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*Et nominatim argenteæ et singulæ
ejusdem magnitudinis
juxta Gulielmum Stumpton Arm:
de Longbridge in Com. Warw.
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INTRODUCTION.

THE following Copies of Verses, which are interesting more from the locality of their subject than for any poetical merit, have been preserved in Manuscript, amongst the private papers of that distinguished Antiquary, Sir William Dugdale, belonging to Dugdale Stratford Dugdale, Esq. M. P. at Merevale Hall: and from one of Sir William's interleaved Almanacks, in the same valuable collection, we are now, for the first time, made acquainted with the Queen's Route from Newark, until she met her Royal Spouse; on which occasion the unique commemorative Medal, represented in the Title Page, from the Original in the Cabinet of William Staunton, Esq. of Longbridge House, near Warwick, was struck at Oxford.

- “ 1648. July 3, Monday. The Queens removed from Newark to Banney.
4, Tuesday. To Ashby-de-la-Zouch.
7, Friday. To Croxall.
8, Saturday. To Walsall.
10, Monday. To King's Norton.
11, Tuesday. To Stratford-upon-Avon, where Prince Rupert mett her.
13, Thursday. From Stratford to Wroxton, meeting the King at the foote of Edge-Hill, in Kington Feild.
14, Friday. Came to Oxon.”

* About Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.—Naworth's Almanack of the following Year.

Queen Elizabeth, it is said, once honoured Walsall with a visit, and slept at a house in Ablewell-Street, where the Red Lion now stands; " but of this (observes Mr. Shaw, History of Staffordshire, Vol. II. p. 74.) we have no authority but tradition:" and the Inhabitants of King's Norton also report, that the same Sovereign came thither, and was entertained at an ancient house, adjoining the Church Yard, probably the residence of the Manerial Bailiff; but in both instances, the Name of the Virgin Queen has evidently been mistaken for that of Henrietta Maria.

WILLIAM HAMPER.

Deritend House, Birmingham,
Feb. 9, 1822.

Upon their Majestyes happy Meeting at Edge-Hill,
July xij, 1643 :

On which day the Rebels had a publique thanksgiving for the cruell murder they committed on those Innocents at London, Mr. Tomkins and Mr. Chaloner :* and Sir William Waller was beaten and routed in the West.†

Prodigall Fates! what all your grace
And all your blessings on one place?
See how Edge-Hill is growne unruly,
Since the thirteenth day of July :
And proudly lords it over all the crew
Of hills and vales that lye within his view!
And we sure have cause to feare
Shortly hee'l plead prescription, and swear
All great meetings must be there.

* Tomkins and Chaloner, with Edmund Waller and others, were arraigned for conspiring to surprize the City Militia, let in the King's forces, and dissolve the Parliament. They were all upon their trial condemned ; but Tomkins and Chaloner only were hanged.

WARREN'S MEMOIRS.

† " This blessed defeat happened to be upon the same day and upon the same time of the day, when the King met the Queen upon the field near Keinton, under Edge-hill, (where the Battle had been fought in October before) ; and before their Majesties came to Oxford, they received the happy news of it.—The King's Army received a fair addition, by the conjuncture with those Forces which attended the Queen ; for her Majesty brought with her above two thousand Foot, well armed, and one thousand Horse, and six pieces of Cannon, and two Mortars, and about one hundred Waggones."

CLARENDOPE, Book VII.

There our King his foes did meete;
 And there his best of friends did greeke;
 Where such cheerfullnesse, such grace,
 Broke like daylight from her face,
 As if shee'd brought a stratagem from farr,
 To smile away the Memory of Warr:
 That Keinton feild noe more shall carry
 A large name for the famous victory,
 But for Charles his meeting Mary.

Dull Booker!* couldst not thou foretell
 This conjunction, as well
 As that of leaden Saturne, who
 Nought but warrs and blood did shew?
 The meeting of our Planet-Princes lipps,
 Shall cause more wonders than thy great'st Eclipse.
 Rebels slaughter, Churches peace,
 Nobilityes honour, Gentrys encrease,
 With the tyred People's ease.

* An Almanack Maker.

Happy, happy, be that day,
 Wherein we had cause to say
 Blest be Heaven, which now disposes,
 Wisely mixt, her thornes and roses!
 Here, here, just here, upon this chill bleake place,
 Did hardy Charles the Northern winde embrace;
 Leaving it a doubtfull cry,
 Whether he did the cold night more defy,
 Or his shatter'd enemy.

Into his bosome here was given,
 As a just reward from heaven,
 (Soe wittily the Powers can
 Recompence the valiant man!)
 The warme embraces of a chast fayre wife,
 Soe sweete of nature, and soe voide of strife,
 It cannot yet determin'd be,
 Whether her trayne for Warr, for Peace her eye,
 Brought the most artillery.