



*The Graver here hath well thy Face design'd.
But no hand FULLER can expresse thy Mind
For That a RESURRECTION gives to those
Whom Silent Monuments did long enclose.*

THE HISTORY OF THE WORTHIES OF ENGLAND,

Who for *Parts* and *Learning* have been eminent in the
several *COUNTIES*.

TOGETHER WITH
An Historical *NARRATIVE* of the Native Com-
modities and Rarities in each County.

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M D C L X I I.

It is called *Ambra-greſia*, That is, *gray Amber*, from the Colour thereof, which modern name utterly unknown to the Antients, doth speak it to be of later invention, whereof a Learned Doctor of Phyſick hath assigned this probable reason, because it was never found in the *Midland-ſea*, (which in effect was all the Seas to the Antients) but only in the main Ocean, which was not navigated on, till within this last two hundred years, since Seamen have gotten the use of the *Card and Compass*.

It is almost as hard to know what it is, as where to find it. Some will have it the sperme of a fish, or some other unctuous matter arising from them; others, that it's the foam of the Sea, or some excreſcency thence boiled to such a height by the heat of the Sun; Others, that it is a gum that grows on the shore. In a word, no certainty can be collected herein, some Physicians holding one way, and some another, but this is most true, that Apothecaries hold it at five pounds an Ounce, which some say is dearer then ever it was in the memory of man.

It is a rare Cordiall for the refreshing of the spirits, and soveraign for the strengthening the head, besides the most fragrant scent, far stronger in Conſort when Compounded with other things, then when singly it self.

A mass of this *Ambregreese* was about the third year of King Charles found in this County, at Low water, close to the shore of the Mannor of *Anthony*, then belonging to *Richard Carew*, Esquire.

Garlick.

Here is a great and sudden fall indeed, from the *sweetest of Gums*, to the most *stinking of Roots*. Yet is not the distance so great, if the worth of Garlick be such as some have avouched it. Not to speak of the *murmuring* * *Israelites*, who prized it before *Manna* it self; some avow it Sovereign for men and beasts in most Maladies. Indeed the scent thereof is somewhat Valiant and Offensive, but wise men will be contented to hold their noses, on condition they may thereby hold or recover their health. Indeed a large book is written *de usu alli*, which if it hold proportion with truth, one would wonder any man should be sick and dye, who hath Garlick growing in his Garden. Sure I am, our Palate-people are much pleased therewith, as giving a delicious *Hault-gust* to most meats they eat, as tasted and smelt in their Sauce, though not seen therein. The best Garlick is about * *Stratton* in this County.

Pilchards.

Plenty hereof are taken in these parts, persecuted to the shore by their enemies, the *Tunny* and *Hake*, till in pursuance of their private revenge, they all become a prey to the Fisherman. The *Pilchard* may seem contemptible in it self, being so small, though the wit of the vulgar here will tell you, they have seen many *Pilchards* an *ell-long*, understand it laid at length, head and tail together. Their numbers are incredible, employing a power of poor people, in Polling, (that is, Beheading,) Gutting, Splitting, Powdering and Drying them, and then (by the name of *Fumadoes*), with Oyle and a Lemon, they are meat for the mightiest *Don* in *Spain*. I wish, not onely their nets, but fish may hold, suspecting their daily decay, their shoals usually shifting coasts, and verging more westward to *Ireland*. Other fish here be which turn to good account, all welcome to Fishermens hooks, save the *Star-fish*, esteemed contagious.

Blew-Slate.

These are commonly found under the *Waking-Slate*, when the depth hath brought the workmen to the water. They are thin in substance, clear in colour, light in weight, and lasting in continuance. Generally they carry so good a regard, that (besides the supply of home-provisions) great store of them are imported into other parts of the land, and transported into *France* and the Low-Countries. All that I have to say of *Slate*, is that * *Cinyra* the son of *Agriopæ* is said first to have found them in *Cyprus*, for the Covering of Houses.

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The most and best in *Chriſtendome* this County doth produce. Yea it was the *Onely Tinne* in *Europe*, untill a *Fugitive Miner* running hence, discovered *Tinne* in *Poitland*; in the *Confines* of *Bohemia*. God may be laid in this County, to *rain Meat* (such the plenty thereof,) and give *Dishes* too, made of *Pewter*, which hath *Tinne* for the *Father*, and *Lead* for the *Mother* thereof, and in our Age doth *Martizant* too much. Vast their Ex-
pence in making their *Addits*, (understand then *Addreſſes*, and *Accesſes* to the *Mine*;) with *Dreſſing*, *Breaking*, *Stamping*, *Drying*, *Crazing*, *Washing* and *Melting*, all plentifully repayed in the *Selling* of it.

The discovery of many of these *Mines* have been very remarkable, for some have gained more *Sleeping*, then others *waking*, having dreamt that in such [Improbable] places, *Tinne* was to be found, and pursuing such Directions, have found it accordingly.

The * *Poet* we know saith Two Ports of *Dreames*,

*Sunt gemina sonus portæ: quarum: altera fertur
Cornu, quæ ovis facilis datur exitus umbris;
Altera (candenti, perfectæ mentis Elephantis,
Sed iussa ad Caelum mentis infomina mæves.*

*Dreames have two Gates, one made, they say of Horn
By this Port pass, true, and Propheticke Dreams:
White Ivory the other doth adorne,
By this false Shades, and lying Fancies stream.*

Strange that the *Best Gate*, for matter [Ivory] should present the *Worst* [false] *Dreams*. It seems these *Cornish Dreames* passed through the *Horny Gate*, which fell out so happily, that, thereby many have been enriched, and left great Estates to their Posterity.

I cannot take my leave of these *Tinners*, untill I have observ'd a strange practice of them, that once in seven or eight years, they burn down (and that to their great profit) their own *Melting houses*. I remember a merry Epigram in * *Martial*, on one *Tongilian*, who had his house in *Rome*, casually [reputed] burnt, and gained ten times as much, by his friends contribution to his loss.

*Collatum est decies. Roga non potes ipse videri
Incendisse tuam, Tongiliane domum?* | Gaining ten fold, tell truly I desire,
Tongilian didst not set thy house on fire?

But here the *Tinners* avow themselves incendiaries of their own houses, on a profitable account. For, during the *Tinnes* melting in the blowing-house, diverse light sparkles thereof, are by the forcible wind, which the bellows sendeth forth, driven up to the thatched roof, on the burning whereof they find so much of this light *Tinne* in the ashes, as payeth for the new building, with a gainfull overplus.

The Buildings.

Master Attorney Noy was wont pleasantly to say, that his house had no fault in it, save onely that it was too near unto *London*, though indeed distanced thence full three hundred miles, in the remoter part of this County. But seriously one may say, and defend it, that the distance of *Cornwall* from that *Metropolis*, is a Convenient Inconvenience. As for the structure of their Houses, they are generally but mean, though the Nobility and Gentry have handsome habitations, and amongst them none excellet.

Mount-Edgcomb.

It was built by Sir Richard Edgcomb Knight, take his Character from * one who very well knew him, mildness and sweetness, diffidence and wisdom, deliberateness of undertakings, and sufficiency of effecting; made in him a more commendable, then blazing mixture of virtue. In the Reign of Queen Mary (about the year 1555,) he gave entertainment at one time, for some good space to the Admirals of the English, Spanish, and Netherland, and many Noble men besides. A passage the more remarkable, because I am confident that the Admirals of those Nations never met since, (if ever before) amicably at the same Table. Mount-Edgcombe was the Scene of this Hospitality, a house new built and named by the aforesaid Knight, a square Structure with a round Turret

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