horses, and xx bestes.
The xxvii\textsuperscript{th} daye of November the same Capitayne with other brent the toune and corne of Batrigsyde and of Sutton and toke xvij prisoners, whiche toke a churche for their fortresse, and besydes that toke xxx horses, xx nete and c shepe.

The same day Sir Rauffe Evers, Sir George Douglas, and Sir William Bulmer with other, brent a greate toune called Wedincraw, wherein were lx plowes, with divers other tounes and villages as Estrestone, Westrestone, Whyterige and Baterige, and corne wourthe m. li.

Now at the laste ende there were taken iiiij\textsuperscript{xx} prisoners, a Priory brent, and a toune of iiiij\textsuperscript{xx} plowes, and in cattelle xlij\textsuperscript{c}, and m. shepe, and the goodes of the same by estimacyon wourthe a greate substance.

The document, of which a transcript is here given, apparently a contempora\-ry record, which may have been an official despatch to some person in au\-thority in the Marches, has been found in a volume of miscellaneous collections preserved in the library of the Duke of Northumberland at Sion House, Middle\-sex. The volume comprises various matters relating to the court, precedents for state funerals, coronations, creating of knights, &c., mostly originals, and probably collected by some herald or official of the court. They concern chiefly the reigns of Henry VIII. and Edward VI. The volume is lettered on the back, "On Ceremony." It has not been ascertained in what library or collection it had been originally preserved.

The list of Scottish prisoners, and note of things done in the East and Middle Marches, are written on one sheet of folio paper (paper mark, a human hand, with a mullet over it; a fleur-de-lys on the wrist; on the palm a \(\delta\)). The paper is folded once in its breadth, and four times in its length, probably to be inclosed in a cover for transmission as a despatch.