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'Carras, it may move compassion, that a palace, so healthful for aire, so delightful for prospect, so necessary for commoditios, so fayre (in regard of these days) for building, and so strong for defence, should, in time of secure peace, and under the protection of its naturall Princes, be wronged with those spoylings, than which it could endure no greater at the hands of a forrayne and deadly enemy: for the Parke is disparked, the timbers rooted up, the conduit pipes taken away, the roofe made sale of, the planching rotten, the walls fallen downe, and the hewed stones of the windowes, dournes and clavels pluct out to serve private dwellings: onely there remayneth an utter defacement, to complayne upon this unregarded distresse.'

CARRW'S SURVEY OF CORNWALL, 1602.

RESTORMEL.

CANTO I.

Day wanes apace, and yet the Sun
Looks as if he had now begun
His course, returning from the West;
O'er Mawgan flames his golden crest,
Roughtor's dark brow is helm'd with fire,
And the bluff headlands of Pentire
Like shields emboss'd with silver glow.
Glistening and murmuring as they flow,
Camel and Fowey* seek different shores;
And North and South the eye explores
Two spreading seas of purple sheen,
That blend with Heaven's own depths serene.

^{*} Pronounced Poy, and so spelt by Carew and Norden.