“HARWICH from the SEA” March 2018

Harwich was an important place to the early Cobolds. Thomas Cobbold (1708-1767) (#44 on the web family tree) brewed there and his sons, Rev. Thomas (1742-1831) (#51) and ‘Big’ John (1746-1835) (#56) were born there. Harwich is in Essex and lies on the south side of the estuary formed by the confluence of the Stour and the Orwell. It is the only safe natural harbour between the Thames and the Humber. It is also where the Cobolds first went into banking in partnership with Anthony Cox to form Cox Cobbold & Company trading as Harwich Bank. From 1857 to 1880 Col. Henry Jervis-White-Jervis RA (1825-1881) (#183) was their MP.

The Trust is very grateful to Peter Kent for the recent gift of a print titled Harwich from the Sea. This is important because the picture shows, to the right of the church, the Cobbold brewery. This illustration appears in the Souvenir of the Bi-centenary of the Cliff Brewery in Ipswich, 1723-1923 and also on page 114 of ‘Lewis Agassiz of Stour Lodge’ published by John Barker in 2013. John attributes the drawing to W Bartlett and the engraving to J Rogers and dates it 1831.