

Transcription of the draft letter.

For the ~~publishers of the~~ Yorkshire Magazine.

Sir.

As your design is professedly to give an Historical  
as well as a discriptive Account of this County:  
of York. I take the liberty to send you the 1<sup>st</sup>. part of  
a very ancient Ball Historical Ballad intituled  
“The Battle of Newland” and which I believe is  
entirely out of print except the Bloick[?] Letter  
copy from which this is taken: it is <sup>^ wrote</sup> in 4  
parts, if you approve of the <sup>^ first here sent</sup> the succeeding parts  
shall be ~~sent you,~~ <sup>transmitted</sup> on the appearance of the  
first in your useful Magazine. If you do [not]  
like the last Stanza, you may omit it, but [!]  
thought it my Duty to transmit the Ballad  
free from mutilation +. If ~~it~~ <sup>the Ballad</sup> serves to amuse any  
of your numerous readers it will fully answer the  
~~design of~~ & intention of The Pinder of Wakefield  
I have  
There is also a curious Commentary on the <sup>upon it</sup>  
~~Ballad~~ which appears to have been wrote-  
upwards of 100 years after the Ballad, but <sup>as</sup> it  
will exceed the limits allowed by you for  
insersion, ~~therefore~~ I shall omit sending it.