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ET . DVM . ÆGRIS . IN . CARCERE . INCLVSIS  
OPEM . FEREBAT  
FEBRIS . IBI . SÆVIENTIS . CONTAGIONE  
CORREPTVS .  
DECESSIT . XVII . KALEND . SEPT .  
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IN . AGRO . VIGORNIENSI  
ARTEM . MEDICAM . PERITISSIME  
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MAGNAM . INGENII . ET . DOCTRINAE  
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\* This amiable Prelate, "on whom the learned world have long looked with high respect, for his talents and erudition as a Scholar, and with a feeling better than respect for his candour as a Critick," was born at Odiham, Hampshire, about 1755. He was a Wykehamist, like Dr. Huntingford; and, like him, distinguished over Europe, from a very early age, for his great attainments in Greek Literature. He was a scholar, and afterwards fellow and tutor of Corpus Christi College, Oxford; where



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Pluvixque loquaces  
Descendère jugis, et garrulus ingruit imber." *Mathias's "Gray,"* II. 596.  
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\* In a much earlier letter to Mr. Nichols, Dec. 31, 1796, he says, "It is useless to write upon any subject till the inclination prompts, and that with urgency—I have, for many years, been strongly attached to that grandest of all pieces of antiquity left us by the Romans, *Severus's Wall*; and am at length determined to write its *History*. Perhaps Thirty Authors have written on the subject, but few have seen it. I know of none, during the last threescore years, except Mr. Gough's *Additions to Camden*. I have procured all the *English Writers* I know; have made considerable progress in the work; and design, when Spring returns, to travel it carefully on foot from one end to the other, make my own observations, finish the book next Summer in a small 8vo volume, and joyfully make you a present of it if you please.—I calculate, it will cost me one week to go and return in the stage, and *two* to traverse the Wall—I think some remarks may be made which have escaped every prior Writer; and I am confident no man has attentively travelled the whole length on foot during the last 1600 years.

W. HUTTON.

In a subsequent letter, April 18, 1802, Mr. Hutton says, "On consulting my son and daughter, both of a bookish cast, we are all convinced that a *Map of the Wall* would



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\* This respectable veteran died at his house, at Bennett's Hill near Birmingham, at the age of 92, Sept. 20, 1815. His very intelligent daughter, after communicating the event to the Editor of the Gentleman's Magazine, adds the following interesting particulars: "He owed much to Nature, and nothing to Education. He began the world with three guineas and a half, which he borrowed of his sister, and a chest of old books, which were sold to him on unlimited credit. Talents, industry, and economy, three qualities that do not often meet in the same person, jointly, made his fortune. His capacity was sufficient to embrace three objects at once, and to pursue them all with avidity and perseverance. He attended to the minutest concerns of his business, at the same time that he was purchasing estates with its profits, and writing books for his amusement. Mr. Hutton had retired from business twenty-two years; but, after he had ceased to receive any emolument from it, he attended it with the same regularity, first for his son, and afterwards for his grand-nephew, to whom it was successively given, that he had done for himself. Six days in the week he walked to the scene of his old employment, and back, a distance of four miles and a half; on the seventh, he walked to worship his Maker, and his carriage brought him home. One day, when he wanted but five days of completing his ninetieth year, his strength failed before he reached his house, and he was carried home in a chair. He went to Birmingham no more. He then took to walking round the drive before his own house, where he regularly walked, and counted, his four miles a day. Winter drove him to walk in the house; Spring again took him out; but time had cut short his walks. He had numerous falls; but he was only raised up to walk again. At length, having fallen three times in eight days, he submitted to lean on a servant. The late summer he chiefly passed between his bed and his walk; going four walks every day, of a quarter of a mile each. He was dragged along, rather than led, by a servant; but nothing could prevail on him to give up his exercise. This diurnal motion continued till within three days of his death, when he could not finish his last walk. He was then confined to his bed and a sofa; and all that remained was to die. He was so happily constituted, that ninety-two years had scarcely the power to make a wrinkle in his face. He has left behind him the History of his own Life, which he intended for publication." A Portrait of Mr. Hutton is prefixed to his "Poems; and a view of his house at Bennett's Hill may be seen in *Gent. Mag.* vol. LXXXV. Part I. p. 201.

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The Rev. THOMAS ZOUCH, D. D. F. L. S. Prebendary of Durham, and rector of Scrayingham, Yorkshire, died, at Sandal, near Wakefield, Dec. 17, 1815. This venerable Divine was born in 1737, at Sandal, near Wakefield, Yorkshire; and in 1757 removed from the school of the latter place to Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1760 he was elected into one of Lord Craven's scholarships, along with Mr. Joah Bates, celebrated afterwards for his skill in musick. The year following, Mr. Zouch took his degree of B. A. and was classed as the third Wrangler. Having been chosen fellow of his college in 1763, he was appointed assistant tutor, which office he discharged with extraordinary credit; though his assiduity so much impaired his health, that he was obliged to quit the University: on which, his College presented him in 1770 to the rectory of Wycliffe in the North Riding of Yorkshire. In this country retirement he continued till 1793, performing the office of a parish priest with great diligence, and augmenting his knowledge of natural history. His botanical excursions, in a pleasant and romantic part of Yorkshire, contributed not a little to invigorate his constitution. In 1791, he was appointed deputy-commissary of the archdeaconry of Richmond; and in 1793 was chaplain to the Master of the Rolls, and rector of Scrayingham. By the death of his elder brother, the Rev. Henry Zouch, in 1795, he succeeded to an estate at Sandal, where he resided till his death. On the demise of Dr. Smith, the Master of Trinity College, one of the most learned mathematicians of his age, he was requested by the Vice-master and Senior Fellows to deliver a Latin Funeral Oration in honour of his memory, which is said to have been much admired for the classical elegance of its language. In 1798, Mr. Pitt had an idea of appointing him to the Mastership of Trinity; which design, however, was set aside in favour of the present Bishop of Bristol. But, April 9, 1805, the same Minister gave him the second Prebend in the Church of Durham, and in the same year he took his degree of D. D. In 1808, the See of Carlisle was offered to Dr. Zouch; but, in consequence of his advanced age and retired habits, he thought proper to decline the acceptance. Besides some anonymous publications, he was the author of, "The Crucifixion, a Seaton Prize Poem," 1765, 4to.—"A Sermon preached at the primary Visitation of William Lord Bishop of Chester, held at Richmond, in Yorkshire, August 21, 1789," 4to. "An Inquiry into the Prophetic Character of the Romans, as described in Daniel viii. 23—25," 1792, 8vo.—"An Address to the

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The following inscription on a tomb in the Church-yard of Sandal, displays the pious veneration of Dr. Zouch for the memory of a near relation:

Hic requiescunt ossa  
Caroli Zouch, A. M.  
per 36 annos indignissimi  
hujusce parochiæ  
ministri. Ob. 27mo die  
mensis Julii, anno 1754.

En viri sanctissimi modestia,  
qui Epitaphium re indignum  
inscribi voluit, cum vita  
et merita ejus laudes omnes  
longè superarent.  
T. Z. 1804

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