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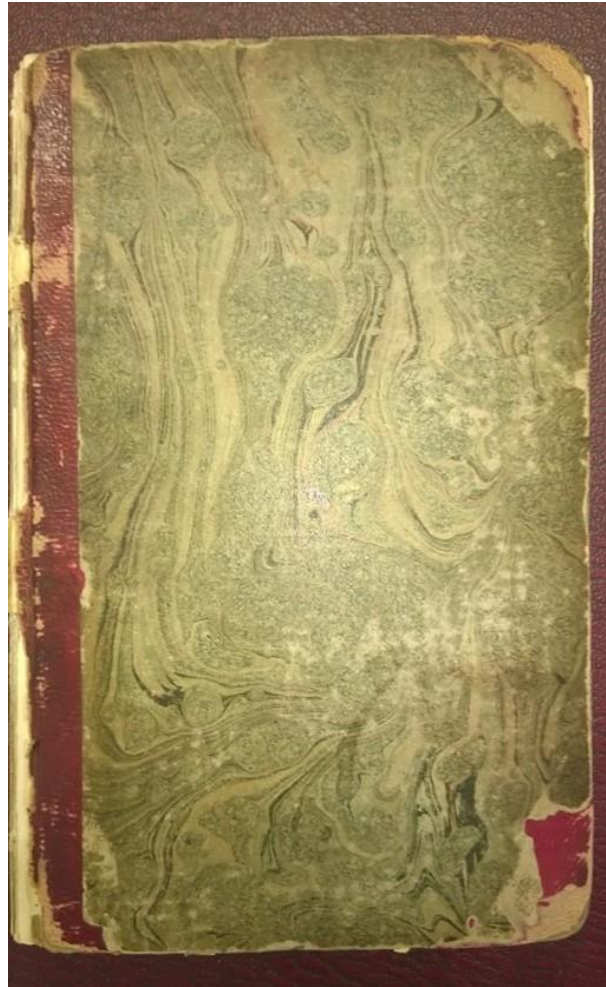
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‘A Short Tour to Harrogate in 1808’, by J Caparn

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This is an MS account of a tour, which was never published, and is illustrated with 3 fine water colour drawings by W. Brand.

[Newspaper cutting]

Written by

J Caparn

Boston

1808

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Dedication

To Miss Elmhirst,
Daughter of William
Elmhirst, Esq.
Bag –Enderby, Lincolnshire.

My Dear Miss Elmhirst,

The following Pages I beg permission to dedicate to You; many of the occurrences contained in them pass'd daily in review before

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you, in company with Her, who has long participated in your friendship, & long been the solace of my chequered Life.

Shoul'd any reasonable pleasure have been unpursued this' my means, during the progress of our excursion, which cou'd have caused ~~any~~ momentary regret, I request you to attribute it to those concomitant circumstances, which usually & unavoidably accompany that period of life, when the rage for fashionable

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amusements begin to subside; & to believe, that if the perusal of this trifle can afford any pleasing Retrospect, it will more than amply atone for the labour of it's production; & that your acceptance of it will confer no ordinary obligation on

Your very sincere,

& faithful Friend

John Caparn.

26th Aug^t. [August] 1808

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*A short Tour to
Harrogate in
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_____ “ Forsan, - haec olim meminisse iuvabit.” Virg[il] An:

_____ “On this chequ’r’d Tour past your mind with pleasure may
reflect at last.”

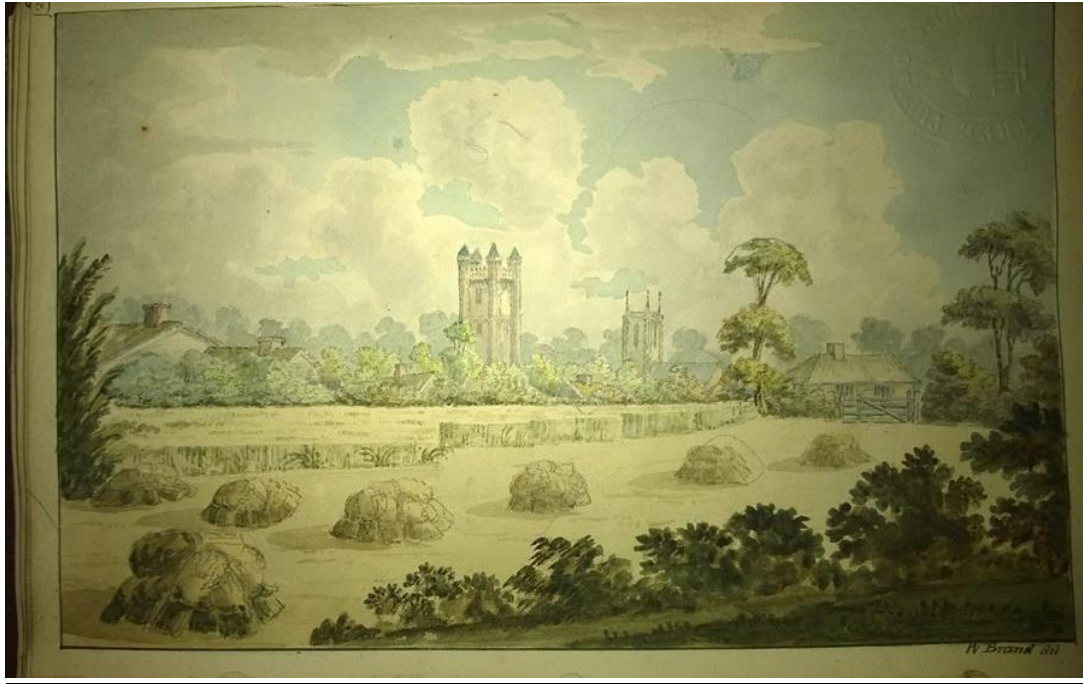
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On Monday, the 25th. Of July about eight o’clock in
the morning, Mifs Elmhurst,

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M^{rs}. C [Caparn] & I enter’d the Packet Boat for Lincoln.

The weather was remarkably pleasant; the first
object worthy of notice, which presented itself from the smooth
surface of the Witham, was Tattershall Castle; which is admirably
well adapted to raise high & dignified notions of antient baronial
splendour, as well as of the proud magnificence of feudal times@: It
is yet in high preservation, with the exception of the South – East
Turret,



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[The following two lines of text were written vertically on the page]

NB- On lending this Book to my late Friend M^r Brand he obligingly returned it with the enclosed drawing –

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which is hastening to decay: The antiquity of it's fine & beautiful Church adds much to it's commanding appearance; but, who can sufficiently reprobate the depravity of those, who despoil'd it of the pre-eminent honours it cou'd truly boast of, in the exquisite perfection of it's painted Windows, now alas! decorating some distant Church at the expence of this:

a short distance from hence is Kirkstead; on passing which the Country towards the right is

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somewhat improv'd for a short space, & the view not unpleasant: Here the attention is directed to another fallen monument of pristine Piety, the Ruin of Kirkstead Abbey; & about a mile to the North-east of this, is *Tower Moor – on which is a Turret of Eminence not so impaired by the ravages of time, as that in its vicinity: The country ~~from~~ from hence to Lincoln is very flat, cheerless & uninteresting, the winding Witham, in it's Witham, in sinuous course, exhibits from different

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points for several miles the once proud, but now degraded Cathedral; & the eye, which had been long familiarized to the beauteous & elevated Spires, turns with ----- abhorrence from the cruel spoiliation, & laments in silence the barbarous refinement of modern times.

Arriv'd at the Rein Deer about six o'Clock – where we slept; & at ten in the morning proceeded to Gainsboro' by Spittle. 26. Here we were most kindly

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& hospitably entertained by M^r Wetherall & Mifs Cheplet, the respected friends of Mifs E, the latter of whom we quitted not without sorrowful reflections, & our best wished for her returning health.

Gainsboro' Bridge is a very handsome & elegant structure ---- & so it ought – for where is the Traveller who will think himself sufficiently compensated for his half Crown by a transient view of it --- the usual Toll for a Chaise and Pair?

To Bawtry 12 miles – from

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thence to Doncaster very pleasant & beautifully diversified with hills & vales, interspersed with charming prospects of a well-wooded country.

Doncaster stands deservedly high in public estimation for beauty & elegance: The approach from the South is strikingly handsome & ornamental. The Mansion – house is a spacious & superb building both within & without; & admirably calculated to afford to the Chief Magistrate of the Town a fair opportunity of

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performing his hospitable Rites with credit & eclat.

To Ferrybridge 15 miles – the Angel Inn no stranger can leave without acknowledging that it is extremely commodious, elegant & neat; & that it wou'd rebound even to the national credit, if Inns of their discription were more numerous.

27. Slept here; & after breakfast stroll'd over the Bridge for the purpose of viewing this admirable & architectural Ornament: It consists of five Arches;

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thro' three of which the River Ayr pafses, & the other two are dry, forming a hauling way for the Vefsels on each side.

It wou'd probably be very difficult in this kingdom to point out any other Bridge of equal extent, which could exceed it in magnificence & architectural grandeur: It was plann'd by the late M^r. Carr of York – built by M^r. Bernard of Pontefract, & completed in 1804: It is about ten yards in breadth, & wonderfully attractive by it's neat & elegant

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construction.

From Ferrybridge to Leeds 16 miles, thro' an extremely beautiful & varied country, Leeds is a large, handsome, very populous & commercial Town: the principal street is called Briggate, & very much resembles Holborn both in its busy scenes, & multitude of buildings: The Cloth Hall is well worth the notice of Strangers; but it is at this time a melancholy reflection to see it so overstock'd with Goods _ a dreadful proof of the stagnation

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of trade, & of the pressure of the times upon the manufacturing , as well as upon his employer; It is an ancient quadrangular building, parcell'd out in Streets; the names of the venders of Cloth with their places of country Residence are marked upon the Table opposite to their stations; these stations do not exceed three feet in length & breadth & in number about 1500: This is distinguish'd by the name of the White Cloth Hall.

The population of Leeds

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is not estimated at less than sixty thousand.

From Leeds to Harrogate 16 miles where we arriv'd at 7 in the evening. the road leads thro' a beautiful and enchanting country charmingly interspers'd with Hills & Vales – enrich'd with magnificent seats & pleasure grounds, wearing the aspect of opulence, & apparently affording to their possessors all the luxuries & refinements of polish'd Life.

Harrogate.

28th. Arriv'd at the Granby about

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seven in the evening amidst a deluge of Rain; Upon enquiry we found that the House was too full for us to be accommodated according to our wishes, when we drove to the Queens Head; which in point of situation, prospect & internal convenience, need not yield to any other Hotel in this fashionable & much frequented place. We were fortunate in obtaining Apartments perfectly satisfactory to our wishes. This House is very spacious & well adapted to the accommodation

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& entertainment of numerous Visitors. The Dining Room is about 42 feet by 21. _ The Ball Room, in which the Company breakfast & drink Tea, except on Ball-nights, is about 60 feet by 30: The table is elegantly supply'd, & the Attendants are civil & obliging: One superiour convenience over the other Houses in High Harrogate for those who have not carriages, is, that it is considerably nearer to the Well – being about the distance of three quarters of a mile thro'

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four or five pleasant fields, presenting on each side delightful & pleasing view resembling the Wold Hills in the pleasantest part of Lincolnshire.

In the centre of the Valley in Low Harrogate is the Well, over which was erected during the last Winter (1807) a spacious & handsome Dome: Hither the Visitors repair from the upper & lower Towns to drink the waters before breakfast, which are generally taken in quantity about two half pints at the intervals

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of ten or fifteen Minutes between each Glass: at the distance of a quarter of a mile South West of the Well the principal Springs, from

which it is supplied; & from which, Water is convey'd in Carts for the purpose of bathing at each Hotel: In this swampy & humid Bog are five or six Stone Troughs, but the largest is cover d over, & tinges the Basin which contains it with a beautiful pink hue. It is suppos'd to emit more Sulphur,

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but less salt than the other.

Near also to the Well is a newly erected & spacious Subscription Room, call'd the Promenade, the dimensions of which are 75 feet by 32, where the company walk, hear Music, & read the Papers or other Books in the Library, which is attach d to the Room: There is a pleasant Garden & Terrace adjoining to it, 30 Yards long, by eleven in width; ~~in~~-near to which is a strong Chalybeate spring, frequently resorted to. The subscription to the Prome-

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-ade is a Guinea for the season, or three shillings & six pence weekly for each person.

Harrogate is a Hamlet belonging to Knaresborough, which parish was enclos'd between thirty and forty years ago. Upon this inclosure two hundred Acres of Common adjoining the higher town, & the Wells in the lower town, were fortunately not allotted to any individual Proprietor: but by an especial clause in the Act of Parliament were judiciously reserv'd for the use of, & became

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the property of, the Public: This admirable provision has left an extensive & open Common for exercise; & given to every one without molestation or expence, free access to the Wells, & the uninterrupted use of their salutary Waters.

At this time thirty Pounds a year were appropriated towards the maintenance of a Curate, & a Chapel was ~~at that time~~ built by subscription: The other emoluments of the Minister depend totally on voluntary con-

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-tributions; & a Book at each Inn is produc'd & circulated round the table, every Sunday, after dinner for this purpose:

The Chapel is very neat, & is render'd so commodious by Galleries, as to contain almost 600 persons: Service is twice on Sunday, & Prayers are read on Wednesday & Friday throughout the Summer.

The present worthy & exemplary Clergyman, M^r. Mitten, is nearly 70 years of Age – has officiated upwards of thirty years,

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& to the surprise as well as regret of those who intimately know him, has never yet been rescu'd by any of his numerously opulent & noble Auditors from this humiliating & precarious subsistence _ he never possess'd a Benefice in his life _ & is only the eleemosynary Curate of Harrogate !!!

How strange! that a good man locally cast amongst the very first classes of Society shou'd be thus neglected! He has had many favourable prospects, & many

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promises from the Rich & Great; - none have been realised – for alas! All have “pass’d by on the other side,” & left him, as they found him!

An impressive Lesson, for impatient & speculative Divines!

The hour of Breakfast at the several Hotels is not regularly fix’d; but each takes it at a small separate table, or with his own party, as convenience or accident directs.

The interval between Breakfast & Dinner, which is almost

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universally at four o’Clock, is pass’d in riding, walking or forming parties to view the adjacent country, or Seats in the neighbourhood; from which they usually return highly gratified, & by expatiating on their several attractions induce others to pursue the same tour.

Tea is announced at seven; & after Tea a walk to the Promenade generally concludes the outward amusements of the day.

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The Supper-Bell again calls the company together at half past nine_ & at eleven few of them are visible; except on Ball-nights; for to add to the gaiety of this festive place, there are two Dancing Assemblies regularly in each week throughout the season, at the Dragon, Granby & Queen’s Head alternately, viz on Mondays & Friday; Cards of Invitation announce where they are held.

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N.B. It was my good fortune, by a little stratagem, to escape the Fever of these Dog-day Balls!

Regularity & Temperance, with these exceptions, lend their aid to facilitate the effects of the Bath & Water; & the most fastidious observer can neither complain of being disturb'd by tumult, or annoy'd by intemperance.

The Chair, during our continuance, was fill'd in the person of M^r. Brailsford, whose Urbanity

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& polite Attentions must induce all to name him with respect, & to leave him with regret.

Thus glide away the passing hours; & with the exception of a few incidental occurrences, not worth recording, the history of one day may be said to comprise the history of a hundred.

Went to Knaresboro' to view the Castle, the Dropping Well, & other curiosities in its vicinity. The ground, on which this celebrated Castle stood, is extensive, & affords from it's

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summit a most enchanting & delightful prospect. The River Nidd flows thro' this rich & exuberant Valley; on each side the Trees swell with elegance, rising in graduation from the Rocks, & forming a scene truly picturesque; such indeed as words are too feeble to describe, & which the most fertile imagination can scarcely conceive.

By the side of this hanging Precipice, on a charming eminence is situate a most romantic Cottage, dignified by

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the name of Fort Montague; in this spot are planted Shamcannon, suppos'd to command the opposite Hill, & a Flag is hoisted occasionally to carry on the idea of a Fortress, & to justify its appellation.

Had my Uncle Toby been fortunate enough to have been Governor of this Fort; he wou'd have been proud to have defended it to the last moment of his life, & with his dying breath to have consigned it's future destiny to Trim!

Here in artificial grandeur, & mock ceremony

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dwells an inoffensive & harmless pan, enthusiastically attach'd to it as a Fortress, raised by their own manual exertions, & remunerated for their ingenious labours by daily Virtues during the summer; complimented & applauded for their indefatigable attention to the Fort, till they are nearly deceiv'd into a belief of it's reality; The Garden belonging to it is upon a sloping Rock, affording from different parts of it many attracting & fascinating prospects.

Below this you proceed

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to another romantic spot, call'd the Hermit's Cave, hewn out of a Rock, & admirably calculated to inculcate the idea of recluse retirement, & to encourage with the credulous vulgar the belief of legendary Nonsense:

in their sequester'd place is a family of the name of Smith; two of whose children were distinguish'd in a peculiar manner from every other created Being by a most immense profusion of Hair, curl'd over their Heads, & strongly representing the whitest wool: The elder William, whose Portrait has

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been extensively circulated, is dead; but the younger, John, aged six years is still living, & a more extraordinary deviation from Nature's laws amongst the human Race is rarely to be met with.

From this retired spot, you descend along the Valley, leading to the Dropping Well; which is a coarse & rugged Rock, about ten yards in perpendicular height, from which perpetually issue in uninterrupted & regular succession Showers of Water into the Brook below: This Water is of a very singular quality, petrifying any sub-

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-stance, which is deposited within it; Birds, Hats, Wigs, Animal & Vegetable substances of all kinds & descriptions, by remaining within the Rock for the space of a twelve month totally change their nature, & from their own original Organization are metamorphos'd into Stone: In some substances this process is effected in six months; but every other must yield to it's petrifying influence in the revolution of a year.

Knarborough is a pleasant & romantic Town with a considerable Market for Corn, &

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returns two Members to Parliament. The local situation on the side of the Hill renders its' prospects charmingly diversifying & extensive.

Aug^t. [August] 8th. produc'd a pleasing & delightful ride to Plumpton, three miles from Harrogate: At this place, which is the property of Lord Harewood, are attractive pleasure Grounds; the rugged & craggy Rocks standing in detach'd pieces present a novel & wild appearance, & amply reward the Investigation for the labour of his researcher.

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Aug^t. [August] 9. A short & pleasant ride this morning gratified Miss Elmhurst & myself with a transient view of Ripley Castle, the elegant & handsome Mansion of Sir John Ingleby.

The grounds & adjacent country are beautifully diversified; & Miss E [Elmhurst] had to lament that this rapid & birds-eye view cou[l]d not enable her to admire it without the suppression of a sigh, at the disappointed expectations of a respected Friend – dignified by Title & Fortune – once

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the lady of this high Domain; now however rising superiour to those wayward events, which broke in upon her earlier prospects, & by the strength of her own intellectual Talent once more restord to Quietude & Happiness.

_____ 10th. Races on the Common attracted a large concourse of people; the Scene was gay & splendid & the carriages numerous.

_____ 11th. Two Matches were run, & afforded much diversion; the second heat being obtained, according to the Sportsman's Phrase, by half a

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neck. Added to the amusements of that day was a jingling Match, which convuls'd almost every face with laughter at the odd & unavoidable incidents produc'd by it: It continu'd twenty minutes, & the Jingler display'd very considerable activity & adroitness by eluding all attempts to take him; & was at last triumphantly victorious amidst the acclamations of the company; from which novel spectacle every one retired, as Butler says, " like a Mob from an Execution, full

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of satisfaction & narrative.

12^[th] & 13^[th]. Much Rain – in consequence of which all outwards Amusements were suspended; & in a crowded house at such a season it may fairly be expected amidst a dearth of sedentary resources, that the time wou'd pass tediously without much interest, & that every face would naturally brighten when summon'd to attend the cheerful hilarity of the Table.

In Harrogate & it's vicinity a melancholy scene

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Is not unfrequently presented to the contemplative Stranger – forming no ordinary contract between Opulence & Poverty – Whilst the gay favourite of Fortune is rolling in his splendid Equipage, it is no unusual sight to observe the Poor man upon the public road – watching for - & scraping together the very Manure which his pamper'd Horses have left, & accumulating this Refuse to contribute to his support!

Such are necessarily the various conditions of Society;

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& it is matter of regret that there shou'd not be sufficient employment in that place for the industrious Poor without the hard necessity of submitting to this disgusting labour!

The Walks are form d of a very small, sharp, white-shining Sand, which most incredibly works it's way into the Shoe; but to compensate this inconvenience even after a heavy & continued Rain they do not long retain their moisture, but are very soon comfortable & dry.

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17^[th].left Harrogate – wearied with the tumult of a public table, & wishing for our home, - we proceeded towards Rippon on our return; but still anxious to avail ourselves of the opportunity of seeing what no Traveller in their vicinity should omit seeing – Hackfall & Studley Royal – if romantic prospects & natural beauties are the objects of his pursuit.

On the numerous & fascinating Attractions of Studley it were useless to expatiate: The

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pen must fall infinitely short in description, & the mind in conception: These exquisite & incomparable pleasure Grounds contain upwards of three hundred Acres, & the Park eleven hundred.

Each particular view strikes the Observer with increasing astonishment; & the eye is every moment regaled with new wonders & diversified scenery. In the various winding paths Statues of exquisite workmanship present themselves from every

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avenue; & Nature & Art combine to form the most admirable prospects incapable of improvement: Temples, Grotto's, fanciful buildings of different descriptions arrest attention, & increase the surprise, novelty and grandeur of the Landscape.

To view this interesting & extensive Domain requires at least three hours; & from which no Visitors can return without the most perfect & entire gratification; & if dispos'd to cavil or object, it may fairly be inferr'd that such

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are incapable of deriving pleasure or satisfaction either from natural or artificial Beauties.

Fountain's Abbey is a most stupendous Monument of departed Piety: The Tower is very perfect, lofty & sublime: The Ruins occupy at this time two ----- acres of Ground – but in it's splendid prosperity, it is said that they cover'd ten Acres. The Order was Cistertian. The awful but fallen grandeur of this venerable Edifice forcibly recalls

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to mind the image of the Poet, in the following lines;

“Here off the Monk religious told his Beads,

“Adoring Saints on either side inurn’d

“Off trod the midnight, devious path which leads

“Where yonder sacred Altar lies o’erturn’d”.

It is almost unnecessary to add, that great attention has been paid to it’s preservation; or at this distant period from it’s foundation, Time wou’d have whittled it away.

Return d to Rippon, where we were detain’d during

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the remainder of the day. The town of Rippon has nothing particularly striking or worthy of notice, except the Cathedral, the Town Hall, & the lofty Pillar in the Market Place; This Hall was presented to the Corporation in 1798, by the late M^{rs}. Allanson, then the worthy owner of Studley Royal; the Pillar was erected by the late Will^m. [William] Aislabie Esq^r. who had represented this Borough in several successive Parliaments.

The Market –place

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is handsome & spacious, & from it’s appearance a Stranger might be induced to believe, that the other parts of the Town might in some degree correspond with it; but –not so- it is very humble, & seems to contain few houses above mediocrity.

The Cathedral is an ancient Gothic Structure – The two western Towers are very curious in Gothic Workmanship, but the broad Tower is very low, & apparently much too broad for it’s just proportion.

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In a Vault belonging to this Fabric is a Charnel-House, in which are deposited in rows of considerable extent an incalculable number of human Skulls & Bones ----- a more impressive Monument of Mortality cannot be exhibited; - & whoever retires from this awful receptacle of the Dead, without solemn & serious reflections, is more deserving of commiseration, than contempt.

Slept at Rippon at Fairgraves – an excellent & respectable Inn - & in the Morning,

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(Thursday the 18th) proceeded to Hackfall, eight miles from thence thro' a very narrow & dangerous road, in which two Carriages cannot pass safely without the greatest caution & care.

Hackfall is a most wild, rude & romantic Scenery – Nature here displays her own natural charms almost unassisted by artificial decorations: The various Falls of Water rushing down the rough & rugged Precipices from immense Heights form

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a scene, which description cannot reach; The vast & expansive Foliage upon the side of the Hills & in the Valleys, enriches the prospect beyond comprehension, & leaves the mind in wonder & astonishment at it's various & indescribable beauties.

To walk thro' this enchanting Domain, & to explore it's diversified & attractive objects, is an exertion of no slender labour, & cannot leisurely be accomplish'd in less time, than two hours.

It contains one

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hundred & fifty Acres; a hundred of which is laid out in Walks – ascending & descending immense Hills in perpetual succession, till the eye is fatigued with diversity, & the body with exertion.

The good old Gardener, Jonathan Wood, aged 76 years, has had the care & management of this wild & romantic *region* upwards of thirty years, & is yet capable of traversing these Hills & Dales twice in

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the day. His intelligence & ready information must strongly prepossess Strangers in his favor, & as he can amply satisfy any local enquiries.

The late M^{rs}. Allanson, the last owner of both Studley & Hackfall, died in May last, and bequeth'd these two very valuable Estates by her Will to her Niece, Mifs Lawrence, now the sole Proprietor of these incomparable Possessions!

Return'd to Rippon

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thro' no very pleasant country; & from thence by Borough – Bridge & Green Hamerton to York thro' a country equally dreary & uninteresting - & reaching that City in the evening (the 18th) were very pleasantly accomodated at the Black Swan in Coney Street, kept by Clark – an excellent & comfortable Hotel.

Thursday the 19th. afforded us many gratifications by viewing various objects wor-

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-thy of attention in that ancient & extensive City.

The Cathedral is superbly grand, richly magnificent & commanding. The carved work is extremely fine; & the Windows throughout are the most exquisitely painted Glass: The Screen at the Altar between the Stone-work is glazed, & produces a most pleasing effect.

The west-front is extremely rich in carved & gothic stone work – the North & South West

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Towers are perhaps superior to most in the kingdom; but the broad Tower seems defective in it's proportion, & exhibits altogether a heavy & an unfinish[e]d appearance.

The Choir is fitted up in a very superior style, & is awfully impressive.

In the Vestry are shewn amongst other curiosities Relicks of Antiquity an archiepiscopal Mitre & Crosier actually worn & us'd by several

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Archbishops of the See.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the Dignitaries of this metropolitan Church, for their extreme attention to it's preservation: Two thousand Pounds are said to be annually expended in it's reparation.

Amongst other public Buildings the Castle is deserving of attention; it is by no means so capacious in it's reparation.

Amongst other public Buildings the Castle is deserving of attention; it is by no means so capacious in it's Area, as might probably be expected – but the County Hall & it's Appendages

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are well proportion[e]d & constructed of the finest Stone: the Chapel is very plain & neat, appropriate to the solemn purpose for which it is design'd.

the City itself is very populous & handsome; & in it's shops & principal Streets resembles various parts of the Metropolis. The Assembly Room is large & magnificent, supported by Pillars, & decorated with superb Glass Chandeliers & Lustres: Behind the Seats is

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a Passage in which is a range of Benches for the accomodation & convenience of the lower order of people.

20th. Left York – at seven in the morning of the very day on which the Races began (2: Will a Modern fashionable Man believe it?) & breakfasted at a dreary solitary Village called Barmby - Moor – twelve miles only from the scene of Attraction!!!

From thence to Beverley

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is seventeen Miles:

Beverley is a large & handsome Town – the principal Street is a very considerable length, towards the East end of which stands the Minster – a large, fine & curious Fabric , deserving of particular attention, & of being class[e]d amongst the first, as it is probably the largest Parish Church in the kingdom.

To Hull nine miles – where we found ourselves comfortably accomodated at the

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Neptune , kept by Groves, whom we recognized as our former Host at Sutton Hotel a few years since not without some pleasing sensations, but considerably check'd by the melancholy information that our respected Hostess had lately paid the Debt of Nature.

The new Dock is a work of stupendous Magnitude; it is said to inclose six Acres of Ground - & when the plan is completed by it's intended

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junction with the old Dock – cannot fail to be consider[e] d a work of the first commercial importance.

The Garrison is in a state of reparation - & has lately been commodiously fitted up for the purpose of storing Ammunition, Arms, Pikes, & the various Implements us'd in War: It is kept extremely neat, & is consider[e]d more as a military Depot, than as a defensive Garrison.

The High Church

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is a noble Structure – internally very grand, & capable of containing with the addition of with the addition of extensive Galleries with which it is surrounded, an immense concourse of people. the Chancel is very spacious, has the appearance of a Cathedral, & is generally crowded till a short time before the commencement of the Service, when each repairs to his respective Seat.

The old Dock is at this time full of Veffels

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of very considerable burthen, many of which have return'd from the North Seas, laden with successful spoils - & the sense of smelling will soon convince a Stranger, that the Whale Oil has been the object of their pursuits.

22. Crosse'd the Humber in three quarters of an hour, arriving at Barton at four o'clock; from whence we immediately set forward to Brigg - & on our way branch[e]d off a

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little to the left about two miles from Barton to pay a very short but friendly call upon M^r. & M^{rs}. W^m [William] Grayburn, whom we found pleasantly situate in their new & elegant Mansion in a part of the country, which two years before form[e]d a portion of the open & extensive field belonging to Barton; where no Vestiges of Fertility – no attractions then met the eye; but which is now enrich'd with rising Plantations & other various Decorations which bespeak the Residence of a Country Gentleman, & are the usual concomitants of

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rural Elegance.

Slept at Brigg; & after breakfast shortly reach'd Spittle; - this was the point where our circle of our Journey was completed; & where we parted from Mifs Elmhirst – our lively & pleasant Friend – with mutual reluctance, & mutual wishes for a speedy meeting to recount, over our firesides, the various incidents & occurrences of the excursion – affording to us probably as large a portion of diversified Gratifications, interspers'd with

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as few momentary causes of regret, with the exception of the barbarous dereliction of York Races, as might reasonably have been expected; & thanks to Providence, without one cross accident, or the shadow of Alarm, during the whole progress of our journey.

Miss E[lmhirst] proceeded to Gainsborough, & we slept at Lincoln; & on Wednesday the 24th.of August return'd in favourable Weather by the Packet-Boat

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to Boston, & sated with Variety, once more exchange'd the bustle & commotion of public Scenes for the social & happy of our own Home. ~ Finis. ~

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27^[th] April 18

For the view of Tattershall Castle & Church, at page 2 [page 13 in this transcription], as seen from the East Bank of the

Witham about one Mile from Dog-dike, I derive no ordinary gratification in paying this tribute of respectful acknowledgement to my ingenious Friend, William Brand, Esq^r. [Esquire] of Boston, who has thus obligingly favour[e]d me with this elegant & appropriate design; & it is to him also, that I am indebted for the following historical account of Tower a Moor, mention[e]d at page 4 [page 16 in this transcription], together with the annex'd Drawings.

“Tower a Moor, as it is now denominated, is undoubtedly a Baronial remain, w^h [which] when in it's pristine state was no other than the Keep of the place. ___ It was built with brick, was rectangular in it's form, & in every respect simi-

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-lar to Richmond (Kyme) & Hussey Towers (near &) in Boston – more especially the former, with w^h [which] it agreed in the number of it's floors &c – All that remains at present is the Turret (originally placed at the South west Angle of the square Tower) containing the winding stairs & apertures by w^h [which] a communication was form'd with the several stories & the platform w^h [which] surmounted the whole. “The marks of continuity in the works are such, as to place the matter beyond conjecture.”

I cannot here forbear to express a wish, that M^r. Brand's animated fancy had been employ'd in depicting some of those glowing scenes at Studley & at Hackfall, in the delineation of which the feeble Pen must yield to the descriptive Pencil. ~
