

## South East View of Tamworth Castle in Warwickshire

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To the R<sup>t</sup>. Hon<sup>ble</sup>. JAMES, Earl of Northampton, & Baron Compton;

Owner of this Castle –

This Prospect is Humbly Inscribed by,

My Lord, Your Lordship's most Obed<sup>t</sup>. humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>. Sam<sup>l</sup>. & Nath<sup>l</sup>. Buck

TAMWORTH was a place held in great esteem by the Mercian Kings, on account of its pleasant situation, but being waisted by several invasions of ye Danes, it lay desolate till that renowned Lady of Mercians Ethelfleda, Daughter to K. Ufred in the year 014, restored it to its ancient splendour, raising a strong Tower upon an artificial Mount call'd the Dungeon, upon w<sup>ch</sup>. Ye Castle was afterwards erected, wherein ye said Ethelfleda died XIX. Call: July. 918. Will<sup>m</sup>. the Conq<sup>r</sup>: at the latter end of his reign gave this Castle to Rob<sup>t</sup>: Marmion, in w<sup>ch</sup>: names & family it continued many years; afterwards it devolved to Baldn<sup>n</sup>: Mordaunt who was in great esteem with Edn<sup>d</sup>: the Black Prince, and in ye 1<sup>st</sup>: of Ric: 2<sup>d</sup>. exhibited a Claim to be ye Kings Champ<sup>n</sup>: on ye Day of his Coronation and to do ye service of that office by ye tenure of this Castle. He was succeeded by Tho<sup>s</sup>. Aston. Then Tho<sup>sc</sup>. Ferrers 2<sup>d</sup> son to W<sup>m</sup>: L<sup>d</sup>: Ferrers of Gorby possess'd ye same and now belongs to James E. of Northampton, in right of the Lady Elizabeth Ferrers his present Countess.

S & N Buck Delin. et. Sculp. 1729