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THE
HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES
OF THE
COUNTY OF LEICESTER.

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VOLUME I. PART II.

CONTAINING A CONTINUATION OF
THE HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF LEICESTER:
INCLUDING AN ACCOUNT OF ITS
RELIGIOUS FOUNDATIONS, PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, AND PAROCHIAL HISTORY.

WITH

ANNALS OF THAT ANTIENT BOROUGH;

CONSISTING OF ORIGINAL CHARTERS, AUTHENTIC CORPORATION RECORDS, AND
MISCELLANEOUS EVENTS, DIGESTED ACCORDING TO THE SERIES OF TIME.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED.

GENERAL INDEXES TO THE WHOLE WORK;
WITH
AN APPENDIX OF ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.



LONDON:

Abutting means there was no intervening land between them.

And this was on Peacock Lane ie south of St Martin

6s. 8d. on the high altar of St. Martin's church, to be divided equally between the abbot and the vicar; and, in case of failure or neglect, shall forfeit 13s. 4d. to be divided between the abbot and vicar. And the parties above-named consented that they should be compelled to the observation of the premises by the bishop of Lincoln, or his commissary. Dated July 10, 1520, 12 Hen. VIII. Which composition was ratified by William bishop of Lincoln July 12, 1520; who also granted licence to have and administer the Eucharist in the chapel of the Hospital, provided it were without detriment to the parish church.

June 1, 1520, the master, confrater, and poor of this Hospital, obtained a lease for 100 years, renewable for ever, of a large garden abutting in St.

Francis lane, the property of the Grey Friars⁶.

Feb. 12, 1521-2, new letters patent were obtained from the king, in the following ample terms:

"Henricus Octavus, Dei gratiâ, Angliæ & Franciæ Rex, fidei defensor, & dominus Hiberniæ; omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quod cum nos, decimo die Junii, anno regni nostri quintodecimo, per literas nostras patentes, concessimus & licentiam

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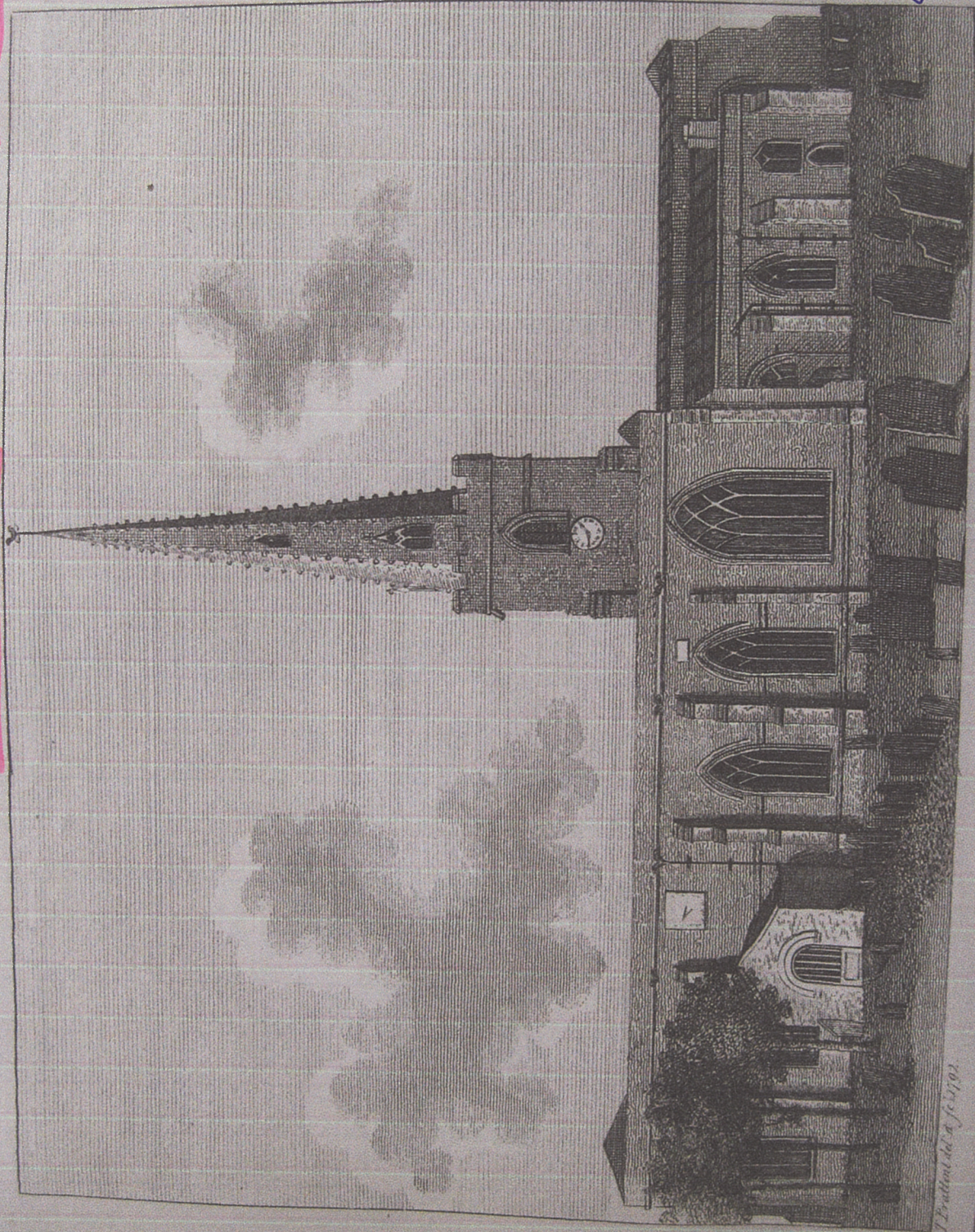
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Page 590. St. Martin's Churchyard to South
of church as
today. *

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ST. MARTIN'S, S.



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Abbey Gate. An indifferent passage in St. Leonard's parish, leading from the North-bridge to the Abbey. At the Abbey end stands Countess's Hospital: at the other end stood St. Leonard's church.

Northgate-street is understood to take in all that open way extending from the North gate to Sunday-bridge, formerly Sanvis-bridge: some extend it to the Cross. The best buildings stand near the Bridge.

High-Cross-street extends from North gate to Red-cross-street end. In that portion between the North gate and the Cross stand the Town and County prisons, King Richard's house, Free-school, and All Saints church. Here also stood St. John's chapel or church, and St. Peter's. That portion from the

Cross to Peacock-lane has been called *St. Martin's-street*, and *Cross-street*. This street is a medley of good and bad buildings. At the end of this street the name of *High Cross* is still given to a plain Doric pillar, which, till the year 1773 (when it was in so ruinous a state as to be dangerous, and an annoyance to the passage in the street it stood in), formed one of the supporters of a light Temple-looking building of the same name, which has been engraved in Plate XXXI. and noticed in p. 354, which served as a shelter to the country people, who here hold a small market on Wednesdays and Fridays for the sale of butter, eggs, &c. Here the members of parliament are proclaimed. Here also may be seen, on Michaelmas-day, the grotesque ceremony of the poor men of Trinity Hospital, arrayed like antient knights, having rusty helmets on their heads, and breast-plates fastened over their black tabards, proclaiming the fair².

Southgate-street is now understood to extend from Red-Cross-street to the Infirmary, or Horse-pool-end, an open place, where formerly stood a chapel. That portion of this passage which extends from Red-Cross-street end to the South gate was formerly called, very properly, *Castle-street*; but in the late rage for altering the names of streets, &c. in Leicester, one of the most narrow entrances of the town, leading from

This street but it is conspicuous glazed front on the inside remain of called *Lo* stone, with now modern

The Sw narrow street formerly called some property to the market

Shamble opposite, which leads to *W*

Thornton to each other *Red-cross-st*

Bakehouse alias *Castle-* paces from *e* *lane*, are situated the latter on

Hangman *Horse-fair-st* with dirt wall and a large wall

Green's-lan

Another pri parallel to the St. Margaret extends to the

The first por *Goswell-gate*, the Coal-hill. spacious.

Archdeacon's Church-gate.