

IV.—*Description of an ancient Silver Bracelet, found at Brugh Head.*

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THE accompanying sketch of this bracelet (*See* plate 5, fig. 1st) is of the same size as the original.

The silver is very much oxidized, and has become very brittle; it is therefore in a very frail state, and much broken. The pieces were laid together previous to the ornament being sketched. It seems to have been originally formed of two pieces, A A being a double or grooved circlet made to receive the thin ornamented circlet, B. This last may be traced round and seen in its most perfect state at C C C, where it is curiously ornamented with knobs inserted by small clenched nails. Each triangular

compartment seems to have had an ornamental figure on it ; but so few of these remain, and they are so much corroded, that it is not easy to conjecture what they were, or whether any regularity was observed in the distribution of them. The thin ornamented circlet seems to have been retained in the grooved or double circlet by small silver nails, one of which exists.

Brugh Head was both a Roman and a Danish station ; but I am not antiquarian enough to say to which nation this piece of antiquity belongs. The delicacy of the workmanship would rather incline me to believe it Roman. It was presented to me by Mr Young, the proprietor of Brugh Head, by whose workmen it was found during their excavations, preparatory to forming the new town of that name.