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TO
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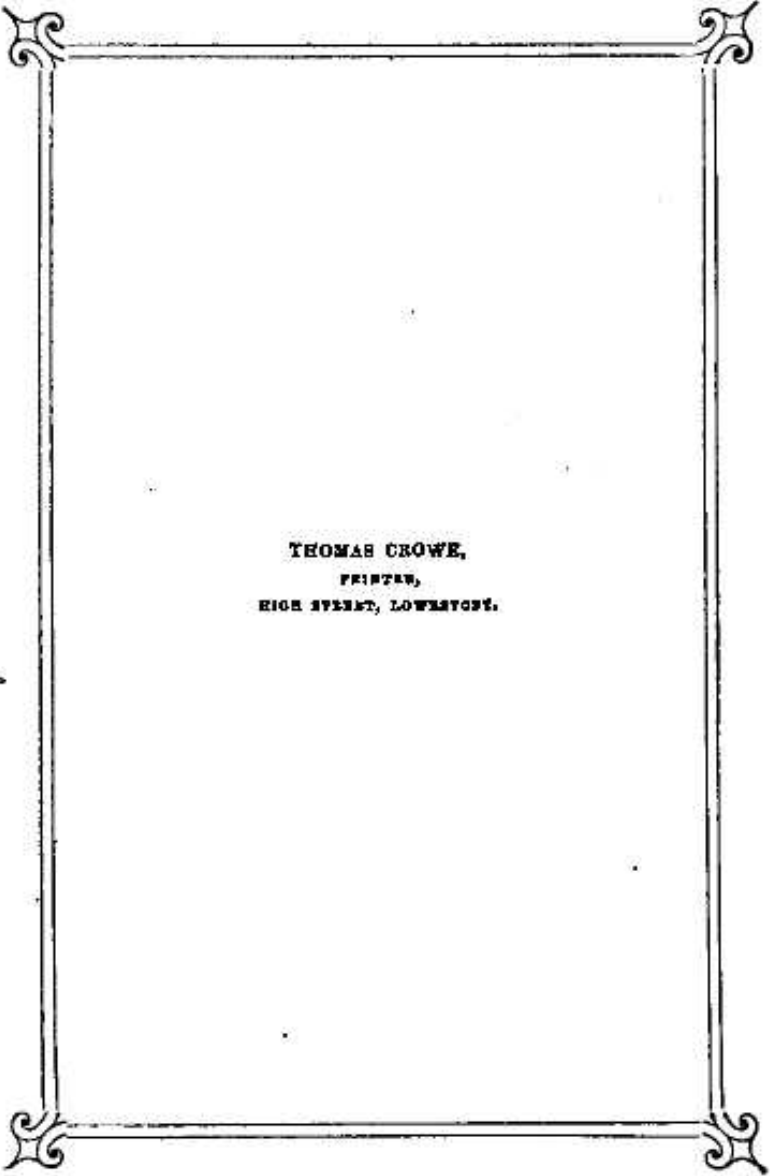
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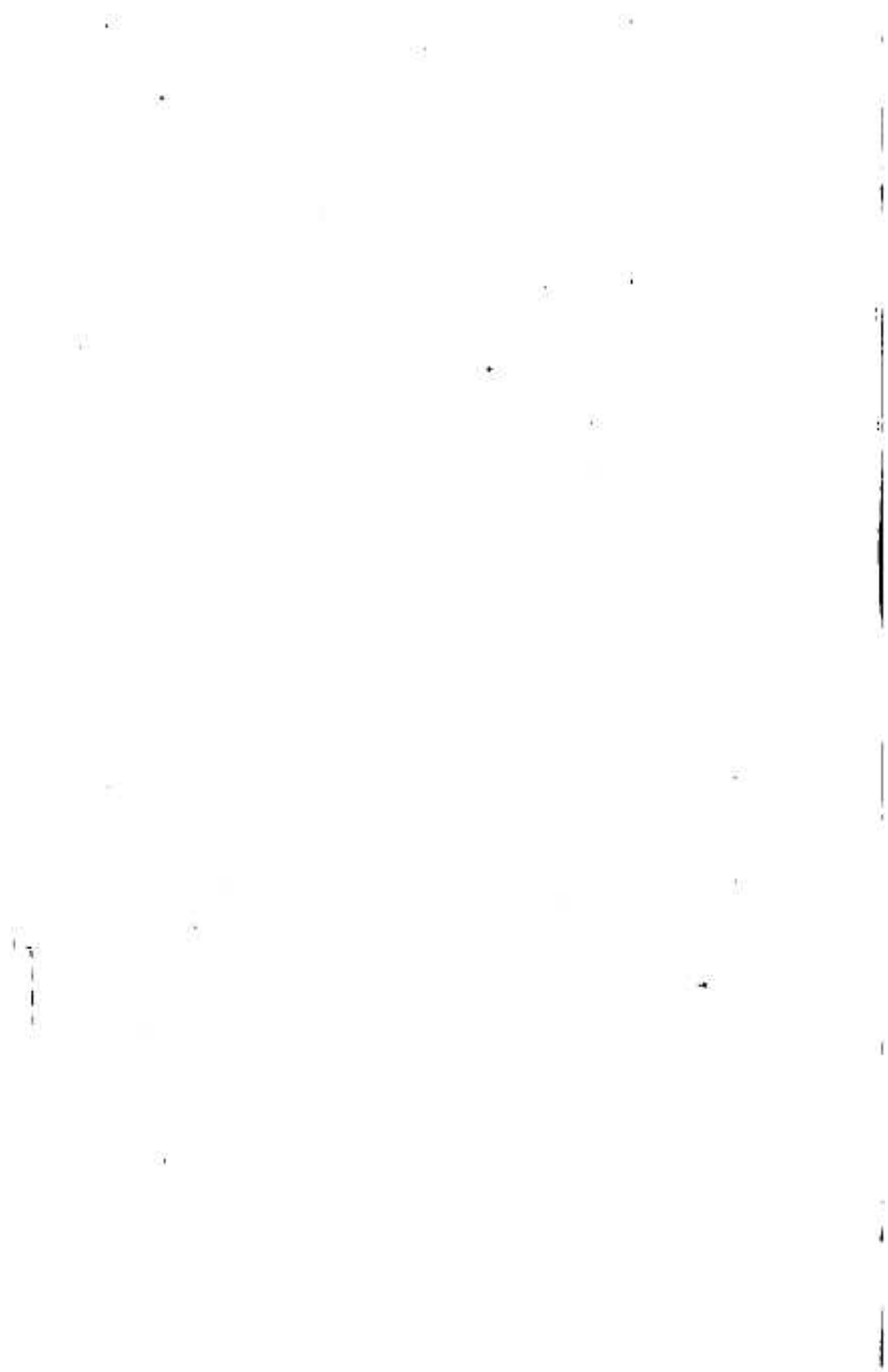


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PREFACE.

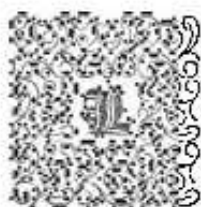
Lowestoft is not only considered a very healthy and pleasant watering place, but, from various causes, is assuming a position of such importance, as to render it more than probable that visitors will arrive in numbers augmented every season: this work is intended primarily for their use; at the same time, it is hoped it will be found interesting to the residents generally, being a verbal and pictorial description of the place of their abode, and a repository of facts and incidents connected with its history. The writer wishes it to be distinctly understood that the book professes to be, for the most part, a compilation; he has not therefore thought it necessary—except in a few special cases—to give authorities, or the usual indications of quotation.

Lowestoft, March, 1849.



HAND-BOOK TO LOWESTOFT.

SITUATION OF THE TOWN AND ITS GENERAL FEATURES.



LOWESTOFT is situated upon the most Easterly point of land in England. It stands upon a lofty eminence, and commands an extensive prospect of the German Ocean.

*Enthroned upon an ancient hill it rears ;
Cahaly it lifts its time-worn head ; and first
Of all Old England's busy towns, whispers
Its orisons, and greets the rising morn.*

It stands upon a dry soil, upon the summit of a cliff, and enjoys a most salubrious air—keen, but bracing ; and not being exposed to any of those unwholesome damps and vapours, which generally arise from low grounds and marshes, it is rendered not only a pleasant, but a very healthy situation.

The principal street, three-quarters of a mile in length, running in a gradual descent nearly North and South, is on the brow of the hill. The houses built on the Eastern side of the street have all a view of the sea; many of them have an extensive prospect, and most have, in addition, terraced gardens which slope downwards towards the sea: these gardens, when viewed from the beach, present a very pleasing appearance, thickly planted as some of them are with fruit and ornamental trees, and shrubs, the roots of which, binding the soil, prevent it from being precipitated into the regions beneath. A considerable number of the houses on this side of the street are, in consequence of these natural advantages, let in the summer season to individuals and families frequenting the town; those on the western side of the street, having no special advantages of this kind, are not so much in request.

Below the cliff, or terraced gardens, the fish-houses are to be found, where the greater part of the staple business of the town is carried on.

To the North and South of the town there are large sandy plains, called the dunes, which probably were originally covered by the sea. Towards Corton they are very extensive, and are covered with a