

ASTLE, Thomas, *äs'-tel*, an English anti-
quary, the son of a farmer in Staffordshire,
who, in 1770, was appointed to manage the
printing of the ancient records of parliament.
In 1775 he became chief clerk in the Record
office in the Tower, and on the decease of Sir
John Shelley, succeeded to the office of keeper
of the records. He wrote "The Origin and
Progress of Writing, as well Hieroglyphic as
Elementary." D. 1803. 171. 3R.2

W. Ashe presents his Compliments to Mess^{rs}
Phaker, & herewith he sends them the
Letter of Attorney properly executed

Battersea Rise
May 13th 1800.



