LIST OF SCOTTISH NOBLEMEN AND GENTLEMEN TAKEN PRISONERS AT THE BATTLE OF SOLWAY MOSS ON 24TH NOVEMBER 1542, FROM A CONTEMPORARY MANUSCRIPT IN THE LIBRARY OF THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND AT SION HOUSE. COMMUNICATED BY ALBERT WAY, Esq., F.S.A. Scot., Hon. Sec. of the Archæological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, in a Letter to JOSEPH ROBERTSON, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

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 l'rince 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.1 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 Merches, 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 yerely 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 archæological research. Your national antiquities present to us a new and important 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 establishing 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 FRYDAYE THE xxiiiith DAYE OF NOVEMBER.

Therle of Casselles.

Therle of Glenkern otherwise called The lorde Mountethe. the Lorde Kylmars.

The Lorde Maxwelle admirable 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 iij of his breth[ren].

John Rosse lorde of Cragye and gentilman 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 Greddene.

John Charter uncle and keper to the lorde Hempsfeld duringe his nonage.

Davy Gorden basterd eme to the lorde Lokynfer.

Andrewe Rowke lorde of Duncrowbe.

The lorde of Largo.

Johnn Maxwelle the Lorde Maxwelles brother

Henry Maxwelle bastard brother to the same Lorde:

Mr Johnn Seton.

John Lesley basterd son to therle of Rothers.

Johnn Carmelle capitavn of Craffurthe. Johnn Mauntland the lorde of Awyke Castelle.

Roberte Sharters the lorde Hempsfeldes brother.

Mr Davy Kythe.

Johnn Mylwelle the lorde of Cayrnby.

James Pringelle chefe storer of alle the Kinges goodes and in greate favour.

Johnn Myknnarrow.

Thomas Craige.

Robyn Gorr.

Thomas Seinklere.

Christofer Gyles.

Sawnder Short.

ANTIQUARIES OF SCOTLAND.

Thomas Rosse Peter Rigge.

Christofer Maristyne.

Johnn Bassley.

Hobbey Amytonn. William Makanytt.

Peter Kirkepatryke. Richarde Watson.

Roberte Pingretton. William Andirston.

Johnn Roberton.

Sir Roberte Maxwelle preste.

Johnn Williamson.

Johnn Forcheneythe.

Johnn Morrowe.

James Bronne.

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 Lynnesaye.

James Wilson.
Thomas Horne.
William Allonne.

William Ceton.

William Mounteight. Henry Dromount.

Patric Busshopp.

Andrew Mounteight.

Johnn Browne.
Johnn More.

Harbert Maxwelle.

James Amylton.

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.

Richarde 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 xxvijth daye of November the same Capitayne with other brent the toune and corne of Batrigsyde and of Sutton and toke xxj prisoners, whiche toke a churche for theire 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, wherin 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 iiijxx prisoners, a Priory brent, and a toune of iiijxx plowes, and in cattelle xiijc, 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 contemporary record, which may have been an official despatch to some person in authority in the Marches, has been found in a volume of miscellaneous collections preserved in the library of the Duke of Northumberland at Sion House, Middlesex. 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 d). 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.