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5 Francis Gibson's plan of the Yorkshire Coast & WHITBY, 1803



This Plan and APPEARANCE OF THE YORKSHIRE-COAST AT THREE MILES DISTANCE FROM HIGH-WHITBY to SANDSEND-NESS, with the most respect, is inscribed to the Hon^{ble} Lieut Colonel AUGUSTUS PHIPPS by his obliged Servant FRANCIS GIBSON.

WHITBY is situated in Latitude 54.19 N, and 1.51 W. 5 Leagues N.W. from SCARBOROUGH: It is a Bar-Harbour, nearly dry at low Ebb; At high Water, Neap Tides, the flow is from 9 to 10 Feet; In Spring Tides from 16 to 28 Feet, It is protected by two Piers built of large masses of Freestone: The West, in a line with the current of the River Esk, is 665 Yards in length: The East, as built from the South shore is nearly at right angles with the other but much shorter; Between them lies the entrance of the Harbour 925 feet wide: From the Pier Heads the Harbour runs SW by S to the Drawbridge which connects the two equal parts of the Town: Above the Bridge it expands and at full Tide forms a large Haven suited by The Dry-Docks and various Slips for ship-building - The River like is navigable for Hoops and Barges, two Miles above the Town, where the flowing of the Tide is checked by a Mill-dam across the River. The population of WHITBY and its attached Townships amounts to nearly 15,000 Souls - Within the Harbour are usually 30 Vessels on the Stocks from 5 to 10 in the dry Docks and coarsing the Rivers repairing; No Imports are Timber, Hemp, Iron, Castles, Iron-works, Canvas for the use of the Navy, Ships, Oil, Whale-bone, Bacon, Hams, Butter &c: Register Tonnage of the Shipping of WHITBY 1830 - Revenue transmitted into the Exchequer from 5 to 6000 per Annum. F. Gibson. 1803.