

## EARL OF NOTTINGHAM. 15

a year (*x*). It is remarked, by a discerning writer (*y*), that, on the whole, this transaction was not dishonourable; that all parties were obliged, and all expressed their satisfaction; that every insinuation to the contrary flows manifestly from unwarrantable conjectures, and a desire of prejudicing the world against the memory of men in elevated stations; practices the most destructive of the true end, and fruit of history, the great business of which is the discovery of truth, and the instruction of those to whom it is revealed (*z*).

Having quitted his employments, the earl of Nottingham retired to the calmer scenes of private life, and passed the few remaining years of his existence, amongst his family, and friends (*a*). His character hath been thus drawn by the historian (*b*) to whose researches

(*x*) Roberti Johnstoni *Rerum Britannicarum Historiæ*, Lib. 18. p. 37.—Rushworth's collections, V. 1. p. 307, 378, 379.—Sanderson's History of James I. p. 439.

(*y*) Campbell's *Lives of the Admirals*, V. 1. p. 522.

(*z*) *Ibid.*

(*a*) He died, on the fourteenth of December, in the year one thousand, six hundred, and twenty-four, and, at the age of eighty-eight\*. On the twenty-third of the same month, his body was buried in the family-vault, under the chancel of the church of Ryegate, in Surry. His first wife was Catharine, daughter of Henry Cary, lord Hunsdon; and his issue by her, were William, and Charles Howard, (the last of whom succeeded him in his honours,) and three daughters. The fruits of his second marriage with Margaret, the daughter of James, earl of Murray, were two sons, James who died in his minority, and Charles Howard, who received the honour of knighthood, and, by the death of his brother, became, afterwards, earl of Nottingham.

\* Catalogue of nobility deceased in the reign of king James I. MS.

(*b*) Mr. Campbell—*Lives of the Admirals*, V. 1. p. 522.