

‘ humilimo vestro subdito, vestræq̄ majestati fidelissimo

‘ E. Stafford,

‘ Hæres domus subversæ Buckinghamiæ.’^f

The general observations I have to make upon it are these: many articles, it seems, were in vogue in the fourteenth century, which are now in a manner obsolete, as cranes, curlews, herons, seals^g, porpoises, &c. and, on the contrary, we feed on sundry fowls which are not named either in the Roll, or the Editor's MS.^h as quails, rails, teal, woodcocks, snipes, &c. which can scarcely be numbered among the *small birds* mentioned 19. 62. 154.ⁱ So as to fish, many species appear at our tables which are not found in the Roll, trouts, flounders, herrings, &c.^k It were easy and obvious to dilate here on the variations of taste at different periods of time, and the reader would probably not dislike it; but so many other particulars demand our attention, that I shall content myself with observing in general, that where-

^f This lord was grandson of Edward duke of Bucks, beheaded A. 1521, whose son Henry was restored in blood; and this Edward, the grandson, born about 1571, might be 14 or 15 years old when he presented the Roll to the Queen.

^g Mr. Topham's MS. has *focas* among the fish; and see archbishop Nevil's Feast, 6 E. IV. to be mentioned below.

^h Of which see an account below.

ⁱ See Northumb. Book, p. 107, and Notes.

^k As to carps, they were unknown in England t. R. II. Fuller, Worth. in Sussex, p. 98. 1134. Stow, Hist. 1038.