

in the fifth Descent, now enjoy this Honour.

Wilton, a Market Town in *Wiltshire*, (to which it gives Name) betwixt the Rivers *Willy* by the North, and *Adder* or *Nadder* to the South. It was anciently the Capital City of the County; a Bishops See, and the Residence of several Bishops, before the Translation of the See to *Salisbury*. The loss whereof was a great occasion of the decay of this place. It only retains the honour of being by two Members represented in Parliament. The *Sheriff's* keep their monthly Courts here, and the *Knights of the Shire* are usually elected at it.

Wimpfen, *Wimpina*, *Vimpina*, a City of *Germany*; in the Circle of *Schwaben*, upon the Neckar; where it receives the River *Faxe*; two *German* Miles from *Hailbrunn* to the North, and five from *Heidelberg* to the East. This, though small, is an Imperial Free City.

Wincaunton, a Market Town in *Somersetshire*, in the Hundred of *Norton Ferris*, upon the side of a Hill.

Winchcomb, a Market Town in *Gloucestershire*, in the Hundred of *Kylgate*.

Winchelsey, a Sea-Port Town in the East part of *Suffex*, where it adjoins to *Kent*; in *Hastings* Rape; upon an Inlet of the Sea, in the neighbourhood of *Rye*. A Member of the *Cinque Ports*: once a strong and a beautiful Town, walled: having eighteen Parish Churches: but by the recess of the Ocean, now much decayed; and the Haven choked up. In the year 1250. the greatest part of this Town was destroyed by the Sea. It consists now but of one Parish. In 1623. *Charles I.* created *Elizabeth Finch*, Viscountess *Maidstone*, Countess of *Winchelsey*: to which Honour *Thomas* her Son, succeeded in 1633. and *Henrietta* her Grandchild in 1639.

Winchester, *Venta Belgarum*, *Vintonia*, *Wintonia*, a City of *Hampshire*; which is a Bishops See, under the Archbishop of *Canterbury*: upon the River *Itchen*: fifteen Miles from the *British Sea* to the North. It stands pleasantly in a Vale, betwixt two Hills; adorned with five Parish Churches; a Noble Cathedral, dedicated to the *Trinity*; in which the Bones of divers of the *Saxon* Kings and *Queens*, with two of the *Danish* Line of Kings, and two of the *Norman*, rest. A fine Hall for the Assizes and Sessions, where King *Arthur's* Round Table hangs as a Monument of Antiquity: a College for the Education of Youth, built and endowed by *Will. of Wickham*, (the Founder of *New College Oxon.*) for a Seminary to the same College; a Hospital, an Episcopal Palace, and a strong Castle upon a Hill. The *Welsh* call this ancient City at this day *Caer Eborac*: (that is, the White City: because it stands upon a Chalk); and the *Latin* Writers, *Wintonia*. In the *Roman* times it was one of the principal Cities of *Britain*. In the *Saxons* days twice consumed and rebuilt; being made the Seat of the *West Saxon* Kings: which Family at last prevailed against all the rest. The Bishops See was founded here in 660. by *King* the first Christian King of the *West Saxons*. It felt the fury of the *Danes*. In the *Norman* times it kept up its Head: but in the Reign of King *Stephen* it was sacked in the Wars betwixt the Empress *Maud* and him. *Edward III.* to revive it, made it the Mart for *Wool* and Cloth. In our days, faith *Mr. Camden*, it is about a Mile and a half in compass; reasonably well peopled. The ancient Bishops of this See were reputed Earls of *Soushampton*; and pass by that Style in the New Statutes of the *Garret* made by King *Henry VIII.* The present Bishop *Dr. New*, is the seventy third Bishop. The first Earl of *Winchester*, was *Saer de Quinsy* in 1107. The second *Roger de Quinsy* in 1219, who

died in 1264. The third *Hugh de Spencer*, created in 1322. and beheaded in 1326. The fourth *Lewis de Bruges* in 1472. In 1551. *VVilham Pawler*, Earl of *VViltshire*, was created Marquis of *VVinchester*: whose Posterity in the sixth Descent now enjoy it. In the years 855. 975. 1021. 1070. 1076. 1129. 1142. *English* Councils were celebrated in this City. The second, under *S. Dunstan*. The sixth, in relation to King *Stephen's* Usurpation of the Lands of the Church.

Windaw, *Vinda*, *Vindavia*, a City of *Curland*; called by the *Poles* *Kiejs*, and by the *Germans* *Windaw* and *Winda*. It has an Harbor at the Mouth of the River *VVeta*, upon the *Baltick Sea*: sixteen *Polish* Miles from *Memel* to the North, and thirty from *Riga* to the West.

Winder, or *VVimauder Meer*, a Lake dividing a part of *Lancashire* from the County of *VVestmorland*; and extending about ten Miles in length, and three or four in breadth: full of Fish; with a clear pebbly bottom.

Wingham, a Market Town in the County of *Norfolk*, in the Hundred of *Forehoe*.

Windsor, a River in *Oxfordshire*, upon which *VViney* Islands; and *Burford* near it.

Windsor, *Vindeborum*, a Castle upon the South side of the *Thames* in *Berkshire*; upon an high Hill: which rising by gentle degrees, affords at the top a pleasant Prospect. This Place was granted by *Edward the Confessor* to the Monks of *Westminster*: and soon after by *William the Conqueror* recovered back to the Crown, by an exchange for *Woburn* and *Stirling*. In this pleasant Place was *Edw. III.* born: who afterward built that Noble Castle, which has since been the delightful Retreat of the Kings of *England*, from the Cares of Government and the Crowds of Men. In the same place that Victorious Prince instituted the most Noble Order of the *GARTER*. The Ceremony whereof hath been usually since celebrated here upon *S. George's Day*. Out of the Castle sprung the Town: and that in *Buckinghamshire*, (not in *Berkshire*;) it being on the North side of the River, and joined to the Castle by a Timber Bridge. In the Church of this Castle lie buried two of our Kings of the most distant Fortunes and Tempers, *Henry VIII.* and *Charles the Martyr*. The Town is a Corporation, in the Hundred of *Ripplemore*; and elects two Burgesses to represent it in Parliament.

Winnica, a strong City in the Palatinate of *Kjovia* in *Poland*, upon the River *Bug*: ten Miles above *Braslaw* to the North. Taken by the *Cossacks*, in 1560.

Wintheim, *Vinsheimum*, a City in *Francia* in *Germany*, upon the River *Asch*: small, but an Imperial and Free City. Built in the year of Christ 525. by *Windegast*, a Duke. Seven *German* Miles from *Norimburgh* to the West, and from *Wurtsburgh* to the North-East.

Wintlow, a Market Town in *Buckinghamshire*, in the Hundred of *Colflow*.

Wipach. See *Vspao*.

Wipertur, a small Town in *Hannault*, in the Dukedom of *Mons*, upon the *Rhine*: not far from *Cologne*.

Wirksworth, a Market-Town in *Derbyshire*. The Capital of its Hundred: of great note for Works in Lead.

Wirland, *Viria*, a Province of *Livonia*, upon the Bay of *Finland*. The Capital of which is *Wissenburgh*. *Baudrand* writes *Witland*.

Wirttemberg, *Wittenbergensis Ducatus*, a Dukedom in *Schwaben* in *Germany*. Bounded on the East and