



THE HISTORY

AND

ANNALS OF NORTHALLERTON

YORKSHIRE,

WITH NOTES AND VOLUMINOUS APPENDIX,

COMPILED FROM AUTHENTIC AND RELIABLE SOURCES

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“Quis nescit, primam esse historiæ legem, ne quid falsi dicere audeat; deinde, ne quid veri non audeat; ne quid suspicio gratiæ sit in scribendo; ne quid simultatis.”

“Hæc scilicet fundamenta nota sunt omnibus.”

Cicero Orat. ii, 15.

“Forsan et hæc olim meminisse juvabit.”

Virgil, Æn. i, 203.

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PREFACE.

The necessity for a new edition of the History of Northallerton is the compiler's apology for issuing the present work. An historical work is necessarily one which must from time to time be enlarged and improved. The histories by Gale, Langdale, and Ingledew have come and gone, having served their day and generation; and the compiler trusts that the same kind consideration and patronage will be extended to him and his work as were enjoyed by his predecessors. It is hoped that the "*History and Annals of Northallerton*" will be found more complete, reliable, and interesting than any previous history of the town: much new and important matter has been added, and the whole brought down to the present date. With a view to a continuation of the work by other hands at some future time, and to preclude the necessity of an index, the compiler has arranged his information under successive years, care being taken to eliminate everything of an unimportant and uninteresting nature. If the work tends in any degree to maintain the prestige and reputation of the "capital of the North-Riding," to which title Northallerton has an undoubted claim, the compiler will be amply rewarded. To all those who have encouraged and assisted him in the work he begs to return his most sincere thanks.

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