

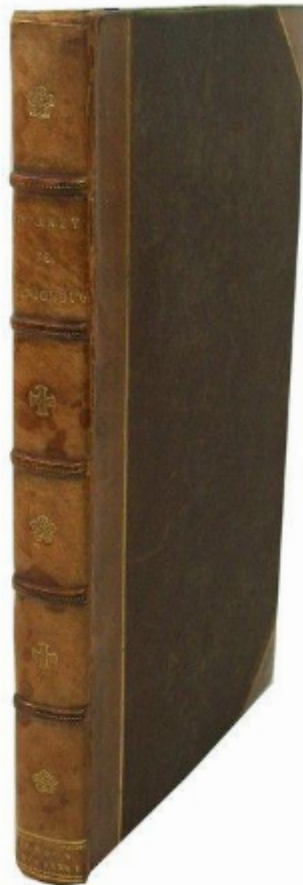


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RARE BOOKS OF OXFORD

A Journal of First Thoughts, Observations, Characters and Anecdotes
Which Occured in a Journey from London to Scarborough in
MDCCLXXIX

J. Bowen

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Description

141pp, [1]. Slightly later half-calf, raised bands, spine in six panels, title in gilt to second panel, remaining panels with alternating cinquefoils and crosses pattee with date and place to foot of spine. Minor rubbing to extremities, spine very slightly faded. Internally some light staining to title, occasional light soiling, but generally fairly clean. Lacks the advertisement leaf l8. Bookplate of the 5th Earl of Rosebery and an old printed Bohn catalogue entry from the Hamilton Palace sale in 1882 to front pastedown, earlier WILLIAM BECKFORD'S COPY, with three pencilled notes by Beckford to front flyleaf. The Beckford-Rosebery copy of a scarce anonymous work, in an attractive binding, with Beckford's notes, "it is in those books that moved Beckford to cover their flyleaves with pencilled notes in his crabbed, strangely modern hand, that we come nearest to his waywardly brilliant personality. Even when the notes (as all too often) are only quotations [as here] from the text, they are always entertaining: he had a great eye for the absurd and pretentious". The same article notes that "books with this fascinating (and, as often as not, highly entertaining) provenance do not come onto the market as often as might be expected" (TLS October 20 1966). Estc shows eight locations worldwide, not in Boyne