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PREFACE.

THIS Bibliography comprises books, pamphlets, magazine articles, and papers of learned societies, relating wholly or in part to British municipal history; in other words, to the governmental or constitutional history of the boroughs of Great Britain, including gilds and parliamentary representation. Town histories which do not deal with any of these topics, purely topographical works, and parish histories are omitted.¹

The Introduction gives a brief survey of the principal categories of sources (the public and local records and the town chronicles) and a critical account of the modern literature. Part I. contains the titles of the general authorities, while Part II. is devoted to works concerning particular towns. The notes appended to the titles in Part I. should be useful to students interested in the history of any particular borough, who are often inclined to neglect the public records and other general authorities; they will find all the references to a given town, in both parts of the book, indicated in the Index under the name of that town.

An attempt has been made to give some estimate of the value and character of the most important books. This is a hazardous undertaking in a bibliography comprising so many

¹ Some idea of the extent of the whole local literature relating to boroughs may be obtained from vol. iii. of Hyett and Bazeley's Manual of Gloucestershire Literature, in which 337 large octavo pages are devoted to Bristol.
titles; but the brief critical notes, however fallible and incomplete, may prove helpful in guiding students through the labyrinth of material.

The British Museum has the largest collection of works relating to municipal history, including many valuable manuscripts; but this collection is far from complete, lacking especially many privately printed books. In the Reliquary (1882, xxiii. 60), it is affirmed that the British Museum does not contain one tenth of the topographical literature of Great Britain. It would perhaps be nearer the truth to assert that it does not contain more than three quarters. Many local publications which are not in the British Museum, will be found, in London, in the Gildhall Library and in the Library of the Society of Antiquaries. Many histories of Scotch burghs are accessible only in Scotland, especially in the Advocates Library and in the Signet Library. The best American collections of British topographical literature are those in the Harvard College Library and the Boston Public Library.

The preparation of this Bibliography was begun in 1886. A selection, entitled "A Classified List of Books relating to British Municipal History," was printed in 1891, in the "Bibliographical Contributions of the Library of Harvard University," No. 43; and another selection, "Town Records of Great Britain," in the American Historical Review, 1896, ii. 191–200. It is unnecessary to rehearse the difficulties encountered in making this compilation,—to enumerate the many libraries, public and private, which had to be visited, the numerous catalogues, bibliographies, periodicals, publications of learned societies, and other devious by-ways which had to be explored. Despite all this labor, I am conscious that the work is incomplete, especially as regards the pamphlet literature. What I
have aimed to do is not to furnish book-sellers and book-buyers with an exhaustive catalogue of books, but to make the material which is most useful for the study of municipal history more accessible to historical students, and thus to help prepare the way for a better understanding of the development of town life in Great Britain.

Among those who have kindly aided me, I wish to thank especially the late Mr. W. H. Overall, for facilitating my work in the Gildhall Library, London; Mr. F. T. Barrett, of the Mitchell Library, Glasgow, and Mr. Frederic Boase, of the Library of the Incorporated Law Society, for similar favors; Mr. A. W. Robertson, of the Aberdeen Public Library, for information concerning Aberdeen books; my colleague, Professor J. W. Platner, for the tedious labor of reading my proof-sheets; and Mr. George Stronach, of the Advocates Library, whose generous aid has been of inestimable value in enriching the lists relating to Scotch burghs.

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NOTE.

A dagger (†) is prefixed to titles of works which the compiler has not been able to examine. An asterisk (*) is prefixed to titles of works which are particularly valuable.

Most of the abbreviations used are doubtless sufficiently intelligible, but the following may require explanation:


Hist. MSS. Com. Reports of the Historical MSS. Commission.

Record Com. Record Commission.
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INTRODUCTION.

No country of Europe has a soil more congenial to the study of history than England. The genesis of her present institutions, their foundation in the remote past, the unbroken continuity of their development, the interest that the present awakens in the past and the past in the present, the urgent necessity of carefully studying the past in order to know and improve the present,—all should form a strong incentive in England to the study of history. Moreover, owing in great part to this very continuity of development, England has a collection of public records unequaled in richness by those of any other country of Europe. Thousands of well-preserved parchment rolls, easily accessible and full of valuable material, invite investigation. Nevertheless, England remains far behind some of her neighbors in the study of the past. This is particularly true of the study of municipal history. The object of this Introduction is to consider briefly the scope and value of the original sources and of the modern literature relating to the history of the English municipalities.

§ 1. Public Records.

Our records begin with a few passages in the Anglo-Saxon laws and Domesday Book. Though the entries relating to towns in the Conqueror’s great survey are
not copious, they throw some welcome gleams of light on the internal affairs of the boroughs. For the twelfth century we must depend mainly upon a few town charters¹ and upon the meagre data of the Pipe Rolls.²

In the first half of the thirteenth century the public records multiply, and thenceforward afford us much assistance. The Charter and Patent Rolls,³ which contain the privileges granted to towns and gilds, are particularly valuable, and are supplemented by the Confirmation Rolls, in which all the grants made by the crown to a borough since the twelfth century are often recited in a single document.⁴ The early town charters are worthy of more attention than they have as yet received. They are valuable not merely for the history of municipal institutions, but also as a repository of old Anglo-Saxon legal ideas. For the boroughs, however progressive in other directions, still clung tenaciously to certain Anglo-Saxon traditions long after the Norman Conquest.

Next to the charters in importance are the Rolls of Parliament, together with their prolific modern progeny, the Journals of the Commons, the Journals of the Lords, and the Parliamentary Papers.⁵ The material relating to towns in the Statutes, Plea Rolls, Hundred Rolls, Close Rolls, and other public records

¹ See below, Nos. 78, 118, 124, 136, 1199, 1485, 2860–1, 3086.
² No. 129.
³ Nos. 119–27, 130, 133, 709–12, 714. The charters were merged in the patents in 8 Henry VIII. There is a valuable collection of transcripts of charters and letters patent in the Inner Temple Library, Petyt MS. 536, vols. xiii.–xiv., from which Merewether and Stephens (No. 79) obtained many of their documents.
⁴ Historians have made little use of these valuable Confirmation Rolls, which extend from 1 Richard III. to 1 Charles I. Before 1 Richard III. the confirmations are entered on the Charter and Patent Rolls, and after 1 Charles I. on the Patent Rolls.
⁵ Nos. 44, 134, 287, 288.
is scattered about in divers parts of the huge folio volumes of the Record Commission and in the ponderous rolls of the Public Record Office; \(^1\) from them, by patient, laborious investigation, much information may be obtained, especially regarding the relations of the boroughs to the crown.

§ 2. Town Records.

The town records form the main source for the study of internal municipal affairs. A few boroughs possess charters of the twelfth century. In a somewhat larger number the town records begin early in the thirteenth. But in most boroughs the oldest muniments are of later date, the collective volume of material steadily increasing as we advance toward the close of the Middle Ages and into modern times. In many archives we find municipal charters, chamberlains' accounts or other *comportus* rolls, assembly rolls or council books (i.e., minutes of the burghal council), court rolls, rolls of a gild merchant, and books (with such designations as White Book, Red Book, Black Book, Oak Book, Chain Book, etc.) \(^2\) containing ordinances and miscellaneous matters.

Many town archives have suffered much in the past from the negligence of their custodians. We are thankful that the Black Book of Winchester and a Domesday Book of Ipswich are accessible in the British Museum, which has perhaps rescued them from destruction; but if they had been properly safeguarded, they would now be in their old homes at

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\(^1\) Below, pp. 13, 22–9.

\(^2\) See below, Index, under “Town Records.” For a detailed account of the archives of various boroughs, see No. 62. For some records of the thirteenth century, see below, pp. 211, 262, 273, 287, 330, 389, 409, 417, 424.
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at Hereford;  Winchester and Ipswich.\(^1\) A woman who had charge of the town-hall of Hereford early in the present century sold the oldest existing council registers as waste paper.\(^2\) Most of the ancient records of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis came into the possession of Mr. James Sherren, of Weymouth, who received permission to remove them “from a stable in which they were then deposited as so much rubbish, and so had the good fortune to rescue them from the housemaid and fire-grate, to whose tender mercies a considerable portion of them had been already consigned.”\(^4\)

at Weymouth; Manship says that the muniments in the Gildhall of Great Yarmouth, in 1612, “did not onely lye dispersedly but also very disorderly.”\(^5\) Of the two hundred and ninety-two writings mentioned in an inventory made for the corporation of that borough early in the seventeenth century, only twenty-eight could be found in 1853.\(^6\) We are informed that when the new Gildhall of Plymouth was ready for occupancy early in the present century, the records “were thrown into heaps in the streets and carted off, and whoever cared to do so helped themselves at pleasure.”\(^7\) Poulson gives the following vivid description of the archives of

\(^1\) The same is true of other valuable borough records in the British Museum; for example, those of Dover, for which see Journal of the British Archæol. Assoc., xl. 131.

\(^2\) Hist. MSS. Com., xiii. pt. iv. 283. Two large boxes of early documents relating to Bury St. Edmund's were sold as waste paper not many years ago: Journal of British Archæol. Assoc., xl. 131.

\(^3\) He seems to have obtained them some time during the first half of the present century.

\(^4\) Hist. MSS. Com., v. 576. These records were still in Mr. Sherren’s possession in 1876, when Mr. Riley made his report for the MSS. Commission. They seem to have been regained by the town through purchase in 1879. See Moule, Catalogue (No. 2954), pp. viii., 222.

\(^5\) Manship, History of Yarmouth, p. ii.

\(^6\) Hist. MSS. Com., ix. pt. i. 300.

\(^7\) Worth, Calendar (No. 2589), p. ix. In 1601–2 a Totnes man went to Plymouth, and burned a chest in the Council Chamber, “wherein
Hedon, which for centuries were in a room over the vestry of St. Augustine's Church:

"Charters, deeds, rent rolls, court rolls, inquisitions, writs of citations, records of the borough court, accounts of procurators of chantries ... as well as lists of mayors and bailiffs of the olden time; open to the winds of heaven, these documents, which lay in heaps, were, from apathy and neglect, allowed to moulder and rot. In addition to these devastating effects, large quantities were used for lighting the vestry fires, and others taken away by any persons whose inclination or curiosity induced them to fill their pockets; what is yet left is a mass of dirty and useless rubbish." ¹

Such examples of a lack of vigilance in the care of town records might easily be multiplied.² They make us inclined to wonder, not that so much has perished, but that so much has survived. Despite the lamentable losses due to apathy and carelessness, an immense mass of documentary material, reaching far back into the Middle Ages, still exists in the local archives. Owing largely to the efforts of the Historical MSS. Commission, much has been accomplished during the past twenty-five years for the arrangement and preservation of these muniments. Custodians of local record-rooms are gradually becoming imbued with the contents and evidences and writings concerning the town:

¹ Poulson, History of Holderness (1840-1), ii. 138; Boyle, Hedon, pp. vi.-viii. Among these records were court books of Edward III.'s time and the Order Book of the corporation, commencing in Edward IV.'s reign. Shortly after the period when Poulson wrote, Mr. Gillyat Sumner, "by methods which it is unnecessary to particularize," got most of the town records into his possession. After his death they were advertised for sale with the rest of his library, and were purchased by the corporation of Hedon, who, however, refused to pay the purchase money. See Boyle, Hedon, p. viii.

with the sentiment of the ancient town clerk of Guildford, who, after transcribing the old Black Book for the burgesses, pleaded that, in the future, they should not cast it away, “appering old and ragged, but rather to accompte of him the more in that he doth proceed from your auncient predecessors, and afford him that favour to let him have abode amongst you, where he may rest safelie.”¹ There is, however, still room for improvement. In some boroughs the ancient records are a filthy, disorderly mass of parchment and paper, placed in some garret or out-house, where they are exposed to destruction from dampness, fire, and theft.

It is also deplorable that there are in England so few municipal archivists.² The records are usually in charge of the town clerk, who rarely has the requisite knowledge or training to appreciate their value, to supervise their re-arrangement, or to assist the investigator in finding documents. It should be added, however, that most of these officials are willing to do all they can to facilitate the work of investigators. The latter seldom meet with any difficulty in securing access to the archives, though in some cases it may be necessary to obtain formal permission from the Common Council. In this respect there has been great improvement during the last fifty years. Formerly it was very difficult in England to obtain access either to the public or to the local records.³ Before 1835, when “select bodies” had charge of the finances of rotten boroughs and monopolized the municipal

¹ Gross, Gild Merchant, ii. 92.
² I know of only one, namely, the Records Clerk of the City of London.
government, the archives in some of these towns were kept hermetically sealed; for the civic magistrates seemed to fear that a knowledge of the past, drawn from such a reliable source, might betray to the public their usurpations of power, and cause the overthrow of the aristocratic regime. All this is now changed. Probably in no other country in the world are the national and town records more easily accessible than in England. Even in the City of London, where some of the old unreformed spirit still survives, and the civic muniments are jealously guarded, the Common Council seems to be quite willing to unroll the records of the City for any genuine student of history, for any one who is really investigating the past and not seeking to change the present.

During the past two decades there has also been much progress in the publication of town records, though herein England is still surpassed by some of her continental neighbors and by Scotland. The corporations of cities like Bristol, Canterbury, Chester, Exeter, Leicester, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Winchester, and York would confer a great boon upon students of history by publishing some of their rich stores of muniments, as Bath, Carlisle, Dublin, Gloucester, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Nottingham, Oxford, Reading, and some other boroughs have recently done.

1 The close corporation system must have helped to preserve the records of many towns from careless borrowers, but it may also have tempted members of the governing body wantonly to destroy certain documents containing a record of their transactions.
2 For a list of published town records, see American Hist. Review, ii. 191–200. All the titles in that list are included in this Bibliography.
3 There is no collection in England comparable with the publications of the Scottish Burgh Records Society or with the Records of the Convention of Royal Burghs.
§ 3. Town Chronicles.

The town chronicles of England form an unexplored field of historical literature of considerable interest. In the latter part of the Middle Ages and far into modern times we find, in London, Bristol, and other boroughs, mayors' chronicles or calendars, which, like the Roman fasti consulares, were drawn up in the form of annals, containing the names of the chief civic officers, together with brief notices of the municipal and national events which occurred during each mayoralty. These chronicles vary in fullness, some, especially those of London, widening here and there into a narrative of national affairs, while others are little more than catalogues of mayors, with a few meagre memoranda of municipal transactions; on many pages nothing beyond the names of the principal town officers appears.

The London chronicles are of considerable value for the history, not merely of that city, but also of the kingdom. London was the "hub" of the realm, the focus of national life; much of the history of England could be viewed from the windows of the Gildhall. Owing to the important part which London played in the history of the kingdom, the civic annalists were not inclined to ignore national events. And for this reason London is the only English city which has produced town chronicles at all comparable with those of cities on the continent. Most of the English boroughs were, during the Middle Ages, politically insignificant, having, as an old writer expresses it, "gret frawnches [franchises] and smale liberte";¹ despite their chartered privileges, they were subject to the control of a strong royal power. There were

¹ Furnivall, Ballads from MSS., i. 99.
in England no independent city-republics or great leagues of towns, like those of Germany or Italy, that could cope with popes and kings. Each borough maintained a quiet, uneventful provincial life, absorbed mainly in its own local affairs, except when, at long intervals, its repose was disturbed by some great civil strife from which the burgesses could not keep aloof. Therefore we find fewer town chronicles of national importance in England than on the continent,—nothing comparable with the splendid series of "Chroniken der deutschen Städte."  

The oldest mayors' chronicles are those of London, namely, the Latin "Liber de Antiquis Legibus," compiled in 1274, and the French "Croniques," compiled about the middle of the fourteenth century. These were followed, in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, by several English chronicles of London. Ricart's "Kalendar" of Bristol ranks in age and importance next to those of London. Many such calendars, or chronicles, were compiled in other boroughs during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and some of them were continued into the present century. They seem to have been particularly numerous in Chester and Bristol. Seyer, writing in 1821, says that most of those of Bristol were compiled within the last two hundred years, but that they were evidently derived from more ancient copies transcribed by various hands, having in general a great similarity but many differences in detail. "Several of the older," he continues, "are written on narrow rolls of vellum. . . .

1 Edited by K. Hegel, 25 vols., Leipzig, 1862–96. Most of the monastic chronicles of England have little value for the study of municipal history; some of them, however, throw light on the relations of certain boroughs to their ecclesiastical lords. See Nos. 1193, 1198, 1481, 2485, 2712, and Gross, Gild Merchant, i. 91.

2 Nos. 1982–19913, 3089.

3 No. 1150. Most of the text is in English.
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Many have been destroyed, but probably forty or fifty still remain, chiefly in families of long continuance in Bristol, of which about twenty have passed under my inspection."¹ At least five of these Bristol chronicles are still in existence, namely, Ricart’s “Kalendar” in the town archives, three calendars in the Bristol Museum, and one in the possession of Mr. F. F. Fox.²

Ricart’s work is remarkable as being an official compilation; in other words, it was drawn up by him for the town. The mayor, he says, “hath commaundde me, Robert Ricart . . . Toune Clerk of the saide worshipfull towne, for to devise, ordeigne, and make this present boke for a remembratif evir hereaftir, to be called and named the Maire of Bristow is Register, or ellis the Maire is Kalendar” (p. 3).³ The “Liber de Antquis Legibus”⁴ seems likewise to have been an official compilation, and the Black Book of Plymouth contains a similar chronicle compiled by town clerks of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.⁵ Rattenbury’s “Journal,” written in the

¹ Seyer, Bristol, vol. i., p. x. For the Chester chronicles, see below, p. xxi.
² Hudd, Two Bristol Calendars (No. 1182), 105–7. Mr. Fox’s calendar extends from 1216 to 1814; the three in the Bristol Museum begin early in the thirteenth century, and end in 1608, 1740, and 1774 respectively. Mr. Hudd prints the first of these three and part of Mr. Fox’s. The historical notices in all of them are few and meagre.
³ Ricart’s record of the mayoralties, which is found mainly in pt. iii. of his “Kalendar,” was continued by his successors, to 1698, in the same MS.
⁵ Worth, Calendar (No. 2589), p. viii. The Black Book continued to be used as a record of mayoralties down to 1709. For extracts, from 1441 to 1709, see ibid., 14–25, and Hist. M.S.S. Com., ix. 277–8. The historical notices, which commence early in the sixteenth century and are in the handwriting of Mary Tudor’s time, are valueless when they relate to national history, but are of some importance when they refer to local matters.
seventeenth century by the town clerks, John Rattenbury and Thomas Austin, and preserved in the archives of Okehampton, is a record of the mayoralities of that borough.\(^1\) Bacon's "Annals of Ipswich"\(^2\) was also the official work of a town clerk of the seventeenth century, but its contents, though arranged under the names of the municipal magistrates, consist mainly of abstracts of town records.\(^3\)

Many mayors' calendars have never been published. The following is an incomplete list of those that exist in print and in manuscript: —

**Beverley.** Lansdowne MS. 896, f. 8.

**Bristol.** Ricart's "Kalendar" and four others: above p. xx.

**Cambridge.** Harley MS. 4116, ff. 8, 43, 617 (A. D. 1488-1673); Additional MSS. 5813, f. 132 (A. D. 1488-1781); 5833, f. 123 (A. D. 1263-1500).

**Chester.** Harley MSS. 1948, ff. 93, 113; 2057, f. 12 (26 Henry III.–1658); 2105, f. 345 (A. D. 1348-1580); 2125, ff. 181, 197, 271 (A. D. 1257-1651-1705); 2133, f. 487 (A. D. 1240-1635); Additional MSS. 29777 (A. D. 1326-1584); 29779 (to A. D. 1646). Additional MS. 29777 was compiled toward the end of the sixteenth century; most of the others, in the seventeenth.

**Coventry.** Dugdale, *Warwickshire*, i. 147-53 (A. D. 1348-1723); Hearne's edition of Fordun's *Scotichronicon*, pp. 1438-74 (A. D. 1349-1675); a MS. list of mayors, from 1347 to 1590 (?), in the library of the Marquis of Salisbury (*Hist. MSS. Com.*, v. 264).

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\(^2\) No. 1801.

\(^3\) There is also an official roll of mayors, with historical notes, in the archives of Leicester. See No. 1875, and Jeaffreson, *Index* (No. 1870), 26. For official town chronicles in Germany during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, see O. Lorenz, *Deutschlands Geschichtsquellen* (3rd edition), i. 196, ii. 65-6, 165.

\(^4\) Most of the MSS. mentioned in the list are in the British Museum.
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Dublin. "The Register of the Mayors of Dublin, from 1406 to 1622": Additional MS. 4791, art. 37.


Kendal. Wharton's "Chronological Table": No. 1815.

Leicester. In 1874 Mr. Thompson had access to three lists or rolls of mayors, to which brief marginal notes of historical events were appended: one, extending from 1223 to 1721, in the Leicester archives; another, beginning in 1233, in private hands; and the third, beginning in 1266 and compiled in 1574, belonging to William Perry-Herrick, of Beau Manor Park. See No. 1875, and Jeaffreson, Index (No. 1870), 26.


Ludlow. Wright, Ludlow (No. 2291), 486–503 (A. D. 1462–1783); seemingly compiled in James I.'s reign and continued by various hands.

Lynn Regis. Additional MS. 8037 (A. D. 1517–1623, continued by various hands to 1673).

Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Egerton MS. 2425, ff. 1–80 (A. D. 1432–1776); "A catheloge of all the maiores and sherifs ... with sarton brefes of cronicles that hapned ... sence anno Dom: 1432" (A. D. 1432–1634, compiled before 1640, and continued to 1802), printed from the Carr MS., in T. Tonge's Heraldic Visitation (Surtees Society, 1863), app. liv.–lxxvii.; a roll of municipal
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officers, from 1251 to 1739 [1742], in the possession of William Adamson, of Cullercoats. See the histories of Newcastle, by Welford, i. 416; Bourne, ch. iv.; Brand, i. pp. v.–vi. and ii. 393 sq.

NORTHAMPTON. History of Northampton, 1817 (No. 2465).

NOTTINGHAM. Thoroton, Nottinghamshire (No. 640), vol. ii.

OKEHAMPTON. Rattenbury’s “Journal,” in Bridges, Okehampton, new edition, 78–107. Rattenbury died in 1655. Some additions were made by Thomas Austin, and the work was continued by Richard Shebbeare to 10 William III. See Bridges, p. ix.


RIPON. “The Account Book of William Wray” (A. D. 1400–1617), in the Antiquary, xxxii. 119, 178, 212. Wray was wakeman of Ripon in 1584.


SOUTHAMPTON. Egerton MS. 868 (A. D. 1498–1671), partly in French and partly in English.

STAMFORD. Harrod, Stamford, i. 210 (A. D. 1461–1700); Butcher, Stamford, ch. xiii. (A. D. 1461–1659).

WORCESTER. A chronicle, beginning 9 Henry VI., compiled by Thomas Vaulx in 1677; in the library of Charles Isham, of Lamport Hall, Northamptonshire. See Hist. MSS. Com., iii. 253.

YORK. Harley MS. 6115 (Edward I.–1677); Hildyard’s “List of Mayors,” to 1664 (No. 3071). Similar lists are printed in the works of Gent and Torr (Nos. 3056, 3060).


The oldest general history of English boroughs is Brady. Brady’s Treatise.¹ Brady was regius professor of physic at Cambridge, keeper of the records in the

¹ No. 78.
Tower, the household physician of Charles II. and James II., and a member of Parliament in 1681 and 1685. His treatise on municipal history has had a greater influence than any other in moulding public opinion, and in diffusing erroneous views concerning the development of towns. To any one who probes beneath the surface of this book, it is plain that the author wrote in a partisan spirit to uphold the royal prerogative, especially to justify the recent measures of the crown against municipal corporations. Charles II. and James II. had nullified the charters of many towns, and had remodelled their constitution to suit the interests of the crown. The town councils, or select aristocratic bodies, were filled with non-resident royalists, who controlled the election of the parliamentary representatives of boroughs. Brady strives to show that municipalities originated in grants of the crown for the benefit of trade; that all their privileges and authority came from the bounty of English kings; that ever since their foundation boroughs had select bodies (with non-resident members), to which was committed exclusive control of municipal government. Hence the king, their creator, had the right to transform these civic governing bodies to suit his inclination and interests. Thus Brady's object was to influence public opinion on one of the most momentous questions of the day; and he succeeded. His specious arguments helped to give a legal title to the existence of select bodies. They now began to prevail more than ever before against the burgesses at large in controverted elections of members of Parliament.¹ There can be little doubt that Brady wilfully perverted the truth to countenance the pretensions of his royal patrons and to promote their cause.

¹ Merewether, Sketch of History of Boroughs (No. 429), 64.
Madox's *Firma Burgi* is the work of a painstaking, truth-loving scholar. In his Preface he makes a statement which is still pertinent at the present day. "Whoso desireth," he says, "to discourse in a proper manner concerning Corporated Towns and Communities, must take in a great variety of matter, and should be allowed a great deal of Time and Preparation. The subject is extensive and difficult. In England much hath been said by Writers to Puzzle and entangle, little to Clear it. Insomuch that when I first entered upon discussing onely One part or branch of it, namely the Theme of this Essay, I found myself encompassed with Doubts." Madox throws much light upon the nature of the fee-farm rents, payable by the boroughs to the king or other lord, and upon the obscure subject of municipal incorporation. The solution of many other problems of town history is incidently aided by his copious extracts from the public records. In fact, his book is a valuable storehouse of material illustrating this subject, rather than a comprehensive survey of the history of municipal institutions. One can also learn from Madox the value of dry records, the love of historical truth, and abstinence from hypothesis or hasty generalization. He tells us that "writing of History is in some sort a Religious act. It imports solemnity and sacredness; and ought to be undertaken with purity and rectitude of mind."  

The work of Merewether and Stephens is the most elaborate of all treatises on English municipal history, and is commonly regarded as the best authority on the subject. The object of the authors in writing this book was eminently practical. They wished to influ-

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1 No. 158.
2 *History of the Exchequer* (1711), p. iii.
3 No. 79.
ence public opinion in favor of municipal reform; they fervently desired to undermine that huge accretion of abuses to the growth of which Brady's pen had contributed.

The book begins with a long Introduction, in which the authors give an abstract of the results of their investigations; these results are embodied in eleven propositions, whose general drift is to show that the bad features of borough government were abnormal and modern, and that the only way to remedy these evils was to restore the ancient municipal system. The body of the book, consisting of about 2400 large octavo pages, is filled with extracts from the Statute Rolls, Parliament Rolls, town charters, and other sources relating to boroughs. The arrangement is mainly chronological, the material being grouped under the names of successive monarchs of England. The result is a huge mass of undigested material. There is no systematic or comprehensive treatment of the nature and growth of municipal institutions, nothing to connect the myriad of details save the frequent and wearisome reiteration of the eleven propositions enunciated in the Introduction. The investigations of Merewether and Stephens are, in fact, circumscribed by these propositions, which were framed for the special purpose of promoting municipal reform. For example, though scores of pages are devoted to Domesday Book, no attempt is made to solve the question of prime importance to the student of history, namely, What change in the general condition and constitution of boroughs was wrought by the Norman Conquest? Domesday is interpreted not from the standpoint of the true historian, but from the standpoint of the practical reformer who has certain preconceived propositions to demonstrate.

As regards the propositions themselves, most of
them are untenable. For example, the statement, so often repeated by the authors, that boroughs throughout Great Britain were essentially alike in the Middle Ages, is certainly erroneous. Any one who carefully studies the subject must perceive that there is a great divergence between Scotland and England in this respect. Municipal development in Scotland resembles that of the continent more than that of England in many important features, for example, in the federative union of Scotch towns, in their more autonomous position relative to the crown, and in the bitter struggle between their crafts and the merchant gild.¹ Even in England boroughs were not cast in one mould, as Merewether and Stephens would have us believe: on the contrary, there was great diversity in local institutions and customs. Therefore it is difficult and dangerous to generalize concerning the municipal constitution of England or Great Britain. Even more stress is laid in their book upon the proposition that municipal incorporation was not introduced until the reign of Henry VI. (A. D. 1440). Their object was to ascribe its origin to as recent a period as possible, because most of the evils of borough government were considered to be the outcome of the idea of incorporation; if this idea was modern, then the abuses must also be modern. In reality, Merewether and Stephens prove only that the formula of municipal incorporation, the words employed in the charters incorporating towns, underwent a change in Henry VI.'s time. The thing itself certainly existed as early as the reign of Edward I.² Merewether and Stephens, in discussing this and other important topics, expend all their energy upon concomitants. It is far more essential to ascertain how the technical

¹ Gross, *Gild Merchant*, vol. i., app. D.
² *Ibid.*, i. 93.
idea of incorporation originated, what potent affinities gradually drew the burgesses together into a single personality, and what municipal incorporation really signified after it came into existence, than to fix the date of the first charter of incorporation. In short, the materials in this book have not passed through the alembic of a thoroughly critical, historical mind, bent upon finding the truth in all its varied phases, but have been thrown together mechanically, to illumine only so much of the truth as is contained in eleven practical propositions, the most important of which are untenable. To uphold their views, Mere-wether and Stephens do not hesitate to resort to sophistry and forensic quibbles. In their book their real vocation is clearly reflected: they are practical lawyers pleading a cause. "Antiquarian research," they exclaim in their Introduction, "for the mere purpose of curiosity may have little claim to general attention; but some advantage will be derived from recalling past events, if the improvement of our present condition be the practical object of the inquiry." This is a most laudable sentiment, but it is liable to abuse; "antiquarian research for the mere purpose of curiosity" is better than research which to reform the present deforms the past.

Thompson's Essay on English Municipal History is an unpretentious little book, consisting mainly of brief sketches of the history of St. Albans, Leicester, Preston, Norwich, and Yarmouth. These are separate essays between which there is not much coherence. Of the very few broad generalizations which the author ventures to make, the most important relates to the gild merchant. Misled doubtless by the abnormal prominence of this institution at Leicester, Thompson ascribes to it a significance which it did

1 No. 80.
not possess. He asserts that, anterior to the reign of Elizabeth, "the governing body in every leading mediæval borough was called the Guild"; and, "to think of a civic community without its Guild would, in truth, be to think of the human body without the vital principle sustaining its activity and progress." His views on this subject have been refuted in recent years.¹ The gild merchant looms up more prominently than any other municipal institution of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries; but Thompson and Brady both exaggerate its influence upon the burghal constitution, while Merewether and Stephens, going to the other extreme, underestimate its importance.

Of the four works whose value we have briefly estimated, two (Brady and Merewether-Stephens) are warped by partisan feeling; the other two (Madox and Thompson) are written in an impartial spirit, but are mere fragments of a general history of municipalities. The treatises of Brady and Thompson are now of little value; while those of Madox and Merewether-Stephens still contain much crude material that can be turned to account. All of these authors, except Thompson, have devoted their attention mainly to the relations between the boroughs and the crown, and have neglected the constitution or internal organization of boroughs. Not one of them made much use of the most important and most authentic source of local history, namely, the documents in the town archives. In short, not one of them gives a comprehensive account of the history of boroughs; such a treatise remains to be written. A book of this sort is much needed. Certain cardinal features of the medieval borough, such as the firma burgi, the judi-

ciary, and the governing body, still need illumination; the influence of the dissolution of gilds and monasteries upon the municipal constitution, the causes and results of the *quo warranto* proceedings of the seventeenth century, and the political significance of the rotten borough system in modern times, have not yet been properly investigated; and many good historical scholars have never even heard of the Convention of Royal Burghs of Scotland. Whatever may be said of the Middle Ages, the modern period of borough history is certainly not lacking in political interest.

§ 5. Histories of Particular Boroughs.

The historian who, at the present day, undertakes to deal with any general phase of English municipal development, will at the outset have to lament the absence of good histories of particular boroughs. The average town history in England is a farrago of heterogeneous odds and ends thrown together at haphazard, no scholarly work being displayed either in the selection of the material or in its elaboration. The bulk of the book comprises verbose antiquarian disquisitions on such subjects as the age of the town, the etymology of its name, and architectural remains, gossip or anecdotes concerning local worthies, long

1 Above, p. xviii.
2 Some estimate of the works of such writers as Hegel, Mrs. Green, Gneist, Stubbs, Maitland, and Ashley is given in the text of this Bibliography.
3 "In England we do not possess one single complete and detailed monograph on town life;" Stubbs, *Lectures on Medieval and Modern History* (1886), 64.
4 Such gossip often forms the staple of the local history, especially of its later chapters. For example, about three quarters of Wildridge's *Old and New Hull* (1889) is devoted to the careers of local worthies.
accounts of royal visits to the town, genealogies that are often inaccurate, a careful verbatim transcript of epitaphs in the local churchyards, and, in some cases, a chapter on the fauna or geology of the region. Though many town histories rise far above this level and contain much valuable material, it is difficult to find any which can be called model works of their kind.

The mania for copying sepulchral inscriptions is not so prevalent as it used to be. But in a history of Croydon, published as recently as 1883, the author attempts to cheer the reader by stating in his Preface, that he has not, like other less scholarly local historians, contented himself with copying laudatory epitaphs of the "more influential inhabitants," but that he has gone to the churchyard and copied all the inscriptions. Accordingly this veracious historian devotes 196 pages of his book to sepulchralia, while 56 pages suffice for all remaining topics. Again, some local writers sacrifice everything to inordinate love of genealogy. In Abram's edition of the gild rolls of Preston, published in 1884, he gives in full all the lists of members, but omits the laws made by the gild, because the latter are of no interest to him, and, as he states, of no use to genealogists. To a real student of history, this is the play of Hamlet with the Prince of Denmark left out.

Town histories of England are also frequently marred by an excessive antiquarian spirit, the fantastic play of the imagination in connection with the remote past (what Tacitus calls licentia vetustatis), intermingled with intense local pride. Often an energetic attempt is made to trace the history of the borough

1 Croydon in the Past, Historical, Monumental, and Biographical. Printed and published by Jesse W. Ward, Croydon, 1883.
2 No. 2647.
back to Roman times, to show that it is identical with Calleva, Mediolanum, or some other lost Roman city. A few Roman coins, urns, pots, fibulae, or other vestiges of antiquity, turned up by the spade, often form sufficient data for a long disquisition on the borough's ancient greatness. Madox, in one of his manuscripts in the British Museum, calls this "the Roman dance." He says that one of the first to lead it was Camden.¹ In another part of this manuscript Madox observes that "when men would fain say some splendid thing of a burgh and can find nothing to say, then they will say that it is a very ancient borough."² This characteristic of local historians is visible as far back as the twelfth century, when Fitz-Stephen,³ in describing London, assures us that, according to authentic chronicles, this city was much older than Rome. That "the Roman dance" is still in vogue is demonstrated by the long disquisitions on Roman times in such recent works as Jarman's Bridgewater, Tomlinson's Doncaster, and Hedges's Wallingford.⁴

The opening chapters of most town histories consist of vague conjectures concerning the antiquity of the borough, together with a heavy padding of generalities concerning the Celts, Romans, and Anglo-Saxons. Then the writers plunge abruptly into the fifteenth, sixteenth, or seventeenth century. The town history is thus, in reality, often left a complete blank down to the end of the Middle Ages. For example, Jarman's Bridgewater, which is somewhat better than the average local history, begins with

¹ Additional MS. 4529, ff. 141–4. Madox refers particularly to the mania for writing disquisitions on the Roman names of towns.
² Ibid., f. 209.
³ No. 2008.
⁴ On this antiquarian mania in parish histories, see Rye, Records and Record Searching (1888), 21.
various vague remarks concerning the Celts, Roman coins, Cæsar’s invasion, the Anglo-Saxons and Danes (including the story of Alfred and the cakes), an extract from Domesday concerning Bridgwater, an account of the lord’s manor and castle, some allusions to the Black Death, and a few casual references to the burgesses; then the author launches into the history of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

Antiquarian and genealogical studies, or even the exploration of graveyards and gossip concerning kings and local worthies, are good things in their proper place, but they should not constitute the essence of a town history. The growth of the civic constitution, the development of the municipal government, is usually either meagrely treated or wholly ignored. Too little use is made of the town records, the richest source of local history. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries more attention was devoted to these records, as the works of writers like Bacon, Boys, Brand, Drake, Manship, Speed, and Swinden testify. When local writers learn to attach as much value to the muniments in the town-hall as to family genealogies, tombstones, and Roman urns, we shall have better town histories, works that will interest not merely the inhabitants of the town, but also students of general constitutional history, works that will furnish data for a good general treatise on the development of municipal government. Moreover,

1 "Grave est omnia ab archivis rimari, et incertum est quod non inde petitur." Spelman, Glossarium, 344. Some local writers speak with scorn of the town records. Baker, in his history of Ludlow, p. vii., says that he has "met people who collected them, but never any one who read them." See also Nos. 978, 2421. On the other hand, several town histories have recently been published which show a thorough appreciation of the value of the records; for example, Nos. 1263, 1390, 1601, 1745, 1856, 2411, 2795, 2920.
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every local history, properly written, will add to our knowledge of the making of the English nation, for every town is an important stone of that great edifice. The town government often anticipated and perhaps even guided the development of the national government.
BIBLIOGRAPHY
OF
BRITISH MUNICIPAL HISTORY.

Part I.—GENERAL AUTHORITIES.

§ 1. BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND CATALOGUES.

a. General, Nos. 1–16.
b. County Bibliographies, Nos. 17–43.

The main defect of most of the bibliographies mentioned below is that they do not indicate the historical value of books; they are compiled mainly for book-sellers and book-collectors, not for students of history.

Besides the bibliographies mentioned below, the following works are useful: R. Watt’s Bibliotheca Britannica (1824), W. T. Lowndes’s Bibliographer’s Manual of English Literature, and the printed catalogues of the British Museum Library, the Bodleian Library, the Advocates’ Library, the Signet Library, the Trinity College Library (Dublin), the libraries of the London Society of Antiquaries and the London Guildhall, and the free libraries of Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester. Special bibliographies of particular towns are mentioned below, in Part II., under the names of the towns.

a. GENERAL.

The most useful work is Anderson’s. The sale catalogues included in the list all contain many town histories.


Many of the older town histories have been acquired by the British Museum Library since this work was compiled. Even if these are added in a future edition of Mr. Anderson’s bibliography, it will still exclude many books which are not in the British Museum. His lists of Scotch books are particularly defective.
2. Bell, Thomas. The Thomas Bell library. The catalogue of 15,000 volumes of scarce and curious printed books, and unique manuscripts, comprised in the unrivalled library collected by the late Thomas Bell between the years 1797 and 1860, which will be sold by auction. . . Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1860. 4°.

Rich in works relating to towns, especially those of the northern counties.


Deals mainly with the literature relating to the present administration of municipalities in the United States and Great Britain.


Useful, but very incomplete.

5. [Gough, Richard.] British topography: or an historical account of what has been done for illustrating the topographical antiquities of Great Britain and Ireland. 2 vols. London, 1780. 4°.

This is a much enlarged edition of his "Anecdotes of British topography," 1768, 1 vol., 4°.


This includes the greater part of the Catalogue of 1815. For British topography, see pp. 93-542.


13. [Rawlinson, Richard.] The English topographer: or an historical account . . . of all the pieces that have been written relating to the antiquities, natural history, or topographical description of any part of England. . . . By an impartial hand. London, 1720. 8°.

Wholly superseded by Gough and Upcott.


Contains many tracts relating to town history.


This excellent work is still useful, though very incomplete even as regards books published before 1818.


A brief list, of little value.
b. COUNTY BIBLIOGRAPHIES.

Notes and Queries, 1896, ix. 361, mentions the following works, to which I have not had access:
Catalogue of books relating to Nottinghamshire, in the library of J. Ward. Nottingham, 1892. 8°.
Lincolnshire topography. Supplement to catalogue of Lincoln library, pp. 266–86. Lincoln, 1845. 8°.

**Buckinghamshire.**


**Cambridgeshire.**


**Cheshire.**

See No. 32.


**Cornwall.**


**Devonshire.**


Incomplete, but useful.

22. Rowe, J. B. Address [delivered before the Devonshire Association for the Advancement of Science, etc.]. Plymouth, 1882. 8°.


App. B contains a list of histories of towns, parishes, etc., in Devonshire, printed or in MS.
§ 1.] COUNTY BIBLIOGRAPHIES.

Dorset.


Gloucestershire.


Hampshire.


28. GILBERT, H. M., and GODWIN, G. N. Bibliotheca Hantoniensis: a list of books relating to Hampshire, including magazine references, etc. Southampton, [1891.] 8°.

The best bibliography of Hampshire.

Herefordshire.

29. ALLEN, JOHN. Bibliotheca Herefordiensis: or a descriptive catalogue of books, pamphlets, maps, prints, etc., relating to the county of Hereford. Hereford, 1821. 8°.

Kent.

Lancashire.

31. *FISHWICK, HENRY. The Lancashire library: a bibliographical account of books on topography, biography, history, science, and miscellaneous literature, relating to the county palatine. . . . London and Warrington, 1875. 4°.

One of the best county bibliographies.


A sale catalogue, of little value. There is a list of books relating to Cheshire on pp. 34-9.

Norfolk.


Supplementary volume, Norwich, 1896.

34. WOODWARD, SAMUEL. The Norfolk topographer's manual: being a catalogue of the books and engravings hitherto published in relation to the county: by the late Mr. Samuel Woodward. The whole revised and augmented by W. C. Ewing. . . . London, etc., 1842. 8°.

Northamptonshire.

35. TAYLOR, JOHN. A bibliographical account of what has been written or printed relating to the history, topography, antiquities, family history, customs, etc., of Northamptonshire. . . . [Northampton] n. d. f°.

A recent work, the impression of which is limited to six copies. It comprises about 25,000 references.

Shropshire.


A brief list, of little value.
Staffordshire.


Surrey.

38. Manning, Owen, and Bray, William. Catalogue of books relating to this county [Surrey], or particular parts of it. [Manning and Bray’s History and antiquities of the county of Surrey, iii. 683-702. 3 vols. London, 1804–14. f°.]

Sussex.

39. Butler, G. S. Topographica Sussexiana: an attempt towards forming a list of the various publications relating to the county of Sussex. [Lewes, 1866.] 8°.


Yorkshire.


Superseded by Boyne.

43. †Turner, J. H. Ten thousand Yorkshire books: a handbook for buyers and sellers. Bradford, —.

Announced for publication. It will include the works mentioned in Boyne and Hailstone, and many other titles.
§ 2. GENERAL PUBLIC RECORDS, ETC.

a. Reports of Committees, Nos. 44-64.
b. Statutes, Nos. 65-77.

For public records relating mainly to particular topics and periods, see below, §§ 4–14.

a. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

44. Reports from committees of the House of Commons which have been printed by order of the House, and are not inserted in the Journals [1715–1802]. 15 vols. [London, 1773–1803.] f.°.

See No. 47.
This collection has been continued in the numerous folio volumes which are commonly cited as “Parliamentary Papers.” The volumes (about 5500 in all) are numbered continuously under each session. They contain reports of committees, bills, accounts, etc.

Indexes and Catalogues.

All the volumes mentioned below, except No. 56, are Parliamentary Papers. An Index to each session will usually be found in the last volume for the session.


46. Catalogue of parliamentary reports, and a breviate of their contents: arranged under heads according to the subjects, 1696–1834. [London,] 1834. f.°.

47. General index to the reports from committees of the House of Commons, 1715–1801; forming the series of fifteen volumes of reports. [London,] 1803. f.°.

See No. 44.


49. General index to the sessional papers, 1801–37. [London,] 1840. f.°.
50. General index to the bills, printed by order of the House of Commons, 1801–52. [London,] 1854. f°.

51. General index to the reports of the select committees, printed by order of the House of Commons, 1801–52. [London,] 1854. f°.

52. General index to the accounts and papers, reports of commissioners, estimates, etc., etc., printed by order of the House of Commons, or presented by command, 1801–52. [London,] 1854. f°.

53. General index to the bills, reports, accounts, and other papers, printed by order of the House of Commons, or presented by command, 1852–53 — 1861. [London,] 1862. f°.

54. General index to the bills, reports, estimates, accounts, and papers . . . 1852–53 — 1868–69. [London,] 1870. f°.

55. General index to the bills, reports, estimates, accounts, and papers . . . 1870 — 1878–79. [London,] 1880. f°.


**Particular Reports.**

Only the more important reports are given below. Many others may be found with the help of the Indexes. A few of the reports relating to particular towns are included in Part II. of this Bibliography. See also Nos. 253, 294–5, 718–9, 768–72.

57. Reports (First and Second) from the select committee, appointed to inquire into the state of the public records of the kingdom, etc. [London, 1800.] f°.

Vol. xv. of the Reports from Committees, 1715–1802: see above, No. 44.

Many records relating to municipal corporations are referred to in table ii. pp. 565–667.
58. Report (General) to the king in council from the honourable board of commissioners on the public records. ... Record Com. [London,] 1837. f°.

Pp. 428-512 contain reports upon the records of the following towns:

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Most of these reports are very brief; those for the towns marked with an asterisk are more detailed, some of them giving extracts from charters and other records. The report on Southampton is very full.
§ 2.] REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.


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For the reports on Ireland and Scotland, see below, Nos. 718, 772.

These various reports on the boroughs of Great Britain form one of the most important sources for the study of municipal history. They should not be ignored by the historians of particular towns.


This inquiry covers 110 corporations in England and Wales; the appendix contains special reports concerning 86 of them. On this Report was based the Municipal Corporations Act, 1883, 46 & 47 Vict. c. 18.

An invaluable collection, containing many long extracts from the town archives. The First Report was reprinted in 1874.


Relates to England, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland.
64. Return of all boroughs and cities in the United Kingdom possessing common or other lands, in respect of which the freemen or other privileged inhabitants claim any exclusive right of property or use. . . . Parl. Papers, 1870, vol. iv. [London,] 1870. f°.

b. STATUTES.

For various other collections of statutes, besides those mentioned below, see vol. i. of the Record Commission edition (No. 65), Introd., ch. i. § i.; and Lowndes's Bibliographer's Manual, under "Statutes."


This is the most complete collection for the period which it covers; it extends to 1713.
For the index volumes, see Nos. 72, 73.


68. Statutes (The public general) [1830–87]. . . . [Published annually since 1830.] London, 1830–87. 8°.


See No. 71.


These "revised editions" of the statutes include only those statutes which are unrepealed. They are published under the direction of the Statute Law Committee.
For the index, see No. 75.
Indexes and Digests.

72. Alphabetical index (The) to the statutes of the realm, from Magna Charta to the end of the reign of Queen Anne. [By J. Raithby.] Record Com. [London,] 1824. f°.

73. —— The chronological index to the statutes, from Magna Charta to the end of the reign of Queen Anne. [By J. Raithby. Edited by J. Caley and W. Elliott.] Record Com. [London,] 1828. f°.

In these two indexes see the titles "Cinque Ports," "London," "Towns," etc.


Corporations, i. 1246-1434.


Published under the direction of the Statute Law Committee.
Vol. i. Chronological table of all the statutes.
Vol. ii. Index to the statutes in force.
For boroughs, see ii. 108-45.
Vol. i. of this valuable work gives all the old, repealed statutes, and shows how they were affected by later legislation.


Pt. i. Public general acts.
Pt. ii. Local and personal acts.
See especially pt. ii. 301-50.


§ 3. GENERAL MUNICIPAL HISTORIES.

a. Principal Treatises, Nos. 78-80.

b. Short Accounts, Nos. 81-94.

a. PRINCIPAL TREATISES.

There is no good general history of English municipalities. Brady is biased and unreliable. The material in Merewether and Stephens is valuable, but many of their general conclusions are untenable. Thompson's little book is readable, but fragmentary. Mrs. Green's *Town Life* and Madox's *Firma Burgi* (Nos. 153, 158), though they do not cover the whole range of municipal history, are of considerable general interest.

78. BRADY, ROBERT. An historical treatise of cities and burgs or boroughs. Shewing their original, and whence and from whom they received their liberties, privileges, and immunities; what they were, and what made and constituted a free burgh and free burgesses. As also shewing when they first sent their representatives to Parliament. With a concurrent discourse of most matters and things incident or relating thereto. Second edition. London, 1704. f°.

The body of the work is occupied mainly with extracts from Domesday Book, and with a long discussion of parliamentary writs and returns.

The appendix contains the following Latin charters: King John and Edw. III. to Great Yarmouth; King John to Dunwich (two charters); Hen. II. to Wallingford; Rich. I. to Portsmouth, Winchester, and Lincoln; King John to Andover, Bridgewater, Helston, Lynn, Hartlepool, London, York, and Norwich; Edw. IV. to London, inspecting charters of Hen. I., Hen. II., and Rich. I.; James II. to Windsor. The appendix also gives documents relating to the disputes between Great Yarmouth and Gorleston (Hen. III.—Edw. I.), and several returns of writs.

Brady wrote in a partisan spirit, to justify the measures of Charles II. and James II. against municipal corporations.


For a detailed account and criticism of this work, see Merewether and Stephens (No. 79), iii. 1900-1938. See also No. 168.

79. *MEREWETHER, H. A., and STEPHENS, A. J.* The history of the boroughs and municipal corporations of the United Kingdom, from the earliest to the present time; with an examination of records, charters, and other documents, illustrative of their constitution and powers. 3 vols. London, 1835. 8°.
The most elaborate history of boroughs. Besides an analysis of the Anglo-Saxon Laws, Domesday Book, the Year Books, the Statutes of the Realm, and other important general sources, it contains much valuable material illustrating the history of many particular towns.


Ch. i. The Roman-British municipalities. Chs. xiii.–xiv. On market towns.
Ch. ii. Saxon town institutions. Ch. xv. Municipal insignia.
Ch. iii. The borough of St. Albans. Ch. xvi. The French communes.
Chs. iv.–vii. The borough of Leicester. Ch. xvii. Comparison between French
Ch. viii. The borough of Preston. communes and English boroughs.
Ch. ix.–xi. The city of Norwich. Ch. xviii. Practical conclusions.
Ch. xii. The borough of Yarmouth.

b. SHORT ACCOUNTS.

The only works of importance under this head are those of Gneist, Hegel, and Stubbs. Gneist’s views of municipal development are interesting, but he is inclined to follow Merewether and Stephens too closely. Hegel’s work contains one of the most valuable recent contributions to English municipal history in the Middle Ages.


Boroughs, ii. 164–7, iii. 100–118, iv. 88–92, v. 84–7, vi. 64–84.


Pt. iii., the Ergänzungsband, bearing the title “Geschichte des Selfgovern-ment in England,” contains Gneist’s fullest account of municipal history. This account will also be found in his “Communalverfassung,” 2nd edition, 1863, but not in the 3rd edition, 1871.


Ch. viii. Die Stadtverfassung. Deals mainly with the 19th century.
§ 3. SHORT ACCOUNTS.


This work has been translated by P. A. Ashworth: “The History of the English Constitution,” 2 vols., London, 1886; 2nd edition, 1889.


England, i. 13-120, 441-57.
He proves that the municipal constitution is not derived from the gilds.

88. MEREWETHER, H. A. Report of the case of the borough of West Looe . . . 18th April, 1822; with a preface, notes, and cases, illustrative of the general history of boroughs, and of the law relating to them. London, 1823. 8°.

See also No. 429.


91. PICTON, J. A. Our municipal institutions in their past and future. Liverpool, 1882. 8°.

A lecture, containing a brief sketch of the history of boroughs.


See his index, under “Towns.”


For the history of boroughs, see the introduction, i. 15-18, 26-7, 33-4, 57-65, 138-9, 149-50, 259-60, 274-81, 316-20, 427, 455-8, 479-83. This account is derived from Merewether and Stephens’s Municipal Corporations (No. 79), giving all their main facts and arguments without wearisome repetitions.


§ 4. THE ROMAN AND ANGLO-SAXON PERIODS.

The meagre sources for the history of Roman Britain deal mainly with roads and stations, or topographical and military matters; they give very little information concerning municipal government. The most elaborate plea in favor of the continuance of the Roman municipal régime in England after the Anglo-Saxon Conquest will be found in Coote's Romans of Britain; this theory is also maintained by Wright. Their arguments are not convincing, and have been rejected by Freeman, Gomme, Green, Scrutton, and Stubbs (Constitutional History, § 44). There are some modern works relating to particular towns in the Roman period, such as H. M. Scarth's Aquae Solis, or Notices of Roman Bath, 1864; C. R. Smith's Illustrations of Roman London, 1859; C. Wellbeloved's Eburacum, or York under the Romans, 1842; Whitaker's Manchester (No. 2368); T. Wright's Uriconium, 1872; see also below, No. 2009. These books deal mainly with topographical, military, and archaeological matters. For some account of the sources and modern literature relating to Roman Britain, see K. Elze, Grundriss der Englischen Philologie, Halle, 1887, pp. 101–108; T. Mommsen and J. Marquardt, Manuel des Antiquités Romaines edited by G. Humbert, Paris, 1892, ix. 153–4.

For the Anglo-Saxon period, also, our sources of information are meagre. The principal sources are the Anglo-Saxon laws (Nos. 95–96) and Domesday Book (No. 123): supplemented by a few stray passages in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicles; Kemble's Codex Diplomaticus, 6 vols., 1839–46; Birch's Cartularium, 3 vols., 1885–93; and Thorpe's Diplomatarium, 1865. Kemble, in his Saxons in England, gives a detailed account of the history of towns, but it is vague and based largely on continental analogies of a later period; there is a good short account in Hegel's Städte (No. 87), and in Stubbs's Constitutional History (No. 94), § 44. Maitland's essay (No. 110) is valuable and suggestive.


Also in 2 vols., 1840, 8°.

See No. 96.

1st edition, 1832. The second edition should be used; it is better than Thorpe's. A new edition of the Anglo-Saxon laws is being prepared by Dr. F. Liebermann; it will doubtless supersede all others.

The principal passages relating to boroughs are indicated in Thorpe's index, under the words "Burh," "Gemot," "London," and "Port," and on pp. 541–2 of Schmid. For gilds, see Schmid, 588.


98. —— The Romans of Britain. London, 1878. 8°.

This is an expansion of No. 97.

Roman and Anglo-Saxon municipalities and gilds, 342–413.

A learned plea in favor of the continuance of Roman civilization in England; the author's arguments are ingenious and plausible, but he relies too much on general analogies. See Freeman's criticism of A Neglected Fact, in Macmillan's Magazine, July, 1870.


A thesis for the degree of Ph. D.

100. Fellows, G. E. The Anglo-Saxon towns and their polity. ... Berne, 1890. 8°.

Unscholarly; of no value.


Ch. xxiv. § 5. English origin of English towns, etc.

2nd edition, 1870–79.


Open-air courts in boroughs, 150–9.


A valuable essay.


In ch. iii. he combats the view that the Roman polity survived in England; and in chs. vii.–viii. he deals with the modern survivals of the village community in Chippenham, Elgin, Kells, Lauder, London, Malmesbury, Newton-upon-Ayr, etc. The same general subject is dealt with in Nos. 103, 104.


See especially ch. iv.


See ch. ix.


He contends that the special royal peace conferred upon fortified places "is the original principle which serves to mark off the borough from the village." See also his Domesday Book (No. 160), 184–92.


See i. 195, 329–36, 349, 628–36, 644–5, etc.


Roman Britain, 6–18.


Ch. xi. The Roman walled towns of Britain.
§ 5. THE LATER MIDDLE AGES: 1066–1500.


The principal general sources for the study of this period are Domesday Book and the publications of the Record Commission. A good account of these public records will be found in S. R. Scargill-Bird’s Guide to the Documents in the Public Record Office (2nd edition, 1896), and in C. P. Cooper’s Account of the most important Public Records (2 vols., 1832). The archives of particular towns are also of great value; some of the local records of the thirteenth century have been preserved, but in most towns the oldest muniments are of later date. The printed collections are mentioned in Part II. of this Bibliography, and many extracts are given in the Reports of the Historical MSS. Commission (No. 62). The best modern authorities besides Hegel and Stubbs (Nos. 87, 94) are Mrs. Green, and Pollock and Maitland (Nos. 153, 164).
a. PUBLIC RECORDS, ETC.

Domesday Book, Charters, etc.

See Nos. 173, 174, 603.


Also printed in Domesday Book, vol. iv. (No. 123).

The appendix of Greenwell's edition contains charters granted by Bishop Hugh Pudsey to Gateshead and Wearmouth.


Refers to many town charters.


These calendars refer to many letters patent granted to towns.


Contains copious extracts from the early Pipe Rolls, Pedes Finnium, Plea Rolls, Hundred Rolls, and other public records.


Vol. iii., Indices, and vol. iv., Additamenta, were edited by H. Ellis, Record Com., 1816. Vol. iii. also contains Ellis's General Introduction to Domesday Book, a new edition of which appeared in 1833, Record Com., 2 vols, 8° (cities and boroughs, i. 190–210, ii. 417–510).

W. de Gray Birch's Domesday Book (London, 1887), ch. x., contains a popular account of boroughs. For better accounts, see the works of Maitland and Round (Nos. 160, 166).
§ 5] PUBLIC RECORDS. 23


Vols. i.–xvii., published in 1704–17, are often called the first edition. Second edition, by George Holmes, 17 vols., London, 1727–29; another edition, 10 vols., The Hague, 1739–45; new edition [1066–1383], by Adam Clarke, F. Holbrooke, and J. Caley, 4 vols. in 7 pts., Record Com., 1816–69 (vol. iv. printed in 1830, published in 1869). All the editions are fully described in T. D. Hardy's Syllabus of Documents in Rymer's Foedera (Rolls Series, 3 vols., 1869–85), which also contains a good subject index of the various editions. The Record Commissioners' edition is much more valuable than the other editions for the study of the internal affairs of boroughs; it contains many municipal charters, the most important of which were granted to the following towns:

Beverley, Hen. I., Hen. II., i. 10, 40.
Cambridge, 8 John, 10 Edw. III., i. 94, ii. 934 (bis).
Cinque Ports, 6 Edw. I., 38 Edw. III., i. 558, iii. 743.
Dublin, 3 Rich. I., 2, 17 John, 13 Edw. I., i. 55, 82, 135, 661.
Kingston-upon-Thames, 10 John, i. 102.
Lincoln, Hen. II., Rich. I., i. 40, 52.
London, Hen. I., 1 John, 38 Edw. III., i. 11, 76, iii. 734.
Malmesbury, 5 Rich. II. and Athelstan, iv. 135.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 14 John, 18 Hen. III., i. 108, 213.
Norwich, 5 Rich. I., i. 63.
Nottingham, Hen. II., i. 41.
Oxford, 39 Hen. III., 29 Edw. III., i. 323, iii. 311.
Portsmouth, 5 Rich. I., i. 63.
Rye, 2 Rich. I., i. 53.
Salisbury, 1 Rich. II., iv. 41.
Wallingford, 51 Hen. III. and Hen. II., i. 471.
Winchelsea, 2 Rich. I., i. 53.
Winchester, 1 Rich. I., i. 50.
Yarmouth (Great), 9 John, i. 100.

There are also many other documents relating to the political and commercial history of boroughs. See Hardy's Syllabus, iii., Index.

125. JONES, EDWARD. Index to records called the originalia and memoranda on the lord treasurer's remembrancer's side of the exchequer ... containing all the grants of abbey lands, and other property, granted by the crown, from the beginning of the reign of Henry VIII. to the end of Queen Anne. Also inrollments of charters, grants, and patents to several religious houses, and to cities, boroughs,
towns, companies, colleges, and other public institutions from the earliest period. ... 2 vols. London, 1793–95. f°.


The Liber Niger is of little value for municipal history, but in this edition Hearne prints the following documents:

- New Malton, privileges claimed by the burgesses (1596), 796–805.
- Wallingford, charter of Hen. II., 816–19.


The following references are to some of the more important documents relating to boroughs:

- Corfe Castle, ii. 256
- Hereford, i. 312–13
- Lancaster, i. 545–6
- Leicester, ii. 244–5, 369–70, 456–7
- Pontefract, ii. 335, 419
- Waterford, ii. 149–50, 306–7
- Yarmouth (Great), i. 326–7, 330
- York, i. 462, ii. 552–3


Contains lists of burgesses in various towns, with the amount of tax that each burgess paid.


The following rolls were printed by the Record Commission:

- The great roll of the pipe, 1 Rich. I., by J. Hunter, 1844.
- The great rolls of the pipe, 2, 3, 4 Hen. II., by J. Hunter, 1844.
- Rotulus cancellarii, vel antigraphum magni rotuli pipae, 3 John, 1833.

There are also many extracts from the Pipe Rolls in Madox's works (Nos. 158, 159).

Contains the following borough charters:

Alnwick, 2 John, 87
Andover, 2, 6, 7, 15 John, 93, 148, 152, 195
Appleby, 1 John, 41
Beverley, 1 John, 53
Boston, 5 John, 118
Bridgnorth, 16 John, 205
Bridgwater, 2 John, 73
Cambridge, 2 John, 83
Cardigan, 1 John, 63
Carmarthen, 2 John, 83
Cowbridge, 2 John, 87
Derby, 6 John, 138
Dover, 2, 7 John, 83, 153
Droitwich (Wick), 17 John, 216
Dublin, 2, 17 John, 78, 210
Dungarvan, 17 John, 211 (bis)
Dunwich, 1, 7, 17 John, 51, 159, 211
Exeter, 2 John, 70
Eye, 7 John, 153
Gloucester, 1 John, 56
Grimsby, 2, 9 John, 91, 168
Hartlepool, 2 John, 86
Hastings, 7 John, 153
Helston, 2 John, 93 (bis)
Hereford, 17 John, 212
Huntingdon, 7 John, 157
Ilchester, 5 John, 130
Ipswich, 2 John, 65
Kingston-upon-Thames, 1, 10 John, 52, 182
Lancaster, 1 John, 26
Leicester, 1 John, 32 (bis)
Limerick, 17 John, 211
Lincoln, 1 John, 5, 56
London, 16 John, 207
Lynn, 5, 6 John, 118, 138
Marlborough, 6 John, 135
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 2, 14, 17 John, 87, 190, 219
Northampton, 1 John, 45
Norwich, 1 John, 20
Nottingham, 1 John, 39
Pembroke, 2 John, 95
Pickering, 1 John, 41
Portsmouth, 2 John, 77
Preston, 1 John, 26
Romney, 7 John, 154
Rye, 7 John, 153
Sandwich, 7 John, 153
Scarborough, 1, 2 John, 40, 85, 103
Shrewsbury, 1, 6 John, 46 (bis), 142
Whitby, 1, 2 John, 14, 84
Wilton, 5 John, 125
Winchelsea, 7 John, 173
Winchester, 17 John, 217
Yarmouth (Great), 9 John, 175
York, 1, 14 John, 40, 187


Contains many valuable details relating to boroughs.


The letters patent and close are less important than the charters for town history.


An elaborate “Index to the Rolls of Parliament” was edited, by order of a committee of the House of Lords, by John Strachey, John Pridden, and Edward Upham, 1832, f°.

The following are references to some of the more important documents:

- Coventry, 3 Hen. V., iv. 75.
- Harlech, 2 Edw. III., ii. 17–18.
- Leicester, 5 Hen. VII., vi. 432.
- Liverpool, 2 Hen. V., iv. 55.
- Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 18 Edw. I., i. 26–9.
- Salisbury, 33 Edw. I., i. 174–6.

See also the titles “Artificer,” “Borough,” “City,” “Corporation,” “Gild,” “Town,” and the names of the various boroughs, in the index volume.


Refers to many borough charters, etc.

Contains extracts from Anglo-Saxon laws, Domesday customs of Chester, Lincoln, and Oxford, and the following borough charters:

- Beverley, grant of Archbishop Thurstan, temp. Hen. I.
- Dunwich
- Hartlepool
- Helston (bis) - John.
- Northampton
- York
- Nottingham, Hen. II., John.
- Oxford, Hen. III.
- Winchester, Hen. II., Rich. I.

Contains also the customs of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, temp. Hen. I., and extracts from many other public records.

1st edition, 1870.

**Plea Rolls.**

See Nos. 122, 2446.


See his index, under "Municipal Bodies."


Some of these documents throw much light on the constitution of boroughs. See especially the proceedings relating to the following towns:

- Aberystwyth, 817–18
- Appleby, 792
- Bedford, 17–18
- Cardigan, 820–21
- Carlisle, 118, 121
- Chesterfield, 138–9
- Derby, 158–61
- Gloucester, 241
- Helston, 108–9
- Ilchester, 701
- Lancaster, 384–5
- Liverpool, 381
- London, 445–74
- Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 601
- Nottingham, 618–23
- Preston, 385
- Retford, 629–31
- Shrewsbury, 708
- Wigan, 371–2
- Wycombe, 85


Contains many valuable notices relating to boroughs. See the index rerum, 517–85.

Northampton, 79-87    Salisbury, 106-8       York, 112-13, 119-20


For municipal bodies, see his index, p. 148.


See No. 145.


Throws light upon the status of Welsh boroughs in the 14th century.


Contains a petition of Carmarthen to Parliament, 9 Edw. II., and the charters of the following towns:

Aberystwyth, 6 Edw. I.
Builth, 7 Rich. II.
Carmarthen, 2 John — 10 Rich. II.
Haverfordwest, 5 Edw. III., 9—10 Rich. II.
Laugharne, undated charter of Guido de Brion.
Montgomery, 11 Hen. III.
St. Clears, 16 Rich. II.

This valuable work contains quo warranto proceedings, temp. Edw. III., reciting town charters granted by Edw. I. and Edw. II. to the following boroughs:

- Bala, 172-7
- Beaumaris, 158-61, 238
- Carnarvon, 184-7
- Conway, 161-7
- Harlech, 191-5
- Newborough, 177-81, 298

Consuetudines Herefordiae, 22 Edw. III., 130.


Contains the royal charter granted to Flint, 12 Edw. I., with a translation.


Contains references to charters, letters patent, deeds, etc., relating to boroughs of Wales and Cheshire.

b. MODERN WRITERS.


Bk. ii. ch. i. The supremacy of the towns from the 14th to the 16th centuries. Valuable.

3rd edition of vol. i., 1894.


For England, see i. 392-411, etc.

His chief authorities are Blackstone and Hallam.


Contends that the drift of later medieval development was from a democratic to an aristocratic régime.


Deals also with medieval borough history since 1066. Her view that the burgesses were a ruling council before the 14th century, while the “communitas” formed a second corporate body, seems to be untenable.


A revised edition in his *Gild Merchant*, i. app. E. (No. 541.)


Ch. iv. The origin and growth of English towns.


Contains many extracts from the Pipe Rolls and other public records. The most important documents belong mainly to the 13th and 14th centuries and relate to the following towns:

- Andover
- Appleby
- Bala
- Bedford
- Colchester
- Dunwich
- Exeter
- Gloucester
- Hull
- Kingston-upon-Thames
- London
- Lyme Regis
- Maldon
- Oswestry
- Overton
- Oxford
- Plympton
- Salisbury
- Southampton
- Southwold
- York

See his index.


Contains many valuable extracts from the public records, relating to boroughs. 1st edition, 1 vol., 1711, f°.
The boroughs, 172–219.
The best account of the boroughs just after the Norman conquest.

Ch. vi. Boroughs and cities.

Ch. xx. deals with town charters.

Municipal history, ii. 468-86.

The borough, i. 625-678.

Town life, i. 102–127. See also ii. 310, 339.

Boroughs in Domesday, 118–42.

Bk. iii. chs. iii.—iv. Cities and towns.

Vol. iii. pt. ii. app. 139–200 contains a long answer to Brady's Treatise (No. 78).

§ 6. MODERN TIMES: 1500-1800.

a. General Authorities, Nos. 170-177.
c. Law Reports, Nos. 188-201.

The principal sources for the study of this period are the Journals of the House of Commons (No. 287), the Law Reports (§ 6c), the Reports of the Historical MSS. Commission and of the Municipal Corporations Commission (Nos. 60, 62), and the records of particular towns, mentioned below in Part II. There is no good general history of municipal development in this period. The best account is given by Merewether and Stephens (No. 79); they are more trustworthy here than in the earlier portions of their treatise.

See also Nos. 124-126, 148, 1271, and § 8 e, f.

a. GENERAL AUTHORITIES.


The period Edw. VI.-James I. was edited by Robert Lemon and M. A. E. Green; the reign of Charles I., by J. Bruce and W. D. Hamilton; the Commonwealth and Charles II., by M. A. E. Green and F. H. B. Danicil; William & Mary, by W. J. Hardy.


See i. 45-6, 264-8, ii. 453-5, iii. 36-47, 74-6.


176. Roberts, George. The social history of the people of the southern counties of England in past centuries; illustrated in regard to their habits, municipal bye-laws, civil progress. . . . London, 1856. 8°.

The arming of towns, 100-123.
Importance of the office of early mayors, 141–3.
Orders regarding the gaol and the mainprize of Dorchester, 171–7.
Extracts from town accounts of King’s Lyme, 319–24.
Payment of parliamentary representatives of Lyme, 468–80
The decay of old mercantile coast towns, 540–59.

This work deals mainly with the 16th and 17th centuries.

177. True friends (The) to corporations vindicated. In answer to a letter concerning the disabling clauses lately offer’d to the House of Commons for regulating corporations. Printed in the year 1690. [A Collection of State Tracts, published . . . during the reign of King William III., i. 705–12. 3 vols. London, 1705–7. 4°.]

6. CHARLES II. AND JAMES II.: SEIZURE OF ChARTERS.

See Nos. 189, 195, 1759, 2024–2059, 2462, 2513.


The surrender of town charters and the London quo warranto case, 1682, ii. 332–8.


Seizure of town charters, 1681–84, i. 223–35.

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180. Hunt, Thomas. A defence of the charter and municipal
rights of the city of London and the rights of other municipalities
See No. 2039.

181. North, Roger. Examen: or an enquiry into the credit and
veracity of a pretended complete history; shewing the perverse and
wicked design of it. . . . All tending to vindicate the honour of the
late king, Charles the Second, and his happy reign, from the intended
aspersions of that foul pen. London, 1740. 4°.

The seizure of the charters of London and other corporations, 595-646; see
also pp. 90-94 (London).

182. Power (The) of the kings of England to examine the charters
of particular corporations and companies, exemplified by the
statutes and laws of this realm. London, 1684. f°.

183. Proceedings at the court at Whitehall, with reference to
charters, patents, or grants made to several cities, boroughs, and
towns corporate. London, 1688. f°.

A single sheet.

184. † Proclamation for restoring corporations to their ancient
charters, liberties, rights, and franchises, by King James II. Lon-
don, 1688. f°.

For this proclamation, see also London Gazette, No. 2391, and "A Collection
of State Tracts, published . . . during the reign of King William III." (3 vols.,
1705-7); i. 49-50. See also No. 660.

185. [Ralph, James.] The history of England during the reigns
of K. William, Q. Anne, and K. George I. . . . 2 vols. London,
1744-46. f°.

Proceedings of Charles II. against London and other corporations, i. 682-99,
712-20.

186. † Right (The) of cities and towns to choose their own
officers, temp. Jacobi. 4°.

187. Seasonable reflections on dissolving corporations, in the late
two reigns, by surrendering of and giving judgments against char-
ters, particularly against that of the city of London. . . . London,
1689. f°.
c. LAW REPORTS.

The following list includes only the most valuable cases in some of the more important reports. Many other cases are cited by Merewether and Stephens (No. 79). See also No. 910.

For Irish and Scotch reports, see No. 746 and § 13 e.

For election cases, see § 8 e.

188. Abridgment (An) of the modern determinations in the courts of law and equity: being a supplement to Viner’s Abridgment. . . . 6 vols. London, 1799–1806. 8°.

Many interesting cases are cited under “Corporations,” ii. 339–57.


John Prowse v. Samuel Foot, 1725 (office of alderman of Truro), ii. 289–94.

Peter Pender v. Rex, 1725 (office of mayor of Penryn), ii. 294–8.

Hugh Powell v. Rex, 1728 (election of burgesses of Brecknock), ii. 298–303.

Richard Tucker v. Rex, 1742 (election of mayor of Weymouth), ii. 304–11.

Rex v. John Ponzonby and others, 1758 (non-resident burgesses of Newtown, Co. Down), ii. 311–21.

Henry Pippard v. the Mayor of Drogheda, 1759 (seizure of town charters by James II., etc.), ii. 321–8.


Green v. the Mayor of Durham, 30 Geo. II. (admission into the city companies), i. 127–33.

Rex v. Richardson, 31 Geo. II. (election of portmen of Ipswich), i. 517–41.

Rex v. Cowle, 32 & 33 Geo. II. (abstract of charters of Berwick), ii. 834–64.


Rex v. the Mayor, etc., of Cambridge, 7 Geo. III. (election of mayor), iv. 2008–11.
Mayor of Norwich v. Berry, 7 Geo. III. (refusal to accept office of sheriff), iv. 2109–16.
Rex v. Charles Malden, etc., 8 Geo. III. (election of bailiff and aldermen of Maldon), iv. 2130–2, 2241–3.
Rex v. the Mayor and the Town Clerk of Northampton, 9 Geo. III. (their authority to admit freemen), iv. 2260–7.
Rex v. Abraham Head and others, 10 Geo. III. (their qualifications as freemen of Helston), iv. 2515–25.
Rex v. Grimes, 10 Geo. III. (his election as chief burgess of Yarmouth, Isle of Wight), v. 2598–2602.

The case of the Mayor and Burgesses of Lynn Regis, concerning misnomer of corporations, 10 Jac. I., v. 467–78.
The case of the tailors, etc., of Ipswich, 12 Jac. I. (their trade monopoly), vi. 101–4.
Ireland and free borough, 12 Jac. I. (election of burgesses in Dungannon), vi. 366–7.

The King v. the Mayor, etc., of Lyme Regis, 19 Geo. III. (removal of capital burgesses), i. 79–85, 149–59, 177–82.
The King v. Tunwell, Mayor of Cambridge, 23 Geo. III. (election of mayor), iii. 207–9.
Vols. i.–ii. are 3rd edition, 1790.

Kirk v. Nowill and Butler, 1786 (monopoly of cutlers of Sheffield), i. 118–25.
The King v. Amery, 1788 (the charter of Chester), ii. 515–69.
Newling v. Francis, 1789 (election of mayor of Cambridge), iii. 189–99.
The King v. Pasmore, 1789 (office of mayor of Helston; doctrine of incorporation), iii. 199–250.
The King v. Bellringer, 1792 (powers of the common council of Bodmin), iv. 810–24.
The King v. Miller, 1795 (election of mayor of Northampton), vi. 268–81.

The Corporation of Liverpool v. the Corporation of London, 1796, i. 471–510.
King's Lynn v. the City of London, 1788, i. app. v.

Both cases relate to the claim of freemen of London to be exempt from toll throughout England.


The King v. the City of London, 1681–83 (full account of the quo warranto proceedings), viii. 1039–1358; cf. ix. 187–298.

Trial of Wm. Sacheverell and others, 1684 (the surrender of the charter of Nottingham), x. 29–104.


The King v. Gibbon, 1734 (freemen of Romney; extracts from town records), xvii. 801–44.

Henry Moore v. the Port of Hastings, 1736 (throws light on the old town constitution), xvii. 845–924.


Under the title "Corporation" (vi. 601–783) there are many interesting cases relating to boroughs.


Mayor of Winchester v. Wilks, 4 Anne (the gild merchant), ii. 1129–35.

John Stevenson, etc. v. Wm. Nevinson, 10 Geo. I. (election of common council of Appleby), ii. 1353–60.

The King v. the Mayor, etc. of Doncaster, 3 Geo. II. (the office of capital burgess), ii. 1564–6.

The case of Banbury, 13 Wm. III., iii. 1.

The case of Wells, 6 Wm. & Mary, iii. 166.

The case of Lincoln, 9 Wm. III., iii. 203.

198. Rumsey, John. A report of the case of the King v. Westwood, with a preliminary digest of the authorities on the points of
corporation law therein discussed and referred to. London, 1830. 8°.

Valuable for the history of Wycombe.


Butler v. Palmer, 11 Wm. III. (election of mayor of Dartmouth), i. 190.


201. Tremaine, John. Placita coronæ: or pleas of the crown in matters criminal and civil . . . digested and revised by the late Mr. John Rice. London, 1723. f°.

Bath, 541-4
Bristol, 230-3
Carlisle, 523-35
Chester, 516-7
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Norwich, 517-23
Nottingham, 465-6
Oxford, 456-61
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Saltash, 228-30, 454-5
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Wincanton, 217-8
Winchelsea, 556-8
London, passim

All these cases were tried during Charles II.'s reign.

§ 7. NINETEENTH CENTURY: MUNICIPAL REFORM.

a. General, Nos. 201a-232.
b. Municipal Reform, 1835, Nos. 233-259.
c. The Act of 1882, Nos. 260-266.

The most valuable parliamentary papers for the study of this period are the various Reports on Municipal Corporations (Nos. 59-61). The important legislative changes of 1835, 1882, and 1888 are recorded in the Public General Statutes (Nos. 68-69). The First Schedule of the Act of 1882 (45 & 46 Vict. c. 50) enumerates all the older acts relating to municipal corporations; see also Index of Statutes (No. 75), under "Boroughs." The discussions in Parliament concerning these legislative changes will be found in Hansard's Debates, and more briefly in the Annual Register.

There is no good general history of municipal development during this century. May and Walpole (Nos. 246, 258) give a good short account of
the reform of 1835. Vine (No. 228) gives a detailed but dry survey of municipal affairs for the years 1835-79. Some of the works mentioned in § 8 also throw much light on the government of boroughs in the first decades of this century. One of the best accounts of the present condition of municipal institutions is furnished by Shaw (No. 225). The French and Italian books mentioned in § 7 contain some interesting comparisons between English and continental municipalities.

Many works dealing with the details of municipal administration are mentioned in No. 2a.

\[ a. \text{ GENERAL.} \]

Ch. v. Les bourgs.
Ch. viii. La police des bourgs.
Ch. xiv. La métropole.


Ch. v. contains a good short account of the existing machinery of borough government.


England in the 19th century, 45-75.

206. † Defects in the law for municipalities and a plea for amendment. . . . London, 1854. 8°.


208. Dolman, Fred. Municipalities at work. The municipal policy of six great towns and its influence on their social welfare.

Deals with Birmingham, Bradford, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester.


Ch. v. Municipal government.
A good account.
1st edition, 2 vols., [1879.]


Pt. ii. contains a short account of English municipal institutions and a comparison of the municipalities of England with those of France.


A detailed account of municipal government, especially of the fiscal organization of towns.


Also separately printed. A valuable essay.


Points out certain evils of the municipal system.

214. Holdsworth, W. A. The municipal corporations directory, 1866... London, 1866. 8°.

Ch. i. of the preliminary essay on municipal laws (pp. 1–80) is a brief historical sketch of municipal corporations, based on Merewether and Stephens (No. 79). The remaining chapters are devoted to municipal legislation in the present century.
    Chs. xii.–xiii. The borough.


    Local government and taxation in Scotland, by A. McNeil-Caird, 97–172.
    Local government and taxation in Ireland, by W. N. Hancock, 173–232.

    The essays of interest to us are: —
    London government, and how to reform it, by J. F. B. Firth, 147–270.
    Municipal boroughs and urban districts, by J. T. Bunce, 271–318.
    Local government and taxation in Ireland, by R. O'Shaughnessy, 319–84.
    Local government and taxation in Scotland, by W. Macdonald, 335–464.

    Vol. i. La costituzione municipale inglese.
    Vol. ii. La legge comunale italiana.

    Considers the condition of boroughs since 1835.

    See also his articles on the same subject in the Nineteenth Century, 1883, xiii. 297–313, 509–28.


A good account of the present working of municipal institutions, especially in Birmingham, Glasgow, London, and Manchester.


Ch. iv. Le bourg.
Ch. x. La métropole.


Gives a brief sketch of the municipal history of each corporation, lists of officers for the current year, etc.

230. †Wright, R. S. Local government: Memorandum, No. 1, General view; Memorandum, No. 2, Law, with references. Privately printed. 2 pts. [London,] 1877. 1°.

Memoranda containing a review of the existing organization of local government prepared by R. S. Wright under the supervision of William Rathbone and Samuel Whitbread. See the Contemporary Review, xxxiv. 694.

231. Wright, R. S., and Hobhouse, Henry. An outline of local government and local taxation in England and Wales (excluding the
MUNICIPAL REFORM, 1835.

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metropolis), together with some considerations for amendment. . . .

London, 1884. 8°.

"Based on two memoranda on local government, written by Mr. Wright in the year 1877, which were privately circulated among members of Parliament and others interested in the subject. These memoranda have now been revised, amalgamated, brought down to date, and to some extent, rearranged, by Mr. Hobhouse."

Supplement, 1888.


This is a translation of the Russian title.

b. MUNICIPAL REFORM, 1835.

The Municipal Corporations Act (England and Wales), 5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 76.

For the report on which this act was based, see No. 60.


Vol. ii. "Supplement to the Black Book; or corruption unmasked!!" London, 1823.


Other editions appeared in 1831 and 1832 under the title, "The Extraordinary Black Book": see No. 395.
236. †Burridge, J. D. A concise and impartial essay on the British constitution . . . with remarks on the close borough system. . . London, 1819. 8°.


238. Cockburn, A. J. E. The corporations of England and Wales: containing a succinct account of the constitution, privileges, powers, revenues, and expenditures of each corporation; together with details shewing the practical working of the corporate system in each borough or city, and any defects or abuses which may have been found to exist. The whole collected and abridged from the reports of the commissioners for inquiring into municipal corporations. Vol. i. London, 1835. 8°.

See No. 60.


Deals especially with trade regulations and the qualifications for admission to the freedom of boroughs. A plea for reform.


242. Glover, William. A practical treatise on the law of municipal corporations, adapted to the recent reforms in the corporate bodies of England, Wales, and Scotland; with the statutes relating to municipal corporations, mandamus, and quo warranto. To which is prefixed an historical summary of the corporate system of Great Britain and Ireland. London, 1836. 8°.

Historical summary, pp. vii.–lxx.

243. Guppy, Robert. A familiar abridgment of the Municipal Corporation Act, 5 & 6 Will. IV. c. 76; intended as a guide to citi-
zens and burgesses; with a table of periods, notes, and a copious index. London, 1835. 12°.


Ch. ix. Poor law and municipal reform. See also pp. 25-30.


Municipal reform, ii. 234-45.


Ch. xv. Municipal reform, 1835-40.


Vol. i. ch. vi. Municipal reform.

248. On the abuses of civil incorporations; in a letter to Hudson Gurney, Esq., M. P. London, 1830. 8°.


This is a new edition of No. 249.


252. Rawlinson, Christopher. The Municipal Corporation Act, 5 & 6 Will. IV. c. 76, and the acts since passed for amending the same; with notes and references to the cases thereon; also an appendix containing the principal statutes. . . . London, 1842. 12°.

See No. 264.

This committee was appointed to inquire into the operation of the Act of 1835 on the privileges and property of freemen in England and Wales.


The Introduction (pp. ix.–xxviii.) is “a sketch of the original constitution of municipal corporations,” based mainly upon Merewether and Stephens (No. 79).

255. † **STEPHENS, A. J.** A letter, addressed to his grace the Duke of Richmond upon corporate reform, with observations upon the constitutional rights of the permanent and responsible inhabitants of cities and boroughs to exercise the municipal and parliamentary franchises. London, 1835. 8°.

256. —— A treatise on the Corporation Act, 5 & 6 Will. iv. c. 76; with practical directions to town clerks and overseers. . . . London, 1835. 12°.


A general discussion of municipal corporations, past and present. Deals particularly with the trade restrictions imposed upon non-freemen, especially in London. A plea for reform.


Chs. xiv.–xv. Municipal reform.


259. What should the lords do with the Corporation Reform Bill? With tables, showing the extent of its proposed constituency in comparison with the parliamentary franchise. London, 1835. 8°.
c. THE ACT OF 1882.


See also 46 & 47 Vict. c. 18: An Act to make provision respecting certain Municipal Corporations and other local authorities not subject to the Municipal Corporation Act [of 1835]. On these “unreformed corporations,” see Nos. 61, 207.


An elaborate work; it contains 140 statutes, including the Act of 1882, with a full commentary.

261. Chambers, G. F. A digest of the law relating to municipal corporations, with the statutes in full; various precedents; various official documents; brief notes of leading cases: forming a complete guide to the new act of 1882. London, 1882. 8°.


264. Rawlinson, Christopher. The Municipal Corporations Act, 45 & 46 Vict. c. 50; and the general rules made in pursuance thereof, and acts since passed for amending the same, and otherwise in relation to municipal corporations. With notes and references to the cases thereon; and an appendix containing the principal statutes referred to. . . . Eighth edition, by Thomas Greary. London, etc., 1883. 8°.

This is the 8th edition of No. 252.


d. THE ACT OF 1888: COUNTY COUNCILS.

The Local Government Act (England and Wales), 51 Vict. c. 41.


1st and 2nd editions, 1888.


270. Glen, Alex. The law relating to county government under the Local Government Act, 1888, and other statutes affecting county councils. London, 1890. 8°.


Another edition, 1889.


280. —— The duties of county councils under the Local Government Act, 1894; with the act and the regulations made thereunder. London, 1894. 8°.


§ 8. PARLIAMENTARY HISTORY.

b. General Histories, etc., Nos. 296-315a.
c. Particular Counties, Nos. 316-328.
e. Election Cases, Nos. 345-357.
f. Parliamentary Reform, Nos. 358-527.

Though the following list contains all the most important works relating to general parliamentary history, it is to be regarded as a bibliography of only one phase of the subject, namely, the representative history of boroughs. Many of the works enumerated are valuable for the study of the internal municipal development, with which indeed the representative history is closely connected. This is notably true of the cases of controverted elections discussed in the Journals of the House of Commons (No. 287) and in the collections of reports (§ 8 e).

For minor additions to the lists given below, see the old printed catalogue of the British Museum Library, vol. v. (London, 1817), under the word “Parliament”; Lowndes, Bibliographer’s Manual (1861), 1781-86; R. Sims, Manual for the Genealogist, Topographer, etc. (1856), 148-58; Parry, Parliaments and Councils (No. 306), Preface, 8-29; R. Watt, Bibliotheca Britannica (1824), under the words “Parliament” and “Reform.”

For Ireland and Scotland, see §§ 12, 13.

a. RECORDS, AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The chief sources for the study of the medieval representation of boroughs are the Parliamentary Writs (Nos. 292, 293), the Rolls of Parliament (No. 134), and the Peers’ Reports (No. 295). For modern times the principal sources are the Journals of the House of Commons (No. 287), the Statutes (§ 2 d), and Hansard’s Debates.


A General Index to the 1st and 2nd series, edited by John Phillipart, appeared in 1834. Since 1830 there is an index for each session.

A briefer account of the debates will be found in the Annual Register, published since 1758.

For earlier collections of debates, see Lowndes, Bibliographer's Manual (1861), 1781.


A reprint of the old Journals was begun in 1803.

The following General Indexes have been printed:
1547-1714, vols. i.-xvii., by T. Vardon and T. E. May, 1852.
1714-1774, vols. xviii.-xxxiv., by E. Moore, 1778.
1774-1790, vols. xxxv.-xlv., by S. Dunn, 1795.
1801-1820, vols. lvi.-lxxv., by M. C. Burney, 1825.

The early volumes of the Journals throw much light upon general municipal history; they contain valuable material concerning most of the boroughs of England.


Calendar of the Journals, 1509-1826, 2 vols., [1810.]

289. Members of Parliament. [Return of the name of every member of the lower house of the Parliaments of England, Scotland, and Ireland, with name of constituency represented, and date of return, from 1213 to 1874.] Parl. Papers, 1878, vol. lxii., pts. i.—iii. 3 vols. [London,] 1878. f°.

Valuable.

290. —— Return containing ... the index to the names of members of Parliament from 1705 to 1885, in continuation of the

Contains a list of M. P.'s for 1880-85, and an index of names from 1705 to 1885.

291. —— BEAN, W. W. The parliamentary returns of members of the House of Commons, from 1213 to 1874. . . . Notices of various errors and omissions found in the above-named work, in several Parliaments from 1603 to 1830. London, [1883.] 8°.


The most elaborate source for the study of parliamentary history in the reigns of Edw. I. and Edw. II.


The third part has the separate title, "Brevia Parliamentaria Rediviva," London, 1662.

Vols. iii.-iv. contain many writs of expenses of burgesses, returns of boroughs (Edw. I.—Edw. IV.), etc.


Vol. i. First Report: The general history of legislative assemblies in England, etc.


Vol. iv. Second, Third, and Fourth Reports.


The First Report and the Summonses will also be found in Journals of the House of Lords, 5 Geo. IV., 470-1104.

One of the most valuable sources of parliamentary history.
b. GENERAL HISTORIES, ETC.

Gneist's *English Parliament* (No. 299) and the Peers' Reports (No. 295) contain the best general accounts of parliamentary history. Smith's work (No. 309) is fuller than Gneist's, but much of his material is borrowed from Gneist, Stubbs, and other writers. The most useful books for the study of the medieval period are the Peers' Reports, Stubbs's *Constitutional History* (No. 94), and Riess's *Wahlrecht* (No. 341). The treatise of Merewether and Stephens (No. 79) contains much material, especially for the modern period. The works of Oldfield and Willis (Nos. 304, 315, 315a) are in large part antiquated.


This is now superseded by No. 289.


See Nos. 285, 305.


The representation of towns, ii. 251–66, 288–95.


The representation of towns, 168–73, 197, 388, etc.

2nd edition, 1886.

There are two translations of this work:


Valuable.
Other editions, 1861, 1865, 1873.


See also ibid., 1827, xlvi. 479-89.


For Parliament in the time of Henry III., see his Tracts, ii. 239-326.


His first work on this subject was published anonymously under the title, “An entire and complete history of the boroughs of Great Britain,” 3 vols., 1792; 2nd edition [abridged], 2 vols., 1794. His “History of the original constitution of Parliaments,” 1797, is a sort of abridgment of the preceding treatise. Both works were reprinted under the title, “A complete history of the boroughs of Great Britain,” 3 vols., 1805. “The representative history” of 1816 is an enlarged edition of the work published in 1792. Vols. i.–ii. contain a general history of the House of Commons; vols. iii.–vi. give a brief sketch of the municipal and representative history of each borough; the appendix of vol. vi. contains a table of parliamentary patronage, etc.

305. Parliamentary or constitutional history (The) of England: being a faithful account of all the most remarkable transactions in Parliament, from the earliest times . . . [to Dec. 29, 1660.] Collected . . . by several hands. 24 vols. London, 1751–61. 8°.

This was superseded by Cobbett’s work (No. 297).

§ 8.] GENERAL HISTORIES.  55

307. Rankin, M. H. Present state of representation in England and Wales: being an alphabetical arrangement of all the counties, cities, and boroughs sending members to Parliament; with an appendix, containing a summary of the representation in England and Wales, the Reform and Boundary Acts, and a copious index. London, 1832. 12°.


Another edition, 1892.


A useful compilation.


A list of the M. P.'s of all the counties and boroughs.

Superseded in large part by No. 289.

311. [Stockdale, John.] Stockdale's Parliamentary guide; or members' and electors' complete companion: being an historical account of the several cities, counties, and boroughs in Great Britain; their right of election; when they were first represented in Parliament, and the number of voters at each place; with references to the Journals of the House of Commons, for every proceeding to be found in them relating to matters of election. . . . London, 1784. 8°.

Useful on account of the references to the Journals, etc. Gives only a meagre sketch of the history of each borough.


Ch. i. Early representative Parliaments.
1st edition, 1881.


Boroughs, i. 489-518, ii. 92-180.
314. Whitworth, Charles. The succession of Parliaments: being exact lists of the members chosen at each general election, from the Restoration to the last general election, 1761, with other useful matters. London, 1764. 12°.

This is now superseded by No. 289.

315. Willis, Browne. Notitia parliamentaria: or an history of the counties, cities, and boroughs in England and Wales. Shewing what boroughs were anciently parliamentary, but now disus'd. What do at this day return to Parliament. Their antiquities, charters, privileges, lords, churches, monasteries, government, number of electors, etc. To which are subjoin'd lists of all the knights, citizens, and burgesses (as far as can be collected from records) from the first summons to Parliament to this time. . . . 2 vols. London, 1715-16. 8°.

See No. 315a.

315a. — Notitia parliamentaria: containing an account of the first returns and incorporations of the cities, towns, and boroughs in England and Wales that send members to Parliament. . . . Also an account of the disused boroughs, and . . . a series of lists of the representatives in the several Parliaments held from the Reformation, 1541, to the Restoration, 1660. . . . [Generally called vol. iii. of No. 315.] London, 1750. 8°.

The account of the history of each borough in these three volumes is brief; in some cases extracts from the town charters are given.

2nd edition of vol. i., 1730.

c. PARTICULAR COUNTIES.

See Nos. 621, 657, 669.


The material is mainly biographical.

317. Breese, Edward. Kalendars of Gwynedd: or chronological lists of lords-lieutenants, custodes rotulorum, sheriffs, and knights of
the shire, for the counties of Anglesey, Caernarvon, and Merioneth, and of the members for the boroughs of Caernarvon and Beaumaris. . . Compiled by Edward Breese. With notes by W. W. E. Wynne. London, 1873. 4°.

318. † Chronological tables of the high sheriffs of the county of Lincoln, and of the knights of the shire, citizens and burgesses in Parliament within the same, from the earliest accounts to the present time. London, 1779. 4°. pp. 59.

319. Cooper, W. D. The parliamentary history of the county of Sussex and of the several boroughs and Cinque Ports therein. Lewes, 1834. 4°.

Arundel, 7–10
Bramber, 11–13
Brighton, 13–14
Chichester, 14–17
East Grinstead, 18–20
Hastings, 38–41
Horsham, 20–23
Lewes, 24–27
Midhurst, 28–30
New Shoreham, 30–34
Rye, 41–64
Seafield, 46–49
Steyning, 34–36
Winchelsea, 50–53

See No. 657.


"The Author's intention is to furnish a complete Political History of the two Counties of Cumberland and Westmorland and their Boroughs of Carlisle, Cockermouth, Whitehaven, Appleby, and Kendal, from 1660 to 1867."


Abingdon, ii. 82–6
Bedford, i. 6–14
Reading, ii. 86–91
Wallingford, ii. 92–5
Windsor, ii. 96–100

323. Park, G. R. The parliamentary representation of Yorkshire, from the earliest authentically recorded elections to the present time [Edw. I. to 1886.] Hull, 1886. 8°.

A list of M. P.'s for the county and boroughs.
Superseded by No. 289.

Compiled from the Returns of 1878 (No. 289).

327. Williams, W. R. The parliamentary history of the county of Hereford, including the city of Hereford, and the boroughs of Leominster, Weobly, Bromyard, Ledbury, and Ross, from the earliest times to the present day, 1213-1896. . . . Brecknock, 1896. 8°.

328. —— The parliamentary history of the principality of Wales, from the earliest times to the present day, 1541-1895. . . . Brecknock, 1895. 4°.
Contains a list of the M. P.'s for the boroughs, with biographical notes.

d. HISTORY AND LAW OF ELECTIONS.

See Nos. 294, 486, and § 8 e.

329. Considerations offered to all the corporations of England, well worth their observation, containing seasonable advice to them in their future elections of burgesses to serve in Parliament, merely in relation to, and so far forth only, as such elections affect trade, and are, as will appear hereby, the main cause of its present great decay. London, 1681. f°.

Valuable for the municipal history of the following boroughs:

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331. Cox, Homersham. Antient parliamentary elections. A history showing how Parliaments were constituted and representatives of the people elected in antient times. London, 1868. 8°.

The representatives of boroughs, 133-93.


333. Disney, John. A collection of acts of Parliament relative to county and borough elections, with references to several reported cases, containing the determinations of the House of Commons. In two parts. . . . Chronologically arranged, with a copious index. London, 1811. 8°.

334. Grego, Joseph. A history of parliamentary elections and electioneering in the old days, showing the state of political parties and party warfare at the hustings and in the House of Commons from the Stuarts to Queen Victoria. London, 1886. 8°.

New edition, 1892.


336. † Laws concerning the election of members of Parliament, with the determinations of the House of Commons thereon, and all their incidents; also an appendix of precedents. By a gentleman of the Inner Temple. Sixth edition. London, 1780. 8°.

1st edition, 1768.


Ch. iii. shows how the reforms of 1832, 1867, and 1885 influenced the parliamentary representation of boroughs.


Introduction: "The rise and progress of parliamentary representation; the history of the writ, and of the disfranchisement of boroughs which formerly sent members to parliament."

Appendix, xlix.: "Present state of representation, comprising all the counties,
cities, and boroughs which send members to parliament, alphabetically arranged, describing their municipal government, returning officers, and right of election as by last decision."

1st edition, 1818.

339. Orders and resolutions of the honourable House of Commons on controverted elections and returns, determining the qualifications of candidates and voters; the rights of election for the several cities and boroughs. . . . Third edition. London, 1741. 12°.

Other editions, 1734, 1736. "Additions" were printed in 1747.


Elections for cities, towns, boroughs, and Cinque Ports, 61-97.
Electors in cities, towns, boroughs, and Cinque Ports, 205-54.


343. —— An appendix to a treatise on the law of elections: containing acts relating to controverted elections, etc., etc., the Scots and Irish statutes, and form and precedents, etc. London, 1812. 8°.


The chapter on "Voters for cities and boroughs" cites many cases.

c. ELECTION CASES.

The collections of cases are of considerable value for the study, not merely of parliamentary representation, but of municipal history in general. The most useful are those of Carew, Douglas, Fraser, Glanville, Luders, and Peckwell. After the reforms of 1832 and 1835, the collections are of less value, and therefore most of them have been omitted. The tables of contents appended to the titles given below include only the more important cases.
ELECTION CASES.

The Parliamentary Papers contain many reports of committees appointed to consider cases of controverted elections: e.g. 1806-7, vol. iv.; 1819, vol. iv.; 1826-27, vol. iv. For many other cases, especially in the years 1801-34, see Catalogue of Parl. Papers, 1696-1834 (No. 46), pp. 34-7. Some of the most valuable of these cases are mentioned below, in Part II., under the names of particular towns.

See § 8 d.

345. BOHUN, WILLIAM. A collection of debates, reports, orders, and resolutions of the House of Commons, touching the right of electing members to serve in Parliament, for the several counties, cities, boroughs, and towns corporate in England and Wales; together with several ancient charters, and extracts out of Domesday-Book, and other records relating to the said right. London, [1702.] f°.

Most of the cases reported fall within the years 1674-1700.

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351. Fraser, Simon. Reports of the proceedings before select committees of the House of Commons, in the following cases of controverted elections; viz. [vol. i.] Hellston, Oakhampton, Pontefract, Dorchester, Newark, Orkney and Zetland [vol. ii. Horsham, Sutherland, Honiton, Steyning, Roxburgh, Cirencester]; heard and determined during the first (and second) sessions of the seventeenth Parliament of Great Britain. 2 vols. London, 1791–93. 8°.

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f. PARLIAMENTARY REFORM.

The question of parliamentary reform was first raised in practical shape by Mr. Pitt, who in 1782 introduced resolutions in favor of reform; but no definite action was taken until 1832. In each of the years 1852, 1854, 1859, 1860, 1864, 1865, and 1866 reform bills were introduced, but were ultimately withdrawn or defeated. The important acts of 1832, 1867, and 1884-5 will be found in the Statutes (No. 68); the discussions in Parliament, in Hansard’s Debates, and more briefly in the Annual Register (especially for the years 1831-2, 1866-7, 1884-5). The best general histories of the various reforms are those of Heaton and Murdoch. For a list of all the acts relating to parliamentary representation, see the Index of Statutes (No. 75), under “House of Commons.”

No attempt is made to give an exhaustive list of all the books and pamphlets dealing with parliamentary reform; only those works are named which throw light on the parliamentary representation of boroughs.

For Ireland and Scotland, see below, §§ 12-13. For the periodical literature, see Poole’s Index (1882), 973, and his First Supplement (1888), 330, 370.

General.

Parliamentary reform (1859), 1-106.
The history of the unreformed Parliament (1860), 107-82.
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359. COURTNEY, HERBERT. The House of Commons, in the past, present, and future; showing our representative assembly as it was, as it is, and as it should be. Revised edition. London, 1887. 8°. pp. 38.


Deals with the reform of 1832, and the reform bills of 1859-60, and presents a project of reform.
1st edition, 1858.


A compact and lucid epitome of parliamentary history since 1830.


For the reforms of 1832 and 1867, see vol. i. chs. i.-iv., and vol. iii. ch. v.

364. Murdoch, James. A history of constitutional reform in Great Britain and Ireland; with a full account of the three great measures of 1832, 1867, and 1884. Glasgow, etc., 1885. 8°.

A detailed but dry epitome of parliamentary history.


Valuable.


1st edition, 1884.


A concise account; incomplete and inaccurate.
The Reform of 1832.

2 Wm. IV. c. 45: An Act to amend the Representation of the People of England and Wales.

The long agitation preceding the first great reform produced a vast number of pamphlets. For many additions to the list given below, see Watt's Bibliotheca Britannica, under the word “Reform”; and the bound volumes of pamphlets in the British Museum bearing the press-marks, T. 1321, T. 1328, T. 1329, T. 1378, T. 1379, T. 1380, T. 1402, and 8142. c. These volumes of tracts contain about one hundred and twenty-five pamphlets dealing with the reform of 1832 or with the agitation preceding it. Many of the pamphlets mentioned below will be found in these volumes. There is also a good collection in the Boston Public Library (*6517. 1–7), comprising seven volumes of tracts which formerly belonged to the Duke of Sussex.

Heaton (No. 361), May, and Walpole give good accounts of the whole movement; Molesworth and Roebuck are the fullest authorities for the history of the Reform Bill of 1832.

368. Address (An) to the members of the legislature on reform. London, 1831. 8°.


370. Answer (An) to a pamphlet entitled A reply to the speech of the right honourable Lord Brougham, lord high chancellor of England; with some remarks on reform. London, 1832. 8°.

371. Appeal (An) from clamour to common sense: or some enquiry into the details and operation of the reform proposed for England and Wales. London, 1831. 8°.


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THE REFORM OF 1832.


1st edition, 1830.


377. Bill for parliamentary reform, as proposed by the Marquess of Blandford in the House of Commons, Feb. 18, 1830, with the declaration of the Birmingham political council thereon. London, 1831. 8°.


Also printed in “Speeches of Henry Lord Brougham” (Edinburgh, 1838), ii. 533–630.

See No. 463.


385. Corrected report of the speech of the right honourable the lord advocate of Scotland [F. Jeffrey], upon the motion of Lord John Russell, in the House of Commons, on the first of March, 1831, for reform of Parliament. London, 1831. 8°.


The Reform Bill, ii. 76–245.


2nd and 3rd editions, 1831.

From the North American Review, July, 1831.


397. FLINTOFF, OWEN. The rise and progress of the laws of England and Wales... London, 1840. 8°.


400. — Further observations on the Reform Bill; or what are the advantages of close boroughs? London, 1831. 8°.

401. [——] What will be the practical effects of the Reform Bill? London, 1831. 8°.

402. GORTON, JOHN. Analysis of the English, Scotch, and Irish acts of Parliament, for amending the representation of the United Kingdom; with alphabetical summaries of the counties and boroughs represented... London, 1833. 8°.


404. Great charter reform (The) of 1832; comprised in the three reform bills. [London, 1832.] f°.


408. Harrowby, Earl of. Substance of the speech of the right honourable the Earl of Harrowby [Dudley Ryder], in the House of Lords, October 4th, 1831, on the motion, that the Reform Bill be read a second time. London, 1831. 8°.


410. Hill, M. D. The speech of M. D. Hill, Esq. [in favor of the Reform Bill], at a public dinner given to him by the electors of Newark, on Thursday, March 10, 1831. London, 1831. 8°.


History of the reform bills, 738-817.


A sketch of the reform movement.


For parliamentary reform, see especially ch. xi.


417. Letter (A) to field-marshal his grace the Duke of Wellington upon the ministerial plan of reform. London, 1831. 8°.
418. Letter (A) to Henry Brougham, Esq., M. P. for the county of York, on the present state of the English representation [especially that of the boroughs.] London, 1830. 8°.

419. Letter to a noble lord who voted for the second reading of the Reform Bill, on the amendments which it may be expedient to make in the committee. London, 1832. 8°.

Devoted wholly to the consideration of boroughs.

420. Letter (A) to the people of Lancashire, concerning the future representation of the commercial interest, by the return of members for its new boroughs to the reformed Parliament. London, 1831. 8°.


Parliamentary reform, i. 11-52, 64-78, 81-102.


Parliamentary reform, i. 46, 507, ii. 24-71.


For an excellent account of parliamentary reform and the causes leading to it, see i. 327-459 and iii. 425-42.


428. Merewether, H. A. An address to the king, the lords, and commons, on the representative constitution of England. London, 1830. 8°.

Discusses the abuses of municipal corporations.


Early history of elective franchise in boroughs, 3–23.
Some suggestions for reform, 81–108.


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46 boroughs are enumerated in the title of this pamphlet.


Contains several papers on reform.


444. PAULI, REINHOLD. Geschichte Englands seit den Friedensschlüssen von 1814 und 1815. 3 vols. Leipzig, 1864-75. 8°.

Vol. ii. chs. i.-iii. Reform bills, 1830-33.


448. Political correspondence: or letters to a country gentleman retired from Parliament, on the subject of some of the leading characters and events of the present day. London, 1793. 8°.

The fifth letter deals with parliamentary reform.

449. Political disquisitions: or an enquiry into public errors, defects, and abuses. Illustrated by and established upon facts and remarks extracted from various authors, ancient and modern. ... 3 vols. London, 1774-75. 8°.

Parliamentary representation of boroughs, and corruption in boroughs, i. 39-82, 278-344.


   A detailed discussion of the subject.
   2nd edition, 1831.


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   A general sketch of the parliamentary history of boroughs.

459. Reform without innovation: or cursory thoughts on the only practicable reform of Parliament, consistent with the existing laws and the spirit of the constitution. London, 1810. 8°.


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468. — Substance of the speeches of Lord John Russell on moving resolutions on reform of Parliament, on May 9, 1821, and April 25, 1822. London, 1822. 8°.


472. SEWELL, R. C. Collectanea parliamentaria: or an historical inquiry into the constitution of the British Parliament, as connected with the proposed reform. London, 1831. 8°.

473. SINCLAIR, JOHN. Thoughts on parliamentary reform, with tables exhibiting the original amount and progressive increase of the number of national representatives; together with some observations on the representation of Scotland, and the improvements to which it is susceptible. Edinburgh, 1831. 8°. pp. 35.

475. State (The) of the representation of England and Wales, delivered to the Society, the Friends of the People, associated for the purpose of obtaining a parliamentary reform, on Saturday the 9th of Feb., 1793. London, [1793.] 4°. pp. 43.


479. Thoughts on parliamentary reform, and on reform in general; in which the nature of the British constitution, its component parts and establishments, etc., etc., etc., are freely but briefly considered. By an ex-member of the present Parliament. London, 1801. 8°.


481. Two [three] letters to the right honourable Lord John Russell, on the classification of boroughs. London, 1832. 8°.

The third letter has a separate title-page, but the pagination of the three is continuous.


For parliamentary reform, see chs. ii., viii., xi.
§ 8. THE REFORM OF 1867.

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486. Wordsworth, C. F. F. The law and practice of elections (for England and Wales) as altered by the Reform Act, etc., including the practice of election petitions. With a copious appendix, containing all the acts on elections; with the reform, and the division of counties and boundary of borough acts; new forms to be used in elections; lists of boroughs, etc., etc. London, [1832.] 8°.


488. —— Political papers, chiefly respecting the attempt of the county of York and other considerable districts, commenced in 1779 and continued during several subsequent years, to effect a reformation of the Parliament of Great Britain. 6 vols. York, [1794–1802.] 8°.

Many of these papers discuss borough representation.


The Reform of 1867.

30 & 31 Vict. c. 102: an Act further to amend the laws relating to the Representation of the People in England and Wales.

The fullest account is that of Cox (No. 496).

490. Anstey, T. C. Notes upon "The Representation of the People Act" 1867 (30 & 31 Vict. c. 102). With appendices concerning the antient rights, the rights conferred by the [Act] 2 & 3 Will. IV. c. 45. . . . London, 1867. 8°.


A good general sketch of the history of borough suffrage.

493. Bright, John. Speeches on parliamentary reform, etc.; delivered during the autumn of 1866. ... Manchester and London, [1867.] 8°.


500. Few facts (A) and fallacies about parliamentary reform. London, 1859. 8°.


2nd and 3rd editions, 1866.


1st edition, 1867.

504. LOWE, ROBERT. Speeches and letters on reform; with a preface. London, 1867. 8°.


Chs. li.–lii. The reform of 1867.

506. MARMION, ANTHONY. A letter addressed to the people of Great Britain and Ireland on parliamentary reform, past, present, and to come. Dublin, 1859. 8°.


1st edition, 1859.


509. Parliamentary reform, considered under the views suggested by evidence given before the election committees of 1853. London, 1854. 8°.


511. † WILKINSON, ROBERT. The Representation of the People Act, 1867. . . . London, 1868. 12°.

The Reforms of 1884–1885.

48 Vict. c. 3: An Act to amend the law relating to the Representation of the People of the United Kingdom.

48 & 49 Vict. c. 23: An Act for the Redistribution of Seats at Parliamentary Elections, and for other purposes.

The best accounts are those of Heaton, Murdoch, and McCarthy (Nos. 361, 364, 520). For the periodical literature, see No. 523.

512. † AMERDROZ, H. F. The reform measure of 1885 and subsequent general election, with its bearings on proportional representation. London, 1886. 8°.


2nd edition, 1885.


519. Holdsworth, W. A. The new Reform Act: comprising the Representation of the People Act, 1884 (or Franchise Act), the Redistribution of the Seats Act, 1885, and the Elections (Hours of Poll) Act, 1885; together with an introduction containing a complete description of the various franchises. With notes and index. London, [1885.] 8°.


Ch. x. Parliamentary reform.
Ch. xvi. The Reform Bill.
1st edition, 1884.


2nd edition, 1884.
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523. [Periodical literature.]

Essays dealing with the reforms of 1884–85 will be found in:
Contemporary Review, xliiv. 905 (F. Seebohm).
Edinburgh Review, clix. 560; clxi. 272, 570.
Fortnightly Review, xlii. 175 (A. Arnold); xliii. 1, 26, 202 (T. Hare).
Macmillan's Magazine, l. 241; li. 190.
National Review, i. 240 (H. C. Raikes); ii. 807 (P. Greg); iii. 373 (T. H. Hall);
v. 94 (F. H. B. Daniell).
Nineteenth Century, xv. 293 (R. B. Hayward); xv. 703 (J. Lubbock).
Quarterly Review, clix. 220.


For the Reform Bill of 1884, see chs. xiv.–xv.


2nd edition, 1885.


527. WHITENWAY, A. R. The three R's, representation, reform, redistribution, as taught in the national liberal school. London, 1884. 8°. pp. 32.

§ 9. GILDS.

Many documents relating to religious and merchant gilds are printed by Smith (No. 537) and by Gross (No. 541). A general collection of the ordinances of craft gilds is needed; abundant material for such a work is accessible in the Public Record Office and in the town archives. Many ordinances of the crafts are printed in the histories of particular towns. (See below, Index, under "Gilds.")

No good comprehensive history of gilds has as yet been written. Brentano's sketch is brilliant, but unreliable. Ashley, Cunningham, and Seligman give good short accounts. The most detailed account of the gild merchant has been written by Gross; and the best account of the craft gilds, by Ashley. Hegel's work is valuable, especially for the relations of the gilds to the origin of municipal government; Von Ocho- kowski throws much light upon the relations of the crafts to the town authorities.
For a brief criticism of the principal authorities, see Gross, Gild Merchant, vol. i. app. A.

Vol. i. ch. ii. Merchant and craft gilds.
Vol. ii. ch. ii. The crafts.
Valuable, especially for the history of the craft gilds.
3rd edition of vol. i., 1894.

Companies of glovers, 135–61.


See Nos. 531, 537.

Some of Brentano's general conclusions are untenable.
The introduction and ch. i. of the German work contain the English essay (No. 530) with revisions.

Also separately printed, 1887.

A good account of the history of gilds will be found in §§ 67, 103–5, 127, 144–8, 177–9, 215; see also vol. i. app. E. of the 3rd edition.
1st and 3rd editions of vol. i., 1882, 1896.

Statutes of Anglo-Saxon gilds, 605–17.

A good short account.
   General discussion of medieval gilds, 101–264.

   The principal source for the study of social-religious gilds.
   Exeter: ordinances, etc., of the gilds of tailors, cordwainers, and bakers, Edw. IV.—Hen. VIII., 299–337.
   Winchester: old usages of the city, 14th century, 347–69.

   De gildis in Britannia, 87–103.

   Anglo-Saxon gilds, i. 221–37.


   This is an expansion of No. 540.
   Vol. i. app. D. The Scotch gild merchant.
   Vol. ii. contains many documents concerning municipal history. The most important relate to the following towns:

   Andover  Cirencester  Ipswich  Shrewsbury
   Beverley  Coventry  Leicester  Southampton
   Boston  Devizes  Lincoln  Totnes
   Bristol  Dorchester  Lynn Regis  Wilton
   Bulith  Dublin  Newcastle-under-Lyne  Winchester
   Burford  Exeter  Newcastle-upon-Tyne  Windsor
   Bury St. Edmund's  Guildford  Newton (S. Wales)  York
   Cardiff  Hope  Reading  Youghal
   Chester  Hull


543. Hasbach, Wilhelm. Das englische Arbeiterversicherungswesen... Leipzig, 1883. 8°.

Ch. i. Relations of medieval gilds to modern friendly societies.


See No. 87.


Contains a good account of the craft gilds in the 18th century, 479–92.

546. Hibbert, F. A. The influence and development of English gilds: as illustrated by the history of the craft gilds of Shrewsbury. [Cambridge Historical Essays, No. 5.] Cambridge, 1891. 8°.


Ch. i., which deals with the history of gilds, is a résumé of Brentano’s essay. 1st edition, 1878.


549. Lambert, J. M. Two thousand years of gild life: or an outline of the history and development of the gild system from early times... Hull and London, 1891. 8°.

The greater and more valuable part of the book deals with the gilds of Kingston-upon-Hull. General history of gilds, 1–110.


Deals with the religious gilds mentioned in two letters of Alcuin.
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Deals with the question of the origin of gilds in general.


557. Rock, Daniel. The church of our fathers, as seen in St. Osmund's rite for the cathedral of Salisbury, with dissertations on the belief and ritual in England before and after the coming of the Normans. 3 vols., 4 pts. London, 1849-53. 8°.

Gilds, ii. 395-453.

Deals especially with their religious observances.


The gild and apprentice system, 295-317.


He adopts most of Brentano's general conclusions. On pp. 34-69 he gives a careful analysis of the statutes in Smith's English Gilds (No. 537).


Ch. i. The guilds-merchant. Ch. ii. The craft guilds.

GILDS. [PART 1.

1878. (First read at Highgate, London, February 5, 1878.) Rotherham, 1879. 8°.


Pp. cxc.-ccxx. of the introduction treat of Anglo-Saxon and Irish gilds.


This is the expansion of a paper on gilds, in the Insurance Cyclopaedia, 1878, vol. v. (separately printed, 1880), and in the Antiquarian Magazine and Bibliographer, vols. i.-ix. (1881-86).

Reproduces the views of Brentano and other writers; exhibits no research.


Ch. i. contains a good account of the various views concerning the supposed connection between trade unionism and the craft gilds.


English gilds, 43, 51-3, 65-6, 244-55, 376-86.

Valuable for the general history of European gilds, but not reliable for the study of English gilds.


Ch. iv. Englische Schutzgilden in den ersten Zeiten. (Based on Wilda.)

Ch. v. Die Bauhandwerker in England.

§ 10. COUNTY HISTORIES.

a. General, Nos. 568-570.
b. Particular Counties, Nos. 571-676.

Few of the county histories deal satisfactorily with the boroughs; but in some cases they contain the only account of the history of a town that has been written, and in other cases documentary material not printed elsewhere. The tables of contents given below under the various titles include only those boroughs the municipal history of which is considered in the county histories.

The older general topographical works, like Leland's *Itinerary* and *Collectanea*, Camden's *Britannia*, and Nichols's *Bibliotheca Topographica*, devote little attention to municipal history. Such portions of these works as fall within the scope of this Bibliography are included in Part II, under the names of particular towns.

Some of the publications of the county societies are of considerable value, and much use has been made of them below in Part II.

For works relating to the parliamentary history of counties, see § 8 c. For county histories of Ireland and Scotland, see §§ 12-13. For county bibliographies, see § i.

a. GENERAL.


569. [Cox, Thomas.] Magna Britannia et Hibernia, antiqua et nova: or a new survey of Great Britain, wherein to the topographical account given by Mr. Cambden, and the late editors of the Britannia, is added a more large history, not only of the cities, boroughs, towns, and parishes mentioned by them, but also of many other places of note. . . . Collected and composed by an impartial hand. 6 vols. London, 1720-31. 4°.

Only the English counties were published. Though each borough is very briefly considered, the municipal history receives more attention than in most of the older general topographical works.
570. **Lysons, Daniel and Samuel.** *Magna Britannia*: being a concise topographical account of the several counties of Great Britain. 6 vols., 8 pts. London, 1806–22. 4°.

Comprehends only the counties of Bedfordshire, Berks, Bucks, Cambridge, Cheshire, Cornwall, Cumberland, Derby, and Devon. The municipal history of the boroughs is briefly considered.

Vol. i. was re-issued in 1813.

5. **PARTICULAR COUNTIES.**

Brecknockshire.


Borough of Brecknock, ii. 7–26, 786–812.

571a. **Poole, Edwin.** The illustrated history and biography of Brecknockshire, from the earliest times to the present day. Brecknock, 1886. 4°.

Borough of Brecknock, 26–33, 398–422; app. iv. (extracts from the town records, 1667–1730).

Buckinghamshire.


Contains many brief notices of Amersham, Aylesbury, Buckingham, Marlow, Wendover, and Wycombe.

573. **Langley, Thomas.** The history and antiquities of the hundred of Desborough and deanery of Wycombe, in Buckinghamshire; including the borough towns of Wycombe and Marlow, and sixteen parishes. London, 1797. 4°.

Of little value for municipal history.

574. **Lipscomb, George.** The history and antiquities of the county of Buckingham. 4 vols. London, 1847. 4°.

Amersham, iii. 146–80
Buckingham, ii. 546–87
Wendover, ii. 466–91
Aylesbury, ii. 1–71
Great Marlow, iii. 594–605
Wycombe, iii. 639–52

Brief accounts of municipal history.

Cambridgeshire.

575. **Blomefield, Francis.** *Collectanea Cantabrigiensia*: or collections relating to Cambridge, university, town, and county, contain-
ing . . . a list of the mayors, the most ancient charters of the town, and other historical memoirs of several colleges, etc. Norwich, 1750. 4°.


**Cardiganshire.**

576. Meyrick, S. R. The history and antiquities of the county of Cardigan. Collected from the few remaining documents which have escaped the destructive ravages of time, as well as from actual observation. London, 1810. 4°.


Contains the charters granted by Hen. VII. to these towns, with a translation. Apart from these charters, the work is of little value for municipal history.

**Cheshire.**

See No. 621.


Borough of Macclesfield (town ordinances of 1602, etc.; the best history of Macclesfield), ii. 459–525.

Stockport (a brief account), i. 344–53.


The dedication is dated 1823.

City of Chester (quite a detailed account of the history of the civic government), i. 130–394.

579. King, Daniel. The vale-royall of England, or the county-palatine of Chester . . . performed by W. Smith and W. Webb. Published by Daniel King. To which is annexed an exact chronology of all its rulers and governors. . . . 4 pts. London, 1656. f°.


580. Leycester, Peter. Historical antiquities, in two books. The first treating in general of Great Brettain and Ireland. The
second containing particular remarks concerning Cheshire. . . .

London, 1673. 1°.

Charter of Hamon de Massy granted to Altrincham, circa 1290, p. 203.
Charter of William de Tabley to Knutsford, circa 1292, p. 295.

Reprinted in Ormerod’s history (No. 581), vol. I.


Altrincham, i. 536–8  Knutsford, i. 488–93  Over, ii. 181–5
Chester, i. 181–395  Macclesfield, iii. 739–57  Stalybridge, iii. 86
Congleton, iii. 35–9  Middlewich, iii. 173–86  Stockport, iii. 788–806
Frodsham, ii. 46–59  Nantwich, iii. 421–50

Contains various early town charters.
The best history of Cheshire.
1st edition, 1819.

Cornwall.


Bodmin, i. 81–109  Helston, ii. 169–83  St. Germans, ii. 36–64
Camelford, i. 191–3  Launceston, iii. 64–92  St. Ives, ii. 252–72
Falmouth, i. 387–412  Liskeard, iii. 133–59  Saltash, iv. 134–7
Fowey, ii. 13–32  Looe (East and West), iii. 159–68  Truro, iv. 250–62
Grampound, ii. 112–14  Lostwithiel, iii. 169–79

Of little value for municipal history.


Bodmin, i. 101–346  Tintagel, iii. 185–276


Cumberland.
See Nos. 660, 662.


Ch. xiii. The city of Carlisle.
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Carlisle (a brief account), ii. 585-681.

Egremont (charter of Richard de Lucy, temp. John, etc.), ii. 21-50.

Derbyshire.

Borough of Derby, 41-104.

Chesterfield, ii. 293-330.
Derby (translation of charter of Charles II., etc.), i. app., 89-99, ii. 399-623.
Another edition, 1829.

590. Pilkington, James. A view of the present state of Derbyshire; with an account of its most remarkable antiquities; illustrated by an accurate map and plates. 2 vols. Derby, 1789. 8°.
Borough of Derby (a brief account), ii. 134-96.

Contains valuable material.

Devonshire.

Dartmouth, i. 326-76, ii. 1-30.

Dorset.

The archives of Blandford, Bridport, Dorchester, Lyme Regis, Wareham, and Weymouth are briefly described.

Blandford Forum, i. 214–47
Bridport, ii. 1–36
Corfe Castle, i. 469–549
Dorchester (by-laws, 1414, etc.), ii. 335–409
Lyme Regis, ii. 37–80

Poole, i. 1–76
Shaftesbury (extracts from court rolls 1449–88, etc.), iii. 1–112
Wareham (constitutions, 1664, etc.), i. 77–134
Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, ii. 418–78

The municipal history of these places is considered in detail. The work contains a translation of many borough charters.


Durham.

See Nos. 118, 657. The best histories are those of Hutchinson and Surtees.


Durham, i. 194–386
Hartlepool, ii. 246–82
A brief account.

Stockton, ii. 149–200
Sunderland, ii. 391–423


Barnard Castle, iii. 229–52
Durham (town charters in full), ii. 1–60
Gateshead, ii. 453–69
Hartlepool (translation of charter of 1593), iii. 16–38

Northallerton, iii. 421–41
Stockton, iii. 120–36
Sunderland, ii. 516–34


Barnard Castle, ii. 222–48
Darlington, ii. 122–56
Durham, ii. 341–440
Gateshead, i. 79–107

Hartlepool, i 458–90
Stockton, ii. 11–50
Sunderland, i. 257–338


Berwick (royal charter of 1604), app., 145–54.

Norham, 256–320.

Barnard Castle, iv. 50-126
Darlington, iii. 350-77
Durham, i. pp. cxlvii.–cli., and iv. 1-168
Gateshead, ii. 105-35

The early town charters are printed in full.


Contains notes on the municipal history of Berwick, Durham, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Morpeth, Newcastle, North Shields, South Shields, Stockton, Sunderland.


**Essex.**


Colchester, i. 1-195, and app. Harwich, i. 499-502
Maldon, i. 331-8
Reprinted, Chelmsford, 1816.


Colchester, i. 266-361
Maldon, ii. 638-57
Harwich, ii. 813-20

Another edition, 1836.

**Glamorganshire.**


Contains charters granted to the following boroughs:

Avene, i. 208
Cardiff (1453, 1465, 1477, 1600), ii. 170, 182, 216, 370
Kenfig (1423), ii. 101

Neath (1359, 1423, 1468), ii. 55, 100, 194
Swansea (1153-84), iii. 95
Tewkesbury (12th century), iii. 78
Gloucestershire.


Chipping Campden, 161-8
Chipping Sodbury, 347-54
Contains a translation of the charters granted to these towns in the 17th century.
1st edition, 1712.

605. [Rudder, Samuel.] A new history of Gloucestershire. Also the ecclesiastical, civil, and military history of Gloucester, from its first foundation to the present time. Cirencester, 1779. f°.

Chipping Campden, 319-25; app., xxxix.-xlii. Tewkesbury, 733-49; app., xxxi.-xxxix.
Chipping Sodbury, 671-6
Cirencester, 343-68
Gloucester, 81-207; app., iv.-xii.
A brief account.
The appendix contains a translation of the charters of Charles II. to Gloucester, Wm. III. to Tewkesbury, James I. to Chipping Campden.

Hampshire.

The best history is Woodward's.


Newport, 114-22
Yarmouth, 174-8
A brief account, of little value.
New edition, 1884, 8°.


Salisbury (a brief account), 232-47.
Southampton and Winchester (extracts from municipal records), 147-69.


Newport, Newtown, Yarmouth, 129-46.
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Christchurch, ii. 37-88, and app. 
Lymington, i. 1-44

611. WOODWARD, B. B., WILKS, T. C., and LOCKHART, C. A general history of Hampshire, or the county of Southampton, including the Isle of Wight. 3 vols. London, [1861-69.] 4°.
Andover, iii. 160-89
Basingstoke, iii. 208-68
Christchurch, iii. 192-136
Lymington, iii. 47-57

The best history of this county.

Newport, 147-55; app., Nos. 21, 41, 45, 46
Newtown, 155-8; app., Nos. 41, 45
Yarmouth, 158-62; app., Nos. 41, 45

Herefordshire.

City of Hereford, i. 219-604.
Contains a translation of the medieval customs or privileges of Hereford.

Hertfordshire.

Berkhamstead, ii. 515-50
Bishop Stortford, i. 323-35
Hertford, i. 452-524
St. Albans, ii. 240-336

Contains quite a full account of the history of Hertford and St. Albans.

615. CLUTTERBUCK, ROBERT. The history and antiquities of the county of Hertford. . . . 3 vols. London, 1815-27. 4°.
Berkhamstead, i. 291-317; app., 41-6
Hemel Hempstead, i. 416-26; app., 48
Hertford, ii. 138-97; app., i-5
St. Albans, i. 5-125; app., i-41

For municipal history, the most important parts of the work are the appendices of vols. i.-ii., which contain the charters of Edw. VI. to St. Albans, James I. to Berkhamstead, Hen. VIII. to Hemel Hempstead, Mary to Hertford; and a survey of Hertford, temp. Edw. III.
Berkhamstead, iii. (hundred of Dacorum) 48–85.

Berkhamstead, 119–26 Hertford, 29–44 St. Albans, 67–93
Contains one of the best accounts of the municipal history of Hertford.

Kent.

Cinque Ports, i. 242–51, 309–14, ii. 73–5, 97–9.
Ancient corporate cities and towns (a brief account), i. 289–314.

Canterbury, vols. xi.–xii. Fordwich, ix. 56–67 Queenborough, vi. 233–45
Deal, x. 1–23 Hythe, viii. 231–53 Rochester, iv. 45–191
Faversham, vi. 318–71 Maidstone, iv. 260–324 Sandwich, x. 152–216
Folkestone, vii. 152–88

Much attention is given to the municipal history of Canterbury.

Lancashire.

Blackburn, iv. 1–73 Lancaster, v. 442–90 Rochdale, iii. 1–92
Bury, iii. 93–123 Manchester, ii. 3–299 Warrington, iv. 394–440
Clitheroe, iii. 336–54 Newton, iv. 381–93 Wigan, iv. 251–311
Garstang, v. 416–32 Oldham, ii. 372–87

Representative history of county and boroughs, i. 118–38, 370–75
The best history of this county.

Chester (old customal, etc.), i. 551–4, Liverpool, i. 701–11, ii. 147–58, 457–9
Manchester, i. 686–701, ii. 130–7, 440–6
Lancaster, i. 665–79, ii. 190–5, 451–2
Preston, i. 679–85, ii. 453

Progress of parliamentary and municipal boroughs, i. 635–7, ii. 440–60

A good short account of municipal history.


Ashton-under-Lyne, ii. 497–522
Manchester, ii. 381–480
Lancaster, i. 552–616
Preston, ii. 49–241
Liverpool, ii. 683–706

A brief account.


**Leicestershire.**

624. **Nichols, John.** The history and antiquities of the county of Leicester. . . . Including also Mr. Burton’s description of the county, published in 1622, and the later collections of Mr. Stavely, Mr. Carte, Mr. Peck, and Sir T. Cave. 4 vols. London, 1795–1815. f°.

Hinckley, iv. 669–711
Leicester, vol. i., and app.

The best history of this county.

625. **Throsby, John.** The memoirs of the town and county of Leicester. . . . 6 vols. Leicester, 1777. 12°.

The corporation of Leicester, ii. 6–27.

A brief account.

**Lincolnshire.**

626. **[Allen, Thomas.]** The history of the county of Lincoln, from the earliest period to the present time. By the author of the
Boston, i. 211-66  Great Grimsby, ii. 239-50  Louth, ii. 186-93
Gainsborough, ii. 1-39  Lincoln, i. 100-210  Stamford, ii. 318-40
Grantham, ii. 300-317

Boston, i. 1-80  Stamford, ii. 217-380
A brief account.

Norfolk.

Castle Rising, ix. 42-59  Thetford, ii. 1-147
Lynn, viii. 476-533  Yarmouth (Great), xi. 255-399
Norwich, iii. 1-671, iv. 1-503
Contains the best general history of Norwich.
Index nominum of 2nd edition, by J. N. Chadwick, King's Lynn, 1862.

629. Le Strange, Hamon. Norfolk official lists, from the earliest period to the present day. Norwich, 1890. 8°.
Lists of town officers and members of Parliament of Castle Rising, Lynn, Norwich, Thetford, and Yarmouth. Similar lists were issued anonymously by W. C. Ewing in 1837, but some of them begin at the Reformation.

Ch. x. The town life.  Ch. xii. The towns.

Northamptonshire.

See No. 2574.

Brackley (abstract of charters of 1686 and 1688, etc.), i. 560-86.
Daventry (translation of charters of 1576 and 1674, etc.), i. 304-47.
The best history of this county.
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Brackley, i. 143-53 Higham Ferrers, ii. 169-79 Peterborough, ii. 537-77
Daventry, i. 41-9 Northampton, i. 420-58
A brief account.

Northumberland.

See No. 600.


Alnemouth, ii. 465-89 Hexham, iii. 236-308
Bamburgh Township, i. 112-74 Warenmouth, i. 193-7


Morpeth, pt. ii., vol. ii. 369-534. (Valuable.)
Other boroughs are not considered in detail, though many documents refer to them.

635. HUTCHINSON, WILLIAM. A view of Northumberland, with an excursion to the abbey of Mailross in Scotland. 2 vols. Newcastle, 1778. 4°.

Berwick, ii. 41-105 Newcastle, ii. 366-430
A brief account.


Alnwick, i. 433-84 Berwick, i. 265-302 Morpeth, ii. 177-202
1st edition, "A historical and descriptive view," etc., 1811, 8°. (Anon.)

637. RICHARDSON, M. A. The local historian's table book of remarkable occurrences, historical facts, traditions, legendary and descriptive ballads, etc., etc., connected with the counties of New-

Contains notes on the municipal history of Alnwick, Berwick, Durham, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Morpeth, Newcastle, North Shields, South Shields, Stockton, Sunderland. See his indexes.

638. WALLIS, JOHN. The natural history and antiquities of Northumberland; and of so much of the county of Durham as lies between the rivers Tyne and Tweed, commonly called North Bishoprick. 2 vols. London, 1769. 4°.

Berwick, ii. 431-45.
Morpeth (charter of Roger de Merlay, etc.), ii. 285-304.
Newcastle, ii. 177-249.

Nottinghamshire.


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f. Miscellaneous: Convention of Burghs, etc., Nos. 875-893.

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For legislation since 1707, see above, § 2 b.


Extracts from the account book of the treasurer of Linlithgow, 1659, i. 204–9.
Disputes between magistrates of Dysart and Lord Sinclair, 1504–10, etc., i. 368, ii. 188–93.
Municipal statutes regulating sports, pageants, and processions in Aberdeen, 1440–1565 (relating mainly to the crafts), ii. 289–328.


Contains: Leges quattor burgorum; extracts from Assise Regis Willelmi; Statuta gilde; extracts from Regiam Maiestatem; extracts from Quoniam attachiiamenta; Constitutiones nove pro burgensibus; Assisa de tolloneis; Custuma portum; Iter camerarii; Juramenta officiariorum; Curia quattor burgorum; Fragmenta collecta; Acta Parl. David II.; obligation of burgesses anent the ransom of David II.
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"In consequence of the universal interest excited at present by the subject of Burgh Reform, we judged it might be acceptable to the Public to reprint the following Report ... as containing the most authentic and complete Burgh History, compiled from original documents."

Ancient constitution of the royal burghs (particularly Aberdeen), 6-36.
Present mode of election of magistrates and common councils, 37-46.
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App. B. Extracts from the records of Aberdeen (1399-1580), 125-64.
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Assisa Regis David, ii. 489-92.
Iter camerarii, ii. 493-528.
Statuta Willelmi Regis, ii. 533-62.
Assisa et statuta David II., ii. 653-88.

This collection has been superseded by No. 757.


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- Anstruther Easter
- Anstruther Wester
- Arbroath
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- Brechin
- Burntisland
- Crail
- Cullen
- Culross
- Cupar
- Dumbarton
- Dumfries
- Dunbar
- Dundee
- Dunfermline
- Dysart
- Edinburgh
- Elgin
- Forfar
- Forres
- Fortrose
- Glasgow
- Haddington
- Inverkeithing
- Inverness
- Irvine
- Kirkcaldy
- Kirkcudbright
- Kirkwall
- Lanark
- Liallithgow
- Lochmaben
- Montrose
- Nairn
- Peebles
- Perth
- Pittenweem
- Renfrew
- Rothesay
- Rutherglen
- St. Andrews
- Sanquhar
- Selkirk
- Stirling
- Stranraer
- Tain
- Whithorn
- Wick
- Wigtown

There is also much material concerning the gildry and craftsmen.

The appendixes are valuable, containing:
- Extracts from Edinburgh records (1484-1614), ii. 484-562.
- Extracts from records of Aberdeen, Ayr, Dundee, and Haddington (1562-1614), ii. 581-600.
- Register containing the state and condition of every burgh in 1692, iv. app. iii.


Each volume has a separate index, in which see the word "Burghs."


Contains abstracts of many burgh charters.
768. Report from the committee to whom the several petitions presented to the House of Commons from the royal burghs of Scotland, together with the several accounts and papers relating to the internal government of the said royal burghs, were referred. Ordered, by the House of Commons, to be printed, 17 June, 1793, and to be reprinted, 23 April, 1819. Parl. Papers, 1819, vol. vi. [London,] 1819. f°.

A valuable collection of materials. For the principal contents, see No. 761.
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Deals in detail with the internal government of Aberdeen, Dundee, Dunfermline, and Edinburgh.
Valuable.

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The appendix contains a valuable abstract of the setts of the various burghs.

771. —— Report from the select committee to whom the several petitions from the royal burghs of Scotland, during the years 1818, 1819, 1820, and 1821 were referred; together with the minutes of evidence taken before the committee. Parl. Papers, 1821, vol. viii. [London,] 1821. f°.


One of the most important sources for the study of Scotch burghal history.
The General Report gives an account of the general history of Scotch towns. The Local Reports, pts. i.–ii., deal with 84 parliamentary and royal burghs; and pt. iii. (vol. ii.), with 44 burghs of barony and regality, etc. The appendix to the General Report (vol. ii.) contains: early royal charters granted to Aberdeen, Ayr, Inverkeithing, and Rutherglen; documents concerning the Convention of Burghs,
A. D. 1700-1834; report of the state of royal burghs made to the Convention in 1691 [1692]. The appendix to the Local Reports (vol. ii.) contains charters, etc., relating to:

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821. † Bill (A) for the better regulating the mode of accounting
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St. Andrews, 1747, iii. 1871–5.
Stirling, 1681, iii. 1838–9.
Wick, 1749, iii. 1842–54.

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872. View (A) of the political state of Scotland at the late general election: containing an introductory treatise on the election laws, lists of the peers . . . an abstract of the sets of the royal boroughs,
and the names of their delegates. . . . [By Alexander Mackenzie.] Edinburgh, 1790. 8°.

The abstract of the setts is meagre.

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Abstract of setts, 159-294.

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Constitution of royal burghs, 330-60.
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f. MISCELLANEOUS: CONVENTION OF BURGHS, ETC.

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Municipal institutions in 1830, pp. 46-96. (A good account.)

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Contains a concise account of the municipal history of each burgh.

884. Innes, Cosmo. Lectures on Scotch legal antiquities. . . .

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Early parliamentary history of burghs, 113-53.


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888. Marwick, J. D. List of markets and fairs now and formerly held in Scotland; with notes as to charters, acts of parliament, etc. n.p. 1890. f°.

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A good brief account of the constitution of burghs, i. 56-7, 561-4, ii. 577-85.


Contains some brief but useful notes on burghal history.


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892. Staple contract (The) betwixt the royal burrows of Scotland and the city Campvere in Zealandy. With the several amplifications, prolongations, and ratifications thereof. Published by order of the general Convention of Royal Burrows, in July, 1749. To which is prefixed an historical account of the staple, by a private gentleman. Edinburgh, 1749. 8°.


The history of burghs, 121-31, 306-44.
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894. ANDREWS, WILLIAM. Old-time punishments. Hull and London, 1890. 8°.
A new edition of "Punishments in the olden time," etc. [1881.]

Bk. ii. ch. x. Tenure in burgage.

Ch. vii. Tenure in burgage.

Elaborately illustrated.

Considers the past and present application of these two terms.

Contains essays on Carlisle, Exeter, Kidwelly, Lincoln, etc. Treats only casually of municipal affairs.

Ch. xvii. Decayed boroughs.


902. —— Index of municipal offices; compiled from the appendices to the first report of the commissioners appointed to inquire

See No. 60.


See also his paper in *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of London*, May 16, 1895.


An excellent work, well illustrated.


Many municipal by-laws are incidentally discussed. Many law cases are cited.

911. Law (The) of corporations: containing the laws and customs of all the corporations and inferior courts of record in England . . . together with the stiles and titles of most corporations in England. London, 1702. 8°.

Contains many customs and by-laws of municipal corporations.
912. Laws concerning trade and tradesmen. In two parts. The first treats of the doctrine of by-laws, made by corporations and companies concerning trade, etc. . . . The second part is a collection of the statute-law that concerns merchants, tradesmen, and artificers. . . . London, 1712. 12°.


1st edition, 1831.


Earlier editions, 1833, 1840, and 1843.


Contains extracts from churchwardens' accounts:
St. Margaret's, Westminster (1460-1692), 1-76.
St. Mary Hill, London (1427-1557), 85-129.
St. Helen's, Abingdon (1555-91), 140-47.
St. Michael, Spurrier-gate, York (16th century), 307-16.

916. Payne, William. A treatise on municipal rights; commencing with a summary account of the origin and progress of society and government, and comprising a concise view of the state thereof, from the earliest period of British history to the institution of corporations in general, and that of the city of London in particular. . . . London, 1813. 8°.

Ch. vi. Rise and progress of cities and towns.
Ch. vii. Commencement and utility of corporations.
Brief and of little value.


Much space is devoted to the history of Bartholomew Fair, London, and to the ordinances of the Cambridge corporation regarding Sturbridge Fair (1376–1855).
Part II. — PARTICULAR TOWNS.

ABERDEEN.

a. Town Records, Nos. 920-933.
b. General Histories, Nos. 934-939.
c. Gilds, Nos. 940-955.
d. Miscellaneous, Nos. 956-967.

The archives of Aberdeen are very extensive, and are not excelled by those of any other Scotch burgh. The collections of records in print are valuable, and most of them are well edited.

The best histories of Aberdeen are those of Kennedy, Robbie, and Thom (Nos. 936-938). Kennedy's work is the most valuable. Robbie's is the best recent history. Bain (No. 940) gives the best account of the gilds.

a. Town Records.

See No. 788.

920. † Charters, etc., etc. Burgh of Aberdeen. [Aberdeen,] 1804. 4°.

A collection of charters, including that of King Robert in favor of Aberdeen, 1319, and ending with a royal charter in favor of the Aberdeen salmon fishing, 1804.


Charters of Aberdeen, 29–95.


930. † [Orders of Constables.] Aberdeen the 24 of January, 1698. Orders and instructions for the constables of the burgh of Aberdeen, made and appointed by the magistrates, justices of peace of the said burgh, to be observed and gone about by the said constables. . . . Extracted forth of the justice court books of Aberdeen, by Master Alexander Thomson, town clerk of the said burgh. Aberdeen, 1698. f°.

931. † —— Orders and instructions for the constables . . . to be observed and gone about by the said constables. Aberdeen, the 4th of November, 1706. [Aberdeen, 1706.] f°.


933. † Taken from the Aberdeen records. [Extracts relating to the election of provosts and magistrates in 1398, the destruction of deer, etc., 1393–1507.] The rents of the Bishop of Aberdeen, 1576.
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Note of the prices of grain, etc., at different times [1435-1637.] [Aberdeen, circa 1730.] f°.

b. General Histories.


Does not deal in detail with municipal institutions.


938. Thom, Walter. The history of Aberdeen: containing an account of the rise, progress, and extension of the city, from a remote period to the present day. . . . 2 vols. Aberdeen, 1811. 12°.


The historical account is brief.

c. Gilds.

See Nos. 758, 958.


Contains many extracts from the records of the gilds.


Deals especially with its financial affairs.
942. — Notes on Mr. Bannerman’s “Inquiry into the rights of the guildry of Aberdeen.” By a burgess. Aberdeen, 1834. 8°. pp. 34.
Attributed to George Moir.

943. BULLOCH, JOHN. The pynours. Historical notes on an ancient Aberdeen craft. Aberdeen, 1887. 8°.

944. CLARK, LESLIE. Letter to the burgesses of guild of the city of Aberdeen, regarding the state of their affairs; with suggestions as to the course to be pursued by them. By Leslie Clark, dean of guild. Aberdeen, 1839. 8°. pp. 28.


946. † Follows the burgess oath to be sworn by all burgesses of gild and craftsmen of the burgh of Aberdeen at the time of their admission. . . . [Aberdeen, circa 1706.] f°.

947. † HUNTER, W. A. The guildry and the guildry funds. A lecture. . . . Aberdeen, 1877. 8°.

948. JERVESE, ANDREW. Inscriptions from the shields or panels of the incorporated trades, in the Trinity Hall, Aberdeen. Aberdeen, 1863. 8°.

1st edition, 1851, published anonymously.

949. † Letter (A) to the guildry on the present state of their affairs, and on the late extraordinary conduct of the lord provost, magistrates, and council. By a guild brother [Alexander Bannerman?]. Aberdeen, 1835. 8°.

950. † Letter (A) to the lord provost, magistrates, and town council of Aberdeen on the present condition of city matters, 1874. [By Alexander Walker.] Aberdeen, 1874. 8°.

951. List of the deans of guild of Aberdeen from 1436 to 1875, with contemporaneous matters added, meant to form a local leaflet in the history of Scotland. By one of them [Alexander Walker]. Printed for private circulation. Aberdeen, 1875. 8°.


Deals especially with financial affairs; contains extracts from the guildry accounts, 1616-1833.

954. Report of the committee of the dean of guild’s assessors, appointed to inquire into the state of the funds appertaining to the guild brethren, to the dean of guild and assessors. March, 1834. Aberdeen, 1834. 8°. pp. 12.

955. †WooD, JOSEPH. The guildry of the royal burgh of Aberdeen: who are they? what are they? and what will they be? A reply to Professor W. A. Hunter, of London, delivered in the Music Hall buildings on Thursday, 5th April, 1877; with a summary of the argument, and a sketch of the future of the guildry funds. Aberdeen, 1877. 12°. pp. 36.

See No. 947.

d. Miscellaneous.

956. †Aberdeen fifty years ago. . . [By James Rettie.] Aberdeen, 1868. 8°.


A brief account of the craft gilds, etc.


A brief account.

961. †Notes as to the rights of the burgesses of Scotland, on a lapse of the burgh magistracy, suggested by the crown’s refusal of the usual warrant for a poll election in the late case of Aberdeen. With an appendix of relative documents. Edinburgh, 1819. 8°.
962. Observations, by Civis of Aberdeen, on a letter under the signature of a cobler, in which the [Reform] Bill, prepared by the convention of the delegates of the burgesses of Scotland, has been attacked. To which is prefixed the letter of the cobler. Published by the committee of burgesses at Aberdeen. Aberdeen, 1786. 8°.

Relates mainly to Aberdeen.

963. Philopoliteious [Alexander Skene]. Memorialls for the government of the royall-burghs in Scotland. ... As also a survey of the city of Aberdeen, with the epigrams of Arthur Johnstown, doctor of medicin, upon some of our chief burghs, translated into English by J. B. [John Barclay]. Aberdeen, 1685. 8°.


964. Proceedings of the burgesses of Aberdeen, in examining the public accounts, in the annual head court, September 21, 1784; and in an examination of the public records. ... With an appendix including the letter of Dion Cassius, and its answer, on the subject of a reform in the elections of the burghs, addressed to the burgesses of Scotland. To which are prefixed preliminary observations. Published by the committee of burgesses at Aberdeen. [Aberdeen,] 1785. 8°.

965. — Farther proceedings of the burgesses of Aberdeen, in the years 1785, 1786, and 1787, in an attempt to restrain an extra-assessment for the land tax of the borough. ... To which is prefixed a preface, containing observations, by the committee of burgesses. Aberdeen, 1787. 8°.


967. †Wilson, James H. The bon-accord repository of local institutions, municipal, educational, ecclesiastical, and commercial. Aberdeen, etc., 1842. 12°.

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ABINGDON.

970. † Sharp, Thomas. Municipal government in the borough of Abingdon, from 1835 to the year 1859. [Abingdon,] 1859. 4°.

971. † Statesmen (The) of Abingdon: a full answer to the true letter written by the body politic of that corporation on the occasion of their late election of Mr. Harcourt, etc. London, 1702. 8°.

ALDBOROUGH.

972. Hele, N. F. Notes or jottings about Aldeburgh, Suffolk, relating to matters historical, antiquarian, ornithological, and entomological. London, 1870. 8°.

Ch. vi. contains extracts from the town records, 1500–1744.

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The account of municipal history is meagre.
1st edition, 1861.

ALNWICK.

974. Appeal (An) to the public on the present existing grievances of the burgesses or freemen of the borough of Alnwick. Published by the committee, in order to raise public contributions to assist the freemen in carrying on their suit [against the common council] now pending in the high court of Chancery. Alnwick, 1819. 12°. pp. 27.


976. History (The) of Alnwick, the county town of Northumberland. Alnwick, 1813. 12°.

A brief account.
Contains many extracts from records. The appendix contains the charters granted to the burgesses by the De Vescys, Edw. III., and Hen. VI.
A useful book; the best history of Alnwick.

ALTRINCHAM.

"There are no footnotes or other aids to bewilderment and confusion": Preface, p. vii.

AMERSHAM.

A meagre account.

ANDERSTON.


ANDOVER.


ANNAN.


APPLEBY.

See No. 321.


ARBROATH.

988. Hay, George. History of Arbroath to the present time, with notices of the civil and ecclesiastical affairs of the neighbouring district. Arbroath, 1876. 4°.

Contains extracts from the burgh records.

Valuable; the best history of Arbroath.


990. —— Bibliography of Arbroath periodical literature and political broadsides. Arbroath, 1889. 4°.

Pt. ii. contains an account of broadsides relating to parliamentary and municipal reform.


App. iii. contains a selection from the burgh records, 1563–1649.

ARMAGH.

992. Stuart, James. Historical memoirs of the city of Armagh, for a period of 1373 years . . . and an appendix on the learning, antiquities, and religion of the Irish nation. Newry, etc., 1819. 8°.

ARUNDEL.

994. Tierney, M. A. The history and antiquities of the castle and town of Arundel, including the biography of its earls, from the Conquest to the present time. London, 1834. 4°.

ASHBURTON.

995. Parish (The) of Ashburton in the 15th and 16th centuries; as it appears from extracts from the churchwardens' accounts, A. D. 1479-1580. With notes and comments. [By J. H. Butcher.] London, 1870. 8°.


AXBRIDGE.


This document was published from another MS. by Smirke (No. 1000).


This document gives a brief account of King Edmund's visit to Axbridge, and briefly describes the government of the town at that time. It should be used with caution.

AYLESBURY.

1001. † Case of the Aylesbury men. 1704. f°.

Ashby v. White: an action brought against the mayor, etc. of Aylesbury in 1704, for rejecting Ashby's vote at an election of M. P.'s for the borough. See No. 195.

Another edition, 1721, 12°.

An excellent book. Particular attention is devoted to the parliamentary history of Aylesbury since the time of Queen Mary.


The court roll of Aylesbury, 15 Hen. VII., is printed in full.

AYR.


Contains charters, "decreets," and other documents, extending from 1380 to 1715.


1006. HOWIE, JAMES. An historical account of the town of Ayr for the last fifty years, with notable occurrences during that time from personal recollection. Illustrated by numerous local anecdotes. Kilmarnock, 1861. 8°.


Contains many extracts from the burgh records.


Contains some documents relating to the burgh of Ayr.


BALLYSHANNON.

1010. ALLINGHAM, HUGH. Ballyshannon: its history and antiquities; with some account of the surrounding neighbourhood. Londonderry and Ballyshannon, 1879. 8°.

Ch. viii. Ballyshannon as a corporate town.
BANBURY.


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BANFF.


Contains copious extracts from the burgh records.

The best history of Banff.

1015. Imlach, James. History of Banff and familiar account of its inhabitants and belongings; to which are added chronicles of the old churchyard of Banff. Banff, 1868. 8°.

A brief account.

1016. †Proceedings of the burgesses of Banff who have declared for reform in applying to the magistrates for an inspection of the town's books and accounts. [Banff] 1784. 12°.

BARNARD CASTLE.

1017. †Charters granted to the burgesses of Barnard Castle, in the county palatine of Durham. G. Allan's Darlington Press. n. d. 4°.

1018. Walbran, J. R. The antiquities of Gainford in the county of Durham: comprising the baronial and ecclesiastical history of that place and of Barnardcastle; with descriptive notices of Raby Castle, Staindrop Church, Denton, and many other objects of antiquity in their vicinity. Part i. Ripon, 1846. 8°.

No more published.

Barnard Castle, 125–54.
BARNSTAPLE.


A valuable descriptive catalogue of all the records in the town archives, with copies or translations of the most important documents, and extracts from others. There are in all 101 articles, some of which are by Thomas Wainright; Nos. 51 and 101 are indexes.

1020. — Sketches of the literary history of Barnstaple . . . to which is appended the diary of Philip Wyot, town clerk of Barnstaple . . . 1586–1608. Barnstaple, 1866. 8°.


Contains valuable extracts from the rolls of the gild merchant, temp. Edw. III.

1022. Gribble, J. B. Memorials of Barnstaple: being an attempt to supply the want of a history of that ancient borough. Barnstaple, 1830. 8°.

Contains a translation of the town charters; the by-laws made in 1689; and many other extracts from the town records.

The best history of Barnstaple.


Important documents, 18 Edw. III., relating to the liberties of Barnstaple, 1105–8. Also printed in Parl. Papers, 1826, ix. 11–16.

1024. Wills, Charles. A short historical sketch of the town of Barnstaple . . . with much interesting and valuable information relating to this ancient borough. Barnstaple, 1855. 8°.

The “information relating to the ancient borough” is meagre.

BASINGSTOKE.


Contains selections from the court rolls, 1390–1538 (pp. 247–356); also many extracts from other records.

1027. History (The) of the brotherhood or guild of the Holy Ghost near Basingstoke in Hampshire. . . . With an account of another religious house founded at the same place by King Henry III. [By Samuel Loggon.] Reading, 1742. 8°. pp. 43.

BATH.

Though the literature relating to Bath is quite extensive, a good history of the town is still a desideratum. The best history is Warner's (No. 1040).


1029. Falconer, R. W. List of charters, etc., connected with the city of Bath. [Bath, 1858.] 8°.

A brief abstract of the charters.


Contains an account of the charters granted to Bath; a list of royal grants, writs, and commissions; extracts from the chamberlains' accounts, 1569-1602.


A good detailed account of the history of Bath from 1801 to 1834.

Ch. v. Early mayors of Bath. (A brief account.)


A brief account.


Published with the proceedings of the Society, vols. xxiv.-xxvi.

1039. View (A) of Bath, historical, political, and chronological; representing facts, real, interesting, and instructive, from the earliest period to the present time. [By C. Hibbert.] Bath, 1813. 8°.

A defence of the right of the freemen to use Bath common.


The best general history of Bath.


**BEAUMARIS.**

Contains extracts from the accounts of the gild, a. d. 1636-46.

The account of municipal history is meagre.

A brief account.


A brief account, of little value.

1048. Schedule (A) of the records and other documents of the corporation of Bedford. Printed by order of the corporation. Bedford, 1883. 4°.

1049. Short statement (A) of facts addressed to the electors of the borough of Bedford, in answer to some late speeches, pamphlets, and letters. London, 1831. 8°.


1051. — Memoirs of the corporation of Bedford. A paper read at the annual general meeting of the Bedfordshire Architectural and Archæological Society, held at Bedford, October 20th, 1852.

Belfast.

Ch. xi. of vol. i. contains extracts from the old Town Book, 17th century.
The best history of Belfast. See No. 1054.

1053. Historical collections relative to the town of Belfast, from the earliest period to the union with Great Britain. Belfast, 1817. 8°.
Contains contributions to the parliamentary history of Belfast.

1054. History (The) of the town of Belfast, with an accurate account of its former and present state; to which are added a statistical survey of the parish of Belfast, and a description of some remarkable antiquities in its neighbourhood. [By George Benn.] Belfast, 1823. 8°.

1055. Young, R. M. Historical notices of old Belfast and its vicinity... Edited with notes by R. M. Young. Belfast, etc., 1896. 8°.
Does not devote much attention to municipal history.

1056. *—— The Town Book of the corporation of Belfast... 1613-1816. Edited... by R. M. Young. Belfast, 1892. 8°.

Bere.

Contains a Latin charter granted to Bere in 1284, etc.

Berkeley.

A brief account.
1st edition, 1856.
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BERKHAMSTEAD.


1st edition, [1855.]

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED.

The best histories are those of Fuller and Scott (Nos. 1060, 1064).
See No. 600.

1060. FULLER, JOHN.  The history of Berwick-upon-Tweed, including a short account of the villages of Tweedmouth and Spittal, etc.  Edinburgh, 1799.  8°.

The best of the older histories of Berwick.

1061. JOHNSTONE, THOMAS.  The history of Berwick-upon-Tweed and its vicinity; to which is added a correct copy of the charter granted to that borough [in 1604.]  Berwick, 1817.  12°.

The account of municipal history is meagre.

1062. Roll (A) of the burgesses of Berwick-upon-Tweed, with the dates of their admission, etc.  Berwick, 1806.  4°.

Another edition, 1821.


Contains many documents relating to Berwick.


Contains an abstract of the court leet roll of 1616; a translation of the town charter of 1604; town statutes of 1560; a survey of Berwick in 1562; the Statuta Gildæ, etc.

Valuable; the best recent work on Berwick.

1065. SHELDON, FREDERICK.  History of Berwick-upon-Tweed: being a concise description of that ancient borough, from its origin down to the present time.  . . .  Edinburgh, 1849.  8°.

Does not devote much attention to municipal history.
1066. [Statuta gildæ: various enactments made by the gild merchant from 1249 to 1294.]

These statutes of the Berwick gild were regarded as a model by other Scotch towns. They are printed in Acts of the Parliament of Scotland, i. 431–8; Ancient Laws of the Burghs of Scotland, 64–96; Gross's Gild Merchant, i. 227–40; see Nos. 541, 757, 759, 1521. English translations will be found in Smith's English Gilds, 338–46, and Scott's Berwick, 465–9: see Nos. 537, 1064.

BEVERLEY.

1067. OLIVER, GEORGE. The history and antiquities of the town and minster of Beverley. . . Beverley, 1829. 4°.

1068. POULSON, GEORGE. Beverlac: or the antiquities and history of the town of Beverley in the county of York, and of the provostry and collegiate establishment of St. John's. . . Compiled from authentic records, charters, and unpublished manuscripts, with numerous embellishments. 2 vols. London, 1829. 4°.

Contains many extracts from the town records.
Valuable; the best history of Beverley.

BEWDLEY.


1071. State (A) of the Bewdley case [relating to the magistracy of that place.] London, 1711. f°.

BIDEFORD.

1072. WATKINS, JOHN. An essay towards a history of Bideford, in the county of Devon. Exeter, 1792. 8°.

Reprinted, Bideford, 1883, 12°.


Reprinted from the Transactions of the Devon. Assoc. for the Advancement of Science, etc., xvi. 670–702. Plymouth, 1884.
PART II.

BIGGAR—BIRMINGHAM.

BIGGAR.


The municipal history of Biggar is briefly considered in ch. xv. 1st edition, 1862.

BIRKENHEAD.


BIRMINGHAM.

c. Miscellaneous, Nos. 1085–1095.

The best history of municipal affairs is that of Bunce (No. 1079).

a. Town Records.


This charter is also printed in Bunce's work (No. 1079), vol. i. app.


b. General Histories.


The best account of the municipal history of Birmingham.
Contains a good account of the political history of Birmingham in the 19th century.


The best of the older works.
1st edition, 1781; other editions, 1783, 1795, 1806, 1819, 1835, 1849.


C. Miscellaneous.


Deals mainly with Birmingham.


Reprinted from Andrews's Bye-gone Warwickshire, 1893.

1094. †Ten objections to the corporation of Birmingham. By a burgess. Birmingham, 1840. 12°.


BLACKBURN.


1097. †Whittle, P. A. Blackburn as it is: a topographical, statistical, and historical account . . . including a correct copy of the charter granted in the reign of Queen Victoria. . . . Preston and Blackburn, 1852. 8°.

BLETCHANLEY.


Deals also with the borough.

BODMIN.


Twenty numbers.
No. 8, Dec. 1833. Charters of Bodmin.
No. 13, March 12, 1835. The corporation.
Other numbers also touch upon municipal history.
Vol. i. pp. 101–346 of Maclean's Trigg Minor (No. 583), with distinct pagination, index, etc.

BOLTON.


Brief historical notes, a list of mayors, etc.
Other editions, 1870, 1875, 1877, and 1878.


1106. †Copy of the charter of incorporation of the borough of Bolton. Bolton, 1838.
Bolton was incorporated in 1838.

1107. †Facts for burgesses on borough finance. Bolton, 1876.


Ch. ix. Corporation annals.

BOSTON.

1110. †Abstract (An) of the charter granted to Boston . . . also the bye-laws of that corporation. . . Boston, 1813. 8°.
1111. Charters granted to the mayor and burgesses of the borough of Boston [1546–1605] ... and the ordinances, by-laws, and constitutions founded thereon ... in 1677. Stamford, 1825. 4°.
Contains also town ordinances made in 1708.
Only English versions of the charters are printed.

1112. †Clarke, H. Observations addressed to the inhabitants of Boston on ... the borough county rate. Stamford, 1825. 4°.
Contains the charters of Boston.

1113. Report (The) of the commissioners appointed to enquire into the municipal corporations in England and Wales, on the borough of Boston. Boston, 1835. 8°.
See No. 60.

1114. Thompson, Pishey. Collections for a topographical and historical account of Boston and the hundred of Skirbeck in the county of Lincoln, with engravings. London and Boston, 1820. 4°.

1115. — The history and antiquities of Boston and the villages of Skirbeck, Fishtoft ... Illustrated with one hundred engravings. Boston and London, 1856. 8°.
The best history of Boston.

BRADFORD.
The best histories are those of Cudworth and James (Nos. 1120, 1124).

Probably continued in pt. vi., etc.


A brief account.


1120. Cudworth, William. Historical notes on the Bradford corporation, with records of the lighting and watching commissioners. ... Bradford, 1881. 8°.
The best account of the municipal history of Bradford since its incorporation in 1844.


Contains extracts from court rolls.

In the same journal, 1890, pt. vi., is a paper by Empsall on †Bradford during the 15th century, also a paper by †Lister on the Charters of Bradford.


The best general history of Bradford.

"Continuation and additions to the history of Bradford and its parish," 1866.

BRECHIN.


1st edition, 1839.


Ch. v. of his Memorials (No. 799).

BRECKNOCK OR BRECON.

See Nos. 571, 571a.


Charter to the burgesses, 2 & 3 Philip & Mary.

1128. Translation (The) of an attested copy of the charter [2 & 3 Philip & Mary] of the borough of Brecon and the town of Llueell, obtained from the Rolls Chapel, September, 1832. [By Joseph Joseph.] Brecon, 1866. 4°.
BRIDGNORTH.


A brief account.


For Bridgnorth mayors, bailiffs, members of Parliament, etc., see the index, p. i.

BRIDG WATER.

1132. Case respecting the Bridgewater election of the exclusive right claimed by capital burgesses. [London, 1769.] f°.


BRIDPORT.


See No. 394.


A brief sketch.
BRIGHTON.

1137. Ancient and modern history of Lewes and Brighthelmston, in which are compressed the most interesting events of the county at large. . . . [By William Lee.] Lewes, 1795. 8°.

1138. Borough of Brighton. Copies of the deeds relating to the division of the tenantry lands in the parish of Brighthelmston, in the year 1822, together with extracts from the minutes of the proceedings of, and copies of reports to, the late town commissioners and the town council, with reference to the portions of the same lands dedicated to public uses. Printed by order of the town council. Brighton, 1878. 8°.

1139. ERREDGE, J. A. History of Brighthelmston or Brighton as I view it and others knew it with a chronological table of local events. Brighton, 1862. 8°.

Ch. vi. contains ancient customs of Brighton, compiled in 1580 and 1618.


The best history of Brighton since its incorporation in 1854. 2nd edition, 1871.


BRISTOL.

a. Town Records, Nos. 1142-1150.
b. General Histories, Nos. 1151-1162.
c. Gilds, Nos. 1163-1166.
d. Miscellaneous, Nos. 1167-1182.

The most important records in the town archives are Ricart's Kalendar (No. 1150), the Little Red Book, the Great Red Book, and the Great White Book. Of these the two Red Books are the most valuable. The Little Red Book contains charters and laws of Bristol, ordinances of crafts, etc., 1344-1574; the Great Red Book contains rents, agreements, acts of council, ordinances of crafts, etc., chiefly in the reigns of Henry VI. and Edward IV.; the Great White Book contains expenses of officers, charters, etc., 1496-1590. For some account of these records, see Miss Smith's edition of Ricart's Kalendar (No. 1150), pp. xxi.-xxvi.
The best histories of Bristol are Nicholls and Taylor's, and Seyer's (Nos. 1159, 1161).

a. Town Records.

See No. 1172.

1142. Bristol. The city charters: containing the original institution of mayors, recorders, sheriffs, town-clerks, and all other officers whatsoever, as also of a common-council, and the ancient laws and customs of the city, diligently compar'd with, and corrected according to the Latin originals. To which are added the bounds of the city by land, with the exact distances from stone to stone, all around the city. Bristol, 1736. 4°.

Contains only a translation of the charters, etc.

1143. — An abstract of the city charter: containing the institution of mayors, recorders, sheriffs, town clerks, and all officers whatsoever, as also of a common council. To which is added, by way of appendix, a brief historical account of the antient lords, constables, and wardens of Bristol Castle. Second edition. Bristol, 1792. 8°.

1144. BURT, JOSEPH. Contributions to the history of the city of Bristol. From documents preserved in the Chapter House, Westminster. *Archæological Institute*, Memoirs, etc. of Bristol (Bristol meeting, 1851), 80–98. London, 1853. 8°.

Contains a French document recording complaints against the mayor by inhabitants of Bristol, 16 Edw. II.

1145. BUSH, HENRY. Bristol town duties. A collection of original and interesting documents intended to explain and elucidate the above important subject. Bristol, 1828. 8°.

Most of the documents are of the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries.

1146. Charters (The) and letters patent granted by the kings and queens of England to the town and city of Bristol, newly translated and accompanied by the original Latin. By the Rev. Samuel Seyer. Bristol, 1812. 4°.


Ricart was elected town clerk in 1479 and held the office at least 27 years. The first three parts of the Kalendar contain brief historical notes concerning England and Bristol; the last three parts contain local customs and laws (including extracts from the laws of London, pp. 93–113). The MS. is preserved in the town archives of Bristol. Extracts from the Kalendar are also printed in Smith’s *English Gilds* (No. 537), 413–31.

b. General Histories.

Barrett, William. The history and antiquities of the city of Bristol, compiled from original records and authentic manuscripts in public offices or private hands. Illustrated with copper-plate prints. Bristol, [1789.] 4°.

Should be used with caution; largely based on Chatterton’s forgeries.

Corry, John, and Evans, John. The history of Bristol, civil and ecclesiastical; including biographical notices of eminent and distinguished natives. [Vol. i. by Corry; vol. ii. by Evans.] 2 vols. Bristol, 1816. 4°.

Unreliable.

Dallaway, James. Antiquities of Bristow in the middle centuries; including the topography by William Wyrecestre, and life of William Canynges. Bristol, 1834. 4°.

Evans, John. A chronological outline of the history of Bristol, and the stranger’s guide. ... Bristol, 1824. 8°.

[Heath, George.] The new history, survey, and description of the city and suburbs of Bristol. ... Bristol, 1794. 8°.

A good short account.


1158. —— The annals of Bristol in the nineteenth century. Bristol, 1887. 8°.

One of the best histories of Bristol.


This is the best history of Bristol; an excellent specimen of the better class of local histories of its day.

Gilds, 226–39.
Rise of the municipal constitution, 239–52.
A good short account.

c. Gilds.


1164. —— Some account of the ancient fraternity of merchant tailors of Bristol, with transcripts of ordinances and other documents. [Privately printed; 50 copies only.] Bristol, 1880. 4°.

1166. Rogers, Henry. The calendars of Al-Hallowen, Brystowe. An attempt to elucidate some portions of the history of the priory or fraternitie of calendars. . . . Bristol, 1846. 12°.

d. Miscellaneous: Municipal Reform, etc.


1168. Bristol and its environs, historical, descriptive, and scientific. Published under the sanction of the local executive committee of the British Association, with illustrations and maps. London, 1875. 8°.

Section iv. Local government and taxation, by H. Naish. (A brief account.)

1169. City and port of Bristol. Letters, essays, tracts and other documents, illustrative of the municipal history of Bristol and of the trade of its port. Written, collected, and arranged by "a burgess." Bristol, 1836. 8°.

The separate tracts were issued in 1835. Most of them deal with the question of municipal reform.


1171. Free thoughts on the offices of mayor, aldermen, and common council of the city of Bristol; with a constitutional proposition for their annihilation. To which is prefixed an address inscribed to his grace the Duke of Portland. Bristol, 1792. 8°.

1172. Garrard, Thomas. Memoir of the municipal antiquities of the city of Bristol: comprising notices of the ancient civic offices, the muniments, seals, and regalia of the corporation. Archeological Institute, Memoirs, etc. of Bristol (Bristol meeting, 1851), i–12. London, 1853. 8°.


A brief history of the common council of Bristol.
1174. Kentish, Edward. A narrative of facts relative to the Bristol election as connected with the meeting on Brandon Hill, June 13, 1818. ... Bristol, 1818. 8°.


Various interesting papers on the medieval history of Bristol.

1176. — Secularia: or surveys of the mainstream of history. London, 1862. 8°.

Bristol in the time of Edw. IV., 88-130.


1179. Small token (A) of admiration at the talents and acquirements of the corporation of Bristol. With an epistle dedicatory. By two schoolmasters. Bristol, 1824. 8°.


1181. Thirty letters on the trade of Bristol, the causes of its decline and means of its revival, by a burgess. With notes; extracts from the evidence given before the commissioners of corporate enquiry in this city; additional information relative to its commercial and municipal history. ... Bristol, 1834. 12°.

Chs. ii.–vi. The municipal corporation.
See No. 60.


Two lists of mayors and bailiffs, 1216–1609, with brief historical notes.

BUCKINGHAM.


Without title-page.
1184. † ROUNDELL, H. Some account of the town of Buckingham: a lecture read before the members of the Buckingham Literary and Scientific Institution, on Tuesday, January 27th, 1857. Buckingham, 1857. 8°.

1185. WILLIS, BROWNE. The history and antiquities of the town, hundred, and deanery of Buckingham. . . . London, 1755. 4°.

Willis prints the Latin text of the charter granted to Buckingham, 36 Charles II., in his Notitia Parliamentaria, 2nd edition, vol. i. app. (See above, No. 315.)

BURFORD.


A brief account.


BURTON-ON-TRENT.


1189. MOLYNEUX, WILLIAM. Burton-on-Trent: its history, its waters, and its breweries. London and Burton-on-Trent, [1869.] 8°.

Of little value for municipal history.

BURY.


BURY ST. EDMUND'S.

The best history is that of Yates (No. 1200).

1191. Account (An) of the proceedings at the election of members for the borough of Bury St. Edmund's, Dec. 13 and 14, 1832, being the first election for the borough since the passing of the “Act for the amending the representation of the people.” Bury St. Edmund's, 1833. 8°.


Written in Latin. Some of the documents are important for municipal history.


Another edition in “Memorials of St. Edmund’s Abbey” (No. 1198), i. 209–336.


Valuable for the medieval history of the borough.


Book ii. The ancient monk. (Based on the Chronicle of Jocelin de Brakelond.)


A brief account, of little value for municipal history.

1197. Green, J. R. Stray studies from England and Italy. London, 1876. 8°.


See the index, iii. 384, for references to passages relating to municipal affairs in the 13th and 14th centuries.


Conflicts between the burgesses and the abbots, 1264–1381, iii. 107–12.


A new title-page, with the words "second edition," and some additional sheets were published in 1843.

Ch. v. Contests with townsfolk.

The appendix of the edition of 1843 contains the Latin text of the royal charters of 1606, 1608, and 1614.

The best history of the town.

CAERLEON.


Pt. i. Prehistoric and Roman periods.
Pt. ii. Saxon period.
Pt. iii. Norman and Early English periods.
Pt. iv. Edw. III. to Mary.
Pt. v. Civil war in Montgomeryshire.

CAERWYS.


CALNE.

1203. Short history (A) of the borough of Calne, with reference to the elective franchise. Calne, 1830. 8°.

CAMBRIDGE.


The best history of Cambridge.

1206. † Pryme, G. A letter to the freemen . . . of . . . Cambridge, on the state of the borough. Cambridge, 1823. 8°.


Relates to the election of borough officers, including "A few thoughts on the inutility of corporations."

CAMELFORD.


Contains a charter of Henry III.

CANONGATE.


Extracts from the "Liber Consilii burgi . . . ac Registri Cartarum communis tatis ejusdem.


Contains extracts from the town records in the 16th century, etc.

A good little book.

1st edition, 1879.

1211. † Notices of various Scottish local records, with extracts. Communicated to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland [by Thomas Thomson.] Edinburgh, 1859. 4°.

Contains a list of the protocol books, with some notice of the other records of the burgh of Canongate and the royalty and barony of Broughton, Edinburgh.

CANTERBURY.


b. General Histories, etc., Nos. 1217–1224.

The city archives contain some valuable unpublished records. The proceedings in the burghmote court, which begin in Edward III.'s reign, throw much light upon municipal affairs. The chamberlains' accounts
extend almost without a break from Richard II.’s reign to the present day.

There is need of a good history of this city; Brent, Hasted, and Somner (Nos. 1217, 1220, 1223) are useful but not satisfactory.

a. Town Records.


1213. Civis. Minutes, collected from the ancient records and accounts in the chamber of Canterbury, of transactions in that city from A. D. 1234. . . [Canterbury, 1801–1802.] f°.

A valuable collection of extracts from the city muniments. The ordinances of several craft gilds are given in full.

This seems to be a reprint of a series of papers published in the *Kentish Gazette* by Alderman C. R. Bunce: see Smith’s *Bibliotheca Cantiana*, 124. The work has also been ascribed to William Welfitt.

1214. Translation (A) of the several charters, etc., granted by Edward IV., Henry VII., James I., and Charles II. to the citizens of Canterbury; also a list of the bailiffs and mayors . . . and many curious particulars never before published. By a citizen [C. R. Bunce]. Canterbury, 1791. 8°.


b. General Histories, etc.


1218. Clifford, Henry. A report of the two cases of controverted elections of the borough of Southwark . . . 37 George III.;
PART II.

with notes and illustrations. To which are added an account of the two subsequent cases of the city of Canterbury and an appendix. . . . London, 1797. 8°.

Another edition, 1802.


1220. HASTED, EDWARD. The history of the antient and metropo

1st edition, 1799, f°.

1221. [ROCH, THOMAS.] Charters destructive to liberty and property; demonstrated by the principles and practices of corpora

"The following pages contain a few of the notorious abuses committed on the inhabitants of this city by a set of men who were appointed to protect them in peculiar privileges."


Throws light upon the constitution of the surviving Canterbury companies.

1223. SOMNER, WILLIAM. The antiquities of Canterbury: or a survey of that ancient citie, with the suburbs and cathedrall. . . . Second edition, revised and enlarged by N. Battely. 2 pts. London, 1703. f°.

The most elaborate history of Canterbury.


1224. SUMMERLY, FELIX [HENRY COLE]. Felix Summerly's Hand-

A brief account.

1st edition, 1843.

CARDIFF.

1225. Growth of Cardiff from 1875 to 1880; with some particu
1226. Jenkins, W. L. A history of the town and castle of Cardiff, and a descriptive account of the churches, chapels, public buildings, and institutions. . . . Cardiff, 1854. 8°.

A brief account.

**CARLISLE.**

_a._ Town Records, Nos. 1227–1230.

_b._ General Histories, etc., Nos. 1231–1241.

There is no good detailed history of Carlisle. Ferguson’s works (especially Nos. 321, 1229–30, 1233) are the most valuable, and Creighton’s short history (No. 1231) is useful.

_a._ **Town Records.**


Contains the Latin text, with a translation.


A valuable collection of records of the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries.

_b._ **General Histories, etc.**


1233. — Handbook to the principal places to be visited by the Royal Archæological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland . . . in the vicinity of Carlisle. Carlisle, 1882. 8°.

Ch. iv. Carlisle and its corporation, a lecture delivered before the Carlisle Scientific Society, March, 7, 1882. This lecture was also separately printed, [Carlisle, 1882.] 4°. It contains an excellent sketch of the constitutional history of Carlisle. Its substance was reprinted in Ferguson's *History of Cumberland* (No. 585), ch. xiii.


Reprinted in app. iii. of No. 1229.


Reprinted in No. 899.


Ch. vi. Ancient charters and modern government.

1237. History of Carlisle, past and present, and guide to strangers. With a new plan of the city by Mr. Asquith. Carlisle, 1855. 12°.

A brief sketch.

1238. History (The) and antiquities of Carlisle . . . Carlisle, 1837. 8°.

1239. History (The) and antiquities of Carlisle; with an account of the castles . . . in the vicinity . . . [By Samuel Jefferson.] Carlisle and London, 1838. 8°.

The account of municipal history is not detailed.

1240. **Hutchinson, William.** The history and antiquities of the city of Carlisle and its vicinity. Carlisle, 1796. 4°.

A reprint of his *History of Cumberland* (No. 586), ii. 585–681.
**CARMARTHEN—CARRICKFERGUS.**


**CARMARTHEN.**

1242. Calendar (A) of all the high-sheriffs for the county of Carmarthen, and of all the mayors, bailiffs, and sheriffs of the corporation of Carmarthen from 1400 to 1818, and also a correct list of all the present burgesses of the borough. Carmarthen, 1818. 8°.


**CARNARVON.**

See No. 1042.


**CARRICKFERGUS.**


Other editions, 1811, 1823.
CASHEL.

1249. †White, J. D. Cashel of the kings: being a history of the city of Cashel. 1863.

CASTLE RISING.


1251. Some records of the Ashstead estate, and of its Howard possessors; with notices of Elford, Castle Rising, Levens, and Charlton. [Not published.] Lichfield, 1873. 4°.


CHARD.


1254. Pulman, G. P. R. The book of the Axe: containing a piscatorial description of the stream, and historical sketches of all the parishes and remarkable places upon its banks, with nearly one hundred illustrations and a map. London, etc., 1875. 8°.

Chard, 455–525.

CHESTER.

c. Miscellaneous, Nos. 1268–1275.

The city archives contain mayors’ books (pleas in the portmote, etc.), 16 Rich. II.—4 Wm. IV.; assembly books, or minutes of the common council since 1539; and other valuable muniments. Many records of the old trade companies are also still extant; and much material relating to the history of Chester will be found in the Randle Holme Collections in the British Museum (see Index of the Harley MSS., ii. 376–539).

The best histories are Hemingway’s and Morris’s (Nos. 1260, 1263).
a. Town Records.

See No. 1265.


1256. Charter (The) of Charles the Second to the city of Chester. Chester, 1788. 8°.

1257. Charter (The) of the city of Chester, granted by King Henry VII. with a confirmation thereof by Queen Elizabeth. Now first published from a faithful translation made before the civil wars. Chester, 1772. 4°.


Contains extracts from churchwardens' accounts in 17th and 18th centuries, etc.

b. General Histories.


The best of the older histories of Chester.

1261. History of the city of Chester, from its foundation to the present time, collected from public records, private manuscripts, and other authentic sources ... and a chronological register of important events to the year 1815. [By J. M. B. P.] Illustrated with five etchings by G. Cuitt. Chester, 1815. 8°.

1262. History (An) and description of the city of Chester, containing every useful information for the antiquarian, stranger, and resident. Chester, 1808. 12°.

A brief sketch.


Contains copious extracts from the town records.

The best history of Chester.
1264. Mortimer, W. W. The history of the hundred of Wirral, with a sketch of the city and county of Chester, compiled from the earliest authentic sources. London and Birkenhead, 1847. 4°.

1265. Political history (The) of the city of Chester, the charter of King Henry VII., with the confirmation thereof by Queen Elizabeth, and the various papers issued at the election of mayor, aldermen, etc. of the said city, October 22, 1813. Chester, 1814. 8°.

A brief but valuable contribution to the municipal history of the city.

1266. †Sketch of the political history of the city of Chester. Chester, 1790. f°.

1267. Stranger (The) in Chester: giving an accurate sketch of its local history, with chronological arrangements of the most interesting events connected therewith. Written and compiled from the most authentic sources, including the records of the corporation. [By J. H. Hanshall.] Chester, [1816.] 12°.

There is quite a detailed account of municipal history in his history of the county (No. 578).

c. Miscellaneous.

1268. Chester corporation charities. From the Chester Courant of June 9th, 1829. [Chester, 1829.] 12°.

Without title-page.

1269. Chester election, 1818. The complete poll book. . . . Together with a collection of addresses, papers, squibs, etc., issued by the respective candidates and their friends; and a preface, giving a history of the several contested elections for members of Parliament and civic officers, from the year 1568 to 1818, comprising a period of nearly 300 years. Now first arranged and published. By the editor of the Chester Chronicle [J. Hemingway]. Chester, 1818. 12°.

1270. Earl (The) of Warrington’s speech upon his being sworn mayor of Chester, 7 Nov., 1691. With a letter to his worship from one of the freemen of that city. [Chester, 1791.] 4°.

Without title-page. The letter deals with the city charter, etc.

1271. Eddowes, R. State of facts relating to the franchises of the city of Chester and of all other corporations in the kingdom. Chester, Oct. 28, 1788. f°.

A single sheet; it relates to a contest between the corporation and citizens.


Chester, i. 139-255.


1274. Report (A) of the proceedings and evidence before a committee of the honourable House of Commons appointed to decide upon the merits of the late controverted election for the city of Chester. Chester, 1819. 8°.

1275. Whole proceedings (The) in several informations in the nature of a quo warranto, the king against Mr. T. Amery, one of the aldermen, and Mr. J. Monk, one of the common councilmen of the city of Chester, on the relation of R. Eddowes, of the said city, merchant. Chester, 1791. 8°.

The question at issue was whether the citizens and commonalty could participate in the election of aldermen and common councilmen. The arguments on both sides are given in full.

Valuable for the modern history of Chester.
See Nos. 189, 1271.

CHESTERFIELD.

1276. Hall, George. The history of Chesterfield and its charities; to which is added an historical description of Chatsworth, Hardwick, and Bolsover, in the county of Derby. Chesterfield, 1823. 8°.

A brief account of municipal history.

1277. History (The) of Chesterfield, with particulars of the hamlets contiguous to the town, and accounts of Chatsworth, Hardwick, and Bolsover. [By Thomas Ford.] London, etc., 1839. 8°.

The best history of Chesterfield.
Ford was assisted in the compilation of this work by T. Adams, G. J. Stevenson, and R. Wallace. It is Hall's book (No. 1276) much enlarged.


A brief account.

Contains many documents printed in full, with a translation.
The records are valuable, but are not well edited.
See also Yeatman's Feudal History (No. 591).

1280. Yeatman, [J.] Pym. Some observations upon the law of ancient demesne; with suggestions as to the origin of the families of Brewer, Brito, Hardwick, and Cavendish, the ancient lords of the manor of Chesterfield, in the county of Derby, arising upon an examination of the archives of the borough. Sheffield and London, 1884. 8°.

CHICHESTER.

1281. Hay, Alexander. The history of Chichester . . . with an appendix, containing the charters of the city at three different times. . . . Chichester, 1804. 8°.

The appendix contains the Latin charters of King Stephen and Henry II., with a translation; and a translation of the charter of James II., 1685.


CHIPPEHAM.


See No. 105.


A brief sketch.
CHIPPING CAMPDEN.


CHIPPING NORTON.


A brief account.

CHRISTCHURCH.

1288. † Case (The) of Mr. Richard Holoway, one of the burgesses of Christchurch, in the county of Southampton. . . [Christchurch, 1727.] 8°.

1289. Ferrey, Benjamin. The antiquities of the priory of Christ Church, Hants. . . together with some general particulars of the castle and borough. The literary part by E. W. Brayley. London, 1834. 4°.

2nd edition, revised by J. Britton, 1841.

CILGERAN.

1290. Phillips, J. R. The history of Cilgerran . . . including the topography of the parish; with copies of charters and other MSS. London, 1867. 8°.

CIRENCESTER.


Untrustworthy.


Contains some valuable documents of the year 4 Henry IV.


1st edition, "The history and antiquities of Cirencester," 1780; 2nd edition, 1800. The material is taken mainly from Rudder's history of the county (No. 605).

1296. †History of the town of Cirencester, in the county of Gloucester with an account of the public buildings, institutions. . . Cirencester, 1858. 8°.

1297. History (The) and antiquities of the town of Cirencester, in the county of Gloucester, with views of the town, tessellated pavements, and other Roman remains. Cirencester, [1842.] 8°.

CLARE.

1298. Armstead, J. B. Some account of the court leet of the borough of Clare, with extracts from the verdicts of the headboroughs [1612-1782.] Suffolk Institute of Archaeology, Proceedings, ii. 103-112. Lowestoft, 1859. 8°.

CLITHEROE.


Borough of Clitheroe, ii. 68-100.
Other editions, 1 vol., 1801, 1806, 1818.

CLONAKILTY.

CLOYNE.

1303. Rotulus pipæ Clonensis, ex originali in registro ecclesiae cathedralis Clonensis asservato, nunc primum editus ... opera et studio Ricardi Caulfield, B. A. Corcagæ, 1859. 4°.

This roll was probably begun in 1364, but many older documents were afterwards included. It contains findings of juries and deeds relating to the temporalities of the see of Cloyne.


CLUN.

1304. [SALT, THOMAS.] A concise account of ancient documents relating to the honor, forest, and borough of Clun, in Shropshire, with copies of some of them, and observations on the custom of amobyr formerly existing there. Read at the meeting of the Archæological Institute, at Shrewsbury, in August, 1855. [Shrewsbury,] 1858. 4°.


CUGGEHAL.


Contains some information about the crafts of the town.

1307. DALE, BRYAN. The annals of Coggeshall, otherwise Sunndon, in the county of Essex. Coggeshall, 1863. 8°.

COLCHESTER.


b. General Histories, etc., Nos. 1315–1323.

The best history is Cromwell’s (No. 1315).

a. Town Records.

1308. †Charter (The new) granted to the mayor and commonalty of Colchester, 1763; with recitals of the old charters confirmed by the present. [Colchester,] 1764. 8°.
1309. †Charter (The) granted to the free burgesses of the borough of Colchester by George III.; with a copious index. Colchester, 1818. 8°.


An abstract of its contents.

1311. †Constitutions of the burgh of Colchester, edited by B. Strutt. [Colchester,] 1822. 8°.

1312. Harrod, Henry. Calendar of the court rolls of the borough of Colchester; with lists of bailiffs and mayors to the present year, 1865. Colchester, [1865.] 4°.


b. General Histories, etc.


Vol. ii. ch. v. deals with municipal affairs.
The best history of Colchester.


A satire directed against the town government of Colchester.

1318. History (The) and antiquities of Colchester, in the county of Essex: containing a general account of the place . . . privileges, charters, half-year lands, bounds, and extent of its liberties. Government of the corporation. . . . Selected from the most approved authors. Colchester, 1789. 8°.
1319. History (The) and antiquities of the borough of Colchester, in the county of Essex. Selected from the most approved authors [chiefly from Morant]. Colchester, 1810. 12°.

A brief account.

1320. History (The) and description of Colchester . . . with an account of the antiquities of that most ancient borough. [By Benjamin Strutt.] 2 vols. Colchester, 1803. 8°.

1321. Morant, Philip. The history and antiquities of . . . Colchester . . . in three books; with an appendix of original papers. 3 pts. London, 1748. f°.

See his history of the county (No. 601).


An account of the survey of Colchester in Domesday Book.


COLE AINE.


Describes the struggle between the select governing body and the townsmen in 1830.

COLENSBURGH.


Ch. iv. The burgh of barony.

CONGLETON.


The best history of Congleton.

CONWAY.

See No. 1042.


1329. Williams, Robert. The history and antiquities of the town of Aberconwy and its neighbourhood; with notices of the natural history of the district. Denbigh, 1835. 8°.

CORFE CASTLE.


CORK.

The best history is Gibson's (No. 727). See also No. 728.

1331. *Council Book (The) of the corporation of the city of Cork, from 1609 to 1643, and from 1690 to 1800. Edited . . . by Richard Caulfield.* Guildford, 1876. 4°.

1332. †Remarks upon the religion, trade, government, police, customs, manners, and maladies of the city of Cork. By Alexander the Coppersmith. Cork, 1737. 12°.

1333. †Rights (The) of the freemen of the city of Cork asserted, and the several abuses and usurpations on the constitution pointed out. Cork, 1759.


A brief account. 1st edition, 1839.
The best books relating to Coventry are those of Poole and Whitley (Nos. 1342, 1355).

a. Town Records.

1336. †Charter (The) granted by King James I. to the city of Coventry in 1621, translated from the original record in Rolls Chapel, London. Coventry, 1816. 8°.

1337. Selected list of charters and other evidences belonging to the corporation of Coventry. [By J. Fetherston.] Printed for private distribution only. [Coventry, 1871.] 8°.

b. General Histories.

   Reprinted from Dugdale's Warwickshire (No. 659).

1339. †HAWKES, H. W. History and antiquities of the city of Coventry. Coventry, 1842. 8°.

1340. †HICKLING, W. History and antiquities of Coventry. Coventry, 1846. 12°.

1341. History (The) of Coventry. [Hearne's edition of Fordun's Scotichronicon, app., pp. 1438–74. 5 vols. Oxonii, 1722. 8°.]

1342. POOLE, BENJAMIN. Coventry: its history and antiquities . . . illustrated by W. F. Taunton with sixty exquisite tinted etchings, facsimiles, maps, etc. London and Coventry, 1870. 4°.
   The best general history of Coventry.

1343. READER, WILLIAM. The history and antiquities of the city of Coventry, from the earliest authentic period to the present time. . . . Coventry, [1810.] 12°.

c. Miscellaneous.

1344. †Coventry. Case of the controverted election. Coventry, 1784. 8°.
1345. Fretton, W. G. The fullers' guild, Coventry. Read at the annual meeting of the Warwickshire Naturalists' and Archæologists' Field Club . . . March 4th, 1879.
Without title-page.


1348. Mayors, bailiffs, and sheriffs of Coventry. [Coventry, 1830.] 12°.
Without title-page.

1349. †Memorial of the visit of the Archæological Institute to Coventry, giving new particulars in reference to the early history of the town. Coventry, 1864. 4°.

1350. Reader, William. The origin and description of Coventry Show Fair and Peeping Tom; together with the history of Leofric, earl of Mercia, and his Countess Godiva, from authentic records. Coventry, [1824?]. 12°.

1351. Sharp, Thomas. A dissertation on the pageants, or dramatic mysteries, anciently performed at Coventry by the trading companies of that city . . . Coventry, 1825. 4°.

1352. — Illustrative papers on the history and antiquities of the city of Coventry . . . from original and mostly unpublished documents. By Thomas Sharp. Carefully reprinted from an original copy, with corrections, additions, and a brief memoir of the author, by William George Fretton. [Birmingham,] 1871. 4°.

The papers deal mainly with the various churches of Coventry.

1353. [———] The pageant of the company of sheremen and taylors in Coventry, as performed by them on the festival of Corpus Christi; together with other pageants exhibited on occasion of several royal visits to that city; and two specimens of ancient local poetry. Coventry, 1817. 4°.

1355. *Whitley, T. W. The parliamentary representation of the city of Coventry, from the earliest times to present date... Coventry, 1894. 8°.

CRAWFURDSDYKE.

See No. 1706.

1355a. Williamson, George. Old Carsburn: being a history of the estate from the year 1669 downwards... Paisley, etc., 1894. 4°.

Ch. xi. deals with the burgh of Crawfurdsdyke.

CRICKLADE.


CROYDON.

1357. †Elborough, C. M. Croydon a borough: the charter and first election. Croydon, 1883. 8°.

Croydon was incorporated in 1883.

CULLEN.


“In the preparation of this little work every document now in the custody of the town council has been carefully examined:” Preface.

1st edition, Banff, 1880.

1359. —— Inventory of the charters, burgh court books, books of sasines, etc., belonging to the burgh of Cullen... together with copy of the charter of the burgh and translation thereof... Banff, 1887. 8°.
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CULROSS.

1360. BEVERIDGE, DAVID. Culross and Tulliallan: or Perthshire on Forth, its history and antiquities, with elucidations of Scottish life and character from the burgh and kirk-session records of that district. 2 vols. Edinburgh and London, 1885. 8°.

CUPAR.


1362. Forfar district of burghs. Statement of proceedings regarding the election of a delegate at Cupar, etc., etc., December, 1830. Edinburgh, 1831. 8°.

DARLINGTON.


DAVENTRY.

1364. †Reasons for refusing to purchase the freedom of the burgh of Daventry. By J. D. Daventry, 1825.

1365. †Report (A) of the trial in which an action was brought by the corporation of Daventry against John Dickins for refusing to purchase the freedom of the borough. Birmingham, 1825.

For this and No. 1364, see Northamptonshire Notes and Queries, ii. 110.

DEAL.

See No. 687.

1366. CHAPMAN, H. S. Deal, past and present: a full and comprehensive history of this neighbourhood. . . . London, 1890. 4°.

A brief account.

1367. PRITCHARD, STEPHEN. The history of Deal and its neighbourhood. . . . Deal, 1864. 8°.

The best history of Deal.
DENBIGH.

A brief account.

Anglo-Norman charter of Henry de Lacy to the burgesses of Denbigh.

1370. PENNANT, THOMAS. Tours in Wales, by Thomas Pennant; with notes, prefaces, and copious index by the editor, John Rhys. 3 vols. Caernarvon, 1883. 8°.

Denbigh, ii. 151-68.

The best general history of Denbigh.

Ch. v. The municipal history of Denbigh: corporate records, etc.
Ch. xii. Original charter of 1290, etc.
Ch. xiii. Corporate records continued (brief extracts, 1600-1831), etc.

DERBY.

Yeatman's history of the county (No. 591) contains valuable material relating to the history of the borough of Derby.


Contains copious extracts from the company's records, 17th and 18th centuries. Separately printed, Derby, 1893.

A brief account.

Contains a brief account of municipal history, with lists of mayors and M. P.'s. 1st edition, 1791.


Translation of the charters of Charles II., i. 117–55.

DEVIZES.

1377. History (A), military and municipal, of the ancient borough of the Devizes, subordinately of the entire hundred of Putterne and Cannings, in which it is included. London and Devizes, 1859. 8°.

The best history of Devizes.


Much attention is devoted to municipal history.

DEVONPORT.


The town was incorporated in 1837.

1381. Correct copy (A) of the charter of incorporation of the borough of Devonport, granted by her majesty, Victoria the First; together with a list of the first council elected. . . . To which is added an appendix containing notes, forms, etc., relating to the Municipal Incorporation Act. Devonport, 1838. 12°.

1383. WORTH, R. N. The three towns [Plymouth, Devonport, and Stonehouse] bibliotheca: a catalogue of books, pamphlets, papers, etc., written by natives thereof, published therein, or relating thereto; with brief biographical notices of the principal authors. [Plymouth, 1871.] 8°.

DEWSBURY.

1384. †Incorporation (The) of Dewsbury. Dewsbury, 1861. 8°.
Dewsbury was incorporated in 1862.

DONCASTER.


The parish of Doncaster, i. 1–51.
Contains an account of municipal affairs, especially in the 16th and 17th centuries.

1387. MILLER, EDWARD. The history and antiquities of Doncaster and its vicinity; with anecdotes of eminent men. Doncaster, [1804.] 4°.

In the body of the work little attention is paid to municipal history, but the appendix contains a translation of the various town charters.


Contains a sketch of municipal history, a list of mayors, etc.

1389. —— The marts and markets of Doncaster: their rise and progress and sources of supply. [From the Doncaster Gazette.] Doncaster, [1872.] 8°.

Sheardown wrote several other sketches relating to Doncaster, but they do not deal with municipal history.

1390. TOMLINSON, JOHN. Doncaster, from the Roman occupation to the present time. Doncaster, 1887. 4°.

Contains many extracts from the town records.
A valuable work; the best history of Doncaster.
DORCHESTER.


See Mayo, Bibliotheca Dorsetiensis (No. 23), 150.


See No. 594.

1393. Savage, James. Dorchester and its environs during the British, Roman, Saxon, and Norman periods, illustrated and described from the best authorities; with an account of its present state. Dorchester, 1832. 8°.

Another edition, [1833,] 12°.


A meagre sketch.

DOUNIE.


DOVER.

The best history is Lyon's (No. 1401).


1397. Burt, Nathaniell. For every individuall member of the House of Commons, concerning the major, magistracy, and officers of Dover. [London,] 1649. 4°.

Without title-page.


Contains copious extracts from the town records, including the whole of the medieval customal.

The best history of Dover.

1402. Report (A) on the corporation of Dover, copied from the report of the municipal corporation commissioners; with a brief history of Dover harbour, and the proceedings of the harbour commissioners. Dover, 1835. 4°.

See No. 60.

1403. Short historical sketch (A) of the town of Dover and its neighbourhood: containing a concise history of the town, from the earliest accounts to the present time. To which is added a description of the villages near Dover, within the distance of six miles. New edition. Dover, 1807. 12°.


DROGHEDA.


DROITWICH.

1406. †Stanton, G. K. Historical and other notices relating to St. Andrew's church, Droitwich, together with a sketch of the history
of the borough of Droitwich. [Reprinted from the Bromsgrove, Droitwich, and Redditch Weekly Messenger, 1883.]

DUBLIN.

a. Town Records, etc., Nos. 1407-1413.
b. General Histories, Nos. 1414-1418.
c. Miscellaneous: Political Tracts, Nos. 1419-1443.

The city archives contain a rich collection of records, the most important of which are: the charters, beginning in 1171; the White Book, begun in the 13th century, containing miscellaneous documents; the Chain Book, begun in the 14th century, containing town ordinances, etc.; and the assembly rolls, from 1447 onward. The Calendar edited by Gilbert (No. 1407) is very valuable.

There is no good account of the municipal history of Dublin. The best general history is Gilbert's (No. 1415). The political tracts throw much light on municipal affairs in the 18th century.

a. Town Records, etc.

See No. 1438.


A valuable collection of extracts from the town records, 1171-1716.


For early Dublin charters, etc., see i. 266-73, 296-9, 530, etc.


The Latin text, with an English translation.


Pt. ii. contains a paper by W. G. Carroll on the municipal records of the city.
1411. Precedence of Edinburgh and Dublin: proceedings in the Privy Council in the question as to the precedence of the corporations of Edinburgh and Dublin in presenting addresses to the sovereign. [By J. D. Marwick.] Edinburgh, 1865. 4°.

Contains an abstract of charters and other documents relating to these cities.

1412. Standing rules (The) and orders of the common council of the city of Dublin. Dublin, 1778. 12°.

1413. — The standing rules and orders of the commons of the common-council of the city of Dublin; to which is prefixed a list of the aldermen, sheriffs, and commons, and of the several committees, and the oath of a common-council-man and freeman. Dublin, 1799. 16°.

b. General Histories.


A brief account.
1st edition, 1796, 8°.


Devotes little attention to municipal history.


Another edition, 1766.


Made up largely of inaccurate reprints of various earlier publications, including the whole of Harris's work (No. 1416).


A meagre account.
1st edition, 1821, 8°.
c. Miscellaneous: Political Tracts.

For various tracts, not mentioned below, see Catalogue of Trinity College Library, ii. 719-21.

1419. †Abstract of a few grievances of the citizens of Dublin. [Dublin, 1750.] 8°.
Without title-page.


1422. Butt, Isaac. Irish Corporation Bill. A speech delivered at the bar of the House of Lords, on Friday, the 15th of May, 1840, in defence of the city of Dublin, on the order for going into committee on the Irish Corporation Bill. London, 1840. 8°.

1423. Case (The) of the city of Dublin, in relation to the election of the lord-mayor and sheriffs of the said city. [Dublin, 1711.] 16°.

1424. Case (The) of the city of Dublin. The speeches delivered by counsel at the bar of the House of Lords, in defence of the city of Dublin, on the motion for going into committee on the Irish Municipal Reform Bill. Dublin, 1840. 8°.


1427. Her majesty's prerogative in Ireland, the authority of the government and Privy-Council there, and the rights, laws, and liberties of the city of Dublin asserted. . . . London, 1712. 8°.

1428. †Holmes, Henry. Alphabetical list of the freeholders and freemen who voted on a late election of a member to represent the

1429. Instructions (The) of the corporation of barbers and chirurgeons, apothecaries and periwig-makers, or guild of St. Mary Magdalene, within the city of Dublin, to their representatives in common council. Dublin, 1844. 8°.

The representatives are instructed to defend the commons against the encroachments of the aldermen.

1430. †Letter to the masters, wardens, and brethren of Trinity guild, on their late reconciliation and the approaching election. [Dublin,] 1749. 8°.

1431. Letter (A second) to a member of the honourable House of Commons of Ireland, containing a scheme for regulating the corporation of the city of Dublin. Dublin, 1760. 8°.


Another edition, 1749.

1433. — Divelina libera: an apology for the civil rights and liberties of the commons and citizens of Dublin; containing an account of the foundation and constitution of this city, some remarks on the new rules. . . . Addressed to the free citizens, and all lovers of truth and liberty. Dublin, 1744. 8°.

Another edition, 1748–49.

1434. — The liberties and customs of Dublin asserted and demonstrated upon the principles of law, justice, and good policy; with a comparative view of the constitutions of London and Dublin, and some considerations on the customs of intrusion and quarterage. Dublin, 1768. 8°.

1435. — A remonstrance against certain infringements on the rights and liberties of the commons and citizens of Dublin. Dublin, 1743. 8°.
1436. [Lucas, Charles.] A seventeenth address, etc. [to the free citizens and freeholders of the city of Dublin. [Dublin, Aug. 9, 1749.] 8°.

Without title-page.
The eighteenth and twentieth addresses, published in the same year, also discuss the constitution of the city of Dublin.


Deals with proposed changes in the constitution of Dublin.

1438. Proceedings of the sheriffs and commons of the city of Dublin in the years 1742 and 1743; with the several reports and messages passed between them and the lord mayor and board of aldermen relating to certain controverted matters in the city. Dublin, 1744. 8°. pp. 199.

Deals especially with the mode of election of town officers. Contains many extracts from the town records of the 17th century.

1439. †Serious and seasonable address (A) to the citizens and freemen of Dublin. Dublin, 1749. 8°.

1440. Short abstract (A) of a few grievances of the citizens of Dublin. [Dublin, 1750.] 8°.

Without title-page.

1441. Short state (A) of the case of the corporation of Trinity guild, Dublin; with an alphabetical list of the freemen, and also of the council of the house belonging to the corporation, who are all freemen thereof. Dublin, 1749. 8°.

Briefly points out the relations of this gild to the corporation of Dublin.


1443. †Vindication of the rights and powers of the board of aldermen. Addressed to C. L. [Charles Lucas], and offered to the consideration of the majority of the commons of Dublin. Dublin, 1744. 4°.

DUMBARTON.

The best account of the history of this burgh will be found in Irving's Book of Dumbartonshire (No. 796).


A reprint of ch. xvii. of his History of Dumbartonshire (No. 796).


1st edition, 1877.


DUMFRIES.


A brief account.


The best history of Dumfries.

1st edition, 1867.

DUNBAR.

1451. Miller, James. The history of Dunbar, from the earliest records to the present period; with a description of the ancient castles and picturesque scenery on the borders of East Lothian. Dunbar, 1830. 12°.

Another edition, 1839, 8°.
DUNDALK.

1452. D’Alton, John, and O’Flanagan, J. R. The history of Dundalk and its environs, from the earliest historic period to the present time; with memoirs of its eminent men. Dublin, 1864. 8°.

Contains a translation of the town charters; little attention is paid to municipal history.

DUNDEE.

c. Gilds, Nos. 1463–1467.
d. Miscellaneous, Nos. 1468–1472.

Dundee is well supplied with town histories; the works of Maxwell, Beatts, and Thomson (Nos. 1459, 1461, 1462) are all valuable. A good collection of town records has been published (No. 1453), and we have an excellent account of the gilds by Warden (No. 1467).

a. Town Records.

See Nos. 1459, 1461, 1462.

1453. * Charters, writs, and public documents of the royal burgh of Dundee, the hospital and Johnston’s bequest, 1292–1880. . . . [Edited by William Hay.] Dundee, 1880. 4°.

1454. Report of a committee of the burgesses of Dundee, appointed at a general meeting of the burgesses on the 29th October, 1817, to arrange, with a committee of the town-council, a new set or constitution for the borough. With an appendix, containing copies of the different sets proposed and other important documents. Dundee, 1818. 8°.

1455. †Translation of the charter by King Charles I. in favour of the town of Dundee. Dundee, 1829. 12°.

b. General Histories.

1456. Dundee delineated: or a history and description of that town, its institutions, manufactures, and commerce. . . . Dundee, 1822. 12°.

A brief account.
1457. History (The) of Dundee; with a view of its present state. Dundee, 1804. 12°.
A brief account.

Little attention is devoted to municipal history; but the appendix contains the burgh charters.

1459. Maxwell, Alexander. The history of old Dundee [from the Reformation to 1653], narrated out of the town council register, with additions from contemporary annals. Edinburgh and Dundee, 1884. 4°.
Valuable.

1460. — Old Dundee, ecclesiastical, burghal, and social, prior to the Reformation. Edinburgh and Dundee, 1891. 4°.
Deals with the period 1520-70.
Valuable.

Sect. iii. Transcripts of old acts and minutes of council, 1562-1668.
A valuable book.
1st edition, 1873.

1462. *Thomson, James. The history of Dundee: being an account of the origin and progress of the burgh from the earliest period; embracing a description of its antiquities . . . municipal, educational, and charitable institutions, with biographical sketches of eminent men. A new and enlarged edition of the work published in 1847 by James Thomson; edited and continued to the present time, with map and illustrations, by James Maclaren. Dundee, 1874. 8°.
Contains a good short account of the municipal history, with extracts from the burgh records.
1st edition, 1847.
c. Gilds.

1463. † Abstract or inventory of charters and other writings belonging to the corporation of weavers of the royal burgh of Dundee. Drawn up in the year 1825. Dundee, 1881. 4°.

1464. Notes by the sub-committee of the guildry of Dundee; reporting to the guildry committee the result of an attempt made to settle the disputes between the magistrates and town-council and the guildry, Dec., 1816. Dundee, 1816. 8°.

1465. Report on the guildry of Dundee, by a committee appointed to ascertain the rights of that ancient body, and especially its right to elect its own officers and to manage its own funds. Dundee, 1815. 8°.


Concerning the guildry, etc. of Dundee.


d. Miscellaneous.


The account of the municipal history is brief. Contains a facsimile of the earliest town charter, valuable old maps, plans, and many other illustrations.


1471. Roll of eminent burgesses of Dundee, 1513–1886. Published by order of the provost, magistrates, and town council. [Edited by A. H. Miller.] Dundee, 1887. 4°.

DUNFERMLINE.
The best history is Henderson's.

The account of municipal history is brief.

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1475. Henderson, Ebenezer. The annals of Dunfermline and vicinity, from the earliest authentic period to the present time, A. D. 1069-1878. Interspersed with explanatory notes, memorabilia, and numerous illustrative engravings. Glasgow, 1879. 4°.
The best history of Dunfermline.

The appendix contains the charter granted by Abbot Robert to the burgh of Dunfermline, and the sett of the burgh.

Based upon the burgh minutes of the 15th century.


DUNKELD.

A brief account.
Another edition, 1879.
DUNMOW—DURHAM.


DUNSTAPLE.


See also Bibliotheca Topographica Britannica (1799), iv. 57–252; Monasticon Anglicanum (1830), vi. 239–42.


Contains very little concerning municipal history.

Reprinted in 1855.

DUNWICH.


Ch. xiv. Mayors and bailiffs.
Ch. xv. Members of Parliament.
Ch. xviii. Charters.

There is also a good account of the history of Dunwich in Suckling's Suffolk (No. 652).

DURHAM.

A good history of Durham is needed. The best accounts of municipal development will be found in the county histories of Hutchinson and Surtees (Nos. 596, 599).

See No. 2436.


A meagre account.

1st edition, 1863.

1485. †Charter (The) granted by Hugh Pudsey, bishop of Durham, to the burgesses of the city of Durham [1179 or 1180.] G. Allan's Darlington Press. n. d. 4°.


A brief account.
Another edition, 1847, 8°.


Grassmen's accounts (1579–1790), 1–122.
Extracts from churchwardens' accounts (1664–1778), 186–94.

1490. Ornsby, George. Sketches of Durham: being an attempt to indicate to the stranger some of the most prominent objects of interest in that place and neighbourhood; illustrated by historical, biographical, and architectural notices. Durham and London, 1846. 8°.

Contains no account of municipal history; but there is a useful “Bibliographical List relating to the City and County of Durham” on pp. 217–9.

1491. Proceedings and addresses at the Durham city election; with the poll at the election of two citizens to serve in Parliament . . . August, 1830; also the Poll Book. . . . To which are annexed the bye-laws of the corporation of 1728; the charter granted by Bishop Egerton, 1780; and a list of the members who have served in Parliament for the city of Durham. . . . Second edition. Durham, 1830. 4°.

The by-laws and charter are taken from Hutchinson's history of the county (No. 596).

DURSLEY.


1494. Dursley, with original information supplied by an old inhabitant and others; also an interesting description of the various objects in thirteen counties as seen from Stinchcombe Hill... Dursley, 1882. 8°.

DYSART.


1496. — Gleanings from the records of Dysart, 1545-1796. Edinburgh, 1862. 4°.


1498. [——] Notices from the local records of Dysart [1510-1697.] Maitland Club. Glasgow, 1853. 4°.

Extracts from the minutes of the town council, 1534-38; extracts from a protocol book, 1540-56; extracts from the burgh court records, 1678-97, etc.

EDINBURGH.

a. Town Records, Nos. 1499-1508.
b. General Histories, Nos. 1509-1519.
c. Gilds, Nos. 1520-1532.
d. Parliamentary Representation, Nos. 1533-1537.
e. Miscellaneous: Municipal Reform, etc., Nos. 1538-1549.

The histories of Edinburgh by Arnot and Maitland (Nos. 1510, 1516) have not yet been superseded, though these writers made little use of the stores of original material now accessible in the five volumes of records edited by Marwick (Nos. 1501, 1502). There is no good history of the gildry and incorporated trades; the most useful books on this subject are those of Colston (Nos. 1521, 1522).

a. Town Records.

See No. 1546.

1499. Acts, statutes, and other proceedings of the provost, bailies, and council of the burgh of Edinburgh, from the year 1529 to the
year 1531. Maitland Club, Miscellany, ii. 75-120. Edinburgh, 1840. 4°.

Extracts from the "Liber Statutorum Burgi de Edinburgh."


The Latin text of the charters, with a translation.


Contains acts and ordinances made by the civic authorities, extracts from the burgh accounts, etc.

1503. Inventory of selected charters and documents from the Charter House of the city of Edinburgh, proposed to be temporarily deposited for safe keeping in the General Register House. [Edinburgh,] July, 1884. f°.


Published annually.

1505. Precedence of Edinburgh and Dublin: proceedings in the Privy Council in the question as to the precedence of the corporations of Edinburgh and Dublin in presenting addresses to the sovereign. [Edited by J. D. Marwick.] Edinburgh, 1865. 4°.

Contains an abstract of charters and other documents relating to these cities.

1506. Rolls of superiorities belonging to the lord provost, magistrates, and council of the city of Edinburgh; showing the accounting for the feu-duties in the year ended at 1st of August, 1876. Edinburgh, 1877. f°.

A rental of the property belonging to the city. A revised edition has appeared annually since 1877.

Abstracts of the accounts of the corporation of the city of Edinburgh are also published annually.
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1507. Sett (The), or decreet arbitral of King James the 6th of blessed memory [May 25, 1583], deciding all differences betwixt merchants and trades, anent the government of the city of Edinburgh, as it is registrat in the books of council and session and ratified in Parliament. Together with the acts of the town council, determining the time of the continuation of the provost, dean of gild, and thesaurer, to be no longer than one or two years together at one time. 2 pts. Edinburgh, 1683. 12°.

Other editions, 1700, 1726, 1742, 1783.
See Nos. 1510, 1512, 1513.

Extracts from their minute books, 1676–1874.

b. General Histories.

Contains the decreets-arbitral of 1583 and 1729, and the charters of 1603 and 1636. The account of municipal history is somewhat brief.

Earlier editions, 1779, 1789, 1816.

Does not contain much concerning municipal history.

1512. Historical sketch (An) of the municipal constitution of the city of Edinburgh, including the set of the burgh as established in 1583 and amended in 1730; with the acts of Parliament and council relating thereto. . . . To which is added an historical account of the Blue Blanket, or the craftsmen’s banner . . . by A. Pennecuik. Edinburgh, 1826. 12°.
Valuable.

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1513. †History (The) of the good town of Edinburgh, from the year 1583 to the present year 1763; wherein the private management as well as the public transactions of that city are clearly related. To which is added a proposal for a new set of the town. . . . Edinburgh, [1763.] 4°.

1514. Kincaid, Alexander. The history of Edinburgh, from the earliest accounts to the present time; by way of guide to the city and suburbs. . . . Edinburgh, 1787. 12°.

This work is now of little value.


2nd edition, 1869.


Bks. iii.–iv. contain valuable documents relating to municipal history.


Brief notes, of little value.

1518. —— The chronicles of Edinburgh, from its foundation in A. D. 617 to A. D. 1851. Embellished with plans and several views. . . . Edinburgh, [1851.] 8°.

A brief account.


Of little value for municipal history.

Other editions, 1848, 1872.

c. Guilds.

See No. 1536.

1520. †Act of the town council of Edinburgh, commonly called the seal of cause, in favour of the surgeons and barbers of Edinburgh [July 1, 1505.] n. p. n. d. f°.

The appendix contains the Statuta Gildæ of Berwick; constitutions of the gild court of Edinburgh, 1584; extracts from the dean of gild's accounts, 1554-1744; extracts from the burgh records of Aberdeen, 1399-1526, as furnished to the committee of the House of Commons in 1793 (No. 768).

1522. —— The incorporated trades of Edinburgh, with an introductory chapter on the rise and progress of municipal government in Scotland. Edinburgh, 1891. 4°.

1523. Faction displayed: or a genuine relation of the representation of the trades and of the late political contentions in the city of Edinburgh. [Edinburgh, 1777.] 4°.

Deals with contentions between the gildry and the trades.

1524. Historical notes regarding the merchant company of Edinburgh, and the Widow's Scheme and hospitals. [By A. Kirk Mackie.] Edinburgh, 1862. 4°.

Printed with A. K. Johnston's Geographical Distribution of Material Wealth, in one volume, at the private press of Peter Lawson and Son.


1526. Memorial for the united incorporations of Mary's Chapel, and for Alexander Miller, glazier, deacon, duly elected by them, of the incorporation of masons, pursuers, against Alexander Nicholson, the pretended deacon of the said incorporation, and the magistrates and town-council of Edinburgh, and others, defenders. [Edinburgh, 1764.] 4°.

Without title-page. Considers the history of the civic trade regulations, etc.


1528. Pennecuik, Alexander. An historical account of the Blue Blanket, or crafts-men's banner ... with the powers and prerogatives of the crafts of Edinburgh, etc. Edinburgh, 1722. 8°.

Other editions, 1780 and 1832; reprinted in Historical Sketch (No. 1512) and in Colston's Incorporated Trades (No. 1522).
1529. Proceedings of the guildry of Edinburgh, at the meeting of the incorporation, in the Freemason's Hall, Niddry Street, on Tuesday, December 16, 1817; including some documents connected with that meeting. Edinburgh, 1818. 8°.

Considers the general history of the guildry of Edinburgh, etc.

1530. Query (The), Can the city of Edinburgh be hurt by the proposed alteration of the set in favour of the trades? [Edinburgh, July 11, 1763.] f°.

A single sheet.

1531. Report (The) and representation of the united committees of the company of merchants, and of the other incorporated societies of the city of Edinburgh. [Edinburgh, Sept. 12, 1763.] 4°.

The committees were appointed to oppose a presentation to a vacant church and to promote an alteration in thesett or constitution of the burgh, with regard to the manner of electing the deacons of the fourteen incorporations.

1532. True state (The) of the case betwixt the majority of the town-council on the one hand, the general-sessions, the merchant-company, almost all the corporations, and several members of the said council, on the other; in a letter to a friend. [Edinburgh, 1763.] 4°.

Without title-page.

Throws light upon the struggle for municipal reform in Edinburgh.

*d. Parliamentary Representation.*

See No. 1538.


See No. 1533.

1536. † Protests taken in the council of Edinburgh, at the election of a member to serve in parliament for this city. With a memorial
presented to the lawyers, and their opinion thereupon, touching the
rights of the trades. [Edinburgh, 1741.] 8°.

1537. ZENO. The letters of Zeno to the citizens of Edinburgh,
on the present mode of electing a member of Parliament for that
city. To which is prefixed a letter to the right hon. William Pitt,
chancellor of the exchequer, on the political state of the Scottish
burghs. . . . [Edinburgh,] 1783. 8°.

Points out the evils of election by a select body.

e. Miscellaneous: Municipal Reform, etc.

See Nos. 851, 853.

1538. Address to the burgesses inhabitants of Edinburgh: observ-
ing the defects of the old sett, and proposing the plan of a bill
to Parliament for an act to restore and establish a town-council and
magistracy for the city, and to ascertain the right and manner of
electing its members to Parliament. . . . Edinburgh, 1746. 8°.

1539. Address (An) to the citizens and inhabitants of Edinburgh
upon the constitution of the borough. [Edinburgh, 1780.] 4°.

1540. BLACK, WILLIAM. The privileges of the royal burrows. . . .
With an appendix containing the privileges and jurisdictions of

1541. CHAMBERS, ROBERT. Edinburgh papers. Edinburgh mer-
chants and merchandise in olden times. [A lecture.] Edinburgh,
1859. 8°.

1542. CRVIS. An appeal to the citizens of Edinburgh on the recent
election of Mr. Thomas Henderson to be chamberlain of the city ad
vitam aut culpam; and on the general constitution of that office.
Edinburgh, 1810. 8°.

1543. COCKBURN, HENRY. Memorials of his time. Edinburgh,
1856. 8°.

Contains a vivid description of the old town council of Edinburgh, pp. 87-99,
350-55, etc.

1544. Examination (An) of the principles and conduct of the
town-council of Edinburgh, from the commencement of Mr. Laurie's
administration to the present time; with remarks on the set or constitution of the city. By a burgess and guild-brother. Edinburgh, 1776. 8°.

1545. Greig, John. Report on the statements of the lord provost and Mr. A. Bruce respecting the affairs of the city of Edinburgh, humbly submitted to the committee of the guildry. . . . With an appendix containing abstracts of the city’s income and expenditure for 12 years preceding Martinmas, 1818; also a detailed account of the items of last year, and various other statements. Edinburgh, 1819. 8°.

1546. Marwick, J. D. Sketch of the history of the high constables of Edinburgh; with notes on the early watching, cleaning, and other police arrangements of the city. Edinburgh, 1865. 4°.

The appendix contains extracts from the burgh records, 1609–1861.

Valuable.


Of little value.

1548. †Sommers, Thomas. Observations on the meaning and extent of the oath taken at the admission of every burgess in the city of Edinburgh, as comprehending the duties of religion, allegiance to the king, respect and submission to the authority of the civil magistrate, and the relative duties which burgesses owe to each other. Edinburgh, 1794. 8°.

1549. Statements relative to the city of Edinburgh, shewing the practicability and necessity of, and containing proposals for, the extension of the royalty, popular election of the town council, erection of additional parish churches. . . . Edinburgh, 1833. 8°.

EGREMONT.

ELGIN.

1551. *Young, Robert. Annals of the parish and burgh of Elgin, from the twelfth century to the year 1876; with some historical and other notices illustrative of the subject. Elgin, 1879. 8°.

Contains many extracts from the town records since 1540; also an appendix of documents.

ELLESMORE.


Evesham.

1554. May, George. The history of Evesham: its Benedictine monastery ... municipal institutions, parliamentary occurrences. ... Evesham, 1834. 8°.

1555. — A descriptive history of the town of Evesham, from the foundation of its Saxon monastery; with notices of the ancient deanery of Vale. Evesham, 1845. 8°.

Contains a good short account of its municipal and parliamentary history, a translation of the town charter of 1605, the constitutions of the borough in the time of Charles II., the by-laws of 1839, etc.

The best history of Evesham.


The appendix contains the constitutions of the borough in Charles II.'s time and a translation of the town charter of 1605.

Exeter.

b. General Histories, Nos. 1564–1571.
c. Gilds, Nos. 1572–1574.
d. Miscellaneous, Nos. 1575–1582.

There is no good account of the municipal history of Exeter. The most useful work is Oliver's (No. 1570). In the town archives there exists the
unpublished MS. of John Hoker's (or Vowell's) Annals of Exeter, from which Izacke and others freely borrowed much material. The town archives are also well stored with old records; these are well arranged and calendared, but no good collection has been printed.

a. Town Records.

1558. COTTON, W., and WOOLLCOMBE, H. Gleanings from the municipal and cathedral records relating to the history of the city of Exeter. Exeter, 1877. 8°.

Most of the extracts relate to the 16th and 17th centuries, and do not deal with municipal government.


A calendar of the records in the town archives.


The letters and papers relate to a suit brought against the city by Edmund Lacy, bishop of Exeter. The quarrel turned upon the respective jurisdictions of the municipal corporation and the church.

1561. Translation (A) of a charter granted to the inhabitants of Exeter by King Charles the First. . . . By a citizen of Exeter [William Holmes]. Exeter, 1785. 4°.

1562. VOWELL, alias Hooker, John. Orders enacted for orphans and for their portions within the citie of Excester. . . . London, [1575?]. 4°.


b. General Histories.

1564. Antient history (The) and description of the city of Exeter: containing the antient history, etc. of the city. . . . To which are added the offices and duties (as of old) of the sworn officers of the city. Compiled and digested from the works of Hooker, Izacke, and others. Exeter, [1765.] 8°.
1565. BRICE, THOMAS. History and description, ancient and modern, of the city of Exeter. Exeter, 1802. 8°.

Not completed.


Ch. v. Municipal Exeter, 1225-1688.


Other editions, 1681, 1723, 1724, 1731, 1734, 1741, and 1757.

Izacke was town clerk of Exeter, 1681-98. The most valuable parts of his book were pilfered from the unpublished work of Hoker, or Vowell. See T. N. Brushfield, Richard Izacke, in Transactions of Devon. Assoc. for Advancement of Science, 1893, xxv. 449-69.

1568. JENKINS, ALEXANDER. The history and description of the city of Exeter and its environs, ancient and modern, civil and ecclesiastical. . . . Exeter, 1806. 8°.


1569. NORTHY, T. J. Illustrated popular history of the city of Exeter, from the earliest times. Exeter, 1886. 8°.

The appendix contains lists of mayors, members of Parliament, etc.

Of little value.


Index by J. S. Attwood, Exeter, 1884.

The appendix contains the charter of Charles I.; abstract of a court roll, 26-27 Edw. III.; abstract of a compotus roll, 42-43 Edw. III., etc.

The best history of Exeter.

1st edition, 1821.

1571. VOWELL, alias HOKER, JOHN. The antique description and account of the city of Exeter, in three parts. Part i. Containing the ancient history. . . . Part ii. Containing a large and curious account of the antiquity, foundation, and building of the cathedral church. . . . Part iii. Contains the offices and duties (as of old) of those
particular sworn officers. . . [Edited by Andrew Brice.] Exon, 1765. 4°.

Pts. i.–ii. are of little value for municipal history; pt. iii. is a reprint of "A pamphlet of the offices," etc. (No. 1982).

c. Gilds.

See No. 537.

1572. COTTON, WILLIAM. An Elizabethan guild of the city of Exeter: an account of the proceedings of the society of merchant adventurers during the latter half of the sixteenth century. Exeter, 1873. 4°.


d. Miscellaneous.

1575. †DYMOND, ROBERT. Exeter in the last century. Exeter, 1877. 8°.

1576. —— The history of the parish of St. Petrock, Exeter, as shown in its churchwardens' accounts and other records. Devon. Assoc. for Advancement of Science, Transactions, xiv. 402–92. Plymouth, 1882. 8°.

Also separately printed, 1882.
Contains extracts from the churchwardens' accounts, 1425–1692.

1577. GIDLEY, B. C. On the distinctive style and title of the corporation of the city of Exeter. A paper read at the quarterly meeting of the council, 12th May, 1875. Exeter, 1875. 8°.

1578. †HOLMES, WILLIAM. Tract on bodies corporate generally, those in Exeter specially. Exeter, 1800. 8°.

1579. OLIVER, GEORGE, and JONES, PITMAN. Description of the Guildhall, Exeter. [With lists of mayors, recorders, etc.] Exeter, 1853. 12°.
1580. Rights and priviledges of the freemen of Exeter, with an account of all legacies left to the poor of the said city [1164-74]. . . . [By Richard Izacke.] London, 1751. 12°.
First printed, with a different title, in 1736; other editions, 1757, 1785, 1820.

William the Conqueror at Exeter (a criticism of Freeman's views), 431-55.

See No. 1571.

FALMOUTH.

Another edition, 1828, 8°.


FARNHAM.

Contains brief extracts from the town records.

1586. Smith, W. C. The history of Farnham and the ancient Cistercian abbey of Waverley. Farnham, 1829. 8°
A meagre account of municipal history.

FAVERSHAM.


FERMANAGH—FOLKESTONE. [PART II.


FERMANAGH.

1595. †Belmore, Earl of. Parliamentary memoirs of Fermanagh, county and borough, from 1613 to 1885. Dublin, 1885. 8°.

See No. 734.

FLINT.


FOLKESTONE.


There is a separate title-page for the "Gleanings." 1st edition, 1856.
FORDWICH.


Contains many extracts from the town records.

FRODSHAM.


GAINSBOURGH.


Contains a translation of the town charters, and various documents relating to the municipal constitution in modern times.

1st edition, 1817.

GALWAY.

1604. Hardiman, James. The history of the town and county of the town of Galway, from the earliest period. . . To which is added a copious appendix, containing the principal charters and other original documents. Dublin, 1820. 4°.

Pt. ii. contains by-laws, 1496–1779. The appendix contains the town charter 20 Eliz., with a translation; and the charter of 20 Charles II.

A good book.

GARSTANG.

1605. Extracts from the records of the ancient corporation of Garstang. Preston Guardian, July 15—Sept. 9, 1876.

Contains the town charter of 1680, town oaths, standing orders of 1735, corporation accounts, etc.

GATESHEAD.

See Brand's Newcastle (No. 2418), i. 461-505, 661-71; and Nos. 2422, 2424.

1607. †Collections relating to St. Edmund's hospital at Gatesheved ... together with several charters, grants, etc. concerning the said town and church of Gateside. ... Printed in the year 1769. G. Allan's Darlington Press. n. d. 4°. pp. 56.

1608. †Investigation by his majesty's commissioners into the state of the borough of Gateshead. Gateshead, 1833. 8°.

See No. 60.

1609. Local collections: or records of remarkable events connected with the borough of Gateshead, 1837-1839. Gateshead, 1840. 4°.

Similar collections for the years 1840 and 1844 appeared in 1841 and 1845; perhaps collections for the intervening years were also published.


1611. Refutation (A) of the objections made in the committee upon the Reform Bill to the proposition for enabling Gateshead to send a member to Parliament; with a statement of the claims of the county of Durham to an increased representation. To which is added an appendix, containing a correct report of the debate on that occasion, with notes, the preamble of the act of Edward VI. for uniting Gateshead to Newcastle. ... Newcastle, 1831. 8°.

GLAMORGAN.


Charter of Richard Nevill, 2 Edw. IV.
There is no dearth of books relating to Glasgow, but there is still room for a good history of the burgh. The elaborate works edited by Gordon and Pagan (Nos. 1635, 1636) contain much undigested material. One of the best accounts of municipal history is furnished by MacGregor (No. 1638), and for recent times the work of Bell and Paton (No. 1627) is excellent. The records edited by Marwick (Nos. 1617, 1620) are of great value, and the Memorabilia (No. 1623) are useful. Among the histories of gilds those of most importance are Campbell’s Cordiners, Crawfurd’s Trades’ House, and Hill’s Merchants’ House (Nos. 1648, 1649, 1658).

a. Town Records.


Many of the protocols relate to property in Glasgow.


Contains the transactions of the town council.

Valuable.


1616. Charter by King Charles I. to the royal burgh of Glasgow . . . 1636, and confirmed . . . 1690. Glasgow, 1863. 8º.

Pt. i. not yet published.

1618. Clyde navigation. Extracts from the records of the burgh of Glasgow [1611–1777], relating to the river Clyde. Reprinted for the trustees of the Clyde navigation. [Glasgow,] 1878. 4°.

Contains some material illustrating the relations of the gildry to the town council.


Extracts from the council records, burgh accounts, etc.

1621. HILL, LAURENCE. Archium Glascuense: notes to the hon. the lord provost of Glasgow as to ancient documents in the archives of that city. The title to mill on Molendinar Burn. . . . Translated by Laurence Hill. No. i. [Glasgow,] 1856. 8°.

1622. IRVING, JOSEPH. The west of Scotland in history: being brief notes concerning events, family traditions, topography, and institutions. Glasgow, 1885. 4°.

Glasgow burgh records, Glasgow chamber of commerce, 192–213.


The selection was made by James Hill, and was communicated to the Glasgow Courier by William Motherwell.

Another edition, edited by W. W. Watson, 1868; "Index to a private collection of notices, entituled Memorabilia," etc., by John Smith, Maitland Club, 1836.

1624. †Records (The) of the Glasgow chamber of commerce, and other authentic documents; with facsimile signatures of early correspondents. Glasgow, 1883. 4°.
Contains many documents relating to the burgh: see especially numbers 40, 51, 134, 135, 248, 353, 410, 453, 523.

1626. Turner, A. An abridgement of the act (passed 7th May, 1821,) entitled "An act to continue the term, and amend and enlarge the powers of two acts of his late majesty, for paving, lighting, and cleansing the streets, and for regulating the police of the city of Glasgow." Glasgow, 1821. 8°.


Deals mainly with municipal affairs in recent times and at the present day; chs. iii.–iv. contain a short account of the early history of the municipality.
A valuable book.

1628. †Chronicles (The) of Gotham: or the facetious history of official proceedings. Illustrated. Glasgow, 1856. 12°.

A brief account, with a list of lord provosts.

Ch. vi. gives an account of the sett or constitution of the burgh; ch. xvii., an abstract of its charters.

Ch. ii. contains documents relating to the sett.

1632. —— The rise and progress of the city of Glasgow: comprising an account of its public buildings, charities, and other concerns. Glasgow, 1820. 8°.
Of little value for municipal history. It is briefer than his Abridgment.

Contains a brief account of municipal affairs.


1634. Gibson, John. The history of Glasgow, from the earliest accounts to the present time. ... Glasgow, 1777. 8°.

The appendix contains some valuable documents.

1635. Glasghu Facies; a view of the city of Glasgow: or an account of its origin, rise, and progress, with a more particular description thereof than has been hitherto known. Containing ... the erection of the town into a royal burgh, with the subsequent grants from the crown thereto ... the sett of the merchants' and deacon-conveners' houses. ... By John McUre, alias Campbel [1736]. ... Comprising also every history hitherto published. Edited by J. F. S. Gordon. 2 pts. Glasgow, [1873.] 8°.

Badly arranged. Does not devote much space to municipal history.

1635a. †Glasgow and its environs. ... London, 1891. 4°.

Of little value.

1636. Glasgow, past and present: illustrated in dean of guild court reports, and in the reminiscences and communications of Senex, Aliquis, J. B., etc. [Edited by James Pagan.] 3 vols. Glasgow, 1851-56. 8°.

Another edition, edited by D. R. [David Robertson], 1884, 4°. In this edition is also incorporated Reid's Old Glasgow (No. 1642). The three volumes contain a series of papers dealing mainly with social history.


An excellent work. Little attention is paid to municipal affairs; particular stress is laid upon ecclesiastical and social history.


Devotes considerable attention to the history of municipal government.

A good book.


This work is now in large part antiquated; it contains the letter of gildry of 1605.


A brief account.


Vol. iii. of No. 1636 (edition of 1884) is a new edition of Reid’s book. It does not deal in detail with municipal history.

1643. Stewart, George. Progress of Glasgow: a sketch of the commercial and industrial increase of the city during the last century, as shown in the records of the Glasgow chamber of commerce and other authentic documents. Glasgow, 1883. 4°.

Deals with industrial and commercial rather than with municipal history.


c. Gilds.

See No. 1618.

1645. †Acts and charters of the incorporation of coopers of Glasgow. Glasgow, 1885. 8°.


1647. Bye-laws and regulations of the incorporation of coopers of Glasgow [made in 1879]; with appendix. Glasgow, 1880. 8°.

A valuable contribution to the municipal history of Glasgow. The appendix contains the letter of gildry of 1605, the charter of Charles I. to Glasgow, etc.

1649. Crawfurd, George. A sketch of the rise and progress of the trades' house of Glasgow, its constitution, funds, and bye-laws. Glasgow, 1858. 8°.

Valuable for the history of craft guilds.

1650. Douie, Robert. Chronicles of the maltmen craft in Glasgow, 1605–1879; with appendix, containing the constitution of the craft recognized and established by letter of gildry, Parliament, town councils, and archbishop's charter, etc. Glasgow, 1879. 4°.


1652. †Incorporation (The) of bonnetmakers and dyers of Glasgow. Glasgow, 1886. 8°.

Another edition, 1896.

1653. Incorporation (The) of wrights in Glasgow. Glasgow, 1889. 8°.

1654. Laws and regulations of the incorporation of hammermen of Glasgow [adopted July 10, 1877]; with appendix containing list of members, as at 21st September, 1877. Glasgow, 1878. 4°.

1655. Merchants' House (The) of Glasgow: its regulations . . . and an abbreviate of the jurisdiction of the dean of guild court. Glasgow, 1874. 4°.


1658. *View of the merchants' house of Glasgow: containing historical notices of its origin, constitution, and property, and of the
charitable foundations which it administers. [By W. H. Hill and A. Scott.] Presented to the house by Archibald Orr Ewing, esquire, of Ballikinrain, lord dean of gild, 1866. Glasgow, 1866. 4°.

An important work, containing copious extracts from the old records, 1604-1866. The selection of extracts from the minutes of the house from 1791 onward was made by Andrew Scott. On pp. 1-14 is a general sketch of the history of the gild merchant in England and Scotland. The preliminary chapters were written by W. H. Hill.

d. Miscellaneous.

See No. 852.

1659. Biographical sketches of the hon. the lord provosts of Glasgow; with appendix. Glasgow, 1883. 4°.


1662. †Glasgow register (The): being an exact list of the magistrates and other office-bearers in that city, from the most ancient records down to the present year. Glasgow, 1781. 8°.


Without title-page.
Considers the chartered rights of Glasgow.

1664. Information for the magistrates and town-council of Glasgow, against George Lockhart, merchant there, and his adherents, merchants inhabitants of the said burgh. [Glasgow, 1700.] f°.

Without title-page.
Contains the confirmation charter of 1690, and discusses important questions relating thereto.

1665. Letter (A) from —— to his friend, concerning the state of the town of Glasgow’s business, etc. [Glasgow, 1700.] 4°.

Without title-page.
Considers certain charges brought against the magistrates and town council regarding their management of the town finances.
See No. 1674.
1666. Letter (A) from a citizen of Glasgow to his friend at Edinburgh, containing some modest animadversions on a late printed letter concerning the affairs of that city. [Glasgow,] 1700. 4°.

See No. 1674.

1667. Loyal Reformers' Gazette (The). Glasgow, 1831-41. 8°. Its attacks are particularly directed against the borough-mongers in Glasgow and elsewhere. See No. 839.

1668. [MacGeorge, Andrew.] An inquiry as to the armorial insignia of the city of Glasgow. Glasgow, 1866. 4°.

1669. Memoirs and portraits of one hundred Glasgow men who have died during the last thirty years, and in their lives did much to make the city what it now is. 2 vols. Glasgow, 1886. 4°.


1671. Nicol, James. Vital, social, and economic statistics of the city of Glasgow, 1881-1885, with observations thereon. [Published by order of the town council.] Glasgow, 1885. 8°. The same, 1885-91, Glasgow, 1891.


1674. Reflexions on two late letters concerning the affairs of the city of Glasgow; by a citizen thereof in answer to his friend at Edinburgh, who desired an impartial account of that matter. [Glasgow, 1700.] 4°. Without title-page. See Nos. 1665, 1666.


GLASTONBURY.


Of little value for municipal history.

GLOUCESTER.

a. Town Records, Nos. 1678-1682.
b. General Histories, etc., Nos. 1683-1692.

The most important documents in the town archives are ancient deeds. Apart from these and the town charters, few of the medieval records have been preserved.

The most useful history is Fosbroke's (No. 1687). The two works edited by Stevenson (Nos. 1678, 1682) are valuable.

a. Town Records.

See No. 1690.


Abstract of royal charters and letters (1155-1672), 3-69.
Abstract of local deeds and charters (1175-1667), 70-454.
Rolls, council books, etc. (1272 to the present time), 455-66.

A valuable work, well edited.

1679. Charter (The) granted by King Charles the Second to the city of Gloucester, 1672. [By John Webb.] Gloucester, 1834. 4°.

Latin, with an English translation. The preface is dated July, 1831.


Contains brief extracts from the archives.


1682. Rental of all the houses in Gloucester, A. D. 1455, from a roll in the possession of the corporation of Gloucester, compiled by Robert Cole. Edited, with a translation, by W. H. Stevenson.
Issued under the authority of the corporation of Gloucester. Gloucester, 1890. 4°.

Well edited.
The object of compiling this rental was to facilitate the collection of the landgavel.

b. General Histories, etc.


1684. Bond, Frederick. The history of Gloucester; and descriptive account of the same city and its suburbs... Gloucester, 1848. 12°.

A meagre sketch.

1685. Case (The) of the citizens of Gloucester as respects the suspension of their electoral franchise. Gloucester, 1861. 8°.

1686. Counsel, G. W. The history and description of the city of Gloucester, from the earliest period to the present time... Gloucester, 1829. 12°.

Of little value for municipal history.

1687. Fosbroke, T. D. An original history of the city of Gloucester, almost wholly compiled from new materials... including also the original papers of the late R. Bigland. London, 1819. 4°.

The fullest account of the history of Gloucester.
Reissued in 1819.

1688. History (The) and antiquities of Gloucester: including the civil and military affairs of that antient city... from the earliest period to the present time. [By S. Rudder.] Cirencester, 1781. 8°.

A reprint of portions of Rudder's history of the county (No. 605).
The charter of Charles II. to the city of Gloucester is given in full in app. i.


1690. †New guide (A) to the city of Gloucester... and a correct copy of the charter of the city... Gloucester, [1820?]. 8°.

1692. Rudge, Thomas. The history and antiquities of Gloucester from the earliest time; including an account of the abbey. . . . Gloucester, 1811. 8°.
Reissued after 1814 with a new title-page.

GODMANCHESTER.

Contains a translation of the town charters.

GOWRAN.


GRAMPOUND.

1695. Speech of Lord John Russell in the House of Commons on December 14th, 1819, on moving resolutions relative to corrupt boroughs. With extracts from the evidence on the Grampound bribery indictments. London, 1820. 8°.
See Hansard's Debates, xii. 1091–1107.

GRANTHAM.

A brief sketch.

Pp. 105–26 are devoted to municipal history; the fullest account.

A brief account.
GRAVESEND.

1699. †Charter (The) of Gravesend, with all the laws relating to the watermen using the ferry between that town and London. Gravesend. n. d. 4°.


The best history of Gravesend.


Translation of the charter of 7 Charles I., 183-212.

1702. †Mask (The) pull'd off, or the dissection of a whiggish corporation: being the late curate of Gravesend's vindication from a villanous and libelling letter inserted some time ago in the Observator. 1712. 8°.

GREENOCK.

1703. CAMPBELL, DUGALD. Historical sketches of Greenock, with an account of the struggles in 1828 and 1880 regarding the harbour constitution; also a short description of the feuds between the reds and the blues. [Vol. ii.] Greenock, 1881. 8°.

A detailed account of municipal affairs in the present century.

Vol. i., with a different title, 1879.

1704. Journal of proceedings at the election of a magistrate, treasurer, and three councillors for the town of Greenock, in 1825. To which is prefixed the charter of erection. Greenock, 1825. 8°.

1705. WEIR, DANIEL. History of the town of Greenock. Greenock, etc., 1829. 8°.

1706. WILLIAMSON, GEORGE. Old Greenock, from the earliest times to the early part of the nineteenth century; with some account of the burgh of Cartsburn and burgh of barony of Crawfurdsdyke. Paisley and London, 1886. 4°.

The best history of Greenock.

The second series, which appeared in 1888, is devoted mainly to ecclesiastical and literary history.
PART II. GREENWICH—GUILDFORD. 251

GREENWICH.


Neither work contains much concerning municipal history.

GRIMSBY, GREAT.


A brief sketch of its history.

GRINSTED, EAST.


GUILDFORD.


Contains a brief account of municipal history.

1716. History (The) of Guildford, the county-town of Surrey: containing its antient and present state, civil and ecclesiastical; collected
from public records and other authorities. With some account of
the country three miles round. Guildford, 1801. 8°.

Contains a translation of Edward III.'s charter, and many interesting extracts
from the town records, Edw. III. — James II.
The best history of Guildford.
1st and 2nd editions: "The history and description of Guildford," etc., 1777, and [1800].

    A brief account, of little value.

    Contains brief extracts from the minute books, 20 Hen. VIII. — 1835.

HADDTINGTN.


1721. Miller, James. The lamp of Lothian: or the history of Haddington, in connection with the public affairs of East Lothian and of Scotland, from the earliest records to the present period. Haddington, 1844. 8°.
    Pt. iii. contains a good short account of municipal history.
    The best history of Haddington.

1722. † Notices of various Scottish local records, with extracts. Communicated to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Edinburgh, 1859. 4°.
    Contains a description of the oldest council books and other records of the
town of Haddington, with copious extracts, by Thomas Thomson.

1722a. † Robb, James. History of... Haddington... Haddington, [1891.] 8°.
HADLEY.

1723. Brief description (A) of the town of Hadleigh, in the county of Suffolk: its history and antiquities. . . . Hadleigh, 1853. 12°.


HALIFAX.

There is no good history of Halifax since the time of its incorporation in 1848. Crabtree (No. 1725) gives a brief account of its parliamentary representation from 1832 to 1836. Watson’s book (No. 1728) is the best general history.


Other editions, 1712, [1761, 1789]. The dedication is signed by William Bently, but the real author was Samuel Midgley.


2nd edition, by F. A. Leyland, [1869], f 0, not completed.


HANLEY.

1730. †Byelaws and regulations for the borough of Hanley. Han-ley, [1859.] 8°.
1731. Crapper, J. S. A history of the ancient corporation of Hanley, including a notice of their centenary festival; to which is added a succinct account of the municipal corporation. Hanley, 1882. 12°. pp. 48.


HARLECH.


HARTLEPOOL.

1733. Sharp, Cuthbert. History of Hartlepool, by the late Sir Cuthbert Sharp, knight; being a re-print of the original work published in 1816, with a supplemental history to 1851, inclusive. Hartlepool, 1851. 8°.

Extracts from the ordinances or "orders" made in 1599, pp. 75–9.

The appendices contain the earlier town charters; also a translation of the charter of 1593; and the charter of 1850.

HARWICH.

1734. Charters granted to the borough of Harwich by King James I. and King Charles II., translated from the original Latin, by order of the corporation, in the year 1797. London, 1798. 4°.


A brief account.

2nd edition, 1732.

HASTINGS.

See No. 691.


Contains the medieval customal in full.

The best history of Hastings.


Contains churchwardens' accounts, 1598–1762.

HAVERFORDWEST.

1740. Haverfordwest and its story; with old Pembrokeshire parishes, their traditions, histories, and memories. Haverfordwest, 1882. 8°.


HAWICK.


Made up mainly of valuable extracts from the burgh records.

1743. —— Hawick and its old memories; with an appendix. . . . Edinburgh and Hawick, 1858. 8°.


1744. Wilson, Robert. The history of Hawick, including some account of the inhabitants; with occasional observations. To which is appended a short memoir of the author. Second edition, corrected and considerably enlarged. Hawick, 1841. 12°.

1st edition, 1825.

TEDON.


The appendix of records fills 209 pages, and is very valuable.

Contains the town charter of 1348, with a translation; the ancient ordinances of Hedon; the ordinances of the tailors, 1637; also a detailed account of parliamentary history.

A good book.

HELENSBURGH.


Extracts from the burgh records, 1807–23, pp. 9–11.


Contains brief allusions to municipal history.

HELSTON.

1749. †Appeal case (An) before the House of Lords between John Hoblyn, Thomas Arundell and others, James Burrow and others against the crown, respecting the rights of Heleron [Helston.] 1780?. f°.

See No. 189.


Contains regulations of the cordwainers, made about 1459.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.


Ch. ii. contains an abstract of the by-laws made in 1593, and extracts from the corporation minutes, 1422–1805.

A good book.

HEREFORD.

The best books on the history of Hereford are Duncumb’s and Johnson’s (Nos. 613, 1757).

An interesting series of extracts from the town records. The "customs" are municipal regulations, drawn up probably in the 14th century.

Another text will be found in Duncumb's Collections (No. 613), and in Johnson's work (No. 1757). A portion of the customs in the original Latin is printed in the Record of Caernarvon (No. 146), 130, and in W. Wotton's Leges Walliae (London, 1730), 517-18.


1754. Charter (The) of the city of Hereford, granted by King William III. Hereford, 1820. 4°.

See No. 1760.

1755. Devlin, J. D. Helps to Hereford history, civil and legendary, in an account of the ancient cordwainers' company of the city, The Mordiford Dragon, and other subjects. London and Hereford, 1848. 16°.

Contains extracts from the records of the company.

"The Mordiford Dragon" forms a distinct volume, with a separate title-page.


1757. *—— The ancient customs of the city of Hereford, with translations of the earlier city charters and grants; also some account of the trades of the city, and other information relative to its early history. Second edition. London, 1882. 4°.

1st edition, 1868.

See No. 1752.


Of little value.

1759. Proceedings (The) of the citizens of Hereford in the delivering up of their charter and renewing of it; vindicated from the scurrilous imputations of Richard Janeway. By a lover of the king, the government, and the city. In a letter to a friend. [London, 1662]. f°.

Without title-page.
1760. Translation (A) of the charter granted to the city of Hereford by King William the Third, June 14, 1697 [1696]. [By John Allen.] Hereford, 1820. 4°.

**HERTFORD.**


Ch. iii. The borough, Queen Mary's charter, etc.
Ch. iv. The corporate body.
Ch. v. Representative history.

**HIGHAM FERRERS.**

1762. COLE, JOHN. The history and antiquities of Higham Ferrers, with historical notices of Rushden and Irthingborough in the county of Northampton. Wellingborough, 1838. 12°.

A brief sketch.

**HINCKLEY.**


A brief account.


See No. 624.


A brief account.

**HINDON.**

1765. The borough-broker, or the nobleman tricked: being a detail of facts adapted to the approaching election. By a lady. London, 1774. 8°.

Relates to the proposed sale of the borough of Hindon to Ralph, 2nd Earl of Verney.

**HONITON.**

HORSHAM.


HULL.

The most valuable books relating to Hull are those of Frost, Hadley, Lambert, and Sheahan (Nos. 1770, 1774, 1776, 1778).


Valuable.

1771. Gawtress, William. A report of the inquiry into the existing state of the corporation of Hull, taken at the Guild-Hall before F. Dwarris and S. A. Rumball, two of his majesty’s commissioners; also the proceedings relative to the Trinity House. With an appendix, containing many valuable and authentic documents. Hull, 1834. 8°.

See No. 60.


Reprinted, Hull, 1869.

1773. Gunnell, W. A. Sketches of Hull celebrities: or memoirs and correspondence of alderman Thomas Johnson (who was twice mayor of Kingston-upon-Hull) and four of his lineal descendants, from the year 1640 to 1858. The whole compiled and arranged for publication by Mr. William A. Gunnell, from ancient MSS. furnished him by the last surviving member of the Johnson family. Hull, 1876. 8°.

Contains some valuable material relating to municipal affairs.

Ch. xxv. contains the laws and orders made in the time of Henry IV., and other extracts from later town records.

One of the most detailed histories of Hull.


Letters to the mayor or corporation from divers persons, relating mainly to the political and military affairs of the kingdom.


Contains the ordinances of various gilds of Hull, especially craft and merchant gilds. Most of these ordinances belong to the 16th and 17th centuries.


A brief account.


Contains a translation of the town charters, etc.


Another lecture on the same subject, from the accession of Henry VII.
to the death of Henry VIII., was delivered before the same society in 1868 (London and Hull, 1869).

These two lectures contain only a few brief references to internal municipal affairs.

1781. **Wildridge, T. T.** Hull's honour roll: being a list of all the municipal dignitaries and officers of the borough, from its establishment to the present time. . . . Hull, 1891. 4°.

1782. **Wooley, William.** A collection of statutes relating to the town of Kingston upon Hull, the county of the same town, and the parish of Sculcoates, in the county of York; with a chronological table of acts of Parliament relating to the same places, from the earliest period to the end of the reign of George IV.; and a copious index. London and Hull, 1830. 8°.

**Huntingdon.**

1783. **Carruthers, Robert.** The history of Huntingdon, from the earliest to the present times; with an appendix, containing the charter of Charles I. . . . Huntingdon, 1824. 8°.


Contains translations of extracts from the public records and town archives, Wm. I.—Wm. III.

**Hythe.**


Valuable for the parliamentary history of Hythe.

**Inverness.**

1786. History (A) and description of the town of Inverness: its principal buildings, public institutions, etc. . . . [By George Cameron.] Inverness, 1847. 16°.

A brief account.
1787. **Mackintosh, C. Fraser.** Antiquarian notes: a series of papers regarding families and places in the Highlands. Inverness, 1865. 8°.

No. 63. Sett of the burgh of Inverness, 1675. See also ibid., Nos. 17, 22-25, 34, 62, 63, 78, 88, 89.

1788. — Invernessiana: contributions towards a history of the town and parish of Inverness, from 1160 to 1599. Inverness, 1875. 8°.

Chs. i.–iii., xciii.–xciv., deal with the burgh charters. "The Golden Charter" of 1591 is printed in full.

**INVERURIE.**


Another edition, with the old title-page, and with a few additional pages headed "Addenda, 1881."

**IPSWICH.**

*a. Town Records, Nos. 1791–1799.*

*b. General Histories, etc., Nos. 1800–1807.*

The borough of Ipswich has a rich collection of muniments, the most valuable of which are the following: court rolls, 39 Hen. III.—Eliz.; Domescay, 19 Edw. I. (No. 1793); Great Domescay, 12 Hen. VIII. (No. 1795); assembly books and general court books, from the reign of Elizabeth to the present time; chamberlains' accounts, Philip & Mary—Geo. III.

The best history of Ipswich is Wodderspoon's (No. 1807). The Domescay of Ipswich and Bacon's *Annals* (Nos. 1793, 1801) are also valuable.

*a. Town Records.*

See No. 1801.

1791. †Accounts of the chamberlains of the borough of Ipswich for the year 1555. Edited by W. S. Fitch. [Ipswich.] n.d. 8°.
1792. Ancient and modern perambulations; and extracts from charters, trials, and other records relative to the liberties of Ipswich by land and water, intended as a companion to the maps of those jurisdictions. Ipswich, 1815. 8°.

The extracts relate to the admiralty jurisdiction of Ipswich.


Contains the ancient usages or ordinances compiled 19 Edw. I.


This Domesday Book was compiled by Richard Percival, 12 Hen. VIII., but it contains many old laws, etc., made at an earlier time. Of its seven "books," the sixth is the least interesting for municipal history; it contains taxes paid by every town in Suffolk, 32 Hen. VI., lists of knights' fees, etc.


1797. Oaths (The) of office of the chief magistrates, subordinate officers, and free burgesses of the corporation of Ipswich. Edited by and for G. Jermyn. Woodbridge and Colchester, 1794. 4°.

1798. Principal charters (The) which have been granted to the corporation of Ipswich in Suffolk, translated [by Richard Canning.] London, 1754. 8°.


b. General Histories, etc.

1800. Account (An) of the gifts and legacies that have been given and bequeathed to charitable uses in the town of Ipswich; with some account of the present state and management, and some proposals for
the future regulation of them. [By Richard Canning.] Ipswich, 1747. 8°.


Contains numerous extracts from the court rolls, accounts, and other town records. These extracts are more numerous and more copious than those given by Wodderspoon.

1802. † Collection of papers relating to the election of bailiffs of Ipswich, 8 Sept., 1754. [Ipswich, 1754.] 8°.


1804. Głyde, John. The moral, social, and religious condition of Ipswich in the middle of the nineteenth century; with a sketch of its history, rise, and progress. Ipswich, 1850. 12°.

Of little value.

1804a. † Grimsey, B. P. Freemen of the borough of Ipswich. Pt. i. Ipswich, 1892. 8°.

1804b. † —— Members of the council of Ipswich since 1835. Ipswich, 1892. 8°.

1805. History (The) and description of the town and borough of Ipswich. . . [By G. R. Clarke.] Ipswich, etc., [1830.] 8°.

Devotes much attention to municipal history, especially to the election of bailiffs.


Contains extracts from the court rolls, town accounts, etc.
The best history of Ipswich.
IRVINE.


A valuable collection of charters, extracts from the burgh accounts, council book, etc., 1205–1783.

KELSO.


A meagre account.


A meagre account.

KENDAL.

1811. Boke (A) off recorde or register containing all the acts and doings in or concerning the corporation within the town of Kirkbie-kendall, beginning [in 1575.] . . . To which are added the several charters granted by Q. Elizabeth, K. Charles I., and K. Charles II. Edited by R. S. Ferguson. Cumb. and Westm. Antiq. and Archæol. Soc. Kendal and Carlisle, 1892. 8°.

Contains much valuable material relating to the history of the town
The best book for the study of the municipal history of Kendal.

1812. Local chronology: being notes of the principal events published in the Kendal newspapers since their establishment [1811.] Compiled by the editors. London and Kendal, 1865. 4°.

The “preliminary chapter” contains extracts from ancient records, 1575–85, etc.


The best general history.
1st edition, Kendal, 1832.

1814. — History and incidents connected with the grants of the three royal charters of incorporation of the borough of Kendal. London, 1875. 8°.

Also printed, with a continuation to 1861, in Nicholson's Annals (No. 1813), 2nd edition, 284-305.

Contains a list of aldermen and mayors, with brief historical notes.

KENFIG.


Contains ancient town charters, town ordinances of 1330, survey of 1660: Latin texts, with a translation.

KIDDERMINSTER.


Ch. iv. contains a good account of municipal history.

KIDWELLY.


Translation only.

KILKENNY.


**KILMACLENINE.**

1824. Rotulus pipae Clonensis... Corcagiae, 1859. 4°.
Contains the charter granted to Kilmaclenine by Daniel, Bishop of Cloyne, A. D. 1251, and other documents relating to the town, 15–22, 54, etc. See No. 1303.

**KILMARNOCK.**


Other editions, 1848, 1858, 1864.

**KILMAURS.**

1826. Charters (The) of Kilmaurs, from the original deeds, with translations of the most important. Kilmarnock, 1874. 4°.

Only 50 copies printed.

**KILPATRICK.**

1827. Bruce, John. History of the parish of West or Old Kilpatrick and of the church and certain lands in the parish of East or New Kilpatrick. Glasgow, 1893. 8°.

Ch. ix. Burgh of barony.

**KILSYTH.**

1827a. † Anton, Peter. Kilsyth... Glasgow, 1893. 8°.
KINGHORN.

1828. Act of the town council of Kinghorn, for regulating the management of the common good, to which is prefixed a notice and report. Edinburgh, 1818. 8°.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES.

1829. Anderson, A. History and antiquities of Kingston upon Thames: containing an account of all the most remarkable occurrences . . . also an account of the charters, donations . . . . Kingston, 1852. 8°.

A brief account. Contains some extracts from the town records.

1830. Biden, W. D. The history and antiquities of the ancient and royal town of Kingston-upon-Thames, compiled from the most authentic documents. Kingston, 1852. 8°.

A brief account.


Kingston-upon-Thames, i. 212–56.
Contains extracts from the chamberlains’ and churchwardens’ accounts, 19 Hen. VII.—1670.


A brief historical sketch.

KINSALE.

1834. *Council Book (The) of the corporation of Kinsale, from 1652 to 1800. . . . Edited from the original, with annals and appendices compiled from public and private records. By Richard Caulfield. Guildford, 1879. 4°.

1835. Narrative (A) of the dispute in the corporation of Kinsale. In a letter from a buff at Kinsale to his friend in Dublin. Dublin, 1756. 8°.
PART II.

KINTORE—KNARESBOROUGH.

KINTORE.

1836. Watt, Alexander. The early history of Kintore; with an account of the rights and privileges belonging to the heritors and community of the burgh; extracted from old records and charters. [Aberdeen,] 1865. 8°.

KIRKHAM.


KIRKITILLOCH.


Contains the charter granted to the town by William, Earl of Wigton, in 1670.

KIRKWALL.


Contains a vivid account of municipal affairs and of daily life since the latter part of the 17th century.

A good little book.

1840. —— Curious incidents from the ancient records of Kirkwall (taken principally from the official records of the burgh). Kirkwall, 1892. 8°.

The extracts relate to parliamentary elections, the craft incorporations, etc., mainly in the 17th and 18th centuries.


Charters and other records of Kirkwall, app., 42–85.

KNARESBOROUGH.

1842. Calvert, M. The history of Knaresbrough: comprising an accurate and detailed account of the castle, the forest, and the several townships included in the said parish. Knaresbrough, 1844. 12°.
1843. Grainge, William. An historical and descriptive account of
the castle, town, and borough of Knaresborough. Knaresborough,
[1865.] 8°.
Parliamentary representation, 93–104.

KNUTSFORD.

1844. Green, Henry. Knutsford, its traditions and history; with
reminiscences, anecdotes, and notices of the neighbourhood. London,
etc., 1859. 8°.
A brief account.

LAMBETH.

1845. Hill, George. The electoral history of the borough of
Lambeth since its enfranchisement in 1832. London, 1879. 8°.

LAMPETER.

1846. Davey, W. H. Charters connected with Lampeter and
Llanbadarn Fawr. Cambrian Archaeol. Assoc., Archæologia Camb-
rensis, Fifth Series, ix. 308–14. London, 1892. 8°

LANARK.

1847. Cowan, W. A. History of Lanark and guide to the sur-
rounding scenery. Lanark, 1867. 16°.
A brief account.

1848. Davidson, W. History of Lanark, and guide to the scenery;
with list of roads to the principal towns. Lanark, 1828. 12°.
A brief account.

1849. *Extracts from the records of the royal burgh of Lanark;
with charters and documents relating to the burgh, 1150–1722.
[Edited by R. Renwick.] Glasgow, 1893. 4°.

LANCASTER.

The best history is Simpson's (No. 1855).

1850. Charter (The) of the borough of Lancaster, dated the 7th
day of August, 1819. Lancaster, 1819. 12°. pp. 32.

A meagre account.
1st edition, 1807.


"Postscript to an Address to the freemen of Lancaster," London, 1818, 8°.

1853. † Lancaster records, or leaves from local history: comprising an authentic account of the progress of the borough of Lancaster during the period of half-a-century, 1801-1850. Lancaster, 1869. 8°.

"This volume contains an immense amount of information". Fishwick, Lancashire Library (No. 31), 81.


Ch. ix. contains a translation of the early town charters, and the constitutions and orders made in 1362, 1652, and 1708.
The best history of Lancaster.

LAUNCESTON.


Contains many extracts from the town accounts, court rolls, and other borough records.
The best history of Launceston.


The preface is dated February, 1883.
A useful book.

LAURENCEKIRK.


Chs. xviii.-xxi. contain a good short account of the history of the burgh government.
LEEDS.

The best history is Wardell's (No. 1863).


1860. —— Copies of all the local acts of Parliament for the town and borough of Leeds, from the reign of George II. down to the present period; to which are added English copies of the corporation charter, and the charter under which the soke of the king's mills in Leeds at present exists. ... Leeds, 1822. 8°.


For notes on the history of the corporation, see i. 13, 21, 41, 223, etc. Thoresby's "Ducatus Leodensis, or the Topography of the ancient and populous Town of Leeds" (London, 1715; second edition, by T. D. Whitaker, Leeds, 1816) wholly neglects the municipal history.


1863. Wardell, James. The municipal history of the borough of Leeds. ... Including numerous extracts from the court books of the corporation [1662–1807], and an appendix containing copies and translations of charters and other documents relating to the borough. London and Leeds, 1846. 8°.

The best history of Leeds.

1864. Whitaker, T. D. Loidis and Elemete: or an attempt to illustrate the districts described in these words by Bede. ... Leeds, 1816. f°.

Charter of Maurice Poinell, with translation, 7–11.
Charter of Charles II., with translation, app., 40–59.
An elaborate work.

LEEK.


1st edition, Leek, 1862.
LEICESTER.

a. Town Records, Nos. 1866-1875.
b. General Histories, etc., 1876-1888.

The town archives contain one of the most valuable collections of municipal records in England. The earliest charters belong to the 12th century; the gild rolls begin with the reign of Richard I.; the chamberlains' accounts extend from 1587 to 1785; and the medieval borough Chartulary contains much interesting matter relating to the history of Leicester in the 13th and 14th centuries.

The best history of Leicester is Thompson's (No. 1885). The works of Nichols and Throsby (Nos. 624, 1888) are still useful.

a. Town Records.


1867. Accounts (The) of the churchwardens of S. Martin's, Leicester, 1489-1844. Edited by Thomas North. Leicester, 1884. 4°.


The accounts of 1490-91 in vol. vii. are printed in full.


Latin charters of King John, Count Robert of Leicester, Simon de Montfort, Edward III., Edward IV., Henry VII., Henry VIII., Elizabeth, James I., Charles II.

Valuable.

1870. JEAFFRESON, J. C. An index to the ancient manuscripts of the borough of Leicester. . . . Westminster, [1878.] 8°.

Several charters granted to Leicester in the 13th century are printed in full.

1871. KELLY, WILLIAM. Ancient records of Leicester. A paper read before the Leicester Literary and Philosophical Society on the

This is incorporated in Kelly's work on the drama (No. 1877).


Deals with the gild merchant of Leicester, etc.

1875. —— The rolls of the mayors of Leicester. A paper read at the general summer meeting of the Leicestershire Archit. and Archæol. Society, held in the Guildhall, Leicester, on the 8th of Sept., 1874. Associated Architectural Societies, Reports and Papers, xii. 261–74. Lincoln, 1874. 8°.

b. General Histories, etc.


Separately printed, 1875.

The appendix treats of "corporate emblems and insignia in England and Wales."

1877. —— Notices illustrative of the drama and other popular amusements, chiefly in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. . . . extracted from the chamberlains’ accounts and other manuscripts of the borough of Leicester. . . . London, 1865 [1864]. 4°.

"Leicester in the olden time" is the outer title.

1878. NORTH, THOMAS. A chronicle of the church of S. Martin in Leicester. . . . with some account of its minor altars and ancient guilds. London and Leicester, 1866. 4°.

The Corpus Christi gild, 179–245.

Contains references to municipal affairs.

1880. **Paul, J. D.** The origin of the corporation of Leicester. A lecture delivered before the Leicester Literary and Philosophical Society; with an appendix containing a selection from the borough charters. London, 1885. 8°.

1881. **Read, Robert.** Modern Leicester: jottings of personal experience and research, with an original history of corporation undertakings... London and Leicester, 1881. 8°.

Relates mainly to the 19th century.

1882. **Storey, John.** Historical sketch of some of the principal works and undertakings of the council of the borough of Leicester since the passing of the Municipal Corporations Reform Act; with a complete list of mayors, magistrates, aldermen, councillors, and head officials, down to the present day. Leicester, 1895. 8°.

1883. — A list of the mayors, magistrates, aldermen, and councillors of the borough of Leicester since the passing of the Municipal Corporation Reform Act (5 & 6 Wm. IV., c. 76). With an introduction. Leicester, 1879. 8°.


This, with its continuation (No. 1886), is the best history of Leicester.

1886. — The history of Leicester in the eighteenth century. Leicester, 1871. 8°.

In sect. ii. the municipal history is considered in detail.

LEITH.

See Nos. 1516, 1517.

1889. Campbell, Alexander. The history of Leith, from the earliest accounts to the present period; with a sketch of the antiquities of the town. Leith and Edinburgh, 1827. 8°.
Contains an account of the incorporated trades of Leith.


Revised edition, "Tales, traditions, and antiquities of Leith," etc., 1865. (Anon.)

LEOMINSTER.

A brief account. The appendix contains a translation of the charter granted by Queen Mary to the town.

Contains many extracts from the chamberlains' books and the leet rolls in the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries.
A good book.

LEWES.

1895. Ancient and modern history of Lewes and Brighthelmston, in which are compressed the most interesting events of the county at large. . . . [By William Lee.] Lewes, 1795. 8°.
Ch. viii., which deals with the municipal constitution of Lewes, contains the town ordinances of 1595, etc.

Contains the town ordinances of 1595, and brief extracts from other records. The best history of Lewes.
A brief supplement was issued in 1832.


Contains a sketch of the history of the town government, and the charter of Queen Victoria, 1881, in full.


A brief sketch.


LICHFIELD.

The best history is Harwood's (No. 1901).


Extracts from the records of the Lichfield gild of corvisors, 1561-1870.

1901. HARWOOD, THOMAS. The history and antiquities of the church and city of Lichfield: containing its ancient and present state, civil and ecclesiastical; collected from various public records and other authentic evidences. Gloucester, 1806. 4°.

The best history of Lichfield.

1902. JACKSON, JOHN. History of the city and cathedral of Lichfield; chiefly compiled from ancient authors, etc. London, 1805. 8°.

A brief account of municipal history.
An earlier work by the same writer: "History of the city and county of Lichfield," Lichfield, [1795]; 2nd edition, 1796. (Anon.)

1904. Short account (A) of the ancient and modern state of the city and close of Lichfield. ... Lichfield and London, 1819. 8°.

LIMERICK.

See No. 729.

1905. Ferrar, John. The history of Limerick, ecclesiastical, civil, and military, from the earliest records to the year 1787; illustrated by fifteen engravings. To which are added the charter of Limerick and an essay on Castle Connell Spa. ... Limerick, 1787. 8°.

An earlier work by the same writer: "An history of the city of Limerick," 1767, 12°.

1906. Lenihan, Maurice. Limerick: its history and antiquities, ecclesiastical, civil, and military, from the earliest ages. ... Dublin, 1866. 8°.

The best history of Limerick.


Contains many details regarding the municipal government early in the 19th century.

LINCOLN.

The registers, which contain civic ordinances, etc., form the most valuable series of records in the town archives; they extend from 1421 to the present time, with some breaks between 1421 and 1511.

There is no good history of Lincoln.

1908. Civitas Lincolnia, from its municipal and other records. [By John Ross.] Lincoln, 1870. 8°.

Contains abstracts of royal charters, notices of the earlier volumes of the borough registers, etc.

1909. † Copy of the charter of the city of Lincoln granted by Charles I., with memorandums of occurrences within that city, 1794 and 1795. Lincoln, 1793–95. 8°.

1910. History (The) of Lincoln; with an appendix, containing a list of the members returned to serve in Parliament, as also of the
mayors and sheriffs of the city. [By Adam Stark.] Lincoln, 1810. 12°.

A brief account.

1911. History (The) of Lincoln: containing an account of the antiquities, edifices, trade, and customs of that ancient city. . . . To which is added an appendix comprising the charter [1628] and a list of mayors and sheriffs. Lincoln, 1816. 8°.

Ch. iii. The civil history.
This is the best history of Lincoln, but it does not give a detailed account of municipal development.

1912. History (The) of Lincoln; and guide to its curiosities and antiquities. Lincoln, 1818. 18°.

A brief account.
Contains a translation of the charter granted to Lincoln by Charles I.

1913. History (The) of Lincoln: containing an account of its antiquities, edifices, trade, and customs; and a description of the cathedral. Lincoln, 1825. 8°.

Of little value for municipal history.

1914. Names of the mayors, bailiffs, sheriffs, and chamberlains of the city of Lincoln, since the year of our Lord 1313 . . . together with a concise abridgement of the city charter. . . . Lincoln, [1787.] 12°.

LINLITHGOW.


A brief account.

1916. WALDIE, GEORGE. A history of the town and palace of Linlithgow; with notices, historical and antiquarian, of places of interest in the neighbourhood. Linlithgow, 1858. 16°.

Ch. viii. Decay of the old burghal system.
A good short history.
2nd and 3rd editions, 1868, 1879.
His "Sketch of the history of Linlithgow," 1843 (2nd edition, 1845), is less valuable.
LISBURN.


Brief and of little value.
Translation of the charter of Charles II., 19–22.

LISKEARD.


Contains brief extracts from the mayors' accounts, 1443–1815; and from the court rolls, 1487–1804. The appendix contains an abstract of the charters granted to Liskeard, 1240–1685.

LIVERPOOL.

c. Parliamentary History, Nos. 1940–1944.

The best history of Liverpool is Picton's (No. 1935). His two collections of records (Nos. 1923, 1924) are also valuable.

a. Town Records.

1919. Authentic copies of the several acts of parliament which have been passed at different times relative to the docks, port, and harbour of Liverpool, and the light-houses, etc., thereto belonging. Liverpool, 1804. 8°.

1920. Charter (The) granted to the burgesses of Liverpool by William III., with notes and explanatory remarks on the same; also the charter of George II. . . . To which is added a summary of the proceedings of the burgesses and common council from the reign of Elizabeth to the present time, with an epitome of the two trials at Lancaster between the corporation and the common council. Liverpool, 1810. 8°.

See Nos. 1925, 1926.


Contains a facsimile of the charter of John; grant of arms, 1797; facsimile of the charter of Victoria, 1880.

This report, on pp. 8–10, refers to the following works:


Red Book, containing printed copies of various documents connected with the history of the corporate estate; also an index to valuable documents produced in the trial in 1830–32, the corporation v. Bolton and others. Pt. ii. of printed documents supplementary to the above.


1926. —— A correct translation of the charter granted to the burgesses of Liverpool by King William the Third, with remarks and explanatory notes. [By Philodemus.] To which are added the charter granted by King George the Second, the order of the common council, and the petition for obtaining that charter; with the report of the attorney and solicitor-general thereon. Liverpool, 1783. 8°.


Also printed separately. Some of the charters are printed in full, with a translation.
Contains the mayor’s oath and fifteen other oaths.

b. General Histories.

1930. Aikin, J. Description of the country from thirty to forty miles round Manchester. . . . London, 1795. 4°.
Liverpool, 331-83, 597-615.


1932. Enfield, William. An essay towards the history of Liverpool, drawn up from papers left by the late Mr. George Perry, and from other materials since collected. Second edition. London, 1774. f°.
Of little value for municipal history.
1st edition, Warrington, 1773.

Ch. xi. The government.
1st edition, 1795.

1934. History (The) of Liverpool from the earliest authentic period down to the present time. . . . [By Thomas Troughton.] Liverpool, 1810. 4°.
Ch. xii. Charters granted to Liverpool by Charles II., etc.

Valuable.
1st edition, 1873.

1936. Smithers, Henry. Liverpool, its commerce, statistics, and institutions; with a history of the cotton trade. Liverpool, 1825. 8°.
A brief account.
PART II.


A good short account of the history of Liverpool.


Extracts from the early town records, app., pp. i.-xliii.

1939. WALTHEW, J. M. A lecture on the rise and progress of Liverpool. Liverpool, 1865. 8°.

c. Parliamentary History.

1940. BENNETT, RICHARD. A record of elections, parliamentary and municipal, for Liverpool [1832-78]. . . . Liverpool, 1878. 8°.


1942. GOTHAM, M. Parliamentary elections in Liverpool during the past 141 years; from the time of George II. (1727) to the present time. Liverpool Telegraph and Shipping Gazette, Nov. 19, 1868.

A brief account.

1943. History of the election for members of Parliament for the borough of Liverpool, 1806, containing the addresses of the different candidates, with a list of the freemen's names who voted. To which are prefixed observations on the importance of the representative system, with hints on the necessity of a reform in that branch of the constitution. Liverpool, [1806.] 8°.


d. Miscellaneous.

1945. BROOKE, RICHARD. Liverpool as it was during the last quarter of the eighteenth century, 1775 to 1800. Liverpool and London, 1853. 8°.


Without title-page.


Without title-page.

For other letters, etc., written by Clegg, concerning the municipal affairs of Liverpool, see Catalogue of Liverpool Public Library, pt. iii. (1892) 147-8.


Ch. xviii. The old corporation, etc.
A brief account.


Deals especially with taxation, and the management of the corporate estate.


Deals with municipal reform in general, and especially in Liverpool.

1953. Proceedings in an action at law, brought by the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses of the borough of Liverpool [v. Golithly] for the recovery of a penalty under a by-law made by them in common hall assembled. Containing the arguments of the counsel, as well at nisi prius as upon the motion for a new trial in the court of King's Bench; the proceedings on the second trial at Lancaster; and on a motion in the court of King's Bench for a third trial, with the reasons
at large of the hon. the justices of the said court for granting the same. Taken in short hand by Mr. Gurney. Liverpool, 1796. 8°.

"The following proceedings, if they answer no other purpose, will at least transmit to future times a record of this memorable struggle made by the burgesses [against the common council] for the recovery of their privileges."

An important contribution to municipal history.


The appendix contains the charters of Liverpool in full, with an English translation.

See No. 60.

1957. Report of the special committee appointed by the council on the 5th day of June, 1850, and reappointed on the 9th day of November, 1850, for the purpose of inquiring into the respective duties of all the paid officers of the corporation. . . Liverpool, 1851. 8°. pp. 225.


LLANFYLLIN.


Contains charters, lists of town officers, etc., Charles II.—Victoria.
Contains a translation of the charter of Elizabeth, the report of the corporations commission (above, No. 60), etc.

LLANIDLOES.

Ch. vii. The report of the corporations commission (above, No. 60), list of mayors, etc.
Ch. viii. Parliamentary history.

LLANTRISSAINT.

The charter of 3 Henry VI., inspecting various older charters.

LOCHMAKEN.

Ch. viii. The burgh charter and burgage property.

LONDON.

g. Courts and Offices, Nos. 2061-2080.
h. Gilds and Companies, Nos. 2081-2163.
i. Municipal Reform, Nos. 2164-2238.
j. London County Council, Nos. 2239-2258.
k. Miscellaneous, Nos. 2259-2272.

From the vast array of books and pamphlets relating to London, only the more valuable have been selected. Many other titles will be found in
the bibliographies mentioned below, especially in the Catalogue of the Guildhall Library.

a. Bibliographies.

See also the general bibliographies mentioned above, especially those of Anderson, Gough, Smith, and Upcott (Nos. 1, 5, 14, 15); and the British Museum Catalogue of Printed Books (1889), under “London.”


Charters, customs, etc. of London, 45-58.


A brief account of the principal works relating to the companies.


b. Town Records.

Delpit (No. 1974), p. cii., comments as follows upon the richness of the city archives: “C’est certainement une grande gloire pour la commune de Londres de posséder des archives non-seulement plus complètes que celles d’aucune autre ville, mais que ces archives renferment on peut dire les titres de la nation elle-même.”

The principal series of records are: the letter books, 1275-1590, containing historical memoranda of ordinances, charters, etc.; journals of the common council, from 1416 to the present time; repertories of the court of aldermen, from 1495 to the present time; rolls of pleas and memoranda, Edw. II.—Rich. III.; Remembrancia, copies of correspondence between the civic authorities and distinguished persons, relating to the affairs of London, 1579-1664; Liber Albus, Liber Custumarum, etc. (No. 1979).

For collections of charters, see Nos. 2020, 2032, 2035, 2043.
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Earlier edition, "Analytical indexes to volumes ii. and viii. of the series of records known as the Remembrancia," 1870.


These letters throw light mainly on the intercourse of London with the chief municipalities of Flanders and England.


An elaborate work, well edited.


These two reports describe the records of the corporation.


For a description of the records in the Guildhall of London, with extracts, see pp. xliii.–cii.


Deals particularly with the parish records.


A good account of the contents of the archives in Guildhall.


Contains extracts from the letter books.


Vol. i. Liber Albus, by John Carpenter, 1419.
Vol. ii. (2 pts.). Liber Custumarum, circa 1320.
Vol. iii. Translations of the Anglo-Norman passages in Liber Albus; glossaries, etc.
Liber Horn, 1311, probably compiled by Andrew Horn; not published.

These volumes contain valuable documents illustrating the social, legal, and constitutional history of London, especially during the 13th and 14th centuries.


Of little value.

### c. Chronicles.

Most of these chronicles were written by citizens of London. The events are arranged under the names of the mayors and sheriffs; more attention is given to the political occurrences of the kingdom than to municipal affairs.

See No. 2017.


Deals mainly with the reigns of Henry VIII. and Edward VI. See No. 3089.
1983. Chronicle (A) of London from 1089 to 1483, written in the fifteenth century, and for the first time printed from MSS. in the British Museum; to which are added numerous contemporary illustrations, consisting of royal letters, poems, and other articles descriptive of public events, or of the manners and customs of the metropolis. [Edited by E. Tyrrell.] London, 1827. 4°.

Written in English about 1442; continued to 1483.


Vol. i. Annales Londonienses, 1194-1330, and Annales Paulini, 1307-1341.


Contains little concerning the municipal affairs of London.


See No. 1984.

1988. FABYAN, ROBERT. The new chronicles of England and France, in two parts, by Robert Fabian; named by himself the concordance of histories. Reprinted from Pynson's edition of 1516; the first part collated with the editions of 1533, 1542, and 1559, and the second with a manuscript of the author's own time, as well as the subsequent editions; including the different continuations. To which are
added a biographical and literary preface and an index, by Henry Ellis. London, 1811. 4°.

Fabyan was an alderman of London, who died in 1512.


A brief chronicle from 1500 to 1545.


Pp. 1–80 contain a London chronicle in English, probably written in the reign of Edward IV. It extends from the earliest time to 4 Edward IV. Down to the reign of Henry V. it is of little value.


Written during the reigns of Henry VIII. and Elizabeth.

Based upon Arnold (No. 2017) down to 1522.

d. General Histories.


1993. Chamberlain, Henry. A new and compleat history and survey of the cities of London and Westminster, the borough of Southwark, and parts adjacent ... their laws, charters, customs, privileges, immunities, government, trade, and navigation. ... By a society of

1994. De Laune, Thomas. Angliæ metropolis: or the present state of London; with memorials comprehending a full and succinct account of the ancient and modern state thereof, its original government, rights, liberties, charters. . . . First written by the late ingenious Thomas De Laune, Gent., and continu’d to this present year by a careful hand [S. W.]. London, 1690. 12°.


1st edition, and supplement, 1883–84.


A good short account.


The appendix contains a translation of the charters of London, and other documents.

Bk. i. Historical account.
Bk. ii. The charters.


Deals mainly with the political history of London, i.e. its relations with the king and the kingdom.


Vol. ii. contains Fitz-Stephen's *Description* (No. 2008); tracts on the privileges of London, etc.


e. *Medieval London.*


2008. *Fitz-Stephen, William.* Fitz-Stephen's *Description of the city of London*, newly translated from the Latin original; with a neces-

Contains the Latin text, with a translation.

The text, which was written in the second half of the 12th century, is also printed in Stow’s Survey (No. 2006), vol. ii. app. 9; Leland's Itinerary, edited by Hearne, vol. viii.; Materials for the History of Becket (Rolls Series, 1877, iii. 2-13; Liber Custumarum (No. 1979), 2-15.

See No. 2014.


Tries to show that the Anglo-Saxon invaders occupied the lower part of the ruined city, while “the Roman traders kept to their old bounds.”

See also his Village Community (No. 105), ch. viii.


Ch. iii. throws light on the medieval constitution of London.
1st edition, 1837.


Ch. xii. London im Mittelalter.


The administration of London in the 12th century, 347-73.


London from Fitz-Stephen’s point of view, ii. 18-34.


The principal collections of charters are those of Birch and Luffman (Nos. 2020, 2043). Maitland, Noorthouck, and Stow (Nos. 2001, 2002, 2006) also give translations of most of the charters. The quo warranto

See No. 1150.


2016. †Ancient customes (The) and approved usages of the honourable city of London. [London,] 1639. 4°.


Contains a list of civic officers, charters, municipal regulations, and other documents.

2018. BELLAMIE, JOHN. A plea for the commonalty of London: or a vindication of their rights (which hath been long with-holden from them) in the choice of sundry city officers; as also a justification of the power of the court of common-counsell, in the making of acts, or by-laws, for the good and profit of the citizens, notwithstanding the negative votes of the lord major and aldermen. . . . In a speech delivered in common-counsell, on Munday the 24th of February, 1644. London, 1645. 8°. pp. 36.

2nd edition, 1645; reprinted, 1727.


See No. 2044.


Besides the charters, of which a translation only is printed, this book contains various acts of the common council, etc., 1666–1750; a large part of the work is taken from Noorthouck’s History (No. 2002).

2021. Brandon, Wodthorpe. An inquiry into the freedom of the city of London in connection with trade, and into the laws and ordinances within the city respecting wholesale and retail traders, and the power of the corporation over persons carrying on trade within the city not being free. London, 1850. 8°.

2022. Brydall, John. Camera regis, or a short view of London: containing the antiquity, fame . . . officers, courts, customs, franchises, etc., of that renowned city . . . London, 1676. 8°

Another edition, "Camera regis, or the present state of London," etc., 1678. (Anon.)

2023. Calthrop, Henry. The liberties, usages, and customs of the city of London, confirmed by especial acts of Parliament, with the time of their confirmation; also divers ample and most beneficial charters granted by King Henry the 6th, King Edward the 4th, and King Henry the 7th, not confirmed by Parliament as the other charters were. London, 1642. 4°. pp. 25.

Contains extracts from Liber Albus. Reprinted in 1674, and in Somers's Tracts (1811), v. 520-34.

2024. Case (The) of the charter of London stated: shewing i. What a corporation is; ii. Whether a corporation may be forfeited; iii. Whether the mayor, commonalty, and citizens have done any act in their common council whereby to forfeit their corporation and franchises. London, 1683. 1°.

2025. Case (The) of the quo warranto against the city of London: wherein the judgement in that case, and the arguments in law touching the forfeitures and surrenders of charters, are reported. London, 1690. 1°.

2026. Citizens’ loss (The) when the charter of London is forfeited, or given up. The last will and testament of the charter of London, anno 1683. [Somers’s Tracts, viii. 385–95. London, 1812. 4°.]

2028. City law (The), shewing the customes, franchises, liberties, priviledges, and immunities of the famous city of London; together with the . . . several courts; as also the titles . . . of the several officers and offices in London. . . . London, 1658. 8°.

2029. City (The) of London’s plea to the quo warranto, (an information) brought against their charter in Michaelmas term, 1681; wherein it will appear that the liberties, priviledges, and customs of the said city cannot be forfeited or lost by the misdemeanor of any officer or magistrate thereof . . . also how far the commons of the said city have power of chusing and removing their sheriffs. London, 1682. f°.

The Latin text, with a translation.

2030. City (The) of London’s rejoinder to Mr. Attorney General’s Replication in the quo warranto brought by him against their charter. . . . [By Sir Robert Sawyer.] London, 1682. f°.

The Latin text, with a translation. See Nos. 2055, 2059.


2032. E[velyn], J[ohn]. The charters of the city of London which have been granted by the kings and queens of England since the Conquest . . . and an abstract of the arguings in the case of the quo warranto. London, 1745. 8°.

Translation only. 1st edition, 1738.

2033. Forfeitures (The) of London’s charter: or an impartial account of the several seizures of the city charter . . . now seasonably published for the satisfaction of the inquisitive, upon the late arrest made upon the said charter by writ of quo warranto. London, 1682. 4°. pp. 36.

2034. Freemen (The) of London’s necessary and useful companion: or the citizen’s birth-right. . . . [Containing an account of] customs, grants, privileges, trades . . . proceedings in the city courts. . . . London, 1707. 12°.

Another edition, 1741.
2035. G., S. The royal charter of confirmation granted by King Charles II. to the city of London, wherein are recited verbatim all the charters to the said city. . . . London, 1680. 8°.

Translation only.
An earlier edition seems to have appeared in 1664.

2036. HUGHSON, DAVID [EDWARD PUGH]. An epitome of the privileges of London, including Southwark, as granted by royal charters. . . . London, 1816. 12°.

2037. [JACOB, GILES.] City-liberties, or the rights and privileges of freemen: being a concise abridgment of all the laws, charters, by-laws, and customs of London. . . . London, 1732. 8°.

Reprinted in 1738.

2038. Laws (The) and customs, rights, liberties, and privileges of the city of London: containing the several charters granted to the said city . . . the magistrates and officers thereof . . . the laws and customs of the city . . . several courts in London; and the acts of Parliament. . . . Second edition. London, 1774. 12°.

1st edition, 1765.

2039. Lawyer (The) outlaw'd: or a brief answer to Mr. Hunt's defence of the charter; with some useful remarks on the commons proceedings in the last Parliament at Westminster. In a letter to a friend. [London,] 1683. 4°.

See No. 180.

2040. LILBURNE, JOHN. The charters of London: or the second part of London's liberty in chains discovered. . . . London, 1646. 4°.

Contains the confirmation charter of Henry V., with a translation.

2041. List (A) of the by-laws of the city of London, unrepealed. Turner, mayor. A common council holden in the chamber of the Guildhall of the city of London, on Thursday the 26th day of October, 1769. It is ordered that the list of by-laws of this city, unrepealed, as prepared by the town-clerk, be printed, and a copy thereof sent to every member of the court. [Signed] Hodges. London, 1769. 8°.

2042. London's liberties: or a learned argument of law and reason . . . [Dec. 1650] before the lord mayor, court of aldermen,
and common-council . . . [between counsel for the liverymen and counsel for the freemen.] Wherein the freedom of the citizens of London in their elections of their chief officers is fully debated; the most ancient charters and records examined. . . . London, 1651. 4°. pp. 38.

Reprinted, 1682; 2nd edition, 1683.


Translation only.


See No. 2019.

2045. † More reflections on the city charter and writ of quo warranto. London, 1682. 4°.

2046. NEWELL, JOSEPH. Evidence and arguments before the committee for general purposes, in support of the elective franchise of the resident freemen of London: shewing that the exclusive exercise of that right by the liverymen is contrary to ancient custom and the principles of our constitution. . . . London, 1830. 8°.

2047. NORTON, GEORGE. An exposition of the privileges of the city of London in regard to claims of non-freemen to deal by wholesale within its jurisdiction. [London,] 1821. 8°.

2048. OKE, G. C. London laws. Reference to statutes and sections relating exclusively to procedure and to subjects cognizable by the magistracy of the city of London and other parts of the metropolis, and within the metropolitan police district. London, 1872. 8°.

2049. PAYNE, WILLIAM. A treatise on municipal rights . . . from the earliest period of British history to the institution of corporations in general, and that of London in particular. . . . London, 1813. 8°.

2050. Pleadings (The) and arguments and other proceedings in the court of King's Bench upon the quo warranto [34 Car. II.] touching the charter of the city of London; with the judgment
entred thereupon. The whole pleadings faithfully taken from the record. London, 1690. f°.

Another edition, 1696.

2051. Priviledges (The) of the citizens of London, contained in the charters granted to them by the several kings of this realm, and confirmed by sundry Parliaments; comprehending the whole charter, only words of form left out. . . . London, 1682. 4°.

2052. Privilegia Londinensis [Londini]: or the laws, customs, and privileges of the city of London; wherein are set forth all the charters from King William I. to his present majesty King William III.; all their general and particular customs. . . . With an exact table to the whole. London, 1702. 8°.

Contains only an abstract of the charters. The second half of the volume is devoted to the practice of the various city courts.

Reprinted in 1716; and again in 1723, with additions by W. Bohun.


Earlier editions, "A practical treatise on the laws, customs," etc., 1842, 1849. See Nos. 2218, 2222.

2054. Reflections on the city-charter and writ of quo warranto; together with a vindication of the late sheriffs and juries. London, 1682. 4°. pp. 32.

2055. Replication (The) to the city of London's plea to the quo warranto brought against their charter by our sovereign lord the king in Michaelmas term, 1681. [By Sir Robert Sawyer.] London, 1682. f°.

See Nos. 2029, 2030.

2056. †Rights (The) and authority of the commons of the city of London, in their common hall assembled, in the choice and discharge of their sheriffs. London, 1695. f°.

2057. Rights (The) and privileges of the city of London proved from prescription, charters, and acts of Parliament; with a large
preface, shewing how fatal the late proceedings in Westminster-Hall in dissolving corporations were to the original constitution of the English government. London, 1689. f°. pp. 34.

Earlier edition, 1682.

2058. STONE, WILLIAM. A defence of the sole and entire corporate and deliberative rights and franchises of the lord mayor, aldermen, and livery of London, in common hall assembled. . . . Dedicated to the liverymen of the several companies. London, 1797. 8°.

2059. † Sur-rejoinder (The) of Mr. Attorney-General to the rejoinder made on the behalf of the charter of the city of London. London, 1682. f°. pp. 11.

Latin, with a translation.

See No. 2030.


* Courts and Offices.


Introduction. The charters of London, etc.

Ch. iii. The companies and trade of London.

App. i. Mayors of London from 1364 to 1423, etc.

2062. BRANDON, WOODTHORPE. The lord mayor's court of the city of London, and the customary law of foreign attachment; with observations on the case of Cox v. the mayor of London. London, 1876. 8°.

Earlier edition, 1863, "A review of the judgements in Cox and others v. the mayor," etc.

2063. —— Notes of practice of the mayor's court of the city of London in ordinary actions; with the mayor's court Procedure Act, and the sections of the several acts of Parliament applied by the queen in council to that court. London, 1864. 8°.

2065. Citizen (A). An enquiry into the nature and duties of the office of inquest jurymen of the city of London, together with the by-laws of the common council and the articles of charge. Also the law for regulating the election of constables, leet and annoyance jury, for the city of Westminster, shewing the nature and duties of their office. . . . By a citizen [Joseph Newell]. London, 1824. 8°.

2066. City law (The): or the course and practice in all manner of juridical proceedings in the hustings in Guild-Hall, London; Englished out of an ancient French manuscript. Also an alphabet of all the offices disposed and given by the lord mayors of London. London, 1647. 4°.

Another edition, 1658.

2067. † City remembrancer: containing animadversions upon the oaths of the ward-officers of the city of London, and the duties and charges thereby imposed. London, 1753. 8°.


2070. Harrison, O. B. C. The practice of the sheriffs' court of the city of London; with forms of the proceedings to be used by suitors, and an appendix of the statutes and rules and orders of the court. London, 1860. 8°.

2071. History (The) of the sheriffdom of the city of London and county of Middlesex: containing the original method of electing sheriffs for the said city and county; an account of the several alterations that have happened in such elections. . . . London, 1723. 8°.

2072. Lewis, Thomas. On the constitution, jurisdiction, and practice of the sheriffs' courts of London; with tables of costs of prosecuting
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and defending actions therein, and an appendix containing abstracts of the city charters, etc., etc. London, 1833. 8°.

2073. Lex Londinensis, or the city law: shewing the powers, customs, and practice of the several courts belonging to the famous city of London . . . together with several acts of common council . . . London, 1680. 8°.


A brief sketch, of little value.


A letter to the editor of the City Press.


h. Gilds and Companies.

The most useful general works are those of Hazlitt and Herbert (Nos. 2093, 2094) and the Report of 1884 (No. 2087). Much material relating to the medieval gilds will be found in the records edited by Riley (Nos. 1978, 1979), and there are many references to the modern companies in the Calendars of State Papers (No 170). It is difficult to separate the history of the civic corporation from that of the livery companies; the cry for reform
has been directed against both: see especially Nos. 2170, 2187, 2191, 2203, 2221, 2222.

Welch (No. 1967) gives a brief account of the works relating to particular companies. Most of them are privately printed, and even the Guildhall Library has not all of them.

See Nos. 2046, 2058.

**General.**


Considers their early history.


Deals with their feasts, holidays, ceremonials, etc.; not a systematic history of the companies.


See No. 2087.


2086. City companies (The) and their property: a plea for fair play. London, 1886. 8°.


See No. 2087.

2092. Franks, R. H. Corporation abuses. A letter to the right honorable lord Viscount Althorp, on the justice and necessity of reforming the livery companies of the city of London. . . . Also a copy of his petition to the House of Commons. . . . London, 1833. 8°.

See No. 2181.


Contains much information relating to the various companies. The introduction contains a digest of a part of the parliamentary returns of 1884 (No. 2087).

Valuable, though not the result of original research.

2094. *Herbert, William.* The history of the twelve great livery companies of London, principally compiled from their grants and records; with an historical essay, and accounts of each company, its origin, constitution . . . with attested copies and translations of the companies' charters. 2 vols. London, 1836–37. 8°.

The best general history of the twelve great companies.


See No. 2087.


Favors reform.


Armourers.


Barber-Surgeons.


Also printed in the Transactions of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society, vi. 123–89.


2106. *Young, Sidney. The annals of the barber-surgeons of London. Compiled from their records and other sources. London, 1890. 4°.

Contains ordinances, 1387-1709; extracts from court minutes, 1550-1863; accounts, 1603-1785, etc.

Butchers.


Carpenters.


A detailed account of the history of the company, with extracts from its records, 1455-1886.

Other editions, 1887, 1889.

Clockmakers.


Contains a translation of its charter, 1631, the by-laws of 1632, and extracts from other records of the company.


Clothworkers.

2111. Charters (The) and letters patent granted by the kings and queens of England to the clothworkers' company [1480-1688.] Transcribed from the originals in the possession of the company. London, 1881. 4°.

2112. †Ordinances of the clothworkers, fullers, and shearmen; with a general account of their charters and constitution from Edward IV. to Elizabeth. n. d. 4°.

2113. Ordinances (The) of the clothworkers' company; together with those of the ancient guilds or fraternities of the fullers and shear-
men of the city of London [1480-1639.] Transcribed from the originals in the possession of the company. London, 1881. 4°.

2114. Towse, W. B. Selections from the rules and orders of the court of the clothworkers' company; together with the ordinances or bye-laws sanctioned by the judges in the year 1639. [London,] 1840. 8°.

Coopers.


Curriers.


Of little value.

Cutlers.


Dyers.


Founders.


Contains extracts from an account book of the company of founders, 1497-1576.


Framework-Knitters.

**Goldsmiths.**

2122. **Chaffers, William.** Gilda aurifabrorum: a history of English goldsmiths and plateworkers, and their marks stamped on plate copied in fac-simile. . . . Also historical accounts of the goldsmiths' company. . . . London, 1883. 8°.

**Grocers.**


Without title-page.


The appendix contains extracts from the accounts of the company, and other documents, from 1349 to 1617.

The best history of this company.

Other editions, 1829, 1869.

2126. [Ravenhill, William.] A short account of the company of grocers, from their original; together with their case and condition. . . . London, 1689. 4°.

A brief account.

2127. Tentative search (A) for the source and course of the grocers' company prior to its first charter. London. n. d. 8°.

**Horners.**


Of little value.

**Ironmongers.**


1st edition, 1851. An appendix to the 2nd edition was published, without date.

Leathersellers.


Loriners.

2132. † Charter (The) and by-laws of the loriners' company. London, 1743. 8°.

2133. † Latchford, Benjamin. The loriner: opinions and observations on bridle-bits, etc. London, 1871.

The appendix contains ordinances and other documents relating to the company of loriners.

Masons.


Contains extracts from the records of the company, 1619-1894.

Mercers.


Merchant Tailors.


Contains copious extracts from its accounts, ordinances, etc., 1397-1873.

The appendix contains various documents, 1327-1620.


2140. Free Inquirer (The) into the rights, privileges, franchises, property, bequests, funds, etc. of the fraternity of merchant tailors. ... [Principally by R. H. Franks.] March—Oct. 1831. London, 1831. 8°.

A monthly periodical. The last three numbers bear the title "The Free Inquirer into the rights, privileges, gifts, and properties of the incorporated companies of the city of London."

Needlemakers.


Pewterers.

2142. Anno quarto Henrici VIII. These be the statutes established in divers Parliaments for the mistery of the pewterers of London ... with the renewing and confirming of the same statutes. London, [1684.] 4°.

Poulterers.

2143. The charter of the worshipful company of poulters, London; its orders, ordinances, and constitution; also acts granted by the corporation of London; with a list of the estates ... of the said company. [London, 1872.] 4°.

Saddlers.


Contains many extracts from the records of the company.

Salters.

2145. [Gillespy, Thomas.] Some account of the worshipful company of salters, its members and benefactors, from the earliest known
period of its history until the opening of the new hall, on the 23rd May, 1827. Compiled from various authors by an old salter. London, 1827. 8°.

A brief account.

Shipwrights.


Skinners.


Stationers.

2148. Charter and grants of the company of stationers of the city of London now in force, containing a plain and rational account of the freemen's rights and privileges. . . . London, 1825. 8°. pp. 64.

Earlier edition, 1741.


Contains the detailed cash accounts; vol. i. also contains the ordinances of the company, 1678–82.
PART II. GILDS AND COMPANIES.

Reprinted from the Stationery Trades Journal.

Tin-Plate Workers.


Tylers and Bricklayers.


Vintners.

2155. Milbourn, Thomas. The vintners' company: their muniments, plate, and eminent members, with some account of the ward of vintry. [London,] 1888. 4°.
An enlargement of the paper mentioned in No. 2159.

See No. 2159.

See No. 2159.


2159. Vintners' company (The). Some account of the ward of vintry and the vintners' company. By W. H. Overall.—The muniments of the company. By J. G. Nichols.—Biographical notices of some eminent members of the company. By Thomas Milbourn. . . .

See Nos. 2155-2157.

Watermen.


Weavers.

2161. Facsimile of the ancient book of the weavers' company, the original of which is in the possession of the company. London, [1885.] f°. Valuable.

Wheelwrights.


Wiredrawers.

The company was incorporated in 1693.

i. Municipal Reform.

The parliamentary reports, especially those of 1837, 1854, and 1884 (Nos. 2087, 2221, 2222), throw much light on this subject. Various reform bills have been introduced during the past fifty years, notably in the years 1852, 1856, 1858-60, 1867-70, 1875, 1880, 1884-85; the discussions in Parliament are set forth in Hansard's Debates. The strongest plea in favor of reform will be found in Firth's Municipal London (No. 2187); and the ablest defence of the corporation in Scott's Vindication (No. 2229).

See Nos. 2083-2101a.

For the periodical literature, see Poole's Index.

A defence of the corporation.


Ch. v. The government of London.
Ch. vi. The city.


London municipal reform, 81–93.
1st edition, 1880.

2170. **Carpenter, William.** The corporation of London, as it is and as it should be: comprising some account of the legislative and executive bodies, the incorporated companies, and municipal franchises. . . . London, 1847. 12°.

2171. **Chadwick, Edwin.** On the evils of disunity in central and local administration, especially with relation to the metropolis. . . . London, 1885. 8°.


2173. **Citizen (A).** The necessity of reforming the corporation of London demonstrated by a plain statement of facts, showing its monopoly, corruption, abuse, and profligate expenditure; to which is added an account of the income of the corporation for 1841. . . . By a citizen. London, 1843. 16°.


2175. † **City corporation (The): an indictment.** [By O. D.] [London,] 1877. 8°.
A defence of the corporation.


A protest against reform.

An appendix appeared in 1884.


See No. 2092.

See also ibid., New Series, 1876, xiii. 769-85: "On the Government of London."

A plea for reform.


The most elaborate work in favor of reform. See Westminster Review, 1876, 1. 188–225.

Firth has a long essay on the same subject in the Cobden Club Essays (No. 218), which was also separately printed, 1882.


A bitter attack on the corporation and the companies.


Favors reform.


See also his paper in Macmillan’s Magazine, 1862, vii. 441–7.


Deals with the financial side of the question.


Favors reform.


2203. London Corporation Bill. A short statement of the proceedings before the select committee of the House of Commons upon the London Corporation Bill; with the speech of Sir W. B. Riddell, Bart., on behalf of the livery companies of London, in opposition to such bill. London, 1852. 8°.


Without title-page.

2207. Metropolitan municipal association. Extracts from second report on municipal corporations (1837); from report of commissioners [of 1854, 1861, and 1866]. . . in favor of the extension of municipal institutions to the metropolis. London, 1867. 8°.

See Nos. 2221-2224.
Favors reform.

Favors reform.


2211. Observations upon a bill now before Parliament, called "A bill for the better regulation of the corporation of the city of London;" addressed to the rate-payers by the lord mayor, aldermen, and common council of the city of London, in common council assembled. London, 1858. 8°.


Reprinted from the *Law Review*.
See No. 2222.

2218. —— The London Corporation Reform Act, 1849, and the City Election Act, 1725, with introductory comments, explanatory notes, and the statutes verbatim: being a supplement to A practical
treatise on the laws, customs, usages, and regulations of the city and port of London. London, 1849. 8°.

See No. 2053.


See No. 60.


2223. Report (First — Third) from the select committee appointed to inquire into the local taxation and government of the metropolis, and the local administration of justice therein; together with the minutes of evidence and appendix. Parl. Papers, 1861, vol. viii. [London,] 1861. f°.

2224. Report (First — Second) from the select committee on metropolitan local government, etc.; together with the proceedings of the committee, minutes of evidence, and appendix. Parl. Papers, 1866, vol. xiii. [London,] 1866. f°.


2226. *Report of the commissioners appointed to consider the proper conditions under which the amalgamation of the city and county of London can be effected, and to make specific and practical

2227. Resolutions relative to the London Corporation Reform Bill; passed in the city of London. [London,] 1856. 8°.

Resolutions against the bill.


An elaborate defence of the corporation.
2nd and 3rd editions, 1867, 1877.


2nd edition, 1884.


2232. Smith, J. T. The metropolis and its municipal administration: showing the essentials of a sound system of municipal self-government, as applicable to all town populations; and the subject-matters that come properly within the range of municipal administration. London, 1852. 8°.


Deals especially with the trade restrictions imposed upon non-freemen. A plea for reform.

2237. Vallance, H. W. The substance of the speech of H. Wellington Vallance, Esq., at a special court of common council, on Friday, the 11th April, 1856, to consider the bill for the regulation of the corporation of London. [London,] 1856. 8°.

Another edition, 1894.

j. London County Council.

Reports of the proceedings of the London county council have been published since 1891, and verbatim reports of the debates since 1893.
For the Act of 1888, creating county councils, see above, Pt. I. § 7 d.
See also Nos. 2197, 2226.


A digest of the act.
A defence of the county council.


A review of the work of the county council.


2254. † New London: her parliament and its work. London, 1895. 4°. pp. 64.

A valuable detailed account.


Describes the county council, the city of London, vestries, local boards, etc.
Miscellaneous.

2259. † Addresses, remonstrances, and petitions to the throne . . . [from the aldermen, common council, and livery, since 1760]; with the answers thereto. London, 1865. 8°.


Compares the government of London with that of other European cities, etc.

2262. Fairholt, F. W. Gog and Magog, the giants in Guildhall: their real and legendary history; with an account of other civic giants, at home and abroad. London, 1859. 8°.

2263. — Lord mayors' pageants: being collections towards a history of these annual celebrations, with specimens of the descriptive pamphlets published by the city poets. Percy Society. 2 pts. London, 1843-44. 8°.


A brief sketch of the history of the city, with a good short account of its government in 1867.


Another edition, with additions, 1837.

Nichols also printed some essays on this subject in the Gentleman's Magazine, 1824-25, vols. xciv.-xcv.

2266. Opinions of the officers of the corporation of the city of London, and other opinions. For the use of the committee of the whole court. [London,] 1847. 8°.

Opinions as to the body vested with the municipal government, etc. Contains many references to the old laws of London.
2267. Price, J. E. A descriptive account of the Guildhall of the
4°.
Useful, but unscholarly.

2268. † Representation (The) of London and Westminster ex-
aminined and considered, wherein appears the antiquity of most of the
burroughs in England, shewing that Middlesex is represented but one
tenth part of its due proportion. London, 1702. 4°.

2269. Smith, J. T. Centralization or representation? A letter to
the metropolitan sanatory commissioners. . . . Second edition. Lon-
don, 1848. 8°.
Ch. i. Constitution of the corporation of London, etc.

2270. —— The Metropolitan Local Management Act, 1855;
12°.

2271. —— What is the corporation of London? and who are the
freemen? London, 1850. 8°. pp. 44.

2272. Woolrych, E. H. The metropolis local management acts;
to which is added an appendix containing other statutes relating to
the powers and duties of the metropolitan board of works, vestries,
and district boards of the metropolis; with table of cases, notes, and
Earlier editions, 1863, 1880.

LONDDONDDERRY.

Edited by John Hempton. Londonderry, etc., 1861. 12°.
Of little value for municipal history.

2274. Ordnance survey of the county of Londonderry. Vol. i.
Memoir of the city and northwestern liberties of Londonderry. Parish
of Templemore. Dublin, 1837. 4°.
The work was compiled under the direction of Colonel T. Colby. The historical
and topographical sections were drawn up by G. Petrie, assisted by John
O'Donovan.

2275. Simpson, Robert. The annals of Derry: showing the rise
and progress of the town from the earliest accounts on record to the
plantation under King James I., 1613, and thence of the city of Londonderry to the present time. Londonderry, 1847. 12°.

2276. Translation of the charter granted by King Charles II. to the mayor and community and citizens of Londonderry. . . . London, 1793. 8°.

LOOE, EAST AND WEST.


LOSTWITHIEL.

2278a. † F. M. H. Memorials of Lostwithiel. Truro, 1891. 8°.

LOUGHBOROUGH.


   Ch. ii. Medieval gilds.
   Ch. iv. Churchwardens' accounts.

   This little book is made up in large part of extracts from records.

   Loughborough received a charter of incorporation in 1888.

LOUTH.


   The best book relating to Louth.

LUDLOW.

a. Town Records, Nos. 2283-2288.
b. General Histories, Nos. 2289-2292.
c. Gilds, Nos. 2293-2296.
d. Parliamentary History, etc., Nos. 2297-2302.

The best general history of Ludlow is Wright's (No. 2291). There is no good account of the municipal development.

a. Town Records.


b. General Histories.

2289. BAKER, OLIVER. Ludlow town and neighbourhood. . . . Ludlow, 1888. 4°.

Of little value for municipal history.
2290. History (The) and antiquities of the town of Ludlow, and its ancient castle. . . Ludlow, 1822. 12°.

Of little value.


The best general history of Ludlow, but it deals briefly with municipal affairs. Earlier editions, 1826, 1841, 1843.


Contains little concerning municipal history.

c. Gilds.


Contains many documents.

2296. —— A register of the palmers' guild in the reign of Henry VIII. Ibid., vii. 81-126. Shrewsbury, etc., [1884.] 8°.

d. Parliamentary History, etc.

2297. Charlton, E. L. A letter addressed to the right hon. the speaker, respecting the decisions of two several committees of the House of Commons appointed to try the merits of the Ludlow election petitions [1828], together with a report of the same, and a letter to Wm. Harrison, Esq., king's counsel, on his mode of conducting the latter. London, [1829.] 8°.
2298. Ellidge, J. P. A report of the proceedings at the election of members of Parliament for the borough of Ludlow, on the 9th of June, 1826. Ludlow, 1826. 12°.


2301. Proceedings in the court of Chancery against the corporation of Ludlow as trustees of Mr. Foxe’s charity for pulling down St. Leonard’s Chapel. . . . To which are added observations on the corporate rights of the inhabitants of Ludlow [pp. 113–117], and also an essay on borough influence [pp. 117–120]. Ludlow, [1819.] 8°.


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LYME REGIS.

2304. Roberts, George. The history of Lyme Regis, Dorset, from the earliest period to the present day. Sherborne and London, 1823. 8°.

2305. —— The history and antiquities of the borough of Lyme Regis and Charmouth. London and Lyme Regis, 1834. 8°.

See No. 2306.

2306. —— The municipal government of the ancient borough of Lyme Regis; and account of the corporation, with details of its internal policy, and extracts illustrating the rigid and salutary discipline observed towards all the members of the body, and a curious picture of the government of borough towns in former years. Also an
account of the great election contests, together with lists of the representa-
tives and mayors of the borough, from the earliest times. London and Lyme Regis, [1834.] 16°.

This little volume is made up mainly of brief extracts from the corporation
Order Book, 1490-1709.

The second of Roberts's three books on Lyme Regis is the most elaborate, but
the third is the most useful for municipal history.

2307. Rules of practice for the court of hustings of the borough
of Lyme Regis. Lyme, 1844. 12°.

LYMINGTON.

2308. Garrow, David. The history of Lymington and its im-
mediate vicinity, in the county of Southampton. ... London, 1825.
8°.

A brief account.

2309. [King, Edward.] Old times re-visited in the borough and

Contains many extracts from the town records, mainly of the 17th and 18th
centuries.

Valuable.

2310. Records of the corporation of the borough of New-Lyming-
ton, in the county of Southampton. Extracted from the muniments
in the possession of the mayor and town council, and other authorities,
in the year 1848. By Charles St. Barbe. Printed for private circula-

Contains extracts from the town records, 1574-1833.

LYNN REGIS (KING'S LYNN).

a. Town Records, Nos. 2311-2315.
b. General Histories, Nos. 2316-2320.
c. Miscellaneous, Nos. 2321-2325.

The most important series of records in the town archives are: the
assembly books, which begin in 19 Edw. I.; the chamberlains' accounts,
from Edw. III. onward; and the Trinity gild rolls, 47 Edw. III.—24 Hen.
VII.

Richards (No. 2319) gives the best account of municipal history.
PART II. LYNN REGIS.

a. Town Records.


Contains early oaths of town officers, etc.


b. General Histories.


2317. Mackerell, Benjamin. The history and antiquities of the flourishing corporation of King's Lynn, in the county of Norfolk. . . Also an account of their several charters from time to time; with a catalogue of all the mayors of Lynn. . . London, 1738. 8°.

2318. Parkin, Charles. The topography of Freebridge hundred and half, in the county of Norfolk: containing the history and antiquities of the borough of King's Lynn. . . Lynn, 1762. f°.

Also forms a part of vol. iv. of Blomefield's history of the county (No. 628).

2319. Richards, William. The history of Lynn, civil, ecclesiastical, political, commercial, biographical, municipal, and military, from
the earliest accounts to the present time. ... 2 vols. Lynn, 1812. 8°.

The best history, but it does not contain a detailed account of municipal development. The writer devotes much attention to the religious gilds of Lynn.


Contains the ordinances of the old Trinity gild, and a few brief extracts from the town records, 1520-1657.

c. Miscellaneous.


2323. † Report of an enquiry into the affairs of the corporation of King's Lynn, in Norfolk, held before the commissioners appointed for that purpose in the Guild-Hall of that borough, November, 1833. Taken by John Thew. Stamford, 1833. 8°.

2324. † —— A report of the proceedings of his majesty's commissioners for enquiring into the existing state of the municipal corporations of England and Wales, at King's Lynn, on the 16-21 of November, 1833. By Edward Mugridge. Lynn, 1834. 8°.

See No. 60.


MACCLESFIELD.

The best history is Earwaker's (No. 577).


Contains a translation of the town charters.

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2328. History (The) and directory of Macclesfield and its vicinity. Manchester, 1825. 12°.

A very brief account.


Macclesfield, 161-228.

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MAIDSTONE.

The best history is Russell's (No. 2340).


Brief and of little value.

2332. C Copy (A) of the charter of the town and parish of Maidstone, in the county of Kent. Canterbury, 1748. 8°. pp. 36.

Reprinted, Maidstone, 1796.

2333. C Copy (A) of the charter of the king's town and parish of Maidstone, in the county of Kent. Maidstone, 1832. 8°. pp. 29.

2334. C Copy (A) of the petition of the non-freemen, being rated inhabitant householders of the town of Maidstone, presented by Edward Knatchbull, Bart., to the House of Commons, on Tuesday, the 10th of May, 1825. Maidstone, 1825. 8°. pp. 8.

2335. Gilbert, W. B. The accounts of the Corpus Christi fraternity, and papers relating to the antiquities of Maidstone, together with a list of mayors and other corporate officers, from the earliest times. . . Maidstone, 1865. 8°.

2336. James, W. R. The charters and other documents relating to the king's town and parish of Maidstone, in the county of Kent, with notes and annotations, clearly shewing the right of election of members of Parliament to be in the inhabitant householders. London, 1825. 8°.
2337. L[ampreys], S. C. A brief historical and descriptive account of Maidstone and its environs. Maidstone, 1834. 8°.

Of little value for municipal history.

2338. NEWTON, WILLIAM. The history and antiquities of Maidstone, the county-town of Kent, from the manuscript collections of William Newton. London, 1741. 8°.

Ch. v. Government and privileges of Maidstone.

2339. ROWLES, WALTER. A general history of Maidstone, the shire town for the county of Kent: containing its ancient and present state, civil, and ecclesiastical, collected from public records, etc. London and Maidstone, 1809. 8°. pp. 86.

A brief account.


Ch. ix. contains a good short account of municipal and parliamentary history.

2341. † Short treatise (A) on the institution of corporations, and an enquiry into the conduct of the bench of the corporation of Maidstone, from the year 1757 to the present time; addressed to the freemen of Maidstone by a freeman. Maidstone, 1786. 8°. pp. 42.

MALDON.

2342. † STRUTT, J. Addresses and correspondence of Col. J. Strutt respecting the charter of Maldon. Privately printed. 1812. 8°.

MALMESBURY.


Reprinted in No. 105.


2345. MOFFATT, J. M. The history of the town of Malmesbury and of its ancient abbey. ... Tetbury, 1805. 8°.

Contains some records relating to the internal affairs of the borough.

**MALTON, NEW.**


Customs of the burgesses of New Malton in the 15th century, 58–63. See No. 126.

**MANCHESTER.**

*a.* Town Records, Nos. 2348–2355.
*b.* General Histories, Nos. 2356–2368.
*c.* Miscellaneous, Nos. 2369–2376.

The best histories of Manchester are Harland’s and Reilly’s (Nos. 2358, 2364). The court leet records (Nos. 2352–2354) are more valuable for manorial than for municipal history.

*a.* Town Records.

2348. † Bye-laws passed by the council of the borough of Manchester. Manchester, 1843. 16°.

2349. Constables’ accounts (The) of the manor of Manchester [1612–1776]. . . . Edited by J. P. Earwaker. 3 vols. Manchester, 1891–92. 8°

2350. † Higson, Frederick. The corporator’s manual: a concise treatise on municipal corporations . . . with . . . a copy of the Manchester charter. Manchester, 1839. 12°.

2351. † Ormerod, G. W. Manual of local acts affecting the townships comprised in the boroughs of Manchester and Salford. Manchester, 1838. 8°.


The introduction to vol. xii. contains a good account of the incorporation of the borough.


See Nos. 2356, 2358, 2359.

b. General Histories.

2356. Akin, J. Description of the country from thirty to forty miles round Manchester. . . . London, 1795. 4°.

Manchester, 147–217, 584–97.
Contains Thomas Grelle's grant to the burgesses, 1301, with a translation, etc.


A brief analysis of the history of Manchester, chronologically arranged.

2358. Harland, John. Mamecestre: being chapters from the early recorded history of the barony; the lordship or manor; the vill, borough, or town of Manchester. Edited by John Harland. Chetham Society. 3 pts. [Manchester,] 1861–62. 4°.

Ch. xii. Lancashire town charters (see No. 623).
Ch. xiii. Charter of Manchester, 1301.
Valuable.

2359. Hibbert-Ware, Samuel. The ancient parish church of Manchester, and why it was collegiated. Manchester, 1848. 4°.

Contains a good survey of the early municipal history of Manchester; and, on pp. 70–76, a detailed account of the charter of 1301.


Written in the first half of the 17th century.
Of little value for municipal history.

2361. Manchester historical recorder (The): being an analysis of the municipal, ecclesiastical, biographical, commercial, and statistical

Brief notes, arranged chronologically.
For other editions, see No. 2363 and Fishwick's Lancashire Library (No. 31), 138–9.


Municipal history, 41–79. (A brief account.)

2363. Records, historical, municipal, ecclesiastical, biographical, commercial, and statistical, of Manchester from the earliest period. Revised and corrected to the present time. Manchester, 1868. 12°.

Brief notes, arranged chronologically.
See No. 2361.


Pp. 1–560 deal with the civil and military history to 1860, emphasizing modern parliamentary history. The appendix contains the town charters.


Not completed; extends to 1832.


A good brief account.

2367. WHEELER, JAMES. Manchester: its political, social, and commercial history, ancient and modern. London, etc., 1836. 8°.

Pt. iv. deals with the modern municipal history.


Vol. i. The Roman period.
Vol. ii. The Saxon period.

Of little value for municipal history.
Vol. i., reprinted, 2 vols., 1773.

c. Miscellaneous.

2370. Historical account (An) of some recent enterprises of the corporation of Manchester, and of its co-operation in the completion of the Manchester ship canal. Manchester, 1894. 4°.

The court leet records and constables' accounts, 163-72.


2372. † KAY, ALEXANDER. An address delivered to the members of the town council of Manchester, on Monday, the 10th of November, 1845, previous to the election (for the eighth time) of mayor of the borough, by Alex. Kay, the retiring mayor. London, 1845. 8°.

Gives a good account of the affairs of the corporation since 1839.

2373. MEDCALF, WILLIAM. On the municipal institutions of the city of Manchester. By Mr. Councillor Medcalf. Manchester, 1854. 8°. pp. 32.

Reprinted from the Transactions of the Manchester Statistical Society.

2374. ROBERTS, WILLIAM. A charge to the grand jury of the court leet for the manor of Manchester [1788]: containing an account of the internal government of that town . . . Manchester, 1788. 4°.

2nd edition, 1793, 8°.


Ch. xx. Government of the town. (A brief account.)

MARAZION.


MARLBOROUGH.

   Contains little relating to municipal history.

2380. Waylen, James. A history, military and municipal, of the town (otherwise called the city) of Marlborough, and more generally of the entire hundred of Selkley. London, 1854. 8°.
   Contains brief extracts from the court books, 1524-1615; by-laws made in 19 Eliz.; extracts from the chamberlains’ accounts, 1553-1772, etc.
   The best history of Marlborough.

MARYHILL.

   Sect. x. The burgh.

MELTON MOWBRAY.

   Contains copious extracts from these accounts, Edw. IV. — 1612.

2383. —— The constables of Melton in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Ibid., iii. 60–79. Leicester, 1874. 8°.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.

   Of little value for municipal history.

MIDHURST.


MINEHEAD.

   A brief tirade against the traffic in rotten boroughs.
MODBURY.

A meagre sketch.

MOFFAT.


MONAGHAN.

2389. † RUSHE, D. C. Historical sketches of Monaghan, from the earliest times to the Fenian movement. Dublin, 1895.

MONMOUTH.

2390. Charters (The) of the town and borough of Monmouth, granted in the reigns of King Edward the Sixth, King James the First, King Charles the Second. Newport, 1826. 8°.

2391. HEATH, CHARLES. Historical and descriptive accounts of the ancient and present state of the town of Monmouth. . . . Monmouth, 1804. 4°.
A brief account.

MONTGOMERY.

Five Latin charters in full, Hen. IV.—Charles II., with a translation.

MONTROSE.


2394. MITCHELL, DAVID. The history of Montrose: containing important particulars in relation to its trade, manufactures, commerce, shipping, antiquities, eminent men. . . . Montrose, 1866. 8°.
Of little value for municipal history.

MORPETH.

2395. HODGSON, JOHN. A history of Morpeth. Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1832. 4°.
A reprint of a part of his history of Northumberland (No. 634).
The best history of Morpeth.
2396. † Hodgson, J. C. The customs of the court leet and court baron of Morpeth, with the court rolls of 1632. Soc. of Antiq. of Newcastle, Archæologia Aeliana, vol. xvi. pt. i. Newcastle, 1892. 4°.


See No. 636.

**MUSSELBURGH.**


**NANTWICH.**


The best history of Nantwich.

2400. Historical account (An) of the town and parish of Nantwich; with a particular relation of the remarkable siege it sustained in the grand rebellion, in 1643. [By Joseph Partridge.] Shrewsbury, 1774. 8°.

A brief account.

2401. † Johnson, Elizabeth. Historical facts connected with Nantwich and its neighbourhood. 1851. 8°.


A brief account, based on Partridge's work (No. 2400).

**NEATH.**

2403. Original charters and materials for a history of Neath and its abbey, with illustrations; now first collected by G. G. Francis. Swansea, 1845. 8°.

**NEWARK-UPON-TRENT.**

2404. Brown, Cornelius. The annals of Newark-upon-Trent: comprising the history, curiosities, and antiquities of the borough. Illustrated. ... London and Newark, 1879. 4°.

The best history of Newark; little attention is devoted to municipal affairs.
NEWBURGH—NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME. [PART II.

2405. DICKINSON, WILLIAM. The history and antiquities of the town of Newark, in the county of Nottingham (the Sidnacester of the Romans). . . London, 1819. 4°.

The appendix contains a translation of charters granted to Newark by Charles I. and Charles II.

Other editions, 1806, 1816.

2406. SHILTON, R. P. The history of the town of Newark-upon-Trent, in the county of Nottingham: comprising an account of its antiquities, public institutions, charities, charters, etc. 2 pts. Newark, 1820. 8°.

2407. † Translation of the charters of Charles I. and Charles II. to Newark. Newark, 1790.

NEWBURGH.

2408. LAING, ALEXANDER. Lindores abbey and its burgh of Newburgh: their history and annals. Edinburgh, 1876. 8°.

Chs. xv.-xvi. Municipal history (with extracts from the burgh records, 1459-79).

Appendix. Decreet arbitral of 1501, etc.

NEWBURY.


Of little value for municipal history.


A paper read Nov. 4, 1896.


Contains extracts from court leet rolls, 1640-77, etc.

A good book.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

For the manorial history of the town, see No. 2842.


A brief account of the municipal history of Newcastle, but seemingly the best. 2nd edition, "Historical records and directory of Newcastle," 1881.


**NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.**


b. General Histories, Nos. 2417–2424.

c. Gilds, Nos. 2425–2428.

d. Miscellaneous, Nos. 2429–2447.

The best history is Brand’s (No. 2418). The records of the merchant adventurers (No. 2427) are valuable.

**a. Town Records.**

2415. Extracts from the municipal accounts of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, extending from 1561 to the revolution of 1688. [M. A. Richard-ardson’s Reprints of rare tracts, vol. iii. Newcastle, 1849. 8°.]


The introduction (pp. xi.–lx.) contains a good sketch of the municipal history of Newcastle.

**b. General Histories.**

See Nos. 600, 637.

2417. Bourne, Henry. The history of Newcastle upon Tyne: or the ancient and present state of that town. Newcastle, 1736. f°. Ch. xiv., on the government of the town, contains much crude material, extracts from records, etc.

2418. * Brand, John.* The history and antiquities of the town and county of the town of Newcastle upon Tyne, including an account of the coal trade of that place, and embellished with engraved views of the publick buildings, etc. 2 vols. London, 1789. 4°.

Contains the town charters in full; considerable use is made of the town archives and the public records.

The best history of Newcastle.

Index, by William Dodd (Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle, 1881).
Of little value for municipal history.

2420. Chorographia: or a survey of Newcastle upon Tyne. . . .
[By William Grey.] Newcastle, 1649. 4°.
Reprinted in the Harleian Miscellany (1809), iii. 267-84; also in 1813 and 1818. Very brief and of little value.

2421. Impartial history (An) of the town and county of Newcastle upon Tyne and its vicinity. . . . [By John Baillie.] Newcastle, 1801. 8°.
Contains an account of the craft gilds, but does not devote much attention to municipal history, "carefully excluding copies of old, musty grants, written in uncouth Latin."

2422. Mackenzie, E. A descriptive and historical account of the town and county of Newcastle upon Tyne, including the borough of Gateshead. 2 vols. Newcastle, 1827. 4°.
In vol. ii. considerable space is devoted to the history of the corporation and the old trade gilds.

Ch. vi. contains a brief account of municipal history.
Of little value.


Gilds.

See Nos. 2421, 2422, 2435, 2440.


2428. Walker, J., and Richardson, M. A. The armorial bearings of the several incorporated companies of Newcastle-upon-Tyne; with a brief historical account of each company. Newcastle, 1824. 8°.

d. Miscellaneous.


Contains a sketch of the town constitution.

2431. [Clark, Joseph.] The Newcastle freeman’s pocket companion: containing a copious view of the charters granted to the town and county of the town of Newcastle upon Tyne, including a particular account of the customs and privileges peculiar to the free burgesses of the said town. By a burgess. Gateshead, 1808. 12°. pp. 100.


2432. Collier, John. An essay on charters, in which are particularly considered those of Newcastle; with remarks on its constitution, customs, and franchises. Newcastle, 1777. 8°.

Contains translations of the charters of 42 Eliz. and 2 James I., etc.

2433. Conservatorship (The) of the Tyne: the plea and defence of the mayor and burgesses of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, against the malevolent accusations of Gardiner, as exhibited by him before Parlia-

See No. 2437.

2434. Contest (The): being an account of the matter in dispute between the magistrates and burgesses, and an examination of the merit and conduct of the candidates in the present election for Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Newcastle, 1774. 8°.

2435. † Corporation mirror (The): containing report of proceedings at the guild of Newcastle, October, 1829.

2436. Freeman's magazine (The), or the constitutional repository: containing a free debate concerning the cause of liberty; consisting of all the papers published in the London newspapers, from Northumberland and Newcastle, or the county of Durham, from the sending of instructions to the Newcastle members of Parliament till this present time. Newcastle, 1774. 8°.

Contains letters relating to the internal affairs of Newcastle and Durham.

2437. Gardiner, Ralph. England's grievance discovered in relation to the coal-trade; with the map of the river of Tine, and situation of the town and corporation of Newcastle, the tyrannical oppression of those magistrates, their charters and grants . . . London, 1655. 4°.

Reprinted in 1796 and 1849.

See No. 2433.


2439. —— On the trade of Newcastle previous to the reign of Henry III., with a view of its relative importance as compared with other towns and the general commerce of the kingdom. Archæol. Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, Memoirs of Northumberland, i. 24-40. 2 vols. London, 1858. 8°.

2440. Humble petition (The) and appeal of Thomas Cliffe, a poor shipwright, inhabiting at Northshields. [M. A. Richardson's Reprints of rare tracts, vol. ii. Newcastle, 1845. 8°.]

Illustrates the narrow spirit of the Newcastle trades in the 17th century.
2441. † Newcastle corporation annual: or recollections of the first reformed town council. Newcastle, 1836.

2442. † Newcastle corporation enquiry . . . with the official report of the commissioners. Newcastle, 1833. 8°.

2443. † —— Report of the official investigation into the affairs of the municipal corporation of Newcastle. Newcastle, 1834. 8°.

See No. 60.

2444. [Richardson, M. A.] Richardson's Descriptive companion through Newcastle upon Tyne and Gateshead . . . to which is prefixed an inquiry into the origin of the primitive Britons. Newcastle, 1838. 8°.

Ch. x. contains a brief account of "municipal concerns." Reprinted, "A guide to Newcastle," 1846.


Contains various cases relating to Newcastle: see the index, 474.


NEWNHAM.


NEWPORT (MONMOUTHSHIRE).


Charters, etc., of Newport, 15, 49–55, 67–8, 111–24.

Pt. i. Prehistoric and Roman periods.
Pt. ii. The Saxon period.
Pt. iii. Norman and early English period.
Pt. iv. Edward III. to Mary.
Pt. v. Civil war in Montgomeryshire.


Inspeximus of Humphrey, Earl of Stafford, 5 Hen. VI., with a translation.

NEWPORT (SHROPSHIRE).


NEWTOWN (MONTGOMERYSHIRE).


Contains various depositions taken at Newtown in 1615, giving particulars of its old town-hall and charter.

NORTHALLERTON.


A meagre account.
1st edition, 1791. 8°.


The borough, 126–40.


Grant to the town and inquisition concerning its liberties, 7 Edw. III., 173–5.
2457. Saywell, J. L. The history and annals of Northallerton, Yorkshire, with notes and voluminous appendix, compiled from authentic and reliable sources. Northallerton, 1885. 8°.

NORTHAMPTON.

b. General Histories, etc., Nos. 2462–2466.

The Liber Custumarum (No. 2459) is valuable. The best history is Hartshorne's (No. 2463).

a. Town Records.

See No. 2466.


The text (in English, Latin, and French) was compiled about the middle of the 15th century; various rules and decisions were added later. One third of the original is here printed. This part of the work is also being published in Northamptonshire Notes and Queries, 1890–94, etc., vols. i., iv.–v., etc.

2460. Northampton corporation accounts, from 1795 to 1835; and the accounts of the town council from 1836 to 1839. Northampton, [1840.] f°.


Vol. i. Extracts from the public records; the whole of the early charters and the Liber Custumarum, with a translation.

Vol. ii. Extracts from the orders of assembly, 1547–1835. Announced for publication.
b. General Histories, etc.

2462. Account (An) of the surrender of the old charter of North- 
ampton, September the 26, and the manner of their receiving their 
new charter, etc. Together with an eloquent speech made by Robert 
Clerk, Esq. (deputy recorder of Northampton), upon that occasion. 
[London, 1686.] f°.

A single sheet.

2463. HARTSHORNE, C. H. Historical memorials of Northampton, 
taken chiefly from unprinted sources. Northampton, etc., 1848. 8°.

Contains the town charters; extracts from the Chamberlain's Book of Minutes, 
1552-1687; an account of the municipal archives, etc.

A valuable little book; the best history of Northampton.

2464. History (The) of Northampton and its vicinity; brought 

A meagre account.
1st edition, 1815, 8°.

2465. History (The) of the town of Northampton; with an account 
of its public buildings... members of Parliament, mayors and 
bailiffs, and the most remarkable events that have taken place in the 

The list of mayors contains some brief references to municipal history.

2466. † Report of trial to take tolls in the town of Northampton, 
containing copies of the principal charters in the possession of the 

NORWICH.

a. Town Records, Nos. 2467-2471.
b. General Histories, Nos. 2472-2479.
c. Gilds, Nos. 2480-2483.
d. Miscellaneous, Nos. 2484-2497.

The following are the principal town records, with the dates when they 
begin: royal charters, Hen. II., etc.; court rolls, 1284; court books, 1492; 
assembly rolls, 1365; assembly books, 1440; chamberlains' rolls, 1375; 
Old Free-Book, containing admissions to the freedom, rentals, deeds, etc., 
Edw. II.; Domesday Book, containing rents, grants of land, etc., mainly 
in Henry VI.'s reign.
The best general history of Norwich is Blomefield’s (No. 628). Hudson’s *Leet Jurisdiction* and his other works (Nos. 2471, 2487-2491) are scholarly contributions to the history of the city. The volume on the Town Close Estate (No. 2468) is also valuable.

**a. Town Records.**

2467. † Abstract (An) of several acts of Parliament relating to the city of Norwich. . . . Norwich, 1730. 8°.


Contains several of the town charters in full, with extracts from others; also copious extracts from public records, the leet rolls, the assembly rolls, etc., 1086-1886. Some of these documents are very valuable; for example, the orders for the government of the city in 1415, pp. 37-43.

The work is badly edited.


They relate mainly to musters in the 16th century.

2471. *Leet jurisdiction in the city of Norwich during the xiii*<sup>th</sup> and xiv*<sup>th</sup> centuries, with a short notice of its later history and decline. From rolls in the possession of the corporation. Edited by William Hudson. *Selden Society*. London, 1892. 4°.

**b. General Histories.**

2472. BAYNE, A. D. A comprehensive history of Norwich. . . . London and Norwich, 1869. 8°.

Useful for the parliamentary history of Norwich in the 19th century.

2473. BROWNE, P[HILIP.]. The history of Norwich, from the earliest records to the present time. . . . Norwich, 1814. 8°.
2474. Compleat history (A) of the famous city of Norwich, from the earliest account to this present year, 1728. ... Norwich, 1728. 8°. pp. 38.
Of little value.
An appendix was published in the same year.

2475. History (The) of the city of Norwich: containing: i. A description of that city, both in its ancient and modern state. ... vi. A list of all the mayors and sheriffs of Norwich since it had the liberty of a mayor. ... Norwich, 1718. 8°. pp. 40.
A brief sketch, of little value.

2476. History (The) of the city and county of Norwich, from the earliest accounts to the present time. ... 2 pts. Norwich, 1768. 8°.
Contains copious abstracts of charters, and some notices of municipal affairs.

2477. History (The) of the city of Norwich, from the earliest records to the present time. Norwich, 1869. 8°.
Of little value for municipal history.

2478. Parkin, Charles. The history and antiquities of the city of Norwich, in the county of Norfolk, collected from antient records and other authentic materials. Lynn and London, 1783. 8°.
Contains brief references to municipal history.

2479. Topographical and historical account (A) of the city and county of Norwich, its antiquities and modern improvements. ... [By John Stacy.] Norwich and Lynn, 1819. 8°.
Based mainly on Blomefield (No. 628). Contains a brief account of municipal history.
Other editions, 1819, 1832.

Contains extracts from the Brewers' Book, most of them in the time of Elizabeth and James I.

Contains ordinances of various Norwich gilds in Richard II.'s time.


Contains also extracts from the Grocers' Book, 1534-65, relating to the pageants.

*d. Miscellaneous.*

2484. †Boissevain, John. A serious address to the magistrates of Norwich and Yarmouth. Norwich, 1793. 8°.


The conflict between the citizens and the monks of Norwich, 1272-76, pp. 146-54, 421-7.

See also Samuel Bentley's *Excerpta Historica* (London, 1831), 252-3; and No. 2496.

2486. †Digest of the evidence before the parliamentary commission on municipal boroughs. [Norwich,] 1833.

See No. 60.

2487. Hudson, William. How the city of Norwich grew into shape... to which is added a short description of its municipal divisions at various times. Norwich, 1896. 4°.


An excellent sketch of the early history of Norwich.

2491. — The wards of the city of Norwich, their origin and history. London, 1891. 4°.

Valuable.
2492. KIRKPATRICK, JOHN. The streets and lanes of the city of
Norwich. A memoir by John Kirkpatrick. . . . Edited with notes
and appendices, for the Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society,
by William Hudson. . . . Norwich, 1889. f°.

2493. L'ESTRANGE, JOHN. Calendar of the freemen of Norwich,

2494. MADDERS, S. S. Rambles in an old city [Norwich]: com-
prising antiquarian, historical, biographical, and political associations.
London, 1853. 8°.

2495. Notices and illustrations of the costume, processions, pagan-
tery, etc. formerly displayed by the corporation of Norwich. [With
plates.] Norwich, 1850. f°.

Contains many extracts from the town records (1451-1711).

2496. RYE, WALTER. The riot between the monks and citizens of
Norwich in 1272. Norfolk Antiq. Miscellany, ii. 17-89. Norwich,
1880 [1883]. 8°.

See No. 2485.

2497. The town close, Norwich. Norfolk Antiq. Miscellany,
iii. 341-93. Norwich, 1887. 8°.

Contains town ordinances of 2 Henry V., etc.

NOTTINGHAM.

a. Town Records, Nos. 2498-2500.
b. General Histories, Nos. 2501-2506.
c. Miscellaneous, Nos. 2507-2513.

The town archives contain royal charters from Henry II.'s time on-
ward; rolls of the borough court, beginning in 1303; hall books, since
1548; deeds, etc. The Red Book, containing old customs and ordinances
of the town, was destroyed by a fire in 1724; and the early mayoralty rolls
have been lost.

The best histories of Nottingham are Blackner's and Deering's (Nos.
2501, 2502). Stevenson's Records (No. 2499) is a model work of its kind;
his volume of royal charters (No. 2500) is also valuable. These two pub-
lications form a good basis for a new history of the town government.

a. Town Records.

2498. HEATHCOTE, CHARLES. An English translation of the charter
of Henry VI. to the burgesses of the town and county of the town of
Nottingham; confirmed by letters patent of King William and Queen Mary. To which is prefixed an introductory address to the burgesses of the said town. Nottingham, [1807.] 1°.

This is an inspeximus of the earlier charters. See Nos. 2501-2503.

2499. *Records of the borough of Nottingham [1155-1625]: being a series of extracts from the archives of the corporation of Nottingham. [Edited by W. H. Stevenson.] Published under the authority of the corporation of Nottingham. 4 vols. London and Nottingham, 1882-89. 8°.

The Latin and French texts are accompanied with a translation.

2500. Royal charters granted to the burgesses of Nottingham, 1155-1712. [Edited by W. H. Stevenson.] Issued by order of the corporation of Nottingham. London and Nottingham, 1890. 8°.

Latin texts, with an English translation.

Valuable.

b. General Histories.

See No. 639.

2501. Blackner, John. The history of Nottingham, embracing its antiquities, trade, and manufactures, from the earliest authentic records to the present period. Nottingham, 1815. 4°.

There is quite a detailed account of municipal history on pp. 252-87, and a translation of the town charters on pp. 411-37.

2502. Deering, Charles. Nottinghamia vetus et nova: or an historical account of the ancient and present state of the town of Nottingham. ... Nottingham, 1751. 4°.

Sect. vi. contains abstracts of the town charters, etc.

The appendix contains the Latin inspeximus of 27 Henry VI.; the case of William Sacheverell, etc.

2503. †History (The), antiquities, and present state of the town of Nottingham; with an appendix, containing a translation of the charter of Henry VI. to the burgesses of Nottingham. ... Nottingham, 1807. 12°.

2505. Throsby, John. The history and antiquities of the town and county of the town of Nottingham: containing the whole of Thoroton's account of that place [No. 640], and all that is valuable in Deering. Nottingham, 1795. 4°.


Ch. xv. Local government.
A popular history of the town.

c. Miscellaneous.

2507. Coke and Birch. The paper war carried on at the Nottingham election, 1803: containing the whole of the addresses, songs, squibs, etc. circulated by the contending parties; including the books of accidents and chances. Nottingham, [1803.] 8°.

2508. Hine, T. C. Nottingham: its castle, a military fortress, a royal palace, a ducal mansion, a blackened ruin, a museum and gallery of art. With [brief] notes relating to the borough of Nottingham. London and Nottingham, 1876. 4°.

A supplement appeared in 1879.


See No. 60.

2510. † Nottingham election petition of 1803. Nottingham, 1803. f°.

Contains material relating to the history of Nottingham elections.

2511. † Ten letters, principally upon the subject of the late contested election at Nottingham. London, 1803. 8°.

2512. † —— Two letters, principally upon the subject of the late contested election at Nottingham. London, 1802. 8°.

2513. Tryal (The) of William Sacheverell, Esq., and several other gentlemen, for a riot committed at Nottingham, on the election of a mayor of that town; before the lord chief justice Jefferies, at the King's-Bench bar, in Easter term, 1684. To which is added the case
of the town of Nottingham, drawn up by Mr. Sacheverell. London, 1720. f°.

This is one of the cases which arose out of the royal attacks upon the charters of corporations.

See Nos 195, 2502.

OKEHAMPTON.


1st edition, Plymouth, [circa 1839.]

OSWESTRY.

2515. CATHRALL, WILLIAM. The history of Oswestry: comprising the British, Saxon, Norman, and English eras; the topography of the borough; and its ecclesiastical and civil history. . . . Oswestry, [1855.] 8°.


Contains some extracts from the town records.


Contains only an abstract of the charters.


Extracts from the records since the 16th century.

2520. Records (The) of the corporation of Oswestry. Edited by Stanley Leighton. With an account of the mayors, stewards, recorders, and town clerks, by Askew Roberts. Reprinted from the Trans-
Contains town charters; town constitutions of 1582; by-laws of 1677; extracts from the mayor's accounts, 1674, etc.
Valuable.

OVER.


OVERTON.

2522. Howson, G. J. Overton (cauUbd ynauncient tyme Orton Madoc) in days gone by. Oswestry, 1883. 8°.
Ch. iv. Municipal and parliamentary history.

OXFORD.

a. Town Records, etc., Nos. 2523–2531.
c. Miscellaneous, Nos. 2539–2541.

The most valuable works are the records edited by Ogle, Rogers, and Turner (Nos. 2527, 2528, 2530, 2531). Nos. 2536–2538 are also useful. A good history of the municipal development is needed.

a. Town Records, etc.

See his index, ii. 442–7, for references to the city of Oxford.

See also No. 126.

2525. Madan, Falconer. Rough list of manuscript materials relating to the history of Oxford, contained in the printed catalogues of the Bodleian and college libraries; arranged according to subject, with an index. Oxford, 1887. 8°.

Some of the documents relate to municipal affairs: see his index, under "Mayor" and "Townsmen."


Contains many extracts from documents relating to the history of the market since the 13th century.

Valuable.


Valuable.


For the petitions dealing with municipal history, see pp. 85-6.


Contains charters, letters patent, inquisitions, writs, orders in council, and letters from the crown, 1136-1684.


b. General Histories.


Contains a brief account of municipal history.


2536. WOOD, A. The antient and present state of the city of Oxford. . . . The whole chiefly collected by Mr. Anthony à Wood; with additions by the Rev. Sir J. Peshall, Bart. London, 1773. 4°.


Contains much material relating to municipal affairs.


The third and last volume will treat of the constitution of the city.

c. Miscellaneous.


Also printed in his *Stray Studies* (1876), 287-308.


Contains some brief references to municipal affairs.


Contains charters granted to the gild by Henry II., Henry III., and Edward II.; extracts from the gild accounts, 1631-1734, etc.
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PAIGNTON.

2542. **Lane, John.** The court rolls of the manor and borough of Paignton, Devon. With some notes on the tenures of the manor. *Devon. Assoc. for Advancement of Science, Transactions,* xvi. 703–24. Plymouth, 1884. 8°.

Contains extracts from the rolls, 1664–1716.

PAISLEY.

The best history is Brown's (No. 2543).

2543. **Brown, Robert.** The history of Paisley, from the Roman period down to 1884. 2 vols. Paisley, 1886. 8°.

Contains many extracts from the town council records, which begin in 1594.

2544. ——— The history of the Paisley grammar school and academy, and of the other town's schools; with some notices of subjects relating to the history of the town of Paisley. Paisley, 1875. 4°.

2545. **Lees, J. C.** The abbey of Paisley, from its foundation till its dissolution; with ... an appendix of illustrative documents. Paisley, 1878. 4°.

The burgh of Paisley, 146–58.

2546. **Mackie, Charles.** Historical description of the abbey and town of Paisley. ... Glasgow, 1835. 8°.

Extracts from town council records, 1594–1664, pp. 133–47.


A short account of the municipal history. The appendix contains brief extracts from the town records, 1659–64, and the charter granted to the town in 1490 by George Schaw, abbot of Paisley.

2548. **Registrum monasterii de Passelet, cartas, privilegia, conventiones aliaeque munimenta complectens, a domo fundata A. D. 1163 usque ad A. D. 1529. ... [Maitland Club.]** Edinburgh, 1832. 4°.

For documents relating to the history of the burgh, 1204–1495, see pp. 20, 247, 261–74, 403–7: the charter granted to the burgesses in 1488, etc.

Contains only brief references to the municipal history.
Two short supplements appeared in 1873 and 1874.

PEEBLES.

2550. † Charter of James VI. (1621). Perth, 1825.


Of little value.


PENRYN.

2555. † Documents relating to Peter Pender, Esq., of Penryn, who was duly chosen mayor but was ejected by the government. 1725. f°.

Said to contain much information on the history of the borough.
See No. 189.

PENZANCE.

2556. [Beard, John.] To the worshipful the mayor . . . the aldermen and commonalty of Penzance. This translation of their charter is respectfully presented by their faithful and obedient humble servant, J. B., town clerk. Penzance, [1825.] f°. pp. 22.


Pt. iii. The journal of the mayor of Penzance, Henry Boase, for his year of office 1816-17, giving the details of the management of an old unreformed borough.
The most valuable works relating to Perth are those of Hunt and Marshall (Nos. 2567, 2570).

2564. CANT, JAMES. The muses threnodie: or mirthful mournings on the death of Mr. Gall. ... By Mr. H. Adamson. Printed at Edinburgh ... 1638. To this new edition are added explanatory notes and observations; King James's charter of confirmation [1600]; an account of Gowrie's conspiracy; a list of the magistrates of Perth, with notes. ... By James Cant. 2 vols. Perth, 1774. 8°.

Vol. ii. consists of the additions by Cant relating to Perth, and contains a translation of the burgh charter of 1600, the decreet obtained by Perth against Dundee in 1602, a translation of the charter granted by Queen Mary to the trades of Perth in 1556, King James's charter to the crafts, 1581, etc.

2565. † Charter by King James VI. in favour of the town of Perth, dated 15th November, 1600, and a translation. n. p. n. d. 4°.

2566. Chronicle (The) of Perth: a register of remarkable occurrences, chiefly connected with that city, from the year 1210 to 1668. [Presented to the Maitland Club, as the contribution of James Maidment.] Maitland Club. Edinburgh, 1831. 4°.

The introductory sketch gives a good account of the history of the Perth crafts in general. The body of the work contains the entries in the Hammermen Book from 1518 to 1568, with brief extracts from 1577 to 1687.

Valuable.


Deals mainly with the ecclesiastical and social history of Perth.


The best general history of Perth, but it does not contain much documentary material.

2570. Memorabilia of the city of Perth: containing a guide to Perth; historical memoranda respecting Perth; charters relating to the privileges of Perth. . . . Compiled from the best sources of information; chiefly from Mr. Cant's notes to the Muses Threnodie of Adamson. Perth, 1806. 8°.

Sect. iv. contains the documents mentioned in the note of No. 2564.


Municipal government (with a few brief extracts from the burgh records, 1542-1688), pp. 529-531.


Contains an account of the incorporated trades, etc.
PART II.

PETERBOROUGH—PEVENSEY.

PETERBOROUGH.


Of little value for municipal history.
1st edition, 1849.

PETERHEAD.

2575. Arbuthnot, James. An historical account of Peterhead, from the earliest period to the present time... With an appendix, containing a copy of the original charter of erection... 2 pts. Aberdeen, 1815. 8°.

2576. Buchan, P. Annals of Peterhead, from its foundation to the present time: including an account of the rise, progress, improvements, shipping, manufactures, commerce, trade, wells, baths, etc. of the town... Peterhead, 1819. 8°.

Of little value for municipal history.


2578. †Observations on the constitution of the burgh of Peterhead; and remarks on an attempt, by certain individuals, to uphold the old system of exclusive burgh government. By Decemviri. Aberdeen, 1833. 8°. pp. 21.

PETERSFIELD.


Contains charters, etc. of the borough.

PEVENSEY.


The custumal is printed in full.
PITTEIT—WEM.


A brief account.
Other editions, 1846, 1863.


Contains an old English translation of the customal.

PITTEIT—WEM.


Reprinted from the East of Fife Record.

PLYMOUTH.

The Gildhall of Plymouth contains a rich collection of muniments. The regular series of records begin in 1486 with the receivers' accounts, which are practically complete to the present day. The most valuable volume of records is the Black Book, a register of by-laws, gild ordinances, and other interesting matters relating to the town, 1441–1709. Next in importance are the White Book (used from 1560 to 1734 for the entry of town ordinances, etc.), and Simon Carswell's Book, containing proceedings of the town courts, deeds, etc., Hen. VI.—Hen. VII.

The best history of Plymouth is Worth's (No. 2590); his calendar of records (No. 2589) is also valuable.


Contains brief references to municipal affairs in modern times.

2585. ? Municipal reform: or the old guiled all and the new gilled all. Plymouth. n. d.

2586. ? Charter (The) of the borough of Plymouth, and the case of Rock against Berry in the Queen's Bench, 1712. Plymouth, 1813.


Contains a translation of the charters granted to the town.
Of little value.

Contains many valuable extracts from the town records.

2590. — History of Plymouth, from the earliest period to the present time. [New enlarged edition.] Plymouth, 1890. 8°.
Ch. viii. Parliamentary representation.
Ch. ix. Local government.
A good book.
Other editions, 1871, 1873.

Contains extracts from the accounts of the receivers of Plymouth, 1486–1700.


2594. — The three towns [Plymouth, Devonport, and Stonehouse] bibliotheca: a catalogue of books, pamphlets, papers, etc., written by natives thereof, published therein, or relating thereto; with brief biographical notices of the principal authors. [Plymouth, 1871.] 8°.

2595. †Yonge, James. Plimouth memoirs: containing a chronologicall account of that corporation, a catalogue of all the mayors, together with ye memorable occurrences in their respective yeares . . . the charter then granted by K. Charles the Second, etc. Collected by James Yonge, 1684. Edited by R. N. Worth. Plymouth, 1876. 8°. pp. 58.
PLYMPTON.


The account of municipal history is meagre.


Contains the charters in full, also the ancient ordinances of 1623, and other records.


PONTEFRACT.

Fox (No. 2603) gives the best account of the municipal history. Boothroyd (No. 2600) gives the fullest survey of the parliamentary history. The Booke of Entries (No. 2599) is valuable. For the town charters, see No. 351.


This oldest extant record of the Pontefract corporation contains minutes of proceedings of the meetings of the burgesses.

Valuable.


The corporation, 446–57.
Parliamentary history, 458–84.
The appendix contains a translation of the town charters.


2602. Dunniad (The): being a collection of pieces in prose and verse that have been published during the long-contested election for members to serve in Parliament for the borough of Pontefract. . . . London, [1769.] 8°.
PART II.


Contains a translation of the town charters.

2604. Mayors (The) of the borough of Pontefract from its incorporation in 1484. With partial lists of the aldermen. Pontefract, 1882. 8°.

2605. Tetlow, R. J. Historical account of the borough of Pontefract, in the county of York; and the definition of a borough in general. . . Leeds, 1769. 12°. pp. 43.

Of little value.

POOLE.

a. General Histories, Nos. 2606-2608.

b. Miscellaneous: Elections, etc., Nos. 2609-2616.

The best history is Sydenham's (No. 2608).

2606. History (The) of the town and county of Poole; compiled from Hutchins's history of the county of Dorset. . . With many additions and corrections. Poole, 1788. 8°. pp. 86.

A brief account.

2607. † History of the town and county of Poole, with its charter, A. D. 1568. Poole, 1791. 8°.

2608. Sydenham, John. The history of the town and county of Poole; collected and arranged from ancient records and other authentic documents, and deduced from the earliest period to the present time. Poole, etc., 1839. 8°.

Contains quite a detailed account of the municipal and parliamentary history; the town ordinances of 1566; abstracts of town charters, etc.

b. Miscellaneous: Elections, etc.

2609. † Clarke, W. B. A letter to George Welch Ledgard, Esq., on the subject of the poll paper recently published, and on other subjects connected with the state of politics in Poole, and with the late election in particular. Poole, 1835. 8°. pp. 50.
2610. † Facts, letters, and comments for the consideration of the electors of the borough and district of Poole. Poole, 1835. 8°.

2611. † Minutes of evidence given before the House of Lords, on the corporation of Poole, by Joseph Barter and George Baker Billows, on the Municipal Reform Bill, on Friday, 7th of August, 1835, as taken from the reports published by order of the House of Lords; together with notes and remarks. Poole, [1835.] 8°. pp. 20.

2612. † Municipal Corporation Bill. Minutes of evidence on the corporation of Poole, taken at the bar of the House of Lords, on Friday the 7th of August, 1835. Poole, [1835.] 8°. pp. 16.

2613. † Petition (The) of the “500 inhabitants of Poole,” presented in the House of Lords, against the Poole Corporation Bill, with the signatures alphabetically arranged; also the speeches of his grace the Duke of Richmond, delivered on that occasion. Poole, 1836. 8°. pp. 21.

2614. † Rate Payer (A). A concise statement of the leading facts, and some of the most important circumstances, which have contributed to bring about the present embarrassed state of the borough of Poole. By a rate payer. Poole, 1838. 8°. pp. 38.


2616. True translation (A) of the charter granted by Queen Elizabeth, at Westminster, the 23d day of June, 1568, to the mayor, bailiffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the town and county of Poole. Poole, 1791. 8°.

PORTSMOUTH.

Allen (No. 2617) gives the best account of the municipal history.

2617. Allen, Lake. The history of Portsmouth. . . . To which is added an appendix, containing many of the charters granted to the town [1194–1484.] London, 1817. 12°.


A brief account.
2619. † Charter of King Charles I. to the corporation of Portsmouth. Portsea. n. d. 8°.

2620. SAUNDERS, W. H. Annals of Portsmouth [1545–1865], historical, biographical, statistical. Including old stories retold; remarkable events; charters; coinage; list of mayors; members of Parliament; and historical local occurrences chronologically arranged. London, 1880. 8°.

Does not devote much attention to municipal history.

2621. † Short sketch (A) of the conduct of administration of the borough of Portsmouth. Portsmouth, 1780. 4°.

Relates to a contested election for mayor of Portsmouth.

2622. † SLIGHT, HENRY. History of Portsmouth, Southsea, Gosport, etc. Portsmouth, 1836. 8°.

Another edition, 1844.


Second title-page: “The history, antiquities, and present state of every public edifice of the town of Portsmouth,” etc.

Contains, on pp. 177–200, a brief abstract of town charters, and some papers relating to parliamentary history.

PRESTON.


c. Gilds, Nos. 2635–2648.

d. Parliamentary History, etc., Nos. 2649–2652.

The best histories of Preston are Hardwick’s and Hewitson’s (Nos. 2631, 2632). Two of the best accounts of the gild merchant are furnished by Abram, and Dobson and Harland (Nos. 2635, 2639).

a. Town Records

See No. 2647.


Contains a facsimile of the charter of King John; the undated customal of Preston; extracts from the records of the gild for the years 1397, 1542, and 1582.


A paper by Nicholas Grimshaw, mayor of Preston in the early part of the nineteenth century, on the relation between the corporation and the gild merchant.


Pt. ii. Government.
Pt. iii. Gild merchant.


A brief account.


Municipal and parliamentary history, 257–350.


2633. History of Preston in Lancashire; together with the guild merchant, and some account of the duchy and county palatine of Lancaster. With eighteen plates. London, 1822. 4°.

A brief account of municipal history, and an account of the holding of the gild merchant; the plates display the various crafts in the gild procession.
2634. Whittle, Peter. A topographical, statistical, and historical account of the borough of Preston . . . including a correct copy of the charter granted in the reign of Charles II. . . . the origin of the guild merchants' fete. . . . By Marmaduke Tulket [i.e. P. Whittle]. [Vol. i.] Preston, 1821. 12°.


Government of the borough, i. 194–213.

Gilda mercatoria, i. 214–51.

Preston representative history, i. 252–62.

c. Gilds.

See Nos. 2629, 2633.

2635. Abram, W. A. Preston guild merchant, 1882. Memorials of the Preston guilds, illustrating the manner in which the guild merchant has been held in the borough from the earliest on record until the last guild in 1862. Collected from the guild rolls, order books. . . . With full English abstracts of all the charters granted to Preston. . . . Preston, 1882. 4°.

There is a list of works relating to Preston on pp. 148–9.

2636. †Carnivals (The) of a century: or the guilds of Preston for a hundred years. An account of the guilds merchant held at Preston from 1742 to 1842 . . . Preston, [1862.] 8°.


2639. Dobson, William, and Harland, John. A history of Preston guild; the ordinances of various guilds merchant, the custumal of Preston; the charters of the borough. . . . Preston, [1862.] 12°.

2nd and 3rd editions, 1862.

2640. Documents concerning the ancient company of mercers, drapers, grocers, salters . . . of Preston [1628–1707.] Preston Guardian, April 17 and May 1, 1875.
2641. † Full and detailed account (A) of the guild merchant of Preston, as celebrated in the year 1842. . . . Preston, [1842.] 8°. pp. 52.

2642. Guild merchant (The) of Preston; with an extract of the original charter granted for holding the same; an account of the processions and public entertainments. . . . Manchester, [1762.] 8°. pp. 40.

2643. † Guild merchant (The) of Preston, or Preston guild companion: being an exact representation, on nineteen copper-plates, curiously drawn and engraved, of that ancient procession, with a letter-press explanation. . . . Manchester, 1762. 8°.

2644. † Longworth, D. Celebration of the Preston guild merchant of 1862. . . . Preston, 1862.

2645. Pollard, William. A descriptive narrative of the guild merchant of Preston, in the county palatine of Lancaster, as celebrated in the year 1882. Preston, 1883. 4°.

2646. † Preston guild hand-book (The): a brief sketch of the borough of Preston; origin of the guild . . . programme and arrangements for the ensuing guild, 1842. Preston, 1842.


2648. Wilcockson, I[saac]. Authentic records of the guild merchant of Preston, in the county palatine of Lancaster, in the year 1822; with an introduction, containing an historical dissertation on the origin of guilds, and a relation of all the different celebrations of the guilda mercatoria of Preston, of which any records remain. . . . Preston, [1822.] 8°. pp. 128.

d. Parliamentary History, etc.


1st edition, 1856.


2652. Preston parliamentary elections [since 1295.] Illustrated by addresses, squibs, poll books, official returns, the town records, election expenses accounts, and other materials. Preston Guardian, Nov. 9, 1878—Sept. 3, 1881.

A valuable contribution to the history of Preston.

Prestwick.


Contains extracts from court records; statutes; the charter granted to Prestwick in 1600, etc.

Valuable.

Queenborough.


2656. Queenborough corporation. A copy of the report made by the commissioners appointed to inquire into the affairs of the corporation of the borough of Queenborough [regarding the misapplication of funds by the corporate body.] Parl. Papers, 1844, vol. xxxi. [London,] 1831. f°.

2657. Report of the trial of an action of debt brought by the corporation of Queenborough against Edward Key (one of the burgesses), to recover penalties for the breach of two bye-laws made by the select body of the corporation in 1822, and re-enacted in 1824. London, 1828. 8°. pp. 170.
RAVENSPURNE—READING. [PART II.

RAVENSPURNE.

2658. [THOMPSON, THOMAS.] Ocellum promontorium: or short observations on the ancient state of Holderness, with historic facts relative to the sea port and market town of Ravenspurne in Holderness. Hull, 1824. 8°.

READING.

The best histories of Reading are those of Coates and Man (Nos. 2662, 2666); Coates is the most trustworthy authority. The Diary of the Corporation (No. 2667) is a valuable collection of records. Besides this Diary, the archives contain charters and fiscal accounts, which reach back to the reigns of Henry III. and Edward I. respectively.

2659. ♠ Admiraible speech (An) made by the maior of Reading; with a true impartial narrative of the whole proceedings of the maior, aldermen, and priests, trying to deprive the inhabitants of their vote of chosing. Reading, 1654. 4°.

2660. Church-wardens’ account book (The) for the parish of St. Giles, Reading. Transcribed from the manuscript by W. L. Nash. Part i., 1518–46, containing the accounts for the last twenty-eight years of the reign of King Henry the Eighth. [Reading, 1881.] 4°. pp. 78.


Carefully edited.

2662. COATES, CHARLES. The history and antiquities of Reading. London, 1802. 4°.

Supplement, Reading, 1810.
The best history of Reading.


2664. [DORAN, J.] The history and antiquities of the town and borough of Reading in Berkshire, with some notices of the most considerable places in the same county. Reading, etc., 1836. 8°.

Reprinted in 1836, with Doran’s name on the title-page.
PART II. REIGATE—RETFORD. 377

2665. JONES, J. B. Sketches of Reading, historical, archæological, and descriptive. Reading, 1870. 8°.

A brief account, of little value.

2666. MAN, JOHN. The history and antiquities, ancient and modern, of the borough of Reading in the county of Berks. Reading, 1816. 4°.

Ch. xviii. contains some interesting documents relating to the corporation and to the old trade companies.

Not as reliable as Coates.


Minutes of official proceedings of the mayor and burgesses.


Parliamentary elections, 1807—85, pp. 129—83.
Municipal elections, 1832—50, pp. 185—211.

2669. Report of the municipal commissioners appointed to enquire into the state of corporations in England and Wales. Date of report, October 24th, 1833 ... Corporation of Reading. Reading, [1833.] 8°.

See No. 60.

REIGATE.


RENFREW.

2671. Registrum monasterii de Passelet, cartas, privilegia, conventiones aliaque munimenta complectens, a domo fundata A. D. 1163 usque ad A. D. 1529. ... [Maitland Club.] Edinburgh, 1832. 4°.

For documents relating to Renfrew, 1204—1495, see pp. 20, 247, 403—7.

RETORD, EAST.


Without title-page.

2674. Piercy, J. S. The history of Retford, in the county of Nottingham: comprising its ancient, progressive, and modern state. ... Retford, 1828. 8°.

Ch. iii. Translation of the charter of James I., etc.
Ch. iv. Contested parliamentary elections, 1700-1826.


2676. † Wray, Cecil. Letter to the bailiffs ... of East Retford. 1780. 8°.

RICHMOND.

2677. Clarkson, Christopher. The history and antiquities of Richmond, in the county of York, with a brief description of the neighbourhood. Richmond, 1821. 4°.

Gives a full account of municipal history. The appendix contains a translation of the charter of Charles II., 1668.

An earlier work by the same writer: "The history of Richmond, in the county of York," etc., 1814, 12°. (Anon.)


Contains charters and other valuable documents relating to the town of Richmond, 100-101, 171, 209-18.

RIPON.

The most useful work on the history of Ripon is Harrison's (No. 2681). The other books give only a brief account of municipal history.


2680. Gent, Thomas. The antient and modern history of the loyal town of Rippon. ... York, 1733. 8°.

2681. [Harrison, William.] Ripon millenary: a record of the festival and a history of the city, arranged under its wakemen and mayors from the year 1400. Ripon, 1892. 4°.
2682. History (The) of Ripon: comprehending a civil and ecclesiastical account of that ancient borough. To which is added a description of Fountains Abbey, Studley, and Hackfall, and an appendix containing charters, etc., illustrative of the work. Ripon, 1801. 12°. 2nd edition, 1806.

ROCHDALE.

2683. Fishwick, Henry. The bibliography of Rochdale, as illustrated by the books in the local Free Public Library. A paper read before the Manchester Literary Club, March 22, 1880. Manchester, 1880. 8°.

ROCHESTER.

2684. Authentic copy (An) of the charter and bye-laws, etc, of the city of Rochester, in the county of Kent. Published for the information of the members of the corporation, in the year 1749, by order of John Waite, then mayor. London, [1749.] f°. pp. 55.

Other editions: [London,] 1809, 8°; Rochester, 1816, 8°.


2687. History (The) and antiquities of Rochester and its environs. . . . [By S. Denne, W. Shrubsole, and others.] Rochester, 1772. 8°.

2nd edition [by W. Wildash], 1817, 8°; another edition, with omissions, 1833, 12°.

2688. †Rochester charters. 1797. 8°.

ROMNEY, NEW.

For the customal of Romney, see No. 682.


A brief account of some of the town records.

ROSS.


This poem is also printed, with a translation, in *Facsimiles of National MSS. of Ireland*, edited by J. T. Gilbert (London, 1879) vol. iii. p. v. and app. ii.


ROtherham.


Rotherham was incorporated in 1871.

Rutherglen.

2695. Ure, David. The history of Rutherglen and East-Kilbridge. Published with a view to promote the study of antiquity and natural history. Illustrated with plates. Glasgow, 1793. 8°.

Contains various charters granted to the burgh, and the sett made in 1671.

Ruthin.


A brief account.

1st edition, 1829.

RUYTON.


RYE.

For the customal of Rye, see No. 682.


Ch. i. The charters.
Ch. ii. The customal.
Ch. iii. Parliamentary history.
The best history of Rye.


An attempt to prove the identity of the “commonalty” and the “inhabitants” of Rye.

2703. Trial (The) in the court of King's Bench: the king versus the mayor and jurats of Rye; with a letter to the freemen. London, 1829. 8°.

SAFFRON WALDEN.

2704. [GRIFFIN,] RICHARD (Lord Braybrooke). The history of Audley End. To which are appended notices of the town and parish of Saffron Walden, in the county of Essex. London, 1836. 4°.

Contains a good account of the ancient town government; extracts from the corporation accounts, 1546-1830; and a translation of the charter of William & Mary.


A brief account.
ST. ALBANS.

There is no good history of this town. The account of municipal development in Nos. 2710 and 2713 is brief. Gibbs's book (No. 2709) is the most useful.


2707. Charter (The) and also the constitutions granted to the inhabitants of the town of St. Albans, in the county of Hertford. Translated from the original by the late E. Farrington, sergeant at law, recorder. Edited by a member of the present corporation. St. Albans, [1813.] 8°.

The charter was granted by Charles II. in the 16th year of his reign; the constitutions were confirmed by him in 1667. The latter give a comprehensive view of the town government.


The uprising of the townsmen in 1381, pp. 289-326.

2709. Gibbs, A. E. The corporation records of St. Albans; with lists of mayors, high stewards, members of Parliament, etc. St. Albans, 1890. 8°.

Contains extracts from the municipal records, 1586–1889, a reprint of articles in the Herts Advertiser.

A useful book.

2710. History of Verulam and St. Albans; containing an historical account of the decline of Verulam and origin of St. Albans, and of the present state of the town. . . . St. Albans, 1815. 12°.


On p. 1105 there is an agreement between the abbey and the burgesses, in Edward III.'s time. Also printed in Parl. Papers, 1826, ix. 9–10.


For documents, etc. relating to the burgesses, see i. 410–23, ii. 155–76, 215–64, iii. 285–372.
2713. Williams, F. L. An historical and topographical description of the municipium of Verulam; the martyrdom of St. Alban; foundation of the monastery. . . . 2 pts. St. Albans, 1822. 8°.

ST. ANDREWS.


ST. IVES (CORNWALL).


Contains the borough accounts, 1570–1776; a translation of the charter of James II., 1685, etc. Valuable; the best history of St. Ives.


ST. MONANCE.

SALFORD.

2722. † Bailey, J. E. The first charter of Salford, Co. Lancaster [circa 1231.] Manchester, 1882. 4°. pp. 10.


The Latin text, with an English translation.

This charter of Ranulf de Blundeville is also printed by Harland (No. 2358), 200–202, and by Hibbert-Ware (No. 2359), 43–51.

2724. † Ormerod, G. W. Manual of local acts affecting the townships comprised in the boroughs of Manchester and Salford. Manchester, 1838. 8°.

2725. † Peet, Thomas. Translated copy and inquiry into the date of the [first] charter of the borough of Salford, in the county palatine of Lancaster, with a chronological sketch of the history of the honour of Lancaster. Together with the charter of incorporation for the borough of Salford, granted April 16th, 1844. Salford, 1862. 8°. pp. 15.

Earlier editions, without Queen Victoria's charter, 1824, 1848.


Not completed; extends to 1832.

In his History of Manchester, 1861 (No. 2364), i. 515–20, 553–60, he prints the charters granted to Salford by Earl Ranulf and Queen Victoria.

SALISBURY.

The only book of much value relating to the municipal history of this city is Benson and Hatcher's (No. 2729). Swayne's extracts from the records (No. 2737) have not been published in a separate volume.


1st edition, 1771.


Contains "orders and constitutions" made under divers mayors since 10 Henry IV.; the town charters in full; and many other extracts from the town records.

The best history of Salisbury.

See No. 663.


2731. Collection (A) of remarkable events relative to the city of New Sarum, with the year and name of the mayor in whose time they occurred, being from A. D. 1356 to 1783, a period of four hundred and twenty-seven years. [By J. Easton.] New edition. Salisbury, 1817. 12°.


2732. Correct list (A) of the bishops and mayors of Salisbury, from the earliest period to the present time. . . . [By J. Easton.] Salisbury, 1798. 12°.


2733. Description (A) of that admirable structure, the cathedral church of Salisbury . . . to which is prefixed an account of Old Sarum. London, 1774. 4°.

A translation of various documents relating to municipal history, 19–32.


Deals with the internal affairs of the city.


A brief account. Seemingly reprinted from his "Picturesque memorials of Salisbury," 1834.


An important collection of charters, extracts from town accounts, etc., from the 13th to the 17th centuries inclusive.

SALTASH.


SANDWICH.


Extracts from the town customal, 110–44.


Contains the customal and charter of Sandwich. For the customal, see also No. 682.


SANQUHAR.


Ch. vii. contains a good account of the municipal history. The best history of Sanquhar.


Ch. vii contains a brief account of municipal history. 1st edition, 1853.
SCARBOROUGH.


Contains a good account of its municipal and parliamentary history.
The best history of Scarborough.


Municipal and parliamentary history, 155-89, 357-66.
1st and 2nd editions, 1798, 1811.


For documents relating to Scarborough, see pp. 21, 72, 122, 163, 220, 271.

SEAFORD.

2747. Lower, M. A. Memorials of the town, parish, and Cinque-Port of Seaford, historical and antiquarian. With the charter of incorporation and other documents. London and Lewes, 1855. 8°.

A reprint from the collections of the Sussex Archaeological Society (Lewes, 1854), vii. 73-150, with some additions.


SHAFTESBURY.

2749. History (A) of the ancient town of Shaftesbury, from the founder, Alfred the Great; partly selected from Hutchins [No. 594]. . . [By Thomas Adams.] Sherborne, [1808.] 8°.

A brief account.

2750. History of the Shaftesbury election, 1830: containing a complete and correct account of the extraordinary contest for the liberty and independence of the borough. To which is prefixed a supplement, containing an account of the subsequent proceedings. By a constitutional reformer. Shaftesbury, etc., 1830. 8°. pp. 170.

"It is believed to furnish a fair specimen of the proceedings connected with the borough-mongering system generally."

2752. Rejoinder (A) to “An elector” on his “Plain observations” on Mr. Knowles’s address to the electors of Shaftesbury. By a student of Lincoln’s Inn. Shaftesbury, 1830. 8°. pp. 26.

SHEFFIELD.

The best history is Hunter’s (No. 2754).

2753. Addy, S. O. The hall of Waltheof: or the early condition and settlement of Hallamshire. London and Sheffield, 1893. 4°.

Chs. xvi.–xvii. The burgery or corporation of Sheffield.


Valuable.

1st edition, 1819.

2755. Leader, J. D. Extracts from the earliest book of accounts belonging to the town trustees of Sheffield, dating from 1566 to 1707; with explanatory notes. Sheffield, 1879. 8°.


Mr. Leader is preparing a volume on the Burgery of Sheffield, which will contain the charter of 1297, the burgery accounts and minutes in full from 1565 to the end of the 17th century, together with extracts from these records in later times down to 1848.


Said to be valuable.

2760. Picture (The) of Sheffield: or an historical and descriptive view of the town of Sheffield, in the county of York. Sheffield, 1824. 8°.


A brief account.

SHOREHAM.


SHREWSBURY.

b. General Histories, Nos. 2771–2775.
c. Gilds, Nos. 2776–2784.

Few boroughs have records as complete as those of Shrewsbury. Some of the oldest gild merchant rolls in England are preserved in the archives of that town; this series extends from 1209 to 1511. The bailiffs’ and mayors’ accounts (beginning in 1257) and the court rolls (beginning in 1272) extend, with few breaks, to the present day.

The best general history of Shrewsbury is Owen and Blakeway’s (No. 2773). Hibbert and Leighton (Nos. 546, 2783) give good accounts of the craft gilds.

a. Town Records.

See Nos. 2777–2779.


Account of a plea at Westminster, 1306-7.


2770. Shrewsbury corporation rental in 1657. [Edited by C. M.] *Shropshire Notes and Queries,* vols. i.–iii. Shrewsbury, [1884]–86. 4°.

b. General Histories.


To the events of each year are prefixed the names of the bailiffs of Shrewsbury.


Of little value for municipal history.

1st edition, 1808.


Contains extracts from the bailiffs’ accounts since 1457, etc. Valuable.

2774. Phillips, T[Homas]. The history and antiquities of Shrewsbury, from its first foundation to the present time. . . . Second edi-
tion, with continuation . . . by Charles Hulbert. 2 vols. Shrewsbury, 1837. 4°.

Vol. i. ch. viii. Abstract of town charters; and brief extracts from the town records, 1516-1684.
Vol. i. ch. ix. Parliamentary elections, 1709-1830.
1st edition, 1779; reprinted, 1828.


Of little value for municipal history.
1st edition, 1837.

c. Gilds.

See No. 546.


Shrewsbury Show [by Thomas Wright], i. 704–8.


Contains two rolls of the gild merchant, 1209–10, 1219–20, transcribed by C. H. Drinkwater.
See No. 2779.


Contains gild rolls of Edward I.'s time.


See No. 2777.


Gives an account of the contents of the company's Register Book, 17th and 18th centuries.


Also printed in *The Reliquary*, 1862, iii. 61–73.

d. Parliamentary History.

2785. † Considerations on the principles of representation, with a review of the late contest for Shrewsbury. [Shrewsbury,] 1807. 8°.


2786. † Free thoughts on the late contested election for Shrewsbury. By an independent voter. [Shrewsbury,] 1806. 8°.


2788. † Popular rights vindicated: being free remarks in answer to a pamphlet entitled *Free thoughts* on the late contested election for Shrewsbury; with an appendix containing Sir Wm. Pulteney's address to the burgesses of Shrewsbury in the year 1774. Shrewsbury, 1806. 8°.

2789. † Serious thoughts on the late election for Shrewsbury, in answer to a pamphlet entitled Free thoughts. ... Shrewsbury, 1807. 8°.
SLIGO.

Vol. i. ch. xiii. The borough of Sligo.

Vol. iii. ch. xx. contains a good account of the municipal history since the creation of the corporation in 1612.
The best history of Sligo.

Does not devote much attention to municipal affairs.

SOUTHAMPTON.

The most valuable of the old town muniments are the Oak Book of Edward II.’s time (containing municipal ordinances, etc.) and the Black Book, 16 Rich. II. — 12 Eliz. (containing deeds, ordinances, etc.).
The best history of Southampton is that of Davies.

2793. Charter (The) of the town and county of Southampton, dated the 27th of June, 1641, in the 16th year of the reign of Charles I.: being the last charter, and comprising all former grants, privileges, etc. Carefully revised. Southampton, 1810, 12°
Translation only.


2795. Davies, J. S. A history of Southampton, partly from the MS. of Dr. Speed, in the Southampton archives. Southampton and London, 1883. 8°.
Contains the ancient ordinances of the gild merchant and extracts from other records.
The most valuable work relating to Southampton.

2796. † Last charter of the county of the town of Southampton, dated June 27th, 1641. [Southampton.] 1826. 12°.

Contains a good short account of municipal history.

These ordinances are also printed by Davies (No. 2795) and Gross (No. 541). They are valuable for the study of municipal history.


SOUTHWARK.

See the histories of London by Allen, Chamberlain, Noorthouck, etc. (Nos. 1992–2007, 2221).

2802. † Articles (The) of lete and courte for the lyberties of Southwarke. Imprinted by John Cawood. London, 1561. 4°.


2804. Candid enquiry (A) into the right of the jurisdiction in the city of London over the borough of Southwark, and of the assumed power of the Surry magistrates over that borough; with the royal charter at full of Edward VI. . . . Addressed to the right hon. Thomas Sainsbury, lord mayor of the city of London. By an inhabitant of the borough of Southwark [James Hedger]. London, [1787.] 8°.

2805. Clifford, Henry. A report of the two cases of controverted elections of the borough of Southwark . . . 37 George III.; with notes and illustrations. To which are added an account of the two subsequent cases of the city of Canterbury, and an appendix. . . . London, 1797. 8°.

Another edition, 1802.
2806. CORNER, G. R. A concise account of the local government of the borough of Southwark, and observations upon the expediency of uniting the same more perfectly with the city of London, or of obtaining a separate municipal corporation. ... Southwark, 1836. 8°. pp. 40.


2808. — A respectful appeal to the consideration and justice of the mayor, commonalty, and citizens of London, on behalf of the rights, privileges, and franchises of ... Southwark. London, 1816. 8°.

2809. † Humble address (An) to the right honorable the lord mayor of London, concerning the jurisdiction of the city over the borough of Southwark. London, 1760. 8°.

2810. KEMMISH, WILLIAM. Southwark rights. The various royal charters granted to the city of London by Kings Edw. III., Edw. IV., and Edw. VI., at full length, respecting the town and borough of Southwark ... interspersed with an abstract from the Police Act, and occasional notes. Edited by William Kemmish. Southwark, 1816. 8°.

2811. RENDLE, WILLIAM. Old Southwark and its people. Southwark, 1878. 8°.

One of the best histories of Southwark, but the account of municipal government is brief.


Contains only a few brief allusions to municipal history.

2813. † Statement (The) of the inhabitants of Bridge Ward Without, in the city of London, in support of their petition to the court of common council for the election of their own aldermen and other municipal rights; with the report of the committee of general purposes thereon, and observations on the report. By an inhabitant of Southwark. London, 1836.

"Containing much curious and valuable information relating to the ancient and present state of Southwark": Brayley's Surrey (new edition), iv. 355.
SOUTHWOLD—STAMFORD.

2814. Extracts from the report of the select committee of the House of Commons, appointed to enquire into the operation of the Municipal Reform Act on the privileges and private property of the freemen of cities and boroughs in England and Wales; with the proceedings of the committee and minutes of evidence, as far as the same relate to the borough of Southwold. Southwold, 1840. 8°.

See No. 253.

2815. Gardner, Thomas. An historical account of Dunwich, antiently a city, now a borough; Blithburgh, formerly a town of note, now a village; Southwold, once a village, now a town corporate. . . . London, 1754. 4°.

Charter of William & Mary, inspecting older charters, Henry VII.—Charles I., 230-44.


Contains by-laws of the town, 1516–86.


STAFFORD.


A meagre sketch.


The best book on the history of Stafford, but it consists of disconnected notes and articles.

STAMFORD.

The best histories are those of Drakard and Harrod (Nos. 2822, 2823).

2820. Burton, George. Chronology of Stamford. Compiled from Peck, Butcher, Howgrave, Harrod, Drakard, parliamentary
reports, and other important works. Stamford and London, 1846. 8°.

Arranged in the form of a dictionary.
Contains a detailed account of the municipal history, pp. 117–62, etc.

2821. BUTCHER, RICHARD. The survey and antiquitie of the town of Stamford, in the county of Lincolne; with its ancient foundation, grants, priviledges. . . . [With notes by Francis Peck.] London, [1727.] 8°.
Contains town ordinances of 6 Charles I.
Earlier editions: 1646, 4°; 1717, 8°.

2822. DRAKARD, JOHN. The history of Stamford, in the county of Lincoln: comprising its ancient, progressive, and modern state. With an account of St. Martin’s, Stamford Baron, and Great and Little Wothorpe, Northamptonshire. Stamford, 1822. 8°.
Ch. iv. Translation of the charter of James II., 1685; the municipal ordinances of 1640, etc.
Ch. v. State of the representation.

2823. HARROD, W. The antiquities of Stamford and St. Martin’s, compiled chiefly from the annals of the Rev. Francis Peck, with notes; to which is added their present state, including Burghley. 2 vols. Stamford, 1785. 8°.
Contains a translation of the town charter of 1685.

2824. HOWGRAVE, FRANCIS. An essay of the ancient and present state of Stamford: its situation, erection, dissolution, and re-edification. . . . Stamford, 1726. 4°.
The author borrows much of his material from Butcher, without acknowledgment.

A brief account.

2826. Petition (The) of the electors of Stamford to the House of Commons, 1830 [complaining that the Marquess of Exeter unlawfully interferes with the elections for M. P.'s.] London, [1830.] 8°.

Contains brief extracts from the town records, 1686–1830.
STEYNING.


STIRLING.


2829. † Chambers, Robert. Picture of Stirling; with historical and descriptive notes by Robert Chambers. Stirling, 1830. 4°.


The Latin records, with a translation.


Extracts from the gildry records, ii. 378–95.

2832. General history (A) of Stirling: containing a description of the town, and origin of the castle and burgh. To which is prefixed a short view of the causes which gave rise to burghs in Europe. [By — Sutherland.] Stirling, 1794. 12°.

A good short account.


The account of municipal history is meagre.

Earlier editions, 1812, 1817.

2834. New description (A) of the town and castle of Stirling; with an appendix, containing notices of roads. . . Stirling, 1835. 8°.

A brief account.

STOCKPORT.

Contains a good account of the corporate and parliamentary history of Stockport; also the charters granted to the town in the 13th century, with a translation: see ii. 257-315.
Valuable.

Latin charter granted to the town by Robert de Stockport in Henry III.'s reign, with a translation, ii. 202-10.

STOCKTON-UPON-TEES.

2838. Brewster, John. The parochial history and antiquities of Stockton-upon-Tees; including an account of the trade of the town. ... Second edition, with additions and alterations. Stockton, 1829. 8°.
1st edition, 1796.

2839. †Description of the town and borough of Stockton, and table of remarkable events since 1200. Stockton, 1825. 12°.

2840. Heavisides, Henry. The annals of Stockton-on-Tees; with biographical notices. Stockton-on-Tees, 1865. 8°.
Of little value for municipal history.

2841. Richmond, Thomas. The local records of Stockton and the neighbourhood: or a register of memorable events, chronologically arranged, which have occurred in and near Stockton Ward and the north-eastern parts of Cleveland. Stockton and London, 1868. 8°.
Brief notes.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT.

2842. Ward, John. The borough of Stoke-upon-Trent, in the commencement of the reign of her most gracious majesty Queen Victoria: comprising its history, statistics, civil polity, and traffic ... also the manorial history of Newcastle-under-Lyme. ... The appendix contains many ancient and curious charters and documents never before published, and the work is embellished with a variety of plates. London, 1843. 8°.

An elaborate work, but it does not contain much concerning municipal history.
There is no good history of the borough of Stratford.

a. Town Records.


2844. [Halliwell, J. O.] A brief hand-list of the records belonging to the borough of Stratford-upon-Avon, showing their general character; with notes of a few of the Shakespearian documents in the collection. [London,] 1862. 4°.


2846. —— A descriptive calendar of the ancient manuscripts and records in the possession of the corporation of Stratford-upon-Avon; including notices of Shakespeare and his family. . . . London, 1863. f°.


2848. —— Extracts from the accounts of the chamberlains of the borough of Stratford-upon-Avon, from the year 1585 to 1608. . . . London, 1866. 4°.

The same, from 1590 to 1597. London, 1866. 4°.

The same, from 1609 to 1619. London, 1867. 4°.

2849. [——] Extracts from ancient subsidy rolls [14 Hen. VIII. —16 Charles I.], showing the values of goods and lands upon which assessments were made in respect to the inhabitants of Stratford-upon-Avon. Taken from the original records of the court of Exchequer. [London,] 1864. 4°.

2850. —— Selected extracts from the ancient registry of the causes tried in the court of record at Stratford-upon-Avon in the time of Shakespeare. . . . London, 1867. 8°.
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2852. [———] The Stratford records and the Shakespeare autotypes. A brief review of singular delusions that are current at Stratford-on-Avon. By the supposed delinquent. Brighton, 1884.  8°.

This is really a new edition of No. 2845, with additions.
Fifth edition, 1887.

2853. † Hardy, W. J. Calendar of documents of the mediaeval gild of Stratford. Stratford-on-Avon, 1885.

b. General Histories, etc.


Contains extracts from the ledger of the gild, 1411–1530.


The account of municipal history is meagre.

SUDBURY.

2857. † Account of the vindictive conduct of the corporation party, in the borough of Sudbury. Sudbury, 1832.  8°.


Three documents, dated 1397, 1576, 1577.

SUNDERLAND.


A brief account.
2860. Garbutt, George. A historical and descriptive view of the parishes of Monkwearmouth and Bishopwearmouth, and the port and borough of Sunderland... Sunderland, 1819. 8°.

The appendix contains the charter of Hugh Pudsey; a translation of the charter of Bishop Morton, 1634; and extracts from the minute book of the vestry, 1719-34.

Ch. iv. Bishop Pudsey's charter.
Ch. vii. Bishop Morton's charter.
The best history of Sunderland.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.


SWANSEA.

The Latin text, with a translation.

Ch. ii. A translation of the town charters.
Ch. iii. The laws compiled in 1569, 1584, and 1586.
Ch. vi. Selections from the corporation accounts, 1723.
A useful little book.

Translation only.

2866. —— Notes on a gold chain of office presented to the corporation of Swansea in the year 1875, and a description of its design; together with a list of the gentlemen who have filled the office of mayor, from 1835 to 1875 inclusive. Swansea, 1876. 4°.
Survey of Swansea in 1660, pp. 18-32.

TAIN.

2868. Taylor, William. Fragments of the early history of Tain, from its origin to the middle of the sixteenth century. Tain, etc., 1865. 8°.

2869. —— Researches into the history of Tain, earlier and later. Tain, 1882. 8°.

TAMWORTH.


TAUNTON.

2871. Toulmin, Joshua. The history of the town of Taunton, in the county of Somerset; greatly enlarged and brought down to the present time by James Savage. Taunton, 1822. 8°.

TAVISTOCK.

2872. Worth, R. N. Calendar of the Tavistock parish records. [Plymouth.] 1887. 8°.
Contains extracts from churchwardens' accounts, 1385-1714; deeds, 1287-1742, etc.


TENBY.

There is no good history of Tenby; all the works mentioned below are brief.

2874. Account (An) of Tenby: containing an historical sketch of the place, compiled from the best authorities. . . Pembroke, 1818. 8°.
2875. Francis, G. G. The case of Tenby v. Narberth, touching a market established in the latter during the commonwealth. Edited ... from the originals, with notes. [Reprinted from the Cambrian Journal.] Tenby, 1864. 8°.


2877. Norris, Charles. Etchings of Tenby; including many ancient edifices which have been destroyed. ... With a short account of that town and of the principal buildings in its neighbourhood. London, 1812. 4°.


2879. Smith, J. B. An historical sketch of the town of Tenby. ... Tenby, [1855.] 8°.

**Tewkesbury.**


The appendix contains a translation of the town charters granted by Robert Earl of Gloucester, Edward III., and William III.; also abstracts of the charters of Elizabeth, James I., and James II.

The best history of Tewkesbury.

An abridgement appeared in 1835.


Translation of the charter of William III., 189–236.

The sketch of municipal history is meagre.

Earlier editions, 1790, 1798.

2882. † Tewkesbury borough magistrates. Copy of all correspondence relating to the appointment of additional magistrates for the borough of Tewkesbury, since January, 1864, including all representations and applications to the lord chancellor. ... [Tewkesbury,] 1865. f°.

The corporation of Tewkesbury had resented the appointment of additional magistrates.
THAXTED.


A brief account.


THETFORD.

The best history is Hunt's (No. 2886); the other two works are also useful.

2885. Blomefield, Francis. The history of the ancient city and burgh of Thetford, in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk; shewing its rise, increase, decrease, and present state. Fersfield, 1739. 4°.

From his *History of Norfolk* (No. 628), vol. i.


Ch. xi. The corporation of the borough.

App. iii. Charter granted by Elizabeth.

2887. Martin, Thomas. The history of the town of Thetford, in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, from the earliest accounts to the present time. London, 1779. 4°.

Ch. xviii. The corporation.

The appendix contains some interesting documents.

THIRSK.


THOMASTOWN.

THORN BURY.


A brief account.

TINTAGEL.


This is vol. iii. pp. 185–302 of his *History of Trigg Minor* (No. 583), with distinct pagination, index, etc.

TIVERTON.

The best history is Harding's (No. 2895).

2892. Charter (The) granted to the inhabitants of Tiverton by his majesty George the First, and such clauses of the charter of King James as are pretended to be restored by that of King George. With a prefatory letter addressed to the inhabitant householders of Tiverton. By a friend of local jurisdictions [G. Coles]. Exeter, [1824.]. 8°.

2893. Cursory observations on the charters granted to the inhabitants of Tiverton. . . . By a friend to local jurisdictions [G. Coles]. Tiverton, 1823. 8°.


The best history of Tiverton.

2896. † Memoirs and antiquities of the town and parish of Tiverton. . . . Faithfully collected from the ancient records. By a gentleman, native thereof [John Blundell]. Exeter, 1712. 8°.


Useful for the history of Tiverton in modern times.
TORQUAY.


Torquay received a charter of incorporation in 1892.

Torrington.

2899. COLBY, F. T. The history of Great Torrington. (Reprinted from the transactions of the Devonshire Association for the Advancement of Science, Literature, and Art, 1875.) n. p. [1875.] 8°.

Without title-page.

Brief and of little value.

TOTNES.

The best history is Cotton's (No. 2902).


2902. COTTON, WILLIAM. A graphic and historical sketch of the antiquities of Totnes. London, etc., 1850. 4°.

The appendix contains a translation of charters granted to Totnes by King John and Queen Elizabeth.

2903. DYMOND, R. Ancient documents relating to the civil history of Totnes. Devon. Assoc. for Advancement of Science, Transactions, xii. 192-203. Plymouth, 1880. 8°.

2904. † Our representative system: a political history of Totnes from 1826 to 1853. Totnes, 1853.


Brief and of little value.

2906. † Translation (A) of a charter of incorporation of the borough of Totnes, granted by Queen Elizabeth, 1596. . . . With a prefatory comment. Totnes, 1832.


**TRURO.**

2909. † Copy (A) of the charter of the borough of Truro. To which is added several cases on points of law relating to the said charter and the opinion of counsel thereon. Truro, 1815. 8°. pp. 38.

2910. Defence (A) of the corporation of Truro against the attacks of the radical press. Truro, 1835. 8°.

Relates especially to the financial administration of the town.

2911. † Mayoralty (The) of Truro, with a list of the gentlemen who have filled the office of chief magistrate in the present century. *West Briton*, Jan. 23, 1873.

2912. † Report of the committee appointed January 1st, 1836, to enquire into the duties, responsibilities, and property of the corporation of Truro to the town council. . . . Truro, 1836. 8°. pp. 12.

2913. Some account of the proceedings at the election for Truro, Aug. 3–6, 1830 . . . also a translation of the charter [1589], and a table of parliamentary patronage. London, 1830. 8°. pp. 40.

**TUTBURY.**

2914. MOSLEY, OSWALD. History of the castle, priory, and town of Tutbury, in the county of Stafford. London, etc., 1832. 8°.

The appendix contains some brief references to old municipal customs.

**UTTOXETER.**

2915. History (The) and topography of Ashbourn, the valley of the Dove, and the adjacent villages; with biographical sketches of eminent natives. . . . Ashbourn, 1839. 8°

Uttoxeter, 300–317: a translation of the charter granted by William de Ferrers to Uttoxeter in 1251, and brief extracts from churchwardens' accounts, 1642–72.
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UXBRIDGE—WALSALL.


Of little value for municipal history.

UXBRIDGE.


WAKEFIELD.


Contains extracts from the accounts of the churchwardens and the constables, 1536-1829.

2919. Taylor, Thomas. The history of Wakefield, in the county of York. The rectory manor, with biographical and other notices of some of the persons connected therewith. Wakefield, 1886. 8°.

Contains many extracts from manorial records; more valuable for manorial than for municipal history.

WALLINGFORD.

Few corporations in England possess archives of greater antiquity than those of Wallingford. The burghmote rolls begin with the year 1232; there are several assessment rolls of Henry III.'s reign, and many deeds of the reigns of Henry III. and Edward I.


Contains many extracts from the town records.

WALSALL.

Willmore's (No. 2926) is the best history.

2921. † Ancient and modern history of the borough of Walsall, its charitable and scholastic institutions. Walsall, 1838. 8°.
2922. † Charter (The) of the corporation of Walsall, with an account of the estates thereto belonging; to which is added a list of the donations and benefactions to the town and foreign of Walsall and Bloxwich. Wolverhampton, 1774. 12°.

Contains town laws made in 1440, etc.

2924. Pearce, Thomas. History and directory of Walsall. . . . To which is added a correct account of the trial between the borough and foreign. Birmingham, 1813. 8°.
Contains a translation of the charter of the corporation, 13 Charles II., a list of mayors, etc.

2925. Sims, Richard. Borough of Walsall. Calendar of the deeds and documents belonging to the corporation of Walsall in the town chest, extending from the reign of King John . . . [to 1688.] Walsall, 1882. 8°.

Contains a good account of the municipal history, with some extracts from the town records, including the laws made in Henry VI.'s reign.

WARRINGTON.

2927. † Charter of incorporation of Warrington, 1847. Warrington, 1847.

WARWICK.

See No. 659.

2929. [Field, William.] An historical and descriptive account of the town and castle of Warwick, and of the neighbouring spa of Leamington. . . . Warwick, 1815. 8°.
A meagre account.

2930. Parkes, Joseph. The governing charter of the borough of Warwick . . . 1694; with a letter to the burgesses on the past and present state of the corporation. London, 1827. 8°.
The Latin text, with a translation.
2931. Report (A) of an inquiry into the present state of Warwick corporation, as given in evidence before R. Whitcombe and A. E. Cockburn, esquires, the commissioners appointed by his majesty to inquire into the existing state of the municipal corporations . . . 1833. With an appendix. Warwick, 1834. 8°.

See No. 60.


Extracts relating to municipal history, 16th century.

Extracts from the Black Book are also printed in Nichols's *Bibliotheca Topographica Britannica* (London, 1783), vol. iv., No. 17.

**WATERFORD.**

The Great Parchment Book is the most important volume in the town archives; it contains charters, acts made in the civic assemblies, etc., from the 14th century to 1649.

The best histories of the city are Ryland's and Smith's (Nos. 732, 733). See also Nos. 730, 731.

2933. † Historical remarks of the city of Waterford from 873 to 1270; with a list of the mayors, bailiffs, and sheriffs from 1377 to 1735. Waterford, —.


2935. —— The great charter of the liberties of the city of Waterford. Transcribed and translated into English; with explanatory notes. Humbly inscribed to the corporation of that city. [Translation only.] By Timothy Cunningham. Dublin, 1752. 8°.

2936. † —— The great charter [translation only]. . . . With a list of the mayors, bailiffs, and sheriffs of the city of Waterford, 1377–1806. Kilkenny, 1806. 8°.

**WELLS.**

The *Year Book* of 16 Edward III., edited by L. O. Pike, 1896 (pp. xiv.–xciv. and 108–20), contains a valuable contribution to the medieval history of Wells: see No. 142.
2937. Church, C. M. Chapters in the early history of the church of Wells, A.D. 1136-1333. ... London and Taunton, 1894. 8°.

Two charters granted to the city by Bishop Reginald (1174-80), 359-64.
Charter of Bishop Savaric (circa 1201), 386-90.
Charter of King John (1201), 390-1.
These charters are also printed in the Archæologia of the Society of Antiquaries of London, 1887-88, l. 350-2, li. 103-5.


WELSHPOOL.

2939. Howell, Abraham. Printed statement of the result of an examination and inquiry respecting the books, etc. relating to the borough of Pool. April, 1865.


WENLOCK.

2942. Borough of Wenlock. [Charters, privileges, extracts from the corporation records, etc.] The Salopian and West-Midland Monthly Illustrated Journal, March—April, Nov.—Dec., 1877; April, October, 1878; March, 1879. Shrewsbury, 1877-79. 8°.

Valuable.

2943. Randall, John. Randall’s Tourists’ guide to Wenlock ... containing a full description and history of the priory. Wenlock, 1875. 8°.

Early charters, privileges, and ancient register of the corporation, 160-83.

2944. Translation of the charters of the corporation of Wenlock; with explanatory notes. [Wenlock.] 1820. 8°.


Contains extracts from the records, Edw. IV. — James II.
WEOBLY.


WESTMINSTER.

See the histories, etc. of London by Allen, Chamberlain, Noorthouck, etc. (Nos. 1992–2007); and Nos. 2065, 2268.

2947. † Act (An) for the good government of the city and borough of Westminster. London, 1806. 4°.

For this act of 27 Eliz. c. 31, see Statutes of the Realm (Record Com. edition), iv. 763.

2948. † Acts relating to the government of the city of Westminster. 1838. 8°.

2949. Brief account (A) of the powers given to, and exercised by, the burgess court of Westminster; and some reasons for continuing and enlarging those powers, by amending the act of the 27th of Queen Elizabeth. [London, circa 1720.] 8°.

2950. Power (The) and practice of the court leet of the city and liberty of Westminster display'd: being a full relation of the case lately depending between the high-bailiffs and William Philips. . . . To which are added many useful and seasonable particulars concerning the constitution and authority of burgesses. . . . London, 1743. 8°.

It is supposed that the author of this tract was Sir Matthew Hale.


Of little value for municipal history.

WEYMOUTH AND MELCOMBE REGIS.


Contains the charter of incorporation of 1804.

2954. Moule, H. J. Descriptive catalogue of the charters, minute books, and other documents of the borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, A. D. 1252 to 1800. With extracts and some notes. Weymouth, 1883. 4°.

Valuable.

2955.† Privately printed papers (The) of Richard Tucker against the king, endeavouring to establish that he was duly elected mayor of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. With copies of the ancient charters. Dorchester, 1742. f°.

WHITBY.


Contains the best account of the early municipal history of Whitby.

Valuable.


Documents relating to the borough (14th century), ii. 422–8, 501–5, 513–4, etc.

2958. Charlton, Lionel. The history of Whitby and of Whitby abbey. Collected from the original records of the abbey and other authentic memoirs never before made public. . . . York, 1779. 4°.

Apart from the charter of Abbot Richard, 1185, making Whitby a borough (pp. 144–6), this work contains little concerning municipal history.

2959. Robinson, F. K. Whitby: its abbey and the principal parts of the neighbourhood; or a sketch of the place in its former history and present state, with the topography and antiquities of the surrounding country. Whitby, 1860. 8°.
2960. **Young, George.** A history of Whitby and Streoneshalh abbey; with a statistical survey of the vicinity to the distance of twenty-five miles. 2 vols. Whitby, 1817. 8°.

The most detailed general history of Whitby.

**WIGAN.**

The best history is Sinclair's (No. 2967).


2962. Charters (The) of the borough of Wigan, in Latin and English; opinions of counsel relative thereto, and observations thereon; together with an account of the manner of electing officers, and of the different proceedings, at various periods in that borough. In two parts. Warrington, 1808. 4°.

2963. **Folkard, H. T.** Wigan bibliography. A local catalogue of Wigan printed books and pamphlets and the works of authors connected with Wigan and the district, etc. Wigan, 1886. 4°.

2964. Lancashire's oldest borough and great mining centre. The case of Wigan, as affected by the Seats Redistribution Bill, 1884. Introductory note by the mayor [H. Park] and extracts from the Lancashire Press. Wigan. n. d.

2965. † **Maclure, John.** History of Wigan: an essay. Wigan, 1852. 12°.

2966. † **Roger, William.** History of Wigan and suburbs, compiled from the records of the Chetham Society. Wigan, 1879. 4°.


Contains the principal town charters in full, with a translation; the proceedings of the court leet for 1742; and other records.

A good book.

**WIGTOWN.**

2968. **Fraser, Gordon.** Wigtown and Whithorn: historical and descriptive sketches, stories, and anecdotes, illustrative of the racy wit and pawky humour of the district. Wigtown, 1877. 8°.

Contains extracts from the records of the burgh of Wigtown.
WILTON.


Charters of Henry I. and Henry II., with a translation.


The article printed June 9, 1883, contains the confirmation charter of 1433 in full, with a translation.

There are also some papers in this journal beginning July, 1883, entitled, “Old times and customs” and “Our parliamentary representation.”

WINCHCOMB.


Well edited. The introduction contains a good account of the history of the town.

WINCHELSEA.

For the medieval customal of Winchelsea, see Lyon’s Dover (No. 682).

2972. Cooper, W. D. The history of Winchelsea, one of the ancient towns added to the Cinque Ports. London and Hastings, 1850. 8°.


Contains town ordinances in Henry VI.’s time, etc.


WINCHESTER.


b. General Histories, Nos. 2987–2992.

The oldest roll in the town archives contains the proceedings of a borough court held in the last years of Henry III.’s reign. The Black Book of Winchester is in the British Museum (Additional MS. 6036); it contains the acts and proceedings of the corporation of Winchester from Richard II. to 5 Edward VI.

There is no good account of the municipal history. The best books are Woodward’s, Kitchin’s, and Milner’s (Nos. 611, 2991, 2992). Among the publications of records, Nos. 537, 2976, 2981, 2984 are valuable.

a. Town Records.

See No. 537.

2976. Charter (A) of Edward the Third, confirming and enlarging the privileges of St. Giles Fair, Winchester, A.D. 1349. Edited by G. W. Kitchin. [Winchester Cathedral Records, No. 2.] London and Winchester, 1886. 4°.

Well edited.


Pp. 531–62 contain Liber Winton’, i.e. two surveys of Winchester, one made between 1107 and 1128, the other in 1148.


Contains the charter granted by Henry II. to Winchester.

2984. Transcripts from the municipal archives of Winchester, and other documents, elucidating the government, manners, and customs of the same city from the thirteenth century to the present period. By Charles Bailey. Winchester and London, 1856. 8°.

A small but valuable collection of records. Most of the documents printed belong to the 16th and 17th centuries.


2987. Antiquities of Winchester; with an historical account of the city, including the cathedral. . . [Winchester, 1850.] 12°.

Of little value.


Of little value.


A popular history; does not deal in detail with municipal development. 1st edition, 1882.

2990. History (The) and antiquities of Winchester: setting forth its original constitution . . . together with the charters, laws, customs, rights, liberties, and privileges of that ancient city. 2 vols. Winton, 1773. 12°.

Contains a translation of the principal town charters. Apart from this, little attention is devoted to municipal affairs.


Commonly regarded as one of the best town histories, but it does not give a good account of the municipal history. The most valuable part of the work is the appendix, which contains the town charters.

Earlier editions, [1798], 1809; second appendix, 1801.

WINDSOR.

The best history of Windsor is that of Tighe and Davis (No. 3004).

2993. ASHMOLE, ELIAS. The antiquities of Berkshire. By Elias Ashmole, Esq. With a large appendix of many valuable original papers, pedigrees of the most considerable families in the said county, and a particular account of the castle, college, and town of Windsor. Reading, 1736. f°.

The sketch of municipal history is very brief.

1st edition, 3 vols., 1719, 8°; reprinted, 1723.


2995. † Copy of the charter of the borough of New Windsor. Windsor, 1787. 8°.

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Contains only brief references to the municipal history.

2998. † Eletion of representatives for the borough of New Windsor [April 30, 1831]. . . . With appendix containing a copy of the original charter, list of representatives. . . . Windsor, 1831. 8°. pp. 39.

In large part a reprint of Pote's work (No. 3001). Contains an abstract of the town charters.


Ch. viii. contains a brief account of the history of the borough.

3001. POTE, JOSEPH. The history and antiquities of Windsor Castle . . . with an account of the town and corporation of Windsor. . . . Eton, 1749. 4°.

An appendix appeared in 1762.


3004. TIGHE, R. R., and DAVIS, J. E. Annals of Windsor: being a history of the castle and town; with some account of Eton and places adjacent. 2 vols. London, 1858. 8° and f°.

Contains the by-laws of the corporation made in 1474 (i. 400-3) and in 1683 (ii. 398-406), extracts from the borough accounts since Henry VIII.'s reign, and extracts from other records.

A valuable work; the best history of Windsor.

WISBECH.

3005. History (The) of Wisbech, with an historical sketch of the Fens, and their former and present aspect. Wisbech and London, 1833. 8°.

Ch. vi. The corporation.

3006. HUTCHESON, MANN. An introduction to the charter of Wisbech. Wisbech, 1791. 4°. pp. 22.


Contains many extracts from the town records from 1580 to 1800.
The best history of Wisbech.
Useful.

More valuable for manorial than for municipal history.

Contains town ordinances of 1625, etc.


A good little book; the best account of the municipal history of Woodstock.

A supplement appeared in 1874.

3014-3015. Town Records, etc., Nos.
3016-3020. General Histories, Nos.
3021-3024. Gilds, etc., Nos.

The town archives contain: the Book of Charters; chamber orders, 1522–1684; chamberlains' accounts, beginning in 1542; the Book of Ordinances, Edw. IV.—Hen. VII.; the By-Law Book, beginning early in the 17th century; the Oath's Book, 1723, etc.
The records printed by Noake (No. 3020) and the ordinances in Smith's *English Gilds* (No. 537) are valuable.

Green's (No. 3018) is the most useful history of Worcester.

**a. Town Records, etc.**

See Nos. 537, 3018, 3020.


**b. General Histories.**


Ch. xi. contains a meagre sketch of municipal history.

3017. Concise history (A) of Worcester. . . . To which is added the tolls claimed by the sheriff and sword-bearer, and a copy of the charter of James I. to the city, and various extracts of other charters and bye-laws. . . . [By W. R.] Worcester, 1808. 12°.

Other editions, with different title-pages, 1816, 1829.


Sect. xviii., which deals with "the civil government," is brief. A valuable appendix contains municipal ordinances of 12 Henry VII.; a translation of Queen Elizabeth's charter to the clothiers; a translation of the charter granted to the town by James I.; and extracts from municipal ordinances, 6 Edw. IV. —1710.


3019. History (The) of the city of Worcester: containing the ecclesiastical and civil government thereof, and the most material parts of its history. . . . Worcester, 1790. 12°.

A brief account.
PART II.

WOTTON—WYCOMBE.

Consists mainly of extracts from the town records, which latter begin in 1522. Contains information about the town charters, the ancient craft gilds, town elections, etc.
A valuable little book.

c. Gilds, etc.


WOTTON—UNDER-EDGE.

Wotton, iii. 396–407.


WYCOMBE.

The best history is Parker's (No. 3030). Rumsey's Report (No. 198) is also valuable.

3027. Charters and grants relating to the borough of Chepping Wycombe, in the county of Buckingham [5 John — 4 Eliz.] Wycombe, 1817. 4°.
Translation only.
Translation only.

3029. KINGSTON, HENRY. The history of Wycombe; with recollections of my native town... High Wycombe, [1848.] 8°.
A brief account.

3030. PARKER, JOHN. The early history and antiquities of Wycombe, in Buckinghamshire. Wycombe, 1878. 4°.
The appendix contains a translation of the town charters from 1205 to 1665. A valuable book.

YARMOUTH (HANTS).


YARMOUTH, GREAT.

a. Town Records, Nos. 3032-3034.
b. General Histories, Nos. 3035-3043.
4. Miscellaneous, Nos. 3044-3049.

The most valuable town records are the borough court rolls, from 1290 to 1670; they contain much information concerning municipal affairs. The archives also contain: royal charters, 9 John — 2 Anne; leet rolls, 1366-1653; the Book of Oaths and Ordinances, Edw. I. — Charles II.; assembly books, 1550-1840; books of entries, 30 Hen. VIII. — 1860; a borough chartulary, compiled in 1580, etc.
The best history of Yarmouth is Swinden's (No. 3043). Palmer's works (Nos. 3040, 3041) are also valuable.

a. Town Records.


3033. [...] Repertory of deeds and documents relating to the borough of Great Yarmouth... Great Yarmouth, 1855. 4°.

PART II.] GENERAL HISTORIES. 425

b. General Histories.


Brief notes.


Based mainly on Swinden.

3037. History (The) of Great Yarmouth; collected from antient records and other authentic materials. [By C. Parkin.] Lynn, 1776. 8°.

A reprint of part of Blomefield's history of the county (No. 628).

3038. [Manship, Henry.] A booke of the foundacion and antiquitye of the towne of Greate Yermouthe; from the original manuscript written in the time of Queen Elizabeth; with notes and an appendix. Edited by C. J. Palmer. Great Yarmouth, 1847. 4°.

The work was probably compiled toward the close of Elizabeth's reign.


The work was completed in 1619.


A brief account.


Ch. i. The charters.
Ch. ii. Ancient customs (i.e. ordinances, 1272 and 1491).
Ch. vi. Representation of the borough in Parliament.

A good book.

This is a good topographical work; it also contains many references to municipal affairs.

3042. Preston, John. The picture of Yarmouth: being a compendious history and description of all the public establishments within that borough. . . . Yarmouth, 1819. 8°.

Of little value for municipal history.

3043. *Swinden, Henry. The history and antiquities of the ancient burgh of Great Yarmouth, in the county of Norfolk. Collected from the corporation charters, records, and evidences, and other the most authentic materials. Norwich, 1772. 4°.

Contains municipal ordinances temp. Hen. III., 10 Rich. II., and 1491; the town charters in full; and other valuable documents.

One of the best of England's older town histories.

c. Miscellaneous.

3044. †Boussell, John. Serious address to the magistrates of Norwich and Yarmouth. Norwich, 1793. 8°.


1st edition, 1834.

See No. 60.


3047. † Palmer, F. D. The tolhouse at Great Yarmouth. Yarmouth, 1884. 4°.

3048. † —— The tolhouse restored. Yarmouth, 1887.

There are some valuable records in the town archives which should be published: for example, a book of "memoranda" begun in the time of John Santone, mayor, 1376, containing many ordinances relating to craft gilds, etc.; minute books, from 1476 to the present time; enrollments of deeds and inquisitions, from 1340 to Charles II. (containing also ordinances of crafts).

The best history is Drake's (No. 3054), but it contains many errors. Davies's volume of records (No. 3050) is valuable.

a. Town Records.


The extracts are from the chamberlains' accounts and the minutes of the proceedings of the city council.

Valuable.

3051. Gent, Thomas. The customs and orders of the lord mayor, aldermen, sheriffs, four-and-twenty, and commons of the city of York, touching the wearing of their gowns, treats at elections, and other ancient customs. York, 1731. 12°.


b. General Histories.

See No. 673.


Contains some brief allusions to municipal history.
3054. * Drake, Francis. Eboracum: or the history and antiquities of the city of York, from its original to the present times; together with the history of the cathedral church. . . . In two books. London, 1736. f°.

Contains the early town charters in full; extracts from town ordinances, 1519–1684, etc.

One of the best works of the old school of English topographers.

3055. Eboracum: or the history and antiquities of the city of York, from its origin to this time; together with an account of the Ainsty, or county of the same. . . . 2 vols. York, 1788. 8°.


Contains only a few brief notes relating to municipal history.


Based on Drake.

A large part of vol. ii. is devoted to municipal history. Contains the early town charters; extracts from municipal ordinances, 1550–1650, etc.


A good little book, but the account of municipal history is brief.

3060. Torr, James. The antiquities of York city, and the civil government thereof; with a list of all the mayors and bayliffs. . . . Collected from the papers of Christopher Hildyard, Esq. With notes. . . . York, 1719. 8°.

Contains only brief notes concerning municipal history.

c. Gilds.

Contains a summary of the ordinances made by the pewterers of York in 1419 and 1540; and the ordinances of 1599, printed in full.


Documents relating to the craft of girdlers, 1428, and the craft of masons and wrights, etc., 1417–51, pp. 11–22.


d. Miscellaneous.

3070. Cause (The) between the city of York and the non-free- men, at the Lammas assizes, 1776, compared with the cause between the city of London and Allen Evans, Esq., on the validity of a by-law; and with the case of a non-freeeman of the town of Berwick upon Tweed. London, [1776.] 8°. pp. 16.

Relates to a person who was fined for trading and keeping a shop in York, not being a freeman thereof.
3071. List (A) or catalogue of all the mayors and bayliffs . . . of Yorke, from the time of Edw. I. until this present year, 1664 . . . [By Christopher Hildyard.] York, 1664. 4°. pp. 67.


3073. —— York in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Ibid., xii. 437-47. London, 1897. 8°.

YOUGHAL.

3074. Ancient and present state (The) of Youghall: containing a natural, civil, ecclesiastical, and topographical history thereof. . . . Youghall, 1784. 12°.

A brief account, of little value.

3075. * Caulfield, Richard. The council book of the corporation of Youghal, from 1610 to 1659, from 1666 to 1687, and from 1690 to 1800. . . . Edited from the original, with annals and appendices compiled from public and private records. Guildford, 1878. 4°.

3076. [Hayman, Samuel.] The handbook for Youghal: containing an account of St. Mary’s collegiate church . . . and the monastery of St. John’s; with the historical annals of the town. (Third Series.) Youghal, 1852. 8°.

ADDENDA.

BRISTOL.


3079. † Bristol. An abstract of the city charter: containing the institution of mayors. . . . Bristol, 1832. 8°. pp. 22.

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3081. † Corporation reform. Six addresses to the citizens of Bristol on the reform of their municipal body. By a rated burgess [J. B. Kington]. Bristol, 1836. 8°.

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3082. † Dawes, M. Observations on the mode of electing representatives in Parliament for the city of Bristol, with a proposed reform. . . . Bristol, 1784. 8°. pp. 46.


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CHIPPENHAM.

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LONDON.


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