

the rim, on the outer side, was an ornamental border of about two inches deep, consisting of alternate white and black squares.

3. In reference to the document exhibited by Mr. Woodhouse, a letter from which the following are extracts, was received a few days after the meeting. It is written by Mr. James Boardman of Aigburth. "I was on a visit to the late Mr. John Woodhouse at Marsala, during the vintage of 1814, and as you may suppose, wine was the theme of our conversation. I remember my kind host telling me of Nelson's purchases, and how the wine in question came to bear the name of Bronte. When Nelson was signing the order for the fleet, he said, 'Woodhouse, let the wine be good, for my brave fellows deserve a good glass; and let me have a few pipes for friends at home.' Mr. W. promised to do his best, but added, 'it wants a name, and nothing goes down in London without a fine name.' 'Well,' replied the hero in his own way, 'd—n it, call it *Bronte* after my new estate.' 'A good name too,' said Mr. W., 'but Bronte is a *nut* and not a *wine* district.' 'Don't mind that,' said Nelson, 'what do the folks in England know of Bronte? Let it be *Bronte*.' * * * The wines of the Messrs. Woodhouse are the production of the Marsala and Mazzara districts, at the west end of Sicily."

4. Fountains Abbey, to which the seals exhibited refer, is still standing, in ruins. It is in Skeldale, in the county of York, about three miles southwest of Ripon. It was founded in 1132, by Thurstan Archbishop of York, for the support of thirteen monks, (originally sent from St. Mary's Abbey, York,) in a more austere mode of living. At first their means were so limited that they were obliged to lodge under the shadow of a large tree; but connecting themselves with the Cistercian order, the community at length rose to great wealth. At the dissolution, temp. Henry VIII., the yearly rent of their lands was £1073.

5. A communication having been read, from John F. Marsh, Esq., Town Clerk of Warrington, inviting—in his own name and that of some other gentlemen—the whole Society to meet at Warrington on the 7th of May, along with deputations from certain other societies, to examine the local antiquities:—

Resolved,—That the best thanks of the Society be given through Mr. Marsh, to the gentlemen at Warrington, and that the invitation be accepted.

PAPER.

TRACES OF THE BRITONS, SAXONS, AND DANES IN THE FORELAND OF THE FYLDE.

By the Rev. Wm. Thornber, A.B., Blackpool.

At the close of a fine day, some weeks ago, I found myself after a pleasant walk on the height of Beryl, the highest hill on that range of cliffs, which defend the Foreland of the Fylde towards the north of Blackpool,

the Government made and entered into by the said
Dear General Horatio Lord Nelson & the Duke of Bronte in
Society &c with John and William Woodhouse Monk of Marsala
at Palermo the Nineth day of March 1800 to furnish His
Majesty's Ships off Malta with Wine & other Provisions
Marsala Wine to be delivered there free of freight and all other
Charges without loss of time at One Shilling and four pence
Sterling per Gallon Wine measured and to be paid for in Bills
upon the Commanders for Accounting His Majesty's Navy Ships
at the usual date by the respective Masters of His Majesty's
to which the Wine is delivered, and should any of the Casks be
want'd with the Wine an additional Charge is to be added of One
pound Sterling each pipe per Wine & the Quantities
are expected to be delivered and all the Wine delivered
within the space of six Weeks from their Date, &
Carry and be wanted for the Supply of the
Port of Marsala

John Woodhouse
Signature