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NOTICES OF RECENT FINDS OF COINS IN SCOTLAND. BY GEORGE SIM, Esq., F.S.A. Scot., Curator of Coins.

FORGANDENNY.

On Saturday, 15th May last, while a number of workmen were engaged in making excavations for the foundations of cottages on the estate of Freeland, in Perthshire, they came upon a jar, which on being broken to pieces brought to light a large number of ancient silver coins. The workmen divided the coins amongst them, and afterwards sold them to various parties, including the proprietor of the estate, who purchased a considerable number for L.5. The procurator-fiscal at Perth succeeded in recovering a very few of the coins, which were sent to Exchequer. The following is a list.

List of the Coins.

English.—Edward III., London Gro	ats,	•			4
Edward III., Half-Groats, .					5
Henry IV., V., or VI.		•			
Groats of Calais,					8
Half-Groats of Calais, .		•	٠.		2
Groat of London, .					1
Penny of York, .					1
Scottish David II., Half-Great of	Perth,				1
James I., Groats,					4
James II., Groats of Edinburgh,					7
Groat of Stirling (rare),	•		•		1
Illegible Coins,					3
			To	otal,	37

HAWICK.

The coins enumerated in the list annexed, and others, not recovered by the procurator-fiscal, were found on 10th September last, by Mr David Kennedy, druggist, Hawick, while digging a foundation for a house in the High Street of that town. The coins having got scattered amongst the workpeople and others, were at different times, and with difficulty, recovered by the procurator-fiscal, and sent to Exchequer.

As there are none of the common "Servio" 1557 placks of Mary in the hoard, and as the latest of the coins are hardheads of 1555, we can very nearly approach the date of the deposit.

List of Coins.

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French.—Francis I., Ecu (poor and pierced),	1
English.—Henry VIII., Base Groats of York, London, and	
Bristol (all poor),	15
Half-Groat of London,	1
Edward VI., Testoons, or side-faced shillings (mostly poor),	4
Scottish.—James III. and IV., Placks (mostly very poor, a few	
are well preserved, and a few have the numeral "4" after	*
"Jacobus,"	81
James IV., Unicorn with "XC." under unicorn (fine and	
very rare),	1
James V., Placks (well preserved),	35
One-third Side-faced Groat,	1
Mary, Lion with "Scotorum Regina" (very rare and fine), .	1
Half-Lion, 1553 (fine),	1.
Testoon "Dilicie," &c. (rather fine),	1
Hardheads (two fine),	3
Edinburgh Placks, varieties (many fine),	392
Do., Half-Placks (many fine),	16
Stirling Placks (well preserved),	4
Penny, with Bust, arched crown (fine),	1
Total,	558

RANNOCH.

About the beginning of December last, the coins of which the following is a list were found at Rannoch, in Perthshire, and sent to Exchequer, but I have not been able to learn the particulars of the discovery.

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English.—Elizabeth, Shillings (all very poor),	10
Elizabeth, Sixpences (all very poor),	40
James I., Half-Crown, "Quae Deus," &c., .	1
Shillings, Do.,	3
Sixpences, Do.,	
Do., "Exurgat," &c., 4	
Doi, Datigue, Con,	14
Charles I., Half-Crowns, all with oval shield and varied mint	
marks, but being much clipped, the mint marks could not	
be seen on many,	14
Scottish Half-Crown (bent die), mint mark, a thistle,	
"Quae Deus," &c.,	1
English Shillings, many clipped, mint marks varied, .	48
Sixpences (well preserved), mint marks anchor upright,	
and horizontal, Δ , $^{\circ}$., &c., .	14
Spanish Dollars of Philip IV.,	7
Dollars of Albert and Elizabeth, Duke and Duchess of Bur-	•
gundy, 1620,	3
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. Total,	155
CREGGAN.	
About the beginning of January, a lot of Scottish coins were four Creggan, in Argyleshire, and transmitted to Exchequer. No particular been given. The finding of these farthings in company wire many coins of James IV. would have been conclusive that these coins really belonged to James IV. and not to James II. (as state Mr Lindsay's original work), if Mr Pollexfen had not long ago settle question.	culars th so small ed in
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James 111 Groat of Edinburgh.	. 1
James III., Groat of Edinburgh, James III. and IV Placks (several with numeral 4).	
James III., Groat of Edinburgh, James III. and IV., Placks (several with numeral 4), James IV., Black Farthings; rev. crowns and fleurs de lis,	1 182 36

GLENQUAICH.

The coins, of which the following is a list, were found last month on the ledge of a rock at Glenquaich, in Perthshire. They were enclosed in a stoneware jar or bottle, which broke in pieces on being lifted, except the neck and upper part. The coins were recovered by the procurator-fiscal at Perth, and transmitted to Exchequer. They all appear to have been long in circulation (those of William being least rubbed), and were probably deposited in the reign of Anne.

21st April 1876.

List of Coins.

Charles II. Bawbees,		•		218
Turners,		•		14
Bodles,				12
William and Mary Bawbees,		•		16
Bodles,				31
William III. Bawbee, 1695-16	97,			18
Bodles,				34
Obliterated Bodles,	•			6
Louis XIV. small Silver Coin,	•			1
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•		Total,		350