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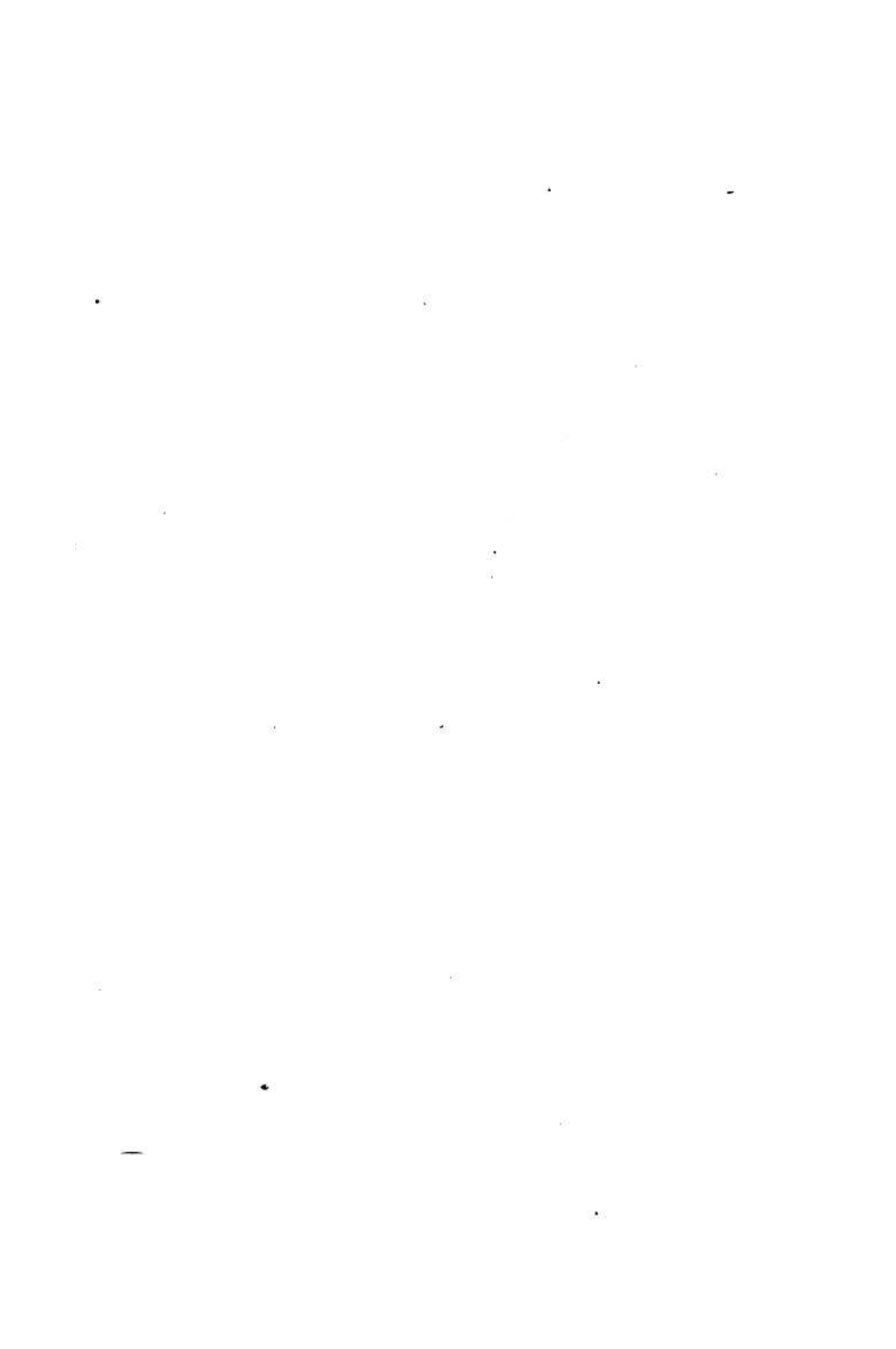
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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES  
AND  
CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE  
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THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE DEDICATED  
WITH EQUAL FEELINGS OF RESPECT AND GRATITUDE  
BY HIS LORDSHIP'S FAITHFUL SERVANT,  
GEORGE SCHARF.



## SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF LONDON.

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THE Society of Antiquaries was founded in 1707 by Mr Humphrey Wanley, Mr Bagford, and a Mr Talman, who agreed to meet every Friday evening at six o'clock, "upon pain of forfeiture of sixpence." The first meeting was held at the Bear Tavern in the Strand, December 5th, 1707. At the second meeting, December 12th, it was "agreed that the business of the Society shall be limited to the object of Antiquities, and more particularly to such things as illustrate or relate to the history of Great Britain prior to the reign of James I." Early in the following year Peter Le Neve and others were elected members. In 1739 the Society met at the Mitre in Fleet Street, and was limited in number to one hundred members, with an annual subscription of 12 shillings each and an entrance fee of one guinea. In 1751 a charter was conferred on the Society by the Crown, and in 1777 George III. assigned certain apartments for their use in the newly-built Somerset Place.

An Antiquarian Society had previously existed. It was first formed in London about the year 1570, by some of the most eminent literary characters in the country, under the auspices of Archbishop Parker. Their first meetings were held weekly at the house of Sir William Dethick, Knight, Garter King at Arms, in the Herald's College. The Society had increased to such magnitude in the course of ten years, that Archbishop Whitgift in 1590 proposed to Queen Elizabeth the foundation of a College of Antiquaries, and of this Richard Carew, author of "the Survey of Cornwall," 1602, appears to have been a member. His epitaph describes him "in Colleg. Antiquorum elect. 1598." This College or Society ceased to exist before the commencement of the civil wars.



The following is a list of the Presidents of the Society of Antiquaries, for which, together with that of the Directors since 1771, I am indebted to my friend C. Knight Watson, Esq., M.A., Fellow and Secretary to the Society of Antiquaries.

Elected		Resigned	Died
1572.	Matthew Parker, Abp of Cant.	.. .. .	17 May, 1575.
1583.	John Whitgift, Ditto	.. .. .	29 Feb., 1603.
1707. } 1717. }	Peter Le Neve, Norroy King at Arms	.. .. .	24 Sept., 1729.
1724.	Algernon Seymour, Earl of Hertford, afterwards Duke of Somerset	} .. .. .	1 Feb., 1749-50.
1749.	Charles Lenox, Duke of Richmond	.. .. .	8 Aug., 1750.
1750.	Martin Folkes	.. .. .	28 June, 1754.
1754.	Hugh Lord Willoughby of Parham	.. .. .	21 Jan., 1765
1765.	Charles Lyttelton, Bishop of Carlisle	.. .. .	22 Dec., 1768.
1768.	Jeremiah Milles, Dean of Exeter	.. .. .	13 Feb., 1784.
1784.	Edward King	.. .. . 23 April, 1784.	
1784.	George Lord De Ferrars, Earl of } Leicester	.. .. .	27 July, 1811.
1811.	Sir Henry Charles Englefield outvoted by	23 April, 1812.	
1812.	Earl of Aberdeen	.. .. . 1846.	
1846.	Viscount Mahon, now Earl Stanhope		

Since the year 1771 the succession of Directors of the Society has been as follows :

#### DIRECTORS.

Elected	
1771.	Richard Gough.
1798.	Samuel Lysons
1809.	William Hamilton, junior.
1810.	Matthew Raper.
1813.	Taylor Combe.
1827.	James Heywood Markland.
1829.	John Gage, subsequently John G. Rokewood, F.R.S.
1843.	Albert Way, Esq.
1847.	Captain W. H. Smyth.
1852.	The Viscount Strangford.
1854.	Sir Henry Ellis, K.H.
1858.	Aug. W. Franks, Esq., M.A.

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20. Richard III.
21. " "
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23. " "
24. " "
25. " "
26. Mary, Queen of Hungary.
27. Ferdinand of Spain.
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