THE EAST PROSPECT OF WINDSOR CASTLE.

To the most Noble
CHARLES, DUKE of MARLBOROUGH,
Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter, &c. &c. &c.
This PLAN of the TOWN and CASTLE of
WINDSOR and LITTLE-PARK,
TOWN and COLLEGE of ETON
Is most humbly Inscrib'd, by His Graces Dutiful Obedient Humb.le Servt.
W. Collier.

A Plan of the Gardens, as propos'd to be executed in the Reign of Queen Ann (at A)

REFERENCES.

Windsor.

1. The Royal Apartments with those of the Household
2. The several Apartments of y Officers of y Crown as Chancellor, Secretary of State &c.
3. St Georges Chapel
4. The Deanry
5. The Canons Apartments
6. The several Apartments of y Minor Canons, Gentlemen of the Choir &c.
7. The Poor Knights Apartments
8. The Tennis court
9. The Market House
10. The Engine from w.ch Windsor & Eton is supplid w.th Water

Eton College.

11. The Chapel
12. The Outer Quadrangle or the School Yard
13. The Inner Quadrangle
14. The Provost's Apartments
15. The Fellows Apartments
16. The Hall and Library
17. The Old School with the School Masters Apartments
18. The New School
19. The Kitchen, Brewhouse, Bakehouse &c.
20. The Stables &c.
21. The Provost's Garden
22. The Fellows Garden
23. The Kitchen Garden
24. Barns Pool Bridge
25. The Crispher Inn

A Scale of 40 Poles, or one Furlong.
A Scale of 200 Yards.

WINDSOR
LITTLE PARK
THE RIVER THAMES

The Castle & Town of New Windsor stand at y East end of the County of Berks, divided from Eton in Buckinghamshire by y River Thames, from whose winding Course in these parts it is supposed to have had its Name being of Old call'd Windle-Shore. It was given to y Abby of Westminster by Edw.d y Confessor but Will.m y Conqueror admiring its situation & conveniency for Hunting, gave them other Lands in Exchange.
In his time the Castle as appears from Doomsday Book contained half an hide of Land.
Henry the first enlarg'd it. Edw.d y 3d then here, added many Buildings to it, appointed it the Seat of the Knights of the most Noble Order of the Garter, which Order he instituted 1349 built a Chapel for their Infulment and a large Hall for their Entertainmt. on the Feast of St George. The Order as the Original Book says, was deduced from an Action of King Richard the first at Acon in Palestine who commanded his chief Officers to tye a Garter about their left Leg for a Mark of Distinction at the Siege of that Place. Common Tradition attributes its Original to the Countess of Salisbury's Garter, which the King is said to have taken up in Dancing with her. But whatever might give Occasion to the Badge, from whence it is called, it is plain from the many Religious Ceremonys in it at the Institment that it was for the support of Religion, from the Patron of it, Saint George, that it was for the Encouragement of Valour, & from the Garter that its a close Combination in Honour and Loyalty of those who are the Companions of this most noble Order under the Soverign the King. Many other of our Kings took great Pleasure in this Castle, and Improvements were adding to it in every Reign. But King Charles the second exceeded all others in his Expenses thereon, for it having run much to ruin during the Usurpation. He rebuilt almost the whole upper Ward repair'd the rest, and finish'd the noble Terrass that surrounds it on three Sides; the Apartments whereof may vie with any in Europe in their Proportion, Elegancy and beautifull Prospect.

The Chapel was founded by Henry the first and dedicated to Edward the Confessor to which belonged eight Canons who were maintained out of the Royal Treasury. Edward the third rebuilt the Chapell to the honour of Almighty God, and Mary the glorious Virgin and the Saints George and Edward the Confessor. He added as appears from his Charter fifteen Canons and a Warden to the eight of the Old Foundation, also twenty four Knights reduced to Poverty, besides other Ministers of the Chapell. Henry the sixth an. Reg. 8.vo with authority of Parliament incorporated the College of Warden or Dean and Canons of the free Chapel of St George. The Foundation of the Aber Knights was then dropt but Queen Elizabeth renew'd it, saving the Number to thirteen, which is thought also to have been the Number of the Dean and Canons from the Foundation. In K. James the first time St Peter & Moore added five more poor Knights, whose Lodgings were built on the West side of the Lower Ward, by his Executrix. Edward the fourth not thinking the Chapell stately enough pulld it down and raisd that elegant Gothick Structure that is now seen, begun 1474. compleated 1506. In the Choir the Knights of the Garter are Installd, on each Stall is fixd a Copper Plate with their Arms and Titles of the Knight who owns it. This is never removd. Over the Stall are the Knights Banner, Helmet, Sword & Crest, these are taken down when the Knight dies to make room for his Successors. The College consists of a Dean and twelve Canons, seven Minor Canons, eleven Clarks, and eighteen poor Knights. The Governour of the Castle at this time is the most Noble Charles Duke of Saint Albans Knight of the Garter.

The Town of New Windsor is situated on an Ascent from y River Thames, it consists of several Str.ts for y most part well built. The Market House is a handsome Building on Stone Pillars, w.th a Statue of Q. Anne in a niche at one end, of George the 1st of Dunmark on y other. The Priviledge of a Free Borough was granted to it by Edw.d 3d. It sends a Burgess to Parliament. It is a Corporation consisting of a Mayor 12 Bruchers & 13 Younger Brethren, a of whom are Burgess. They are stiled a Mayor, Burgess & Burgesses. As for trade this Town cannot boast of it or any Manufacture except Sale Cloth, Duck, mant of Trade is a little made up by y Number of Gentry who resort here. Early. The Church is old, dedicated to St John Baptist. The Vicarage is dividing of y 1st of y Chancellor, Cursor of y Abby of Waltham. The Market is on Saturday. Three Fairs that last a Week each, on Easter Tuesday, 18 of June, and 15 of October.

Here are two Parks, the little one of which this is the Plan, near 4 Miles in Circuit containing 1000 Acres, delightfull for its Plantations & Prospect, y lower part of it under y Terrs was intended for a Garden in y Reign of Q. Anne & began but brought to no perfection. A Road down the little Park from y great Park which is 14 Miles in Circuit both of them well stocked with Deer, y Forrest of Windsor seems to be y great Part of very large extent where of Royal Family frequently take y diversion of Stag Hunting, this is y only sport they put to, being for y most part Barren & incapable of Improvement.

A Wooden Bridge over the River Thames joins Windsor to Eton, so called, from its low situation among the Waters, for Eton is the same as Waterstown, but as they are running Waters, and it is a Gravelly Soil, it is observ'd that no place is more healthy than this. It is well known for the College founded by Henry the sixth 1440. and for the great number of y Sons of Noblemen and Gentlemen that are sent to y School here for their Education.

The College consists of a Provost, 7 Fellows, a Master & Usher of y School (who have 6 Assistants) 2 Conducts, 8 Clerks, 70 Scholars & 10 Choristers, y Chapell is a plain Gothick Building, y Inside was now fitted up at a very great Expence in 1706 towards w.ch worthy Provost Hollidolphin gave a 1000 Pounds, no one can enter it without admiring it.

The College Library is one of y most elegant in England it well stocked with y best Authors, for which the College is in great hopes by bequeathing of Bishop Ken (Winchester) D.r Edward Wedding Bp. of Winchester D.r Edward Wedding bequeathed his Library, in part to y late St The Reverd Lord Bishop Bishop of the Common Pleas & that celebrated Physician & Encourager of Learning H Pitchard Mead, for y same Collection of Books, Drawings & Paintings of the late Richd Topham of New Windsor Esq.r

The College have a Charter from their Founder for 2 Markets to be held in the Town on every Wednesday but it is not kept, that two Fairs y first for three days following Corpus Christi which is now kept on Ash Wednesday, the other for six Days next following the 15 of August which is not kept.

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