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1830.

21. At the **Lady Perrot's**,* with her son, the parson, running over the library, which has been curious, of his grandfather and uncle, eminent in their generations, some of whose manuscripts and antique pamphlets he presented me with. After dinner with the Lady (who has been very fortunate in her sons, of whom, one was Mayor of Hull the last year, and another is Lord Mayor of York this, as her husband had been in his time.) Visited Dr. Wainwright, whose treatise of Non-Naturals is much valued, has already had a second impression. After, to visit my late dear friend, Mr. Torre's widow, with his son and daughters, taking an account from the pedigree of his nativity, with the titles of his valuable MSS. now in my Lord Archbishop of York's library, beside which there yet remain several of Heraldry at Normanton: then at the Manor; could not but be pleased with my poor daughter's affection, who came running to me with tears of joy that I was well, fearing the contrary, because of my two days' absence at Bishopthorp. Evening, with cousin Lumley at young Gyles', to inquire for Roman antiquities, found as digging for clay; procured two of the pots.

22. Dined at Mr. Townley's, or rather Madam Kennet's, who presented me with a delicate piece of

* She was *Lady Perrot* according to a custom, now laid aside, of continuing that title, during life, to the wife of a Lord Mayor of York. Andrew Perrot, this lady's husband, was son of Dr. Richard Perrot, Prebendary of York, and vicar of Hull. *Duc. Leod.* p. 76.

constrained to stay too late, and subscribe a paper about the new seats for the Common Council adjoining to that of the Aldermen.

19. Attended the Mayor and Corporation to York, where most gave one vote for Sir William Strickland, and the other, either for the Lord Downe or Sir Arthur Kay; many others gave single votes for the first, who yet, by the joining of the other two, was vastly outdone.

20. Made a visit or two to Mr. Nalson, and Mr. Hodgson, the charitable and pious Lady Hewley's chaplain, to obtain an account of her benefactions, which see elsewhere. Went with Mr. Archdeacon Pearson and Lady to Bishopthorp, where most kindly received by his Grace, notwithstanding the endeavours of some furiosos to misrepresent me. His Lordship's present of autographs is noted elsewhere. Spent the evening at the **Lady Perrot's**, with the late Mayor of Hull, the parson, and other relations, but scarce any where without unhappy disputes, even amongst nearest relations, about the wretched distinctions betwixt high and low Church.

21. Missed (as yesterday) of Sir Henry Goodrick

High Sheriff, under the name of the Church, misrepresented the magistrates as Whigs to the Duke of Leeds, and consequently to her Majesty: so that the royal fiat was recalled, and a person altogether insufficient, but more to their purpose, was appointed. I should not have mentioned things of this nature, but that at the request of the Mayor, Alderman Milner, and other magistrates, I was employed to write in the just vindication of the Corporation to some persons of honour." Mr. Wilson was elected Recorder of Leeds at a more favourable juncture afterwards.