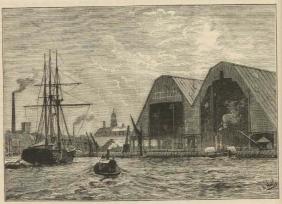
commencement of the seventeenth century; and Remaines of the Armour of the Tower and Woolwich, Anno 1603,' set forth that there were 'at Woolwich, as in the former Remaine taken, iiii Backes and Brests for Almayne Corsletts (besides 1 od backe), lxxv Collers with Bombards, xlviii Burgonetts and Huskins, cccxxxiii 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 ye Stoare-houses wind and water tite for ye keeping dry of ye powder, match and other provisions, and to keep ye 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 | keepe shipp carriages dry." As far back as 1688 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 closefitting 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 Ordnance "Journall Bookes" appears the authority, old one is fallen down." The shed here referred

it was ordered that "all ye gunns, carriages, and stores now att Deptford be removed from thence to Woolweh, and from henceforth new Ordnance and carrs be layd there." On the 5th October, 1680, it was ordered "that ye sheds at Woolwich along ye Proofe house and ye shedds for carriages there be forthwith repaired;" and in November, 1682, it was further ordered "that ye Officers of ye Board do contract with all convenient speed with artificers at ye reasonablest rates for his Majestie's Service for building of a new Shedd, 18 fot broad and 100 fot long, at Woolwich, Foundry was afterwards built, in 1717. In the for lodging of Ship Carriages in ye place where ye