

APPENDIX.

REMARKS

ON

A LATE MEMOIR OF SEBASTIAN CABOT.

WITH A

VINDICATION OF RICHARD HAKLUYT.

"Floreat Historia Britannica, *recordis authenticisque* expromatur. Scribatur lente, mature, ordinate, sincere, dilucide, sine partium studio, sine pravo consilio, sine omni vili affectu viris literatis indigno." *Myox, Disceptatio Epistolaris De Magno Rotulo Scaccarii.*

THE reader is already aware that in the present volume, the Discovery of North America, in the reign of Henry VII., has been exclusively ascribed to John Cabot, a Venetian, who had settled as a merchant at Bristol. The author of a late work* has attributed this noted extension of geographical knowledge solely to the subject of his biography, Sebastian Cabot, the son of John. According to him, it was Sebastian who projected the expedition in which the discovery was made,—it was Sebastian who conducted the expedition,—it is doubtful whether John Cabot accompanied the voyage at all,—and it is certain, if he did, it was simply as a merchant who traded on his capital. The biographer has brought forward his arguments in support of this theory, in the fifth chapter of his work, entitled

* Memoir of Sebastian Cabot.