

the enclosure, near the south-east angle, is an artificial hill called Studforth.

Leland gives us the following notice:—

“Aldeburge is about a quarter of a mile from Boroughbridge. This was in the Romanes tyme a great city on Watheling Streate called *Isuria Brigantum*, and was walled, whereof I saw *vestigia sed quædam tenuia*. It stode by south west on We (Ure) river. The compace of it hath been by estimation a mile.”—“There be now large felds fruitful of corn in the very place wher of the town was; and in these felds yerely be found in ploughing many coynes of sylver and brasse, of the Roman stampe. There hath been found also sepulchres, *aquæ ductus, tessellata, pavimenta, &c.* There is an hill on the side of the feld wher the old town was caullid Stothart, as if it had been the kepe of a castle.” (i. 102.)

Mr. Gough describes the walls as 4 yards thick, founded on large pebbles laid in a bed of blue clay. “To the foundations on this clay is in many places four or five yards deep. Almost in the centre is a hill called *Borough Hill*, which seems to have been a sort of citadel, where mosaic pavements have been found, and foundations of a large building with bases, &c., engraved in Drake’s *Eboracum*.”

To the numerous examples of tessellated pavements which have from time to time been discovered at Aldborough, the late lamented owner, Mr. Lawson, made remarkable additions, and with much taste and liberality preserved them from injury, and gratified the public by allowing easy inspection. So many coins, gems, busts, and other bronzes, vases, glass vessels, pavements, sculptures, and frescoed walls of houses, have been laid open by excavations within the Roman walls, as to give rather the idea of an easy and luxurious city, than of the stern war-camp which we know *Eboracum* to have been. And this is perhaps not a false notion; for, planted at first close to *Isu Brigantum*, the water town of the tribe, it may have gradually relaxed its warlike aspect, and assumed, as we know from Tacitus happened in other cases, the milder aspect of colonial life.