

1. **I**N Order to an exact Description, remember to confine your self within one Parish at a Time: And, first, take Care to mention what other Parishes ly contiguous to that Parish on the S. N. E. or W. or whether it is bounded any where, with the Sea-coast.

2. Be careful to mention every Gentleman's House within the Parish; (beginning from one End, and advancing forward to the other) Tell 'its Distance and true Bearing from the next adjacent House or Two; Or from a House of principal Note, tho' at some Distance. *Item*, The Distance and true bearing of a principal House from the next Village or City, not exceeding, however, the first *Eight* or *Sixteen* Points of the Compass. *Item*, Whether, and on what Side of a River or large Burn a House stand, &c. and how close upon it: Do the same with Respect to the Church, and the Village which is commonly near the Church.

3. When there is a City or Village in the Bounds, tell what are its Privileges, what publick Buildings are in it, such as Church, Tolbooth, Hospital, &c. *Item*, On what River or large Burn, and on what Side of the River it stands; and especially its true Distance, and Bearing from One, or Two, or Three of the Neighbouring Cities, or any capital City, tho' far distant.

4. Be exact to notice, which Way the Current of each River or Brook runs, where it comes from, what Town or Towns it goes to; and what greater River it falls into, and where. *Item*, What remarkable Turn in its Course it happens to take; also, its Bridges, and of what Lumber of Arches they consist: The Rise and Course of Rivers ought to be carefully given. *Item*, the places of Boat.

5. Tell if there is any Loch in the Bounds; what is its Breadth and Length; What Fish it or the River produces, and if there is any Thing else remarkable in or about them. *Item*, Forget not to mention where there is any considerable Wood, Mofs or Moor, or Coal-pits.

6. Fail not to take notice of the Field of any ancient Battle. *Item*, Any ancient Monuments, and natural Rarities, provided they be Real and not Fabulous. Any ancient Tradition may likewise be noticed, if not ridiculous.

7. Where is any remarkable Hill, or Chain of Hills, mention them: Also, Take Notice of the Course of the King's High-way, and the Places thro' which it passeth; And where two Shires happen to touch each other, be careful to describe the Boundaries exactly.

8. In giving Distances, let the Miles be the common computed Miles of the Place; and where the Distances are small, you may say, *A large* or *short* Mile; or where they are still smaller, say, about $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ of a Mile.

9. Omit nothing (tho' not mentioned here) that can any Way contribute to the Knowledge of the present Geographical Face of our Country.

10. Example, I, The Parish of _____ in the Shire of _____ hath to the N. the Parish of _____ to the S. and S. E. the Parish of _____. II, The Church is 4 Miles from the Town of _____ to the North. III, The House of _____ is N. from the Church 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ M. IV, The House of _____ is 2 M. to the W. of House _____, and 4 M. E. of the City _____ It stands close on the S. Side of the River _____ which falls into the Sea at the Town of _____ standing on the N. Side of it, &c. Place no Distance, &c. But such as consist with your own Knowledge.

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In some places the distance may be obtained in some other way

