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*Seculare tibi videtur;
Et sanè bene,
Dum nihil habemus majus,
CALAMO lodimus.*

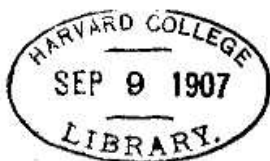
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HIGHBURY, MIDDLESEX,

AS A SLIGHT MEMORIAL OF HIS GREAT WORTH,

OF

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PARISHIONERS AND NEIGHBOURS,

AND IN

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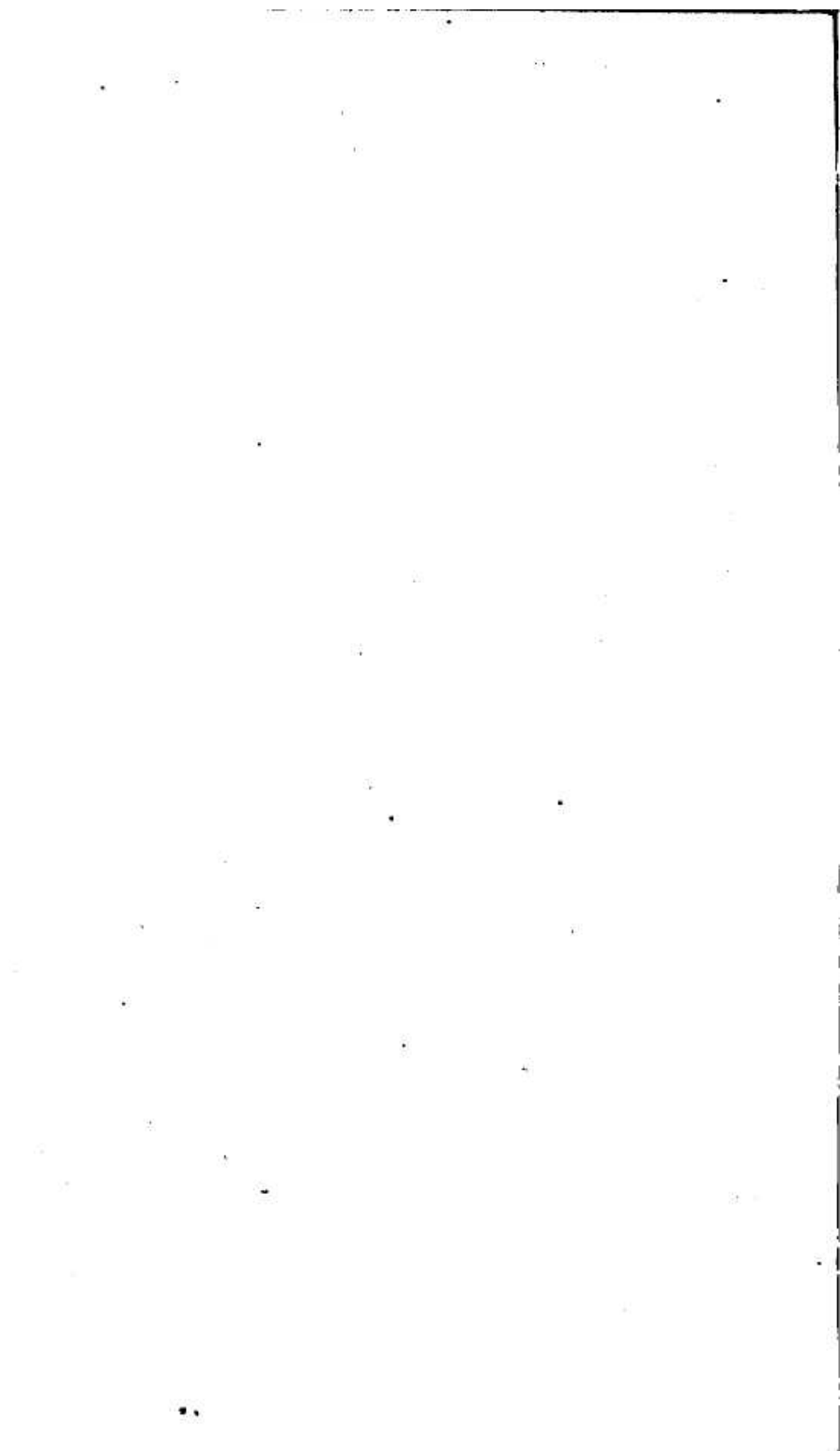
THE PROGRESS OF THESE PAGES,

DEVELOPING THE ANTIQUITIES OF ISLINGTON,

THIS WORK IS DEDICATED

BY

THE AUTHOR.



ADVERTISEMENT.

THE Author of the present Topographical Essay, has endeavoured to take a different and more enlarged view of the Antiquities of Islington near London, than that which has been presented by his predecessors.

How far such end has been obtained, he feels that it is not for him to predicate: he has endeavoured to discourse upon his subject independent of his predecessors; except only when he has to acknowledge any information derived from them of which he has availed himself, few as those instances have been.

The Author's main object, indeed, has been to supply what he conceives to be the leading defect in his predecessors' labours, abstaining from borrowing or copying from them what they may be deemed to have adequately performed. He trusts, therefore, that his present work will be read concurrently with theirs; more especially as he disclaims all rivalry with them, and seeks only to attract attention due to original and previously inedited information.

The Author has to apologize for the length of time that has elapsed since the announcement and the publication of the early portion of this work and its conclusion, now both incorporated in the present volume, but as the

motives of publication are wholly disinterested, and disconnected from advantage to himself, he trusts the delay will be excused. He is the more emboldened to hope for this as the delay has been mainly prejudicial to himself, by reason that his original information of the earlier facts relating to the period of King Æthelbert has, in the mean time, been appropriated without the grace of acknowledgment by his immediate predecessor.

The kindness of the late Mr. Palmer, of the Rolls Chapel, who imparted to the Author numerous references from his most valuable *indices* to the Patent Rolls, as well as that of Mr. Holden and of Mr. Sharpe, Assistant Keepers of Records, who also favoured him with assistance of a similar character, fall here to be, as they are, gratefully acknowledged.

The kindness and condescension of a Venerable Dignitary, who communicated some valuable information, has been already acknowledged in the body of the work.

3, Charles Street, Gibson Square,
Islington,
7th November, 1857.

Iseldon.

A PERAMBULATION OF ISLINGTON.

ISLINGTON is a town* within the Finsbury division of the hundred of Ossulston, in the county of Middlesex, distant from London on the north about one mile and a quarter, the church standing somewhat north-westward from the ends of Goswell Street and St. John Street. It lies chiefly in that parish to which it gives the name, but partly within the adjoining parish of Clerkenwell. LOCALITY.

The parish of Islington is one of the fourteen out-parishes within the bills of mortality, and lies within the liberties of Finsbury and Wenlocksbarn^(*), and is now included in the metropolitan borough of Finsbury. It comprehends the town of Islington and various other places, viz. Ball's Pond, part of Battle Bridge, Canonbury, Highbury, Upper and Lower Holloway, Kingsland, three sides of Newington Green, part of Pentonville, the Rosemary Branch, Stroud Green, and Tollington.†

(*) Newcourt, i. 670.

* It should in strictness be termed an 'upland town,' being neither city or borough.—*Co. Lyst.* 110. b.

† "The parish of Islington contains all that town (except from the Angel to against the *Wheelwright's* on the westerly side, and from his house to the next corner on the northerly side, which is in Clerkenwell parish); also *Tollington, Strand Green, Broncher's Ash, Upper and Lower Holloway*, three sides of *Newington Green, Kingsland, and Rosemary Branch*; containing in all 325 dwelling-houses."—*Hutton's New View of London*, 1708, ii. 308.

This parish (which is reckoned to be 16 miles in circumference) begins at the Turnpike, and takes in all the town of Islington on the right hand going from London; and on the left hand from the *Nags Head* corner; also the *Back Road, Upper and Lower Holloway, the Devil's Lane and House, High-berry Barn, Canbury House, Cream Hall, Stroud Green, the Boarded River*, part of *Kingsland Road*, with the *Chapel and Lock*