

commencement of the seventeenth century; and 'Remaines of the Armour of the Tower and Woolwich, Anno 1603,' set forth that there were 'at Woolwich, as in the former Remaine taken, iiii Backes and Brests for Almayne Corsletts (besides 1 od backe), lxxv Collers with Bombards, xlviij Burgonetts and Huskins, cccxxiii Murrions blacke, and xii Burgonets old and nothing worth.' The backes and brests for Almayne corsletts," Lieutenant Grover explains, "were the plastrons and

dated 19th December, 1695, for taking down this "Barne" in the Greenwich Tilt-yard, and re-erecting it at Woolwich. Among these Ordnance records is a manuscript, dated 9th July, 1664, estimate of repairs necessary to be done "to make y^e Stoare-houses wind and water tite for y^e keeping dry of y^e powder, match and other provisions, and to keep y^e said store-houses from falling downe and utter ruin," of which estimate one item provides for "floaring a Stoarehouse att Woolwich to



WOOLWICH DOCKYARD FROM THE RIVER.

carapuces for suits of armour put together with Almayne, or German, rivets. They were worn by pikemen, who, from the use of such harness, acquired the title of 'Corslets.' *Bombards* were the padded breeches worn by the military at the end of the sixteenth and commencement of the seventeenth century. *Burgonetts* were the close-fitting helmets invented in Burgundy in the fifteenth century, and employed in England as late as the reign of Charles II."

In General Borgard's plan of the Warren (1701), a building called "Greenwich Barne" seems to have occupied the site on which the Brass Gun Foundry was afterwards built, in 1717. In the Ordnance "Journall Bookes" appears the authority,

kepe shipp carriages dry." As far back as 1683 it was ordered that "all y^e gunns, carriages, and stores now att Deptford be removed from thence to Woolw^{ch}, and from henceforth new Ordnance and carr^s be layd there." On the 5th October, 1680, it was ordered "that y^e sheds at Woolwich along y^e Prooffe house and y^e sheds for carriages there be forthwith repaired;" and in November, 1682, it was further ordered "that y^e Officers of y^e Board do contract with all convenient speed with artificers at y^e reasonable rates for his Majestie's Service for building of a new Shedd, 18 fo^t broad and 100 fo^t long, at Woolwich, for lodging of Ship Carriages in y^e place where y^e old one is fallen downe." The shed here referred