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IN compliance with an order of the Society of the Antiquaries of Scotland, this Second Part of a Chronological Account of their progress, and principal transactions, is communicated to the public.

On the 21st day of May 1782, the following petition was signed, and afterwards presented to his Majesty, praying for a royal charter of incorporation. It was returned by the Society's agent, with a reference to the Lord Advocate of Scotland, by Lord Sidney, then one of the Secretaries of State.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty, the humble Petition of the Society of the Antiquaries of Scotland,

Sheweth,

“ That, in the year 1780, your petitioners, consisting of a number of the Noblemen and Gentlemen of this part of your Majesty's united kingdom, formed themselves into a Society for investigating antiquities,

antiquities, as well as natural and civil history in general, with a view to the improvement of the minds of mankind, and to promote a taste for natural and useful knowledge; and the success of their endeavours has already far succeeded beyond their most sanguine expectations.

“ That many men, of the first distinction for rank and learning, not only in the British dominions, but in other kingdoms, have, by ingenious dissertations, and valuable donations, contributed toward the prosperity of the Society.

“ That, beside donations of relicks of antiquity, and of natural productions, several noblemen and gentlemen have contributed liberally in money to enable the Society to carry their laudable views into execution.

“ That your Majesty’s petitioners have purchased a house in the city of Edinburgh, for containing their books, papers, and other effects; but, not having a *nomen juris*, their rights to that property, to the effects at present in their possession, or to what they shall afterwards acquire, cannot be legally established, unless your Majesty is graciously pleased to grant them a Royal Charter.

“ Your Majesty’s uniform patronage of the fine arts, and of useful literature, encourages them to hope, that you will extend such patronage to your petitioners, which will render the utility of their plan more diffusive, and effectually secure the heritable and moveable property they already possess, or may acquire.

“ Your petitioners, therefore, most humbly pray, that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to grant your Royal Letters patent, under the Seal appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept in Scotland, in place of the great seal formerly used, constituting and erecting the present Members of the said Society, and all those who shall afterwards be admitted Members, into one body politic and corporate, or legal incorporation, under the title and name of *The Society of the Antiquaries of Scotland*; and as such, and by such title and name,

name, to have a perpetual endurance and succession, and to be able and capable to sue, plead, defend, and answer, and to be sued, impleaded, defended, and answered, in all or any of your Majesty’s courts of judicature, with all other necessary clauses,

“ And your petitioners shall ever pray, &c.

“ Signed in presence, and by appointment of a General Meeting of the said Society, this 21st day of May, in the year One thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

(Signed) BUCHAN, PSES.
JAMES CUMMYNG, SEC.”

“ *Copy Reference to the Lord Advocate, written on the Margin of the above Petition.*

“ *Whitehall, 26th September 1782.*

“ His Majesty is pleased to refer this petition to the Right Honourable the Lord Advocate of Scotland, to consider thereof, and to report his opinion, what may be properly done therein, whereupon his Majesty will declare his further pleasure.

(Signed) T. TOWNSEND.”

The Society, on the 5th of November, were informed by a letter from their agent at London, that the Principal of the University of Edinburgh, together with some of the Professors, had entered a caveat in the hands of the Lord Advocate, against the passing of their charter.

On the 14th of the same month, the Society celebrated their second anniversary, when the Earl of Buchan delivered, to a numerous and respectable meeting, the following discourse.

“ Copy of the Earl of Buchan's Speech at the Second Anniversary Meeting of the Society.

“ My LORDS and GENTLEMEN,

“ It is with great satisfaction that I do myself the honour to appear a second time in this place, to celebrate, with the friends of my country, and of literature, the Anniversary of the formation of this Society.

“ It is my duty, upon this occasion, and I shall perform it with pleasure, to take a review of the transactions of the Society since the last meeting of a similar nature.

“ The election of our office-bearers, on the 30th of November last, passed without any other controversy than might have naturally been expected from the growing dignity and reputation of the Society, and the desire which those qualities had created in many to become honourably connected with us.

“ To prevent, however, as much as possible, any disagreeable effect, arising from contests of this nature, it has been enacted, that all members of the Society shall be elected by ballot, and that honorary members shall come recommended from the Council.

“ It has been also determined, that no member withdrawing himself from the Society, on account of displeasure, or default of annual contribution, shall be again eligible, except four fifths of the votes, by ballot, shall be favourable to such candidate.

“ It has been proposed also, and will, I hope, pass into a law, that three months of arrear of annual contribution shall be a sufficient cause for erasing the name of an ordinary member from our lists, for which the smallness of the contribution, and the demand of our institution, are sufficient apologies.

“ Members also, who find it troublesome to have annual demands for so trifling a sum, can become perpetual fellows of the Society, by the payment of twelve guineas.

“ Curators.

“ Curators have been appointed to survey and protect the property of the Society, and the gentlemen who have held that office since its institution have executed it with great diligence and accuracy.

“ It is proposed that a greater number of curators should be annually chosen, and that two new ones only should be elected, in the room of two who retire, by which means a competent number of gentlemen will always be in office, who are acquainted with the different departments of your Library and Museum.

“ A room has been set apart for the use of Students, in which Mr Little of Libberton took an active share, and became a benefactor to it; but I am sorry to find that little use has been made of it.

“ Seats have been provided, at a considerable expence, for the accommodation of the members, in this hall, and, when our funds will permit them to be finished, the appearance of the place will be decent, at least, and commodious, though not elegant.

“ You instructed me to make an application, in the name of the Society, to the Earl of Shelburn, for some support to our Secretary, who receives no salary at present, either in our service, or in that of the Lyon Office; and I suggested that this support might be obtained by conferring on that gentleman some small office in the Scots civil list. I have had no return on this subject from the Earl of Shelburn.

“ I come now to speak of the charter.

“ The progress in this business has been often interrupted by circumstances needless to mention, and which are usual in applications of a similar nature.

“ We are indebted to your Agent, Mr Spottiswood, for his diligence in the matter, and to Dr Aitken, for his good offices, as a medium of correspondence.

“ The remit from the Secretary of State to the Lord Advocate came down about six weeks ago, and was put into the hands of that great officer of the crown.

“ I do.

“ I do not learn that his Lordship has made his report, but cannot suppose that it will be unfavourable, although opposed by the University; so that your charter may pass the seals with all convenient speed.

“ I have the pleasure to inform you, that the gentlemen in the office through which it will pass have promised to be very kind to us.

“ Thomson and Arbuthnot have been destined for the honours of your Temple of Fame; and an original picture of Wallace having been discovered, you may now embrace the opportunity of setting him in the highest niche.

“ I have from time to time done myself the honour to lay before the Council and the Society a state of their debts, and of their funds, and have taken the liberty often to represent the necessity of our coming forward to extinguish the first, and increase the latter.

“ Our debt at present amounts to somewhat more than six hundred pounds Sterling, for the residue of the price of this house. Our funds are somewhat more than one hundred and twenty pounds *per annum*.

“ By your direction, I made application, in the name of the Society, to the Royal Bank, for a loan of six hundred pounds, for the purpose of making good our purchase, and acquiring our rights, by a consequent disposition to the property.

“ This application was attended with that success, which the liberal principles of the Bank, and the credit of the Society, gave me reason to expect; but I cannot help wishing that, either by an increase of our fees at entrance, by the voluntary contribution of the more opulent part of the Society, or by a certain number becoming perpetual members, by a deposit, now established by your rules, that this debt were extinguished.

“ Until this desirable object be obtained, the Society cannot but be very much limited in its proceedings, and very unable to promote the essential regulations, which are so indispensibly necessary to for-

ward the expectations of the public, and to give the Society a firm and useful establishment.

“ I flatter myself, therefore, that a Society, consisting of between two and three hundred persons, many of whom are blessed with the gifts of fortune, will not permit themselves to be accused of sordid inattention to the pecuniary interest of a community, which, by their membership, they have, as it were, pledged themselves to the public to uphold, and whose honour is thereby involved in their own.

“ I have not followed the example of the Jewish lawyers myself, but have come forth, from the beginning, to throw my annual mite into the Treasury. Let others, better able by their circumstances of fortune, do as I have done, and the Society will flourish.

“ I come now to observe, that, from the increase of the Society's effects, repositories were found wanting to accommodate our collection, and that our Secretary had no proper office for the furtherance of our business. You were pleased to give orders for removing these inconveniencies; and the necessary operations for that purpose are now set on foot.

“ The printed account of the institution, and progress of this Society, which, at your desire, was published by Mr Smellie, has found its way into the literary circle. Copies of it have been presented, in your name, to many of your honorary members, and to those who had stepped forth to patronise the Society; and I am happy to learn that it has had some effect in promoting the interest of the community from which it came.

“ The public, however, seem to expect some more substantial proofs of your importance; and it becomes necessary for us to cause such a selection to be made of the transactions of the Society, and of such curious or useful papers, as have found their way into your repositories, and shall, after a judicious and careful examination, be deemed fit for its eye.

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“ For this purpose, it will be necessary that, in the course of the ensuing winter, your Council and Censors apply themselves to satisfy the learned world with a chaste, select, and interesting volume of original papers, which may have the happy effect of adding both to the reputation of the Society, and of the country to which it belongs.

“ I should now proceed to enumerate a few of the most important communications which have been made to the Society since the last meeting to celebrate the anniversary of their formation, were it not, that I apprehend, that those whose zeal was equal, but their opportunities unequal, to the foremost of our benefactors, might justly regret a display which might give a superior lustre to the sons of fortune.

“ I cannot, however, avoid mentioning the valuable collection of Oriental money, and other curious particulars, presented by an honourable member of the Society, who will, I am persuaded, not limit his benevolence to this instance of his attention to the interests of so popular an undertaking.

“ From another honourable member, to whom the public looks forward as to the contingent representative of one of the most illustrious families in Scotland, we have received a very valuable collection of medals, Scots and English money, and various dresses of foreign countries.

“ From the Reverend Doctor Abernethy-Drummond, we have lately received the whole manuscripts of the celebrated historian and poet, William Drummond of Hawthornden, consisting of thirteen volumes, which donation, so generously bestowed, will, I hope, be exemplary, and productive of similar exertions, in favour of the republic of letters, through the channel of this Society.

“ The list of donations presented to the Society, since the publication of your Catalogue in May last, makes a very respectable appearance; and I am sorry, from the rule I have imposed upon myself,

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to be deprived of the satisfaction I should have had in the mention of names.

“ The gift of Doctor Abernethy-Drummond being immediately on our table, and recently presented with peculiar generosity, has forced me to report it as part of the ordinary business of the day.

“ Having now, My Lords, and Gentlemen, performed the retrospective duty of this day, I desire to express my anxious hope, that the future and increasing zeal of the members of this Society, and of the country, in promoting the laudable objects which we have in view, will enable us to become more and more respectable, and that this new and useful literary association will produce men within itself capable of forwarding the interest of the community, and of increasing the literary fame of a country hitherto untried in the departments, to promote the elucidation of which we have come together.

“ I have observed, with concern, that, when the pleasure arising from the novelty of our undertaking had passed, few were disposed to contribute to the interest or welfare of the Society; but that many, from whom I expected better things, have contented themselves with the amusement of passively attending our meetings, without studying the nature of our undertaking, or attempting to enable the Society to avail itself of public confidence to weather the storms which arise from the blast of envy, or to watch over the diseases to which infancy is so subject.

“ I flatter myself, however, that the unabating zeal which I have shewn for the prosperity of the Society, will bring forth others, fitter than I am, to undertake so arduous a task.

“ These are the official heirs by whom I wish to be represented; and when I can have the happiness to behold such, arrived to the maturity of action, and to the fitness of succession, I desire no longer to touch Society, or to obtrude myself on the public.

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“ My imagination, kindled by the sparks brought from the altar of patriotism, which has burnt too much of late in Britain with the fatuous flame of self-interested zeal, excites in my mind the pleasing phantoms of future prosperity to this Society, and the verification of my dreams in behalf of my country. I shall continue my zeal to the last ; and, when the thread of my life shall be cut by Him, in whose view there are no antiquities, and to whom the ages of ages are but as yesterday, congenial spirits will, I hope, delight to hover round this chair, and excite the person who shall sit in it to inspire his countrymen with zeal for the cause of virtue, liberty, and useful learning ; listen to the music which lifts the grovelling soul to heaven, or ride on the sparkling wave of a patriot bumper, filled at your symposium, to the memory of some great benefactor to his country, some strenuous defender of the rights of humanity, or some virtuous Sage, who shall have taught mankind the road to the stars, and to immortality.”

With a view to remove the difference which had arisen between the Principal of the University and the Society of Antiquaries, concerning the opposition to their charter, the Lord Advocate recommended that the Earl of Buchan and the Principal should have a conference on the subject. The parties met accordingly. But, instead of dropping the opposition, the Principal informed Lord Buchan, that he was to call a meeting of the whole Professors, in order to procure their sanction to his conduct.

On the 6th of January 1783, the Lord Advocate transmitted to the Secretary of the Society a copy of the caveat entered by the university against the passing of their charter, together with a memorial from the Philosophical Society of Edinburgh, and a letter from four of the Curators of the Advocate's Library, addressed to the Lord Advocate, with the same intention. Copies of each of these papers are subjoined.

“ *Memorial*

“ *Memorial for the Principal and Professors of the University of Edinburgh.*

“ The Society of Scottish Antiquaries, instituted here in the year 1780, has two different objects, the antiquities of this country, and its natural history : In order to prosecute the study of these, they have opened a Musaeum for the reception of records, charters, and other monuments, tending to illustrate the history and antiquities of Scotland ; and also for collecting the various objects of natural history. They have lately applied for a charter from the crown, in order to give them the permanency and privileges of a body corporate.

“ The Senatus Academicus, though sensible of the good intention with which the Society of Antiquaries was instituted, and though they entertain an high respect for many of its members, are fully persuaded, that a literary society may be formed on a plan more favourable to the progress of science and literature in Scotland, more suited to the state of the country, and more consistent with the interest of the University, and which they have good reason to believe will meet with the approbation of many respectable members of the Antiquarian Society. In countries of great extent, and where knowledge is much diffused, a considerable variety of literary societies may be established with advantage, and each pursue its separate object with ardour and success : But narrow countries do not admit of such a subdivision. There the interest of science and literature is more effectually promoted by one general society, which has for its object the various departments of philosophy, erudition, and taste. The reasons of this difference in management are obvious, and the practice and experience of Europe, during a hundred years, prove that they are well founded. Upon the first establishment of literary societies in the last century, France was in a condition to form three numerous and distinct ones, the Academie des Sciences, the Academie

mie des Inscriptions et des Belles Lettres, and the Academie Françoise.

“ In England, two literary societies are established, the Royal Society, and the Society of Antiquaries. But, in the other kingdoms of Europe, it has been judged more expedient to institute only one literary society, to which the cultivation of all the different branches of science, erudition, and taste, is committed. This is the constitution of the Academies of Berlin, Gottingen, St Petersburg, &c. Scotland ought not to form its literary plans upon the model of the more extensive kingdoms in Europe, but in imitation of these which are more circumscribed. Every person acquainted with the state of science and literature among us, must allow that one Society is fully sufficient for the reception of all who are entitled to be members of it.

“ If it would be improper to multiply literary societies in a narrow country, the impropriety of multiplying separate public collections, either in the line of antiquities or of natural history, is still more evident. Scotland may furnish one good collection in each of these departments. The library of the Faculty of Advocates has been, during a century, the repository of every thing that tends to illustrate the history, the antiquities, and the laws of this country. The collection is very considerable, though still far from being complete. By its situation, it is easily accessible to the courts of justice, and to the practitioners at the bar. It is humbly submitted, whether an attempt to form a new and rival collection, be a measure prudent, expedient, and of advantage to the public.

“ The Museum of the University of Edinburgh contains those objects of natural history which are exhibited by the professor of that branch of science to his students, and are illustrated by him in the course of his lectures. This professorship was instituted and endowed by his present Majesty, and will be of great utility in perfecting the plan of education in this University. It appears to the Senatus Academicus, that the establishment of another public Museum.

faeum would not only intercept the communication of many specimens and objects which would otherwise have been deposited in the Museum of the University; but may induce and enable the Society of Antiquaries to institute a lectureship of natural history, in opposition to the professorship in the University. This there is greater reason to apprehend, as a motion was made in that Society, soon after its institution, to appoint one of their own number a lecturer in natural history; and, though the measure was over-ruled at that time, by the exertion of gentlemen friendly to the University; yet, such a disposition appears in other members of that Society, that it may again be resumed.

“ It is therefore proposed, that, instead of granting a charter to the Scots Antiquaries, as a separate Society, that a Society shall be established by charter upon a more extensive plan, which may be denominated, ‘ The Royal Society of Scotland,’ and shall have for its object all the various departments of science, erudition, and belles lettres.

“ That a certain number of persons, respectable for their rank, their stations, or their knowledge, shall be named by the Royal Charter, with powers to choose the original members of the Society, and to frame regulations for conducting their inquiries and proceedings, and for the future election of members.

“ That, whatever collection of antiquities, records, MSS. &c. shall be acquired by this Royal Society, shall be deposited in the library of the Faculty of Advocates, and all the objects of natural history acquired by it, shall be deposited in the Museum of the University of Edinburgh, so as both may be most accessible to the members of the Society, to the public, and of most general utility.

“ Signed in name, and by appointment of the Senatus Academicus.

WILLIAM ROBERTSON, Principal.”

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“ To the Right Honourable the Lord Advocate of Scotland, Memorial of the Philosophical Society of Edinburgh.

“ An association was long ago formed in this city, for promoting natural knowledge, and consisted of several persons of this country, distinguished for their learning and abilities, and foreigners of the greatest eminence. This Society is sufficiently known over all Europe, by the name of the Philosophical Society of Edinburgh; and its reputation so well established by means of its publications under the title of Philosophical and Literary Essays, that persons of the greatest eminence in the republic of letters, think it an honour to be members, and are careful to publish their title in the front of their works.

“ The Society flatter themselves, that your Lordship will judge their institution not unworthy of the protection of a government distinguished by its encouragement of literary exertions; and, relying on the zeal with which your Lordship promotes every measure conducive to the honour and interests of this country, they had resolved to request your Lordship’s patronage to an application for a Royal Charter to erect them into a body corporate; but they are informed that the University of Edinburgh have transmitted to your Lordship a memorial, containing a proposal for establishing, by Royal Charter, a Society in Edinburgh, on the model of those in St Peterburgh and Berlin, for the more general purpose of cultivating every branch of science, erudition, and taste. The philosophical Society are sensible of the superior advantages of such an establishment; and, being guided by no partial views, are very willing to make a part of so useful a body, hoping, by this means, to reap the advantages of a more general communication of knowledge than their present institution can promise.

“ Wishing

Wishing, therefore, to join their labours in a general literary effort, the Philosophical Society humbly presume to recommend themselves to your Lordship’s patronage, in full confidence, that, if the proposed general institution shall be honoured with your Lordship’s approbation and support, the interests and purposes of their association will meet with that attention to which their present share of public estimation seems to give them an equitable claim.

WILLIAM CULLEN, V. P.

Edinburgh, Dec. 14. 1782.

“ Copy Letter from some of the Curators of the Advocates Library.

“ My LORD.

“ Being informed that the Society of Antiquaries here have applied to his Majesty for a Royal Charter, and it having been suggested that this institution may prove hurtful to the Library of the Faculty of Advocates, of which we are the present curators, we have thought it our duty to take the matter under consideration.

“ For a century past, the Advocates Library has been the general repository of the ancient manuscripts and monuments illustrating the history and antiquities of Scotland, where they may be considered as under the immediate protection of the College of Justice, of which our Society forms a principal branch, and where they are at all times easily accessible to the practitioners of the law, as well as to any others that may have occasion to inspect them. To form a separate and rival repository, which is intended by the present Antiquarian Society, is not only unnecessary but inexpedient, as one effect of it must be to divide, and put under different management, valuable manuscripts which ought to be together, and in one and the same collection.

“ These considerations appear to us of great weight, and we are also informed, that a plan has been proposed for establishing a Royal Society,

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Society, upon a more enlarged footing, and which, while it will promote inquiries regarding our history and antiquities, may, at the same time, be so conducted, as not to interfere, in any degree, with the Advocates Library. In these circumstances, we apprehend that the whole business is of such consequence to the Faculty of Advocates, and to the public, as to make it proper, at least to apply for a delay in granting any Royal Charter to the Society of Antiquaries, till the matter shall be fully and deliberately considered. We, therefore, think it our duty to request your Lordship that you will be so good as to use your interest for this purpose. And we have the honour to be,

My LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient servants,

Ilay Campbell.

Robert Blair.

Alex. Abercromby.

Alex. Tytler."

Edinburgh, December 3. 1782.

LORD ADVOCATE.

To these caveats the following answer was made, by order of the Society, in the form of a Memorial, addressed to the Lord Advocate, which was sent to his Lordship on the 18th of February.

" To the Right Honourable the Lord Advocate of Scotland, Memorial for the Society of Scottish Antiquaries.

" The Society of the Antiquaries of Scotland was instituted in the year 1780. The noblemen and gentlemen who originally formed this association, as well as every person who loved his country, had long observed, with regret, that though Scotland gives birth to many learned and ingenious men, their pursuits, in various departments of literature were circumscribed and retarded, by not possessing some advantages enjoyed by other polished nations. In these nations,

nations, the culture of every branch of science has been greatly promoted by academies or literary societies, who have flourished under the auspices and patronage of their respective sovereigns: But, till the institution of the Antiquarian Society, Scotland had no public bodies associated for the encouragement either of arts or of sciences. The researches of the Antiquary and Historian were not assisted by any public repository; and the Naturalist had no Museum to which he could resort for instruction or amusement.

" To supply these two great national defects, the Antiquarian Society of Scotland was established. The laudable intention of this association was no sooner known to the public, than many noblemen, gentlemen of fortune, and men distinguished for their learning and abilities, requested to be admitted members. Ingenious dissertations, and valuable donations of relicks of antiquity, and of natural productions, have been presented to the Society by men of the first distinction for rank and learning. Liberal contributions in money have also been received by the Society, to enable them to promote the purposes of their institution. Such, indeed, has been the ardour of all ranks in this country to encourage an institution from which so many national advantages were to be derived, that, two years after its formation, the Society was in possession of considerable property.

" This valuable property was received from a generous Public; and to that Public the Members of the Society consider themselves as responsible for the perpetual preservation of the numerous donations with which they have been entrusted. With this view they were induced to apply to his Majesty for a Royal Charter, to erect the Society into a body politic and corporate.

" The views and intentions of the Society have been so universally applauded, ever since its commencement, that no idea of opposition could possibly be entertained from any individual, and far less from any public body. The Society, however, find they have been mistaken. Some months ago they discovered, with astonishment, that

that the Rev. Dr Robertson, Principal of the University of Edinburgh, and an honorary member of the Society of the Antiquaries of Scotland, with some of the Professors, had privately, and without any authority from the University, given a caveat to your Lordship, against the Society's obtaining a Charter. This private caveat, some months afterwards, received the approbation of a majority of the University, at a second meeting of the Senatus Academicus, called upon that subject. The same caveat has been adopted by the Philosophical Society of Edinburgh, and by the Curators of the Advocates Library. These caveats have the appearance of being individually three; but it cannot escape your Lordship's penetration that they are really one.

"The Society esteem themselves much indebted to your Lordship for favouring them with copies of these caveats. After perusing them with attention, though the facts and arguments contained in them appear so extremely frivolous, that a serious answer might be deemed unnecessary, yet a few animadversions upon the spirit and tendency of these papers shall be submitted to your Lordship's consideration.

"The Memorial for the University of Edinburgh seems to contain two arguments, which, when explicated by your Lordship, it is humbly thought must appear in a very peculiar light.

ARGUMENT FIRST.

"The Senatus Academicus are fully persuaded, that a Literary Society may be formed on a plan more favourable to the progress of science and literature in Scotland; more suited to the state of the country, and more consistent with the interest of the University. These positions the Senatus Academicus attempt to support by the following argument: 'In countries of great extent, and where knowledge is much diffused, a considerable variety of literary societies may be established with advantage, and each pursue its separate

'separate object with ardour and success; but narrow countries do not admit of such subdivision. There the interest of science and literature is more effectually promoted by one general society, which has for its object the various departments of philosophy, erudition, and taste. The reasons of this difference in management are obvious; and the practice and experience of Europe, during a hundred years, prove that they are well founded. Upon the first establishment of literary societies in the last century, France was in a condition to form three numerous and distinct ones; the Academie des Sciences; the Academie des Inscriptions et des Belles Lettres; and the Academie Françoise.

'In England, two literary societies are established, the Royal Society, and the Society of Antiquaries. But, in the other kingdoms of Europe, it has been judged more expedient to institute only one literary society, to which the cultivation of all the different branches of science, erudition, and taste, is committed. This is the constitution of the Academies of Berlin, Gottingen, St Peterburgh, &c.' Your Lordship will attend to the conclusion of this paragraph: 'Scotland ought not to form its literary plans upon the model of the more extensive kingdoms in Europe, but in imitation of those which are more circumscribed. Every person, acquainted with the state of science and literature among us, must allow that one society is fully sufficient for the reception of all who are entitled to be members of it.'

"This argument, derived solely from a supposed narrowness of country, as well as the facts employed for its support, seem to be extremely fallacious. Scotland cannot admit of more than one literary society, and yet it supports with dignity four flourishing Universities! It is not the narrowness of the country, but the want of liberality and public spirit, and the little jealousies originating from party views, and personal antipathies, which have unfortunately prevented this country from establishing literary societies like those of Italy, France, England, and many other nations of Europe.

It is not meant to apply this remark to the University of Edinburgh any farther than is apparent from their memorial. They are apprehensive, that the Antiquarian Society of Scotland may be injurious to the interest of the University. This Society can assure your Lordship, that they never entertained an idea which could be hostile to that learned body, who merit every encouragement; and it is not withheld by the Public.

“ With regard to facts, the University seem to have overlooked some material circumstances. They insinuate, that in France there are only three literary societies established by Royal Charters, and that England possesses no more than two. If, however, they had consulted a celebrated author upon this subject, they would have discovered, that in France there are at least twenty-three literary societies established by Royal Charters; and that in London alone there are no fewer than ten. In France, several of these societies are limited to the same individual subjects, which shows, that the French nation have no apprehension of any bad consequences resulting from numerous institutions of that kind. The French government either foresaw, or learned from experience, that the progress of literature would be most successfully accelerated and diffused by the emulous exertion of different Societies, dispersed through the various provinces of the kingdom. With such an illustrious example before their eyes, it is surprising that the University should have used an argument so subversive of the purpose for which it is employed. Besides, the University ought to know, that many of the foreign academies, who embrace a variety of sciences, are divided into separate bodies. That of Berlin consists of four bodies: The first comprehends Physics, Medicine, and Chymistry; the second, Mathematics, Astronomy, and Mechanics; the third, the German Language, and the History of the Country; and the fourth, Oriental Learning. These bodies, though they bear not different names, are really four distinct societies. The Imperial Academy of St Petersburg is nearly in the same situation; with this addition, that Professors

read regular lectures on the different branches of science. How far an institution of this kind would meet with the approbation of the University of Edinburgh, we cannot pretend to determine.

“ The second argument used by the University is only an extension of the first. But, as it contains new facts, it was thought more proper to consider it separately.

ARGUMENT II.

‘ If it would be improper to multiply literary societies in a narrow country, the impropriety of multiplying separate public collections, either in the line of antiquities, or of natural history, is still more evident. Scotland may furnish one good collection in each of these departments. The library of the Faculty of Advocates has been, during a century, the repository of every thing that tends to illustrate the History, the Antiquities, and the Laws of this country. The collection is very considerable, though still far from being complete. By its situation, it is easily accessible to the courts of justice, and to the practitioners at the bar. It is humbly submitted, whether an attempt to form a new and rival collection be a measure prudent, expedient, and of advantage to the public.—‘ The Musæum of the University of Edinburgh contains those objects of natural history which are exhibited by the Professor of that branch of science to his students, and are illustrated by him in the course of his lectures. It appears to the Senatus Academicus, that the establishment of another public Musæum would not only intercept the communication of many specimens and objects which would have otherwise been deposited in the Musæum of the University, but may induce and enable the Society of Antiquaries to institute a lectureship of Natural History, in opposition to the Professorship in the University. This there is greater reason to apprehend, as a
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‘ motion was made in that Society, soon after its institution, to appoint one of their own number a Lecturer in Natural History ; and though the measure was over-ruled at that time, by the exertion of gentlemen friendly to the University, yet such a disposition appears in other members of that Society, that it may again be resumed.’

“ This paragraph is expressive of great fears and apprehensions of rival collections, and of rival lecturers ! On the supposition, my Lord, that all this emulation should be excited, it would be a fortunate event, both for the city of Edinburgh and the nation. It is not impossible that Professors may be admitted into the University, who are either indolent, or whose parts are not remarkably brilliant. In cases of this kind, a rival lecturer may be of the greatest utility to his country. The University, from a recent fact, might be satisfied that all fears of this nature are chimerical. Not many years ago, no branch of medicine was taught without the walls of the College ; but, for some time past, every department of that science has been taught by private lecturers. What have been the dreadful consequences ? Have the usual number of students who attend the University been diminished ? No, my Lord. If any considerable change has happened, it has been favourable to the prosperity of the University. Monopoly in literature is equally fatal as it is in commerce : It may enrich a few individuals, but it checks the genius and the trade of nations.

“ The fact, with regard to a lecturer in Natural History, is not fully explained in the University’s Memorial. About twelve months ago, a member of the Antiquarian Society was appointed Superintendent of their Natural History department. It was likewise proposed, that he should have the privilege of lecturing in their hall when he should think proper ; but, as the intended lectures were not at that time finished, the gentleman declined that privilege. Your Lordship must likewise be informed, that this lecturer was not to teach Natural History. His object was to deliver lectures on the philosophy

Philosophy of Natural History, which is a subject totally different from what a public Professor is obliged to teach. A Professor must instruct his students in the technical and elementary parts of the science ; but the private lecturer was to confine himself to general views of the oeconomy of nature. Some members of the Antiquarian Society endeavoured to unfold the nature of these lectures ; and they thought they had satisfied Dr Walker, that no interference could ever happen. He was told, that the intended lectures might excite a taste for natural knowledge in this country, and, of course, that the number of students who wished to be acquainted with the science at large would be augmented. But it appears from the University’s Memorial, that the Doctor’s apprehensions have revived. Besides, your Lordship will please be informed, that the composition of the lectures alluded to was begun in the year 1774, by the advice of the learned and ingenious Lord Kaimes, and that the plan of them received the approbation of Dr Ramsay, who was then Professor of Natural History in the College of Edinburgh. After this concise detail of facts, can it merit belief that these lectures were ever designed to rival the public Professor ? If the lecturer chooses to proceed, no body of men have a right to suppress the fruits of his labour. If his lectures are of any value, they will be encouraged ; if otherwise, they will meet with neglect. The mighty crime committed by the Antiquaries was to offer one of their number the use of their Hall. Supposing they had been less generous, the expence of hiring a Mason Lodge would have been the only effect of a refusal.

“ The Memorial concludes with a proposal, ‘ That, instead of granting a charter to the Scots Antiquaries, as a separate Society, that a Society shall be established by charter upon a more extensive plan, which may be denominated the Royal Society of Scotland, and shall have for its object all the various departments of Science, Erudition, and Belles Lettres.

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‘ That whatever collection of antiquities, records, MSS. &c. shall be acquired by this Royal Society, shall be deposited in the Library of the Faculty of Advocates ; and all objects of Natural History, acquired by it, shall be deposited in the Musaeum of the University of Edinburgh, so as both may be most accessible to the members of the Society, to the public, and of most general utility.’

“ The Faculty of Advocates, your Lordship knows, is a most respectable body : But, in any other capacity than that of constituting a principal branch of the College of Justice, they are a private Society. Their books and MSS. are exclusive property. The Faculty have, at all times, been generous to the public ; but the public have no claim upon their generosity. The value of their property is immense. Is it possible, therefore, to conceive a motive so powerful as to induce them to resign to the public any part of their property ? Will they ever indiscriminately, like Sir Ashton Lever, open their repositories for the amusement of every idle or ignorant inquirer ? Will the University compel the Faculty of Advocates to relax their present bond of union, and to adopt a new, and perhaps an impracticable arrangement ? This proposition, therefore, of the University, seems to be altogether inexplicable. The Antiquarian Society, it is admitted, may occasionally intercept some old papers which might probably have been deposited in the Faculty Collection. Instances of this kind, my Lord, must be very rare : But, supposing them to be frequent, the public are not losers. All communications of this nature, deposited in the Antiquarian Collection, are open, not only to the perusal of the Faculty of Advocates, but to the whole republic of letters. If the remaining antiquities of this country be recovered and preserved, it is of little importance where they are deposited. If, in particular instances, the Antiquarian Society be preferred to the Faculty of Advocates, the advantage is evidently in favour of the public ; because the public have a positive right to the use of every article with which the Antiquarian Society is entrusted. But the case is reversed with regard to the Faculty Collection.

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“ It is finally proposed by the University, That all objects of Natural History, acquired by the intended Royal Society, shall be deposited in the Musaeum of the University of Edinburgh. If the future, my Lord, is to be judged of by the past, the College Musaeum is a very ominous repository. The University have had near two centuries for the exertion of their industry, in collecting and preserving the productions of nature. We know not whether they made any collection previous to the death of our learned and worthy countryman Sir Robert Sibbald. That gentleman bequeathed his valuable Musaeum to the University. They were also entrusted with the Musaeum of Sir Andrew Balfour, which was likewise a numerous and valuable collection. It is an undeniable fact, my Lord, that neither of these two collections have now the vestige of existence : How they were dilapidated, or allowed to perish, it is not our business to inquire. There is still a more recent instance of similar remissness. Not many years ago, a spirited young nobleman endowed the University with an expensive and curious collection of natural objects. What was the fate of this third collection ? To this question we can give an explicit answer : It was sold by the executors of the late Dr Ramsay, Professor of Natural History. What is still worse, most of the articles were purchased by a Russian, and, of course, are irrecoverably lost to this country.

“ Another observation must not be omitted. If it were possible that his Majesty should be advised to refuse a charter of protection to the property of the Antiquarian Society, what benefit is to be derived from such refusal, either to the University or to the Faculty of Advocates ? Our property is vested in the person of a trustee. This is the third year since the Society was instituted. We may proceed, in the same manner, for any given period. Opposition, therefore, to our charter, unless some legal objection to our existence were produced, can bring no advantage to our learned opponents. It is impossible for them to dissolve our Society ; and they can never force us to part with our property, or prevent us from making fu-
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ture accumulations. But, gratitude to public generosity induces us to ask the utmost protection the laws of our country can afford.

“The Society of the Antiquaries of Scotland mean not to insinuate any objection against the erection of this new-projected Society. They may be indulged, however, with a single remark. The University admit the good intention of the Antiquarian Society, and the liberality of the public has insured its success. The University likewise admit, that our limited plan comprehends two material branches of their more general and diffused project. Let the University, in these circumstances, answer the following Query. Why is the Antiquarian Society, which includes antiquities and natural history, not comprehended as a branch of the intended Royal Society? Besides, this magnificent project of a Royal Society was never heard of till the Antiquarian Society had subsisted near two years. It is much to be suspected, my Lord, that the scheme was invented by a few members of the University, for the sole purpose of giving a decent colour to an opposition which appears to have been dictated by an ill-founded jealousy.

“Upon the whole, when your Lordship has considered the motives of this opposition, and the arguments produced to support it, the Society of Antiquaries cannot entertain a doubt, that your known candour will induce your Lordship to give a favourable report to his Majesty, both of the state and intentions of this Society, and that you will think their association entitled to the protection of a Royal charter, especially as no legal objection can be stated against the propriety of such a reasonable request.”

After perusing the above answer, the Lord Advocate, on the 28th of March, transmitted to his Majesty a very favourable report, concerning the nature and views of the Society of Scottish Antiquaries. A copy of the report is annexed.

To the Secretary of the Antiquarian Society of Scotland.

“I have duly considered this petition; and, as the object of it is to obtain a Royal Charter, for enabling the petitioners to hold the property they have already acquired, or may hereafter acquire, upon the most advantageous terms, I see no reason why the prayer of the petition should not be granted. I have been so long prevented from making this Report, by certain caveats lodged with me by the Curators of the Advocate’s Library, by the Professors of the University of Edinburgh, and by the members of a Philosophical Society long established there. But, after weighing maturely the reasons contained in those caveats, together with the observations made upon them by the Antiquarian Society, it does not occur to me that the objections stated are of such a nature as to justify me in reporting against the application now made. The existence of the Society does not depend upon granting the Charter prayed for. There is nothing illegal in the objects of the Society. On the contrary, their views and intentions seem meritorious. And, under these circumstances, I must humbly submit it as my opinion that they should not be debarred the advantage of holding their property under a Royal Charter.

“I have hereunto annexed a draught of such a Charter as may be proper for his Majesty to grant, if he inclines to comply with the prayer of the petitioners. All which is most humbly submitted to his Majesty by

March 28. 1783.

HENRY DUNDAS.”

In consequence of this Report, the Royal Warrant, on the 29th of March, passed the Privy Seal; and, as soon as it was received at Edinburgh, the charter was extended under the great seal. The gentlemen of this last office, as well as those of the Chancery, sensible of the many public advantages to be derived from the Society, generously refused to accept their accustomed fees.

The Charter, of which the following is a copy, after passing the seals, was read to a general meeting of the Society on the 6th day of May 1783.

ROYAL CHARTER.

“ Georgius, Dei gratia, Magnae Britanniae, Franciae, et Hiberniae Rex, fidei defensor : Omnibus probis hominibus, ad quos praesentes literae nostrae pervenerint, salutem : Quandoquidem nos considerantes, quod petitio humilis nobis oblata fuerit in nomine Sociorum Societatis Antiquariorum in Scotia, enarrans, quod, anno millesimo septingentesimo et octogesimo, numerus primatum et generosorum, in illa parte regni nostri Magnae Britanniae Scotia vocata, in societatem sese formaverunt ad investigandas, tam res antiquas, quam historiam naturalem et civilem in genere, eo proposito, ut hominum ingenia excolerentur, et ut studium naturalis et utilis scientiae promoveretur, et quod eventus eorum conatum spes summas longe excefferat ; quod multi homines, aut loco aut literis insignes, non solum in nostro Magnae Britanniae Regno, sed in aliis regnis, per lucubrationes eruditas, et dona pretiosa erga societatis res secundas contribuerant ; quod, praeter reliquiarum antiquitatis et rerum naturalium dona, diversi primates et generosi pecuniam contulerant, ut Societas sua proposita laudabilia exequi posset ; quod petitores Domum emerant in civitate Edinensi, ut in ea continerent libros, chartas, aliasque res, sed quod, absque nomine juris, perpetua possessio istius domus, et aliarum rerum quae in praesentia possident, aut quas postea acquirere possint, legaliter constitui nequiret ; petitores igitur submisit orant, ut nobis, pro gratia nostra, placeat, literas nostras patentes, sub sigillo infra script. concedere, constituentes et erigentes praesentes socios dictae Societatis, et omnes qui postea affumentur focii, in unum corpus politicum et incorporatum, seu legale incorporationem, sub titulo et nomine SOCIETATIS ANTIQUARIORUM SCOTIAE, utque talis et per talem titulum et nomen perpetuitatem habeat

habeat et successionem, atque ut potens et capax sit petere, causas agere, defendere, et respondere, et convenire, in iudicium vocari, defendi, et responderi, in omnibus seu ullis nostris curiis iudicaturae, cum omnibus aliis clausulis necessariis : Et Nos, considerantes intentiones laudabiles petitorum, et cupientes promovere tam utilem institutionem ; igitur ereximus, creavimus, et incorporavimus, sicuti nos, regia nostra praerogativa et gratia speciali, pro nobismet ipsis nostrisque regiis successoribus, per has praesentes literas patentes, erigimus, creamus, et incorporamus, propter proposita memorata in petitione, omnes et singulos praesentes socios dictae societatis, omnesque viros qui postea affumentur focii ejusdem, in unum corpus incorporatum et politicum, per titulum et nomen SOCIETATIS ANTIQUARIORUM SCOTIAE, institutae anno millesimo septingentesimo et octogesimo, cujus Societatis nos declaramus NOSMET, Regiosque nostros successores, esse PATRONOS : Quo sub nomine et titulo perpetuam successionem habeat ; etiamque habeat et utetur sigillo communi, in quod nos privilegium damus gerendi pro insignibus gentilitiis, in campo caeruleo crucem Sancti Andreae, argenteam coronam imperialem in summo, et carduum in imo, propriis coloribus ; haec omnia intra limbum regalem aureum : Illique et eorum successores sub eodem titulo et nomine legaliter poterunt et capaces erunt, petere et convenire et recipere, capere, tenere, et frui, in perpetuum, vel aliter ad seipso et eorum successores reliquiis antiquitatis, rerum naturalium vel artium speciminibus, libris, libris manuscriptis, bonis, rebus, aliisque facultatibus quibuscunque, quales jam possident, vel postea acquirant ; et emere et frui terris, tenementis, aliisque hereditariis non excedentibus valorem mille librarum moneetae Sterlinensis, et commodare summam vel summas pecuniae alicui personae aut personis, et pro tali securitate qualem idoneam putabunt : Et dicta Societas seipsam ejusque actionum series et negotium administrabit, secundum statuta, ordinationes, iussa, et leges privatas, facta vel facienda ab ea, cum potestate, de die in diem, ut usu venit, mutandi et revocandi eadem, et novas ordinationes in eorum

rum loco faciendi, quales idoneas judicabunt, et convenientes, ita ut eadem justae bonae et aequae sunt, et dummodo nequaquam contrariae sint legibus hujus regni. In cujus rei testimonium, praesentibus sigillum nostrum, per Unionis tractatum custodiend. et in Scotia vice et loco magni sigilli ejusdem utendum ordinatum, appendi mandavimus. Apud aulam nostram apud St James's, vigesimo nono die mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo Septingentesimo et octogesimo tertio, regniue nostri anno vigesimo tertio.

“ Per signaturam manu S. D. N. Regis supra scriptam.”

The following is written on the back, viz.

“ Written to the seal, and registered, the fifth day of May 1783.
THOMAS MILLER Subf.
Gratis.”

“ Sealed at Edinburgh the sixth day of May one thousand seven hundred and eighty three years.

JOHN WAUCHOPE Dep.
L. 80 Scots *Gratis.*”

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14. Mr James Keir, Birmingham.
Dec. 18. James Fullarton Carnegie of Boyfack, Esq;
Don Francesco Conde Molina Padre di San Vittorio a Milan.
The Rev. Mr Edward Ledwich, L. L. B. Aghaboe, Ireland.
The Reverend Mr Donald M'Nicol, Liffmore.
The Reverend Mr John Stewart, Lufs.
1782. Jan. 8. John Richardson, Esq; barrifter at law, London.
Patrick Brydone, Esq;
22. John Ramsay of Auchtertyre, Esq;
Feb. 5. John Hamilton of Olivebank, Esq;
Charles Cordell, Esq; Newcastle upon Tyne.
Mr John Brown.
19. Mr Alexander Ramsay, Prestonpans.
Mar. 5. Profellor Patrick Copland, Aberdeen.
James Anderson, L. L. D. Monkhill.
May 21. John Winterbottom, M. D.
Jonathan Stokes, of the County of York, M. D.
June 12. Mr James Murray, Birmingham.
John Stark, M. D.
The Reverend Mr Alexander Layel, minister of the Scots Church at
Rotterdam.
The Reverend Mr Henry Blane, Stonykirk, in Galloway.
25. Matthew Guthrie, Esq; phyfician to the Emprefs of Ruffia.

1782. June 25. James Preston, Esq; } Dundee.
Mr Andrew Jobson, }
- Oct. 1. John Hume of Coldinghamlaw, Esq;
The Reverend Mr James Scott, Perth.
Mr John Ewen, Aberdeen.
- Nov. 5. Mr Thomas Brydson, } Glasgow.
Mr William Baillie, }
- Dec. 17. James Claffsurd, Esq;
George Monck Berkeley, Esq;
1783. Jan. 7. Charles Logie, Esq;
Charles Whyte, Esq; Manchester.
The Rev. Dr James Playfair, Meigle.
- Feb. 18. Simon Frafer of Fanellan, Esq;
Mr Thomas Beath, of the Middle Temple, London.
Mr John Forsyth, superintendant of the Botanic Garden, Chelsea.
- May 6. Richard Kentish, M. D. Huntingdon.
- June 12. Abraham Wilkinon, M. D. London.
Kenneth Ferguson. Esq;
The Reverend Mr James Johnstone.
William Thomson, M. D.
- July 29. Hugh Frafer, Esq; Under Graduate of Baliol College, Oxford.
- Aug. 12. Henry Steuart of Alanton, Esq;
Alexander Baron of Preston, Esq;
Abbé Reccalati, director of the Musaeum of Prince Kevenhuller Melfc,
Imperial Plenipotentiary in Italy.
Alexander Hume, Esq;
John Harrison, Esq;
Stephen Dickson, M. D. A. B. of Trinity College, Dublin.
Robert Cleghorn, M. D.
- Sept. 2. Fabianus a Gordon, Colonel of horse in the service of the King of Poland.
Carolus a Gordon, Major of foot in the same service.
Josephus Bukaty, Secretary to the embassy from Poland, at the court of London.
John Bruce of Sumburgh, in Shetland, Esq; Advocate.
William Munro, M. D. of Grenada.
- Nov. 4. Samuel Bentham, Esq; British Resident in Russia.
Franciscus Bukaty, Polish Resident in London.
Stephanus Dziembowski, Captain in the armies of Poland.
The Reverend Mr John Jamieson, Forfar.
James Kenion, of Leeds, Esq;

Robert

1782. Dec. 3. Robert Moubray of Culkernie, Esq; M. D.
William Hutton of Birmingham, Esq;
The Rev. Mr Thomas Jeffreys, Rector of Walsal, Warwickshire.
Mr William Richardson, surgeon in Birmingham.
16. Thomas Hutchinson, Esq; M. D. Knaresborough, Yorkshire.
1784. Jan. 13. John Grieve, Esq; M. D. Russia.
Mr John Franklyn Clarke.
- Feb. 10. John Gay, M. D. of the kingdom of Sardinia.
24. The Baron de Constant.
- Apr. 6. John Unthank, M. D.
- May 4. John Croft of York. Esq;
- June 12. Edward Harrison, M. D.
Ray Beckwith of York, M. D.
Henry Brounker Wilson, M. D.
The Reverend Mr Tooke, Chaplain to the British factory at St Petersburg.
29. Cuthbert Gordon, Esq;

ARTISTS ASSOCIATED.

- Mr Alexander Runciman, history painter.
Mr James Wales, portrait painter.
Mr John Donaldson, miniature painter.
Mr John Baxter, architect.
Mr Andrew Bell,
Mr Richard Cooper, } Engravers.
Mr Thomas Trotter, }
Mr Thomas Cauldwall, }
- Mr William Smellie, printer.
Mr David Deuchar, seal engraver.
Mr John Ainlie, geographer.
Mr John Clark, land surveyor.
Mr John Williams, mineral surveyor.
Mr Alexander Gardner, medallist and assay master.
Mr William Creech, bookfeller in Edinburgh.
Mr Alexander Donaldson, bookfeller in London.
Mr James Scott, bookbinder.

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LIST OF DONATIONS.

By the Honourable FRANCIS CHARTERIS of Amisfield, Esquire.

244. A collection of 43 silver medals and coins, of which the following is an inventory.

Six medals, viz.

1. Oliver Cromwell, on one side his bust in profile, on the other a lion sejant, supporting a shield of arms. Inscription, *Pax quaeritur bello*. Cut by Tho. Simon.
2. Queen Anne. On one side the Queen's bust and royal titles, on the other Britannia; in her right hand a myrtle, and in her left a spear; a distant view of agriculture and shipping. Inscription, *Compositis venerantur armis*, 1713.
3. The Princess Clementina Sobieski; on the reverse, a lady in a chariot. Inscription, *Fortunam ausamque sequor*, and below, *Deceptis custodibus*, 1719.
4. On one side a bust in profile. Inscription, *Cujus est*. On the other, a map of Great Britain and Ireland. Inscription, *Reddite*.
5. On one side, the head of Lewis XV. King of France, in profile; on the other, the head of his Queen, Mary, daughter of Stanislaus King of Poland. The date 5th of September 1725.
6. On one side, a procession; on the other, a naked boy resting on a human skull under a tree; at his head a sand glass. Inscription below, *Mors ultima linea rerum*.

Nine Scots silver coins, viz.

1. A groat of King David II. *villa* Edinburgh.
2. A coin of James V. On the King's head an arched crown, *oppidum Edinburgi*.
3. A sword dollar of King James VI. dated 1569; a crowned thistle flower punched in on the reverse.
4. A half merk piece of the same king, dated in 1573.
5. The same king. On the face the king's bust in profile, the head bare; on the reverse, three thistles. The date 1 5.
6. The same, the 30 shillings piece. On the face, the King in armour, a half length in profile, a drawn sword erected in his right hand; reverse, the royal arms crowned.
7. The union piece. On one side a thistle, on the other a rose; both crowned.
8. A merk piece of King Charles II. dated 1669.
9. A three shillings sixpence piece of the same King.

Seventeen English silver coins, viz.

1. A penny of King Edward I. *civitas* London.
2. Another of the same.
3. Another, *civitas* Cantor.
4. A half groat of King Henry VII.; the King's head in profile.

5. The

5. The groat of Philip and Mary; on one side, the Queen's head in profile; on the other, the arms of France and England, quarterly.
6. A shilling of Queen Elizabeth.
7. A sixpence of the same Queen, dated 1561.
8. Another, dated 1569.
9. Another, dated 1594.
10. Another, dated 1602.
11. A threepence of the same Queen, dated 1562.
12. A sixpence of King James I. dated 1603.
13. A twopence of the same King.
14. A sixpence of King Charles I.
15. A twopence piece of the same King.
16. A penny of the same.
17. A shilling; on one side, the commonwealth of England; on the other, God with us; 1652.

A trial piece, in silver, of James Duke of Athole's penny for the island of Man, dated 1758.

Ten silver foreign coins.

1. A Roman coin, of the Emperor Aurelian.
 2. A German coin of the Emperor Leopold, dated 1694; on one side, his head laureated in profile; on the other, the Imperial eagle; each within a lozenge.
 3. A coin of Pope Clement XI.; on one side the Pope's arms; on the other, *Ne obliviscaris pauperum*.
 4. A coin of Lewis XIV. King of France, dated 1700.
 5. A Spanish half dollar, ill formed.
 6. A coin of Charles III. King of Spain, dated 1699.
 7. A coin of Charles XI. King of Sweden, dated 1693.
 8. A twelve skilling piece of Frederick IV. King of Denmark, dated 1719.
 9. Another, dated 1721.
 10. A six silver coin of Zutphen, dated 1691.
- An ancient Greek bronze medal $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter.
 One of the ancient Penates, a small naked figure, in bronze, with an Egyptian head-dress.
 A piece of old historical sculpture, in lead, 2 inches broad, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch deep.
 An ancient Greek bronze coin.

101 Roman bronze coins.

A bust of Scipio, on an oval piece of brass.

Seven British medals, in copper and brass, viz.

1. King William III. on one side, Queen Mary on the other.
2. Queen Anne, a coronation medal.
3. The same, on the taking of Vigo.
4. King George I.; on the reverse, a church.

5. Queen

5. Queen Caroline, a coronation medal.
 6. 7. Two medals, struck on taking Portobello.
 4 Bronze French medals.
 4 German medals, same metal.
 Fourteen Scots copper coins, viz.
 1. Mary Queen of Scots.
 2. King James VI. ; on one side, the arms of Scotland ; on the other, a thistle, with two leaves.
 3. The same ; on one side, a thistle head ; on the other, a faltyr.
 4. The same ; the bodle.
 5. 6. Two bodles of King Charles I.
 7. 8. 9. Three bodles of King Charles II. without date.
 10. 11. 12. The same ; the date on each 1677.
 13. The sixpenny piece of William and Mary, dated 1692.
 14. The bodle of King William, dated 1695.
 An English farthing of William and Mary, dated 1694.
 Three base metal half crowns, of King James II. struck in Ireland, in March and October 1689, and May 1690.
 Five base metal shillings, of the same King, struck in March, August, September, November, and December 1689.
 A copper coin of the same King, struck in Ireland in the year 1691.
 An Isle of Mann halfpenny, dated 1709.
 Eighteen copper French coins, of different reigns.
 Three copper Spanish coins.
 Two copper Portuguese coins.
 Twelve copper Swedish coins.
 A base metal Chinese coin, perforated.
 Thirteen coins of the following states, viz.
 1. 2. Of Holland ; the dates 1702, and 1720.
 3. 4. Of Zealand ; the dates 1683 and 1685.
 5. Of Groningen and Omlands, dated 1684.
 6. 7. Of Gelderland, dated 1690, 1691.
 8. Of Utrecht, dated 1724.
 9. Of Brandenburg, dated 1695.
 10. 11. Of Friburg, one dated 1713, the other without date.
 12. Of Geneva, dated 1646.
 13. Of Cleves, dated 1669.
 The skeleton of the head of a pelican, measuring, from the back of the skull, to the end of the beak, 14 inches, the orbits of the eyes $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter.
 An Iguana, in good preservation, 2 feet 3 inches long.

Several

Several pieces of Indian dress, viz.

A pair of shoes, each of one entire piece of soft chocolate coloured leather, richly decorated with various coloured ornaments of stained porcupine's quills, and adorned with small tufts of crimson hairs, inclosed in tin cases.

Another pair of brown soft leather, decorated as the former.

Another pair, of pale buff coloured leather, ornamentally stained with crimson borders and flowers.

Two pairs of stiff garters, covered with Porcupine quills, beautifully stained, in a variety of colours.

A square hunting pouch, of chocolate coloured leather, with a deep lid, to which is fastened a belt for hanging it over the shoulders, all richly decorated with various coloured porcupine quills, with a row of tufts of crimson hair, inclosed in tin cases, at the edge of the lid, and the bottom of the pouch.

A pair of hose, without feet, of chocolate coloured leather, decorated with various coloured porcupine quills, and tufts of crimson hair, in tin cases. In length 29 inches.

A pair of boots, of soft black leather, the soles, which are remarkably strong, and painted white on the edges, rising at the points above three inches from the bottom.

By ROBERT BOSWELL, Esq; Lyon Depute.

245. A copy of the Journal des Sçavans, pour l'année 1684, tome douzieme. Before the title-page of this copy is written the following note : ' This volume is valuable on several accounts, but chiefly for the extract of *Hist. de la Fortune des lettres Romaines, &c.* by the learned Father Molinet, and the medals there, p. 29.—39 ; for the book itself is not to be had in any library in Paris, not even in the King's, nor in that of St Genevieve, where the author was a member ; yea it is not so much as known there, as was found upon the most strict inquiry.'

A Chinese Padlock of brass, in form of a butterfly.

By Mr GEORGE PATON.

246. The seal of the bishoprick of Litchfield and Coventry, cut upon ivory, on which, in a plain square shield, is the armorial bearing of the see, below which are these words, *Fidei summa unionis centrum.* Inscription round, *Sigil. episc. Coven. et Lich. ad sequest.* 1612. This seal, which is two inches in diameter, was found some years ago in Orkney. And an ancient Scottish altar candle of wax, square shaped, ornamented with foliage.

By JOHN SWINTON of Swinton, Esq; one of the Senators of the College of Justice.

247. A copy of an instrument and protest, in behalf of Sir Alexander Murray of Abercairny, as being repledged on the law of Clan M'Duff, dated the 7th of December 1391. Vide Skene, voce Clan M'Duff.

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By

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May 7.

By Mr JAMES WALKER, writer to the signet.

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248. A copy of the case of Charles St Clair, Esq; claiming the title, honour, and dignity of Lord St Clair.

By Mr JOHN GARDNER writer.

249. Two old vases of alabaster, of an elegant form, each measuring one foot in height, and seven inches in diameter, at the broadest part. They were purchased in Italy, at the sale of the Duke of Spinola's effects. And two large conch shells.

By Mr WILLIAM ANDERSON, writer to the signet.

250. A small alligator, preserved in spirits.

By Mr ALEXANDER RAMSAY of Prestonpans.

251. An Indian bow, japanned and gilded, and fourteen arrows of slender cane, shod with iron, each 29 inches in length, and ornamented near the feathered ends with japanning and gilding. These were brought by him from St Vincents.

By COLONEL JAMES CALLENDER of Craigforth.

252. An ancient Egyptian onyx seal, set in gold. The stone found in the ruins of Thebes. The setting modern.

By the Reverend Mr DONALD McQUEEN.

253. An ancient Druidical bead, of opaque blue glass, one inch in diameter. A bead of the same kind, but of a dark green colour, was found at Castlethaw, in Yorkshire, and described to the Society of Antiquaries of London in February 1766. An annulus of copper, covered with pure gold, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch in diameter on the outside, the aperture $\frac{3}{8}$ ths of an inch in diameter, the two ends $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch asunder, the circumferences of the sides $1\frac{1}{4}$ ths of an inch. A clasp for the end of a belt, of a black glossy substance, like jet, but specifically lighter, three inches in length. Four Molucca beans. A large ossaceous scale of a fish. An ancient sharp pointed flint arrow head, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in length. A piece of a large cornu ammonis, 2 inches in length. Belemnites, stalactites, and shells of different kinds, with beautiful natural polish, all found in the island of Sky.

By Mr DAVID DEUCHAR, Seal Engraver.

254. A cameo and intaglio, in burnt clay, of the ancient seal of the monastery of Cupar; another of the Regality of Kynlos; another of the monastery of Dundee, both of the same substance. Cameos in burnt clay, and intaglios in paste, of four royal ring seals of King Charles I. viz. two, on which are the Anglo-British arms, with the royal helmet, crest, and supporters

supporters of England; one in a lozenge shape, with the same arms, but without the exterior ornaments; the shield ensigned with an imperial crown, and at the sides the letters C. R.; the fourth, the same arms impaled with those of France, the arms of his Queen, in a Gothic square shield, ensigned with an imperial crown, but without the exterior ornaments.

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By Mr JAMES DEMPSTER Jeweller.

255. An oval ball of silver, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch in length, and one inch in diameter in the middle, perforated with three rows of holes on each side of the center, at which it screws in two. It is divided equally within by a plate of the same metal, in order to contain different substances for the trial of the powers of digestion in the stomach, and has been swallowed by men, and different animals, for that purpose. *Vide* Thesis of Dr Stevens, the inventor.

By Mr JAMES DALLAS, Writer to the Signet.

256. A well preserved sixpence of King William III. struck at York, and dated 1696.

By Mr WILLIAM DEMPSTER, Jeweller.

257. A small oval medal of silver; on one side, the head of our Saviour; on the other, the head of the Virgin Mary.

By Mr WILLIAM CREECH Bookfeller.

258. A silver penny of King Edward I. of England, *civitas* London.

By Mr JAMES HAMILTON of Lamfash.

259. A large gray eagle, shot by him in Lamfash Island. This curious bird, which is a female, has been traced, by the knowledge and tradition of the people of that neighbourhood, for 130 years back, and was so much venerated, that none of the country people would kill her, though high rewards were offered for that purpose.

By Mr WILLIAM SMITH Writer.

260. Five Roman bronze coins; 1st, Tiberius Claudius; 2d, Nero Claudius; 3d, Augustus Vitellius; 4th, Domitian; 5th, Maximianus; and an ancient Greek bronze coin.

By Mr JAMES DALLAS, Writer to the Signet.

261. A silver 14 shillings Scottish coin of King Charles II. dated 1680.

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By

By Mr JOHN BAXTER Architect.

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June 12. 262. A sixpenny Scots copper coin, dated 1679, and a silver fourpence piece of William and Mary, dated 1690.

By Mr JAMES MORISON, Annexed Estates Office.

263. A Roman bronze coin of the Emperor Aurelian, and a silver coin of King Henry VIII. of England, his head in profile.

By Mr WILLIAM DEMPSTER Goldsmith.

264. A silver coin of the Dutchy of Tuscany.

By Mr ANDERSON Bookfeller.

265. An old manuscript, on vellum, in quarto, containing the homilies of St Gregory on the Four Gospels. This book, which is bound in oak, is beautifully written in two columns each page. The titles are in red, and the initial letters in various coloured ink.

By Dr JAMES ANDERSON of Moonie.

266. A letter on the antiquity of the woollen manufacture in England.

By Dr ANDREW DUNCAN.

267. A silver coin of Queen Elizabeth, dated 1593.

By Dr JOHN BROWN, Latin Secretary.

268. An English crown-piece of King James I.; on one side, the King on horseback; on the other, the Anglo-British arms; and a coronation medal of King Charles II.; on one side the King's head, in profile, crowned, round which is the royal titles, and below the word *Coronatus*; on the other, his Majesty as a shepherd, a crook in his left hand, standing surrounded with a flock of sheep. Inscription, *Dixi custodiam*; and below, *XXIII. April 1661.*

By the Rev. Mr COLVILL of Dyfart.

269. Three Roman bronze coins, of the Emperors Dioclesian, Maxentius, and Magnentius.

By Mr DAVID DEUCHAR Seal Engraver.

270. A silver penny of King Edward I. of England, *civitas* London; and an English silver twopence piece of King Charles I.; the mint mark, an anchor.

By

By Mrs WILLIAM ANDERSON.

271. Several small West Indian fishes, contained in two sealed bottles in spirits, and two dried fishes, the one a flying fish, the other a sea hedge-hog. 1782.
June 12.

By the Rev. Mr WILLIAM LOGAN of Leith.

272. A copy of his poems in 8vo, the 2d edition, London 1782.

By Mr ADAM CARDONNEL.

273. Four prints, viz. 2 engravings, and 2 mezzotinto's; 1st, the entry of Lewis XV. King of France, into the city of Rheims, on the 23d of October 1722, for his coronation, with a front view of the magnificent portal of the cathedral church of that city, 19½ inches high, and 13¼ inches broad; 2d, a view of the coronation of Lewis XV. King of France, in the cathedral church of Reims, the 25th of October 1722, with an explanatory table, 19 inches high, by 13 inches broad; 3d, a portrait of Mary Queen of Great Britain, &c. a half length, by J. Smith, 13½ inches high, by 10 inches broad; 4th, the portraits of Lord John, and Lord Bernard Stewart, youngest sons of Esme Duke of Lennox, full lengths, 17¼ inches high, by 10¼ inches broad.

By Mr JAMES DALLAS Writer to the Signet.

274. A large fox stuffed.

By HENRY WRENTHAM, of Bucklingham, Esq;

275. A very rare bird, called a Rockatilla, from the island of Juan Fernandes, which, by the donor's account of it, in a letter dated at Bucklingham, 12th May 1782, was found in one of the ships belonging to the Spanish armada, and has been in the donor's family ever since.

By Mr ALEXANDER HART Writer.

276. A manuscript, in small folio, containing, at full length, the speech of the Earl of Lauderdale, before the King and privy council, against John Earl of Middleton, the 5th of February 1662-3; the Earl of Middleton's answer thereto, the 16th of April 1663; the Earl of Lauderdale's reply thereto, the 22th of the same month; a memorial against the Earl of Middleton; a paper read before the King and council, at Whitehall, against the Earl of Middleton, the 2d of December 1663, and sent to the Earl of Middleton on the 8th of that month; the Earl of Middleton's answer to the last paper; a paper concerning the Duke of Lennox and Earl of Newburgh, delivered by his Majesty to the said Earl, the 5th of January 1663-4; a narrative of what passed at court concerning the Earl of Middleton, after the arrival of the Earl of Lauderdale, in November 1663; and the Earl of

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Middleton's.

1782. Middleton's resignation into the King's hands of his offices of Captain General of Scotland, and Governor of Edinburgh castle, dated the 5th of January 1663-4.
June 12.

By Mrs HOME of Whitefield.

277. The skin of a rattlesnake, measuring six feet eleven inches in length; the rattle having 12 rings; and the fangs of a rattlesnake; a petrified worm, on the surface of a limestone; two American locusts, and an aurelia in a phial; a small mass of petrified shells; and a snake stone, measuring in diameter six inches.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

278. Five silver coins of King James V. of Scotland, and three silver coins of King Henry VIII. of England.

By JOHN ERSKINE, of Alva, Esq;

279. Seven silver coins, viz. three of King James V. one of Mary Queen of Scots, and three of King Henry VIII. of England.

By the Honourable FRANCIS CHARTERIS of Amisfield, Esq;

280. The head of a walrus, the tusks measuring 20 inches in length, and 8 inches in circumference at the root; also a large Indian hammock, composed of small slips of cane, beautifully wrought into net-work.

By Sir ALEXANDER DICK of Prestonfield, Baronet.

281. A bronze medal of the Emperor Augustus Caesar, in good preservation; on one side, the Emperor's bust in profile, inscription, *Divus Augustus Pater*; on the other, the Temple of Janus, the gates shut, at the sides, the letters *S. C.* and below, the word *Provident*.

This was accompanied with a painting by Mr Alexander Nafmith, exactly copied from a drawing of Camillo Paderni, made from an ancient painting in Fresco, which was found in the baths of Augustus, while Sir Alexander was in Rome, in the year 1736, and purchased by him from the Pope's antiquary. He afterwards sent it to his friend Sir Richard Mead, in whose family it now remains.

Rollin, in his universal history, and Turnbull, in his account of ancient painting, take notice of this valuable remain of antiquity, which is curious on many accounts, as it shews the dresses and countenances of the court of Augustus. The laureated figure on the right of the piece is Augustus, that in the middle is Maecenas, at whose ear Marcus Agrippa is speaking, and the figure clothed in light brown is supposed to be Horace. The Emperor holds out a diadem, which Turnbull supposes was to be given to Phraates, a Parthian King,

King, dethroned by his subjects, and restored by Augustus. The Latin verses below were written by Sir Alexander, as was also the translation of them on the back of the picture.

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June 12.

By Sir JAMES GRANT of Grant, Baronet.

282. A large sloop or ice boat, from Canada, five feet in length, three feet in breadth, with an arched front and back, and all its furniture and tacklings, which are in sundry places furnished with bells.

By the Rev. Mr DAVID McROBERT.

283. The skeleton of the head and flints of the horns of a large animal of the ox kind, dug out of a moss, in the county of Galloway, similar in species to the one described in Art. 72. Page 57. No 1. and nearly of the same dimensions; the whole length of the front two feet two inches, two of the dentes molares remaining in the upper jaw, each having one deep furrow in the middle, and measuring on the under surface one inch and a quarter the one way, and seven eighths of an inch the other.

By Mr WILLIAM RAMSAY Writer to the Signet.

284. A silver penny of King Alexander III. of Scotland, and another of King Edward I. of England.

By the Rev. Dr JOHN GEDDES.

285. A copy of the following book in 4to, viz. *Gulielmi Barclaii illustrissimi Ducis Lotharingiae Consiliarii, &c. de Regno et Regali potestate adversus Monarchomachos.* Paris 1600. The first edition. Dedicated to Henry the Great, King of France. With a good engraving of the author's portrait, surrounded with the proofs of his gentility.

By WILLIAM GREIG of Thornhill, Esq;

286. Two Roman bronze coins of the Emperor Constantine, and a letter written in the Persian character, upon glazed paper, richly ornamented with gold, inclosed in two coverings of the same sort of paper, and fastened by a small cord of crimson silk and gold, to which a seal, inscribed with Persian characters, is appended; the whole inclosed in a purse of gold tissue, which is covered with another of plain muslin.

By Mr JOHN GARDNER, Banker.

287. Two long spotted serpents, a gray lizard, three small lizards, a scorpion, two large grass-hoppers, a Tarantula fly, a butterfly, and three centipeds, all preserved in spirits.

By

By the Hon. FRANCIS CHARTERIS of Amisfield, Esq;

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June 25.

288. A bird of paradise, in excellent preservation, and two hummingbirds, inclosed in a mahogany case, with a glazed front; two gray lizards, three small serpents, and a centipede, all preserved in spirits; a pair of Canadian snow shoes, each three feet long, and one foot and a half over where broadest.

By the Rev. Mr EDWARD LEDWICH, Vicar of Aghaboe, in Ireland.

289. Collectanea de Rebus Hibernicis, the first nine numbers, by the members of the Society of the Antiquaries of Ireland, in two Volumes 8vo, handsomely bound in blue Turkey, and richly gilt.

By Mrs DRUMMOND of Blairdrummond.

290. A silver penny of King William the Conqueror.

By PETER M'NAUGHTON, Esq;

291. A bodle of King James VI. of Scotland; on one side, a lyon rampant; on the other, three thistles conjoined on one stalk.

By Sir JAMES PRINGLE of Stitchill, Baronet.

292. An ancient Roman celtus of brass, discovered in the year 1747, when digging for a well, about seven feet below the surface, at the east end of the village of Stitchill, in the county of Roxburgh.

By JOHN HIGGINS, of Neuck, Esq;

293. The acus, or needle-fish, found in the Frith of Forth, at Crooks, near Higgin's Neuck.

By Mr GEORGE PATON.

294. A list of the Society of the Antiquaries of London, printed in one sheet of large paper, and dated 24th of April 1780.

By Mrs HAY of Mountblairy.

295. A piece of natural lace, made of the bark of the alligator tree, 28 inches long, and 15 inches broad; a quantity of the bark of the same tree, in its natural state; and the head of a bird, the skull measuring one inch and one half on the upper side, and in depth one inch and three eighths from the top to the bottom of the under mandible; the orbits of the eyes a quarter of an inch in diameter; the beak, which is straight in the under jaw, and a little

little crooked downwards, for half an inch at the extremity, is arched in the upper jaw, which is in length, on the ridge from the skull, six inches and a quarter, of a dusky pearl colour, over which is thinly superinduced a blackish colour, which covers the under jaw, leaving a line of the under colour at the bottom, and along the upper edge; the black in the upper jaw covers two thirds of it, projecting in a narrow line from the skull, and increasing in breadth towards the end of the beak, which is of a fine crimson colour, extending upon the ridge an inch and a half, and on the sides three quarters of an inch. The same colour prevails, in the same place, in the under jaw. The tongue, which is smaller in thickness than the smallest pack-thread, and tapers to a point, extends till within half an inch of the extremity of the beak.

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By Mrs MENZIES of Culdares.

296. A silver dollar of the Emperor Ferdinand II. Inscription on the face, *Ferd. II. D. G. Rom. Imper. Semp. Aug.*; on the reverse, *Mon. no. civitat. Constantiensis, 1625*, and another, on the face, *Mo. arg. Pro. soc. Belg. Zel.*; on the reverse, *Concordia res parvae crescunt, 1623*.

By Mr GEORGE COOPER Musician.

297. A large old repeating watch of gilt brass; instead of glass, a brass covering over the dial-plate, in which are twelve round perforations, to shew the hours; the work within all of steel, with a brass carved chain.

By ALEXANDER COPLAND of Collieston, Esq;

298. Forty-five Roman silver coins, viz. Two of the Emperor Nero, one of Galba, one of Otho, one of Vitellius, six of Vespasian, seven of Domitian, three of Nerva, three of Nerva Trajanus, ten of Trajanus, five of Hadrianus, four of Antoninus, one of Aurelius, and one of Diva Faustina.

A gold coin of King James II. of Scotland, the arms within a lozenge shield. This coin was found, with a great many more, of silver, as well as gold, inclosed in a cow's horn, in Lochermoss, a mile distant from Dumfries, in April 1765.

Twenty Scots silver coins, viz.

A penny of King Alexander III.

A groat of King Robert II. Villa Ed . . rth.

A groat of King James I. Villa St revel. . . This was found in Lochermoss.

A groat of King James II. Villa Edinburgh.

A coin of King James V.; on one side, the King's head crowned, in profile; on the other, the royal arms of Scotland.

Three coins of the same King; on one side of each a crowned thistle, at the sides *J. 5*; on the other, a faltyr.

A coin of Mary Queen of Scots, in the regency of her mother; on one side, a thistle crowned, at the sides the letters *M. R.*; on the other, the arms of Jerusalem. Inscription, *Oppidum Stirlingi.*

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June 25. Another of the same Queen; on one side, a thistle, as above; on the other, a saltire.
- The ryall, or dollar, of the same Queen, which weighs an ounce, and passed for 30 shillings Scots; on one side, the royal arms crowned; on the other, a palm tree; the date 1567. This coinage was ordained to be struck by an act of council, dated the 22d of December 1565, in which it is minutely described.
- The ryall or dollar of King James V.; on one side, the royal arms; on the other, a naked sword, with the value, which was xxx shillings Scots; the date 1567.
- A coin of the same King; on one side, his head in profile; on the other, three thistles; the date 1594.
- Another, the same as the first, but of half the weight; the date 1598.
- A merk of King Charles II. date 1672.
- A 3 shillings and 6 pence piece of the same King, dated 1681.
- A twenty shillings piece of King William, the date 1696.
- Three five shillings pieces of the same King, one dated 1695, the other two 1697.
- Seventeen English silver coins, viz.
- A penny of King Edward I. *civitas* London.
- A half groat of King Henry V. *villa* Calis.
- A penny of the same King, *villa* Calis. This and the last were found in Lochermofs.
- A groat of Henry VII.
- Another of Henry VIII.
- A shilling of Queen Elizabeth.
- Two sixpences of the same Queen.
- A shilling of King James I. of Great Britain.
- A counterfeit half-crown of King Charles I. of copper, plated over with silver.
- Two shillings of the same King.
- Two fourpence pieces of King Charles II. dated 1684.
- A twopence piece of the same King, dated 1675.
- A threepence piece of King James II. dated 1687.
- A penny piece of King William and Mary, dated 1690.
- Three French silver coins.
- A Danish silver coin of King Christiern V.
- A Dutch silver coin.
- A silver coin of Pope Benedict XIV.
- Five Scots copper coins, viz.
- One of King James V. *villa* de Edinburgh.
- A small one of Mary Queen of Scots; on one side, the letter *M.* under an imperial crown; on the other, a lion rampant, crowned; the date 1555.
- A bodle of King Charles I.
- Two pennies of King Charles II.
- An English farthing, dated 1719.
- An Irish farthing, dated 1738.

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- An Isle of Man penny, dated 1733.
- Two pennies of the same Isle, dated 1758.
- Seven small French copper coins.
- Two Swedish copper coins, one dated 1662, the other 1731.
- Two brass coronation medals of King George II. and his Queen Caroline.
- Four brass Nuremberg pieces.
- A Roman cinereal urn, of gravelly brown earth, six inches and a quarter in diameter, and five inches and a quarter in height. This was found in the lands of Glenarm, and parish of Urr, in a cavity large enough to hold two or three people, on removing a quantity of stones in a quarry. There was in it a little black liquor like tar. There were other vessels found along with it, which were broken, and lost, by the carelessness of the workmen.
- A large ring, of a black glossy substance, like coal, four inches and three eighths in diameter, found in a peat moss, in the parish of Dalry.
- A parcel of burnt human bones, among which are several teeth, found in the heart of a cairn, in the lands of Blackerne, and parish of Crossmichael, when the stones were taken to inclose a plantation in the year 1756. In the middle of the bottom of this cairn was found a coffin, composed of flat whin stones.
- A ring of pure silver, the sides flat, the outside ribbed with a small piece broke off from it. This was found in the above mentioned cairn.
- An amber bead, seven eighths of an inch in diameter, also found in the same cairn.
- A piece of a Roman sword, of fine brass, with a round pin of the same metal, found in Carlochans cairn, on the top of a high hill, in the lands of Chappelerne, and parish of Crossmichael, in the year 1776, when the remains of this cairn, once the largest in Galloway, were removed, for inclosing a plantation round it. In the middle of this cairn, at the bottom, was found a coffin, composed of large flat stones, but there were no bones in it.
- Two pieces of green glass, which appear to have been part of the brim of a bowl, found in the ruins of a Roman station, at the Birrans, in Annandale, a few miles south from Burnswark, in the parish of Middlebie, where the remains of a Roman camp are still distinguishable; near a high hill, with a flat round top, containing about a dozen of acres, the sides rocky, and almost inaccessible, except towards the east. On the top of this hill, a small Roman fortrefs is still discernible.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

299. A copy of a letter printed in the year 1716, from an officer in the Highland army, giving an account of its march northward after the battle of Sheriffmuir; and a manuscript collection of memoirs of the lives of some of the most eminent presbyterian ministers in Scotland, from the time of John Knox, till after the Restoration, both in quarto; also, the head of a hatchet of stone, four inches and a half in length, and two inches and a half broad at the mouth.

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By Mr JOHN GARDNER Banker.

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300. Six silver coins, viz.
Two of King James V. of Scotland, his head in profile, with an arched crown.
One of the same King; a crowned thistle on one side, and a faltyr on the other. *Oppidum Edinburgi.*
One of Mary Queen of Scots, with the same figures as the last.
Two of King Henry VIII. of England, the King's head in profile.

By Dr JONATHAN STOKES.

301. A copy of his thesis, *De Aëre Dephlogificato*, in 8vo.

By ALEXANDER SHAW, Esq;

302. A journal of the proceedings of the English garrison of the castle and town of Alicante, in Spain, during the siege thereof, begun on the 24th of March 1707, and continued till the 23d of April 1709.

By Mr JOHN SYME Writer to the Signet.

303. A manuscript volume in folio, containing a large collection of old Scots law deeds, arranged under their different heads, with proper indexes, and a large explanatory introduction; to which is annexed a plan for the regulation and arrangement of the records in every county of the kingdom.

By Mr ANDREW JOBSON Merchant in Dundee.

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304. A silver groat of King Robert II. *Villa de Perth*; another of King James III. *Villa Edinburg.*; a thirty-shilling piece of King James VI. dated 1567; another of the same King, dated 1582; three copper coins of Mary Queen of Scots, inscribed, *Servio et usutero*, 1557, and a small copper coin of the same Queen, her initial on one side, and a lion rampant on the other. N. B. Each of these four has the impression of a heart, charged with a star pinched in, which was the mark ordered to be put upon the coinage of the kingdom by the Regent Earl of Morton. A base silver coin of King James VI.; on one side, the royal arms of Scotland; on the other, a Thistle. The badge of the same King; on one side, the King's head in profile, bare, with short hair, inscription, *Jacobus, 6. D. G. R. Scotorum*; on the other, three thistle flowers, without stalks, and a small pellet in the center, inscription, *Oppidum Edinburgi.* A bodle of the same King; on one side, the letters *I. R.* under an Imperial crown; on the other, a lion rampant, crowned. A bodle of King Charles I.; another of King William and Mary; and a Swedish copper coin, dated 1636.

By

By JAMES BALLINGALL, Esq; of Dundee.

305. An Irish base metal shilling of King James II. of Great Britain, &c. dated March 1690. 1782.
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By Mr JOHN WILSON Bookfeller.

306. Two bodles of King Charles II.; one dated 1677, the other without date.

By PETER McNAUGHTON, Esq;

307. Twelve Scots Topazes, in their natural state.

By Mr WILLIAM CREECH Bookfeller.

308. An English half crown of King Charles I.

By Captain MORISON.

309. A Scots silver half groat of King James II.; a sixpence of Queen Elizabeth; an ancient arrow head, of flint, vulgarly called an *elf arrow*; the head of an ancient stone hatchet, nearly of a triangular shape, in length an inch and three quarters, and in breadth, at the edge, an inch and a half; a small nest, made of a substance like cotton, strongly wrought together, the operation of certain insects in Jamaica; four specimens of the Steatites, Belemnites; and two pebbles. The last three articles from the Isle of Sky.

By Mr ALEXANDER DRUMMOND.

310. A copy of the *Breviarium ad Usum Ecclesiae Sarisburiensis castigatum. Pars aestivalis.* 12mo. Parisiis 1555.

By Mr THOMAS RATTRAY Writer.

311. An original of the Solemn League and Covenant, on a large skin of vellum, with the subscriptions of many peers and commoners; two ancient charters, and part of an ancient manuscript missal, beautifully written on vellum, and richly ornamented with gold and colours.

By Mr GEORGE CAIRNCROSS.

312. A stuffed animal, begot between a hare and a rabbit.

By Mr WILLIAM GIB Bookfeller.

313. A copy of a report from the committee appointed to view the Cottonian library, and other public records of the kingdom, with an appendix, containing a narrative of the

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1782. fire which happened at Ashburnham House, the 23d of October 1731, with the methods
July 9. used for preserving and recovering the manuscripts of the Royal and Cottonian libraries,
and an account of the damage done by that fire. Folio. London, 1732.

By JOHN SPOTTISWOODE, Esq;

314. A copy of the case of the most noble Douglas Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, touching the peerage of Brandon, one sheet folio. London, 1782. And copies of various papers relating to the peerage of Brandon, and extracts from the journals of the House of Lords; three sheets 4to. London, 1782.

By GEORGE OGILVY of Baikie, Esq;

315. The skeleton of the head, and the horns of a large red deer, dug up in a marl mofs on his estate in Strathmore, where many others were found.

By THOMAS SCOT of Hapsburn, Esq;

316. The skeleton of the head, and flints of the horns, of a large animal, of the ox kind, found in Roxburghshire, similar in species to the one described in Art. 72. No. I. and Art. 283. No. II. and nearly of the same dimensions, but more entire than either; the whole length of the front measuring two feet four inches, four of the dentes molares remaining in each side of the upper jaw, of the same size and shape with those in the head, Article 283.

By Mr WILLIAM THOMSON of Worcester.

317. A collection of fossils, most of them found in the neighbourhood of Edinburgh, of which the following is an Inventory, viz.

No. 1. An indifferent specimen of Dr Walker's marble. From Tyr-ic.

2. Ditto, rough fragment.

3. Ditto, variety.

4. Serpentine. Said to come from Aboyne. Is found between Portfooy and Cullen.

4 2d, Variety of ditto. Green.

N. B. Much of this serpentine was quarried and transported to France, in the reign of Lewis XIV.

5. Gypseous nodule. From the neighbourhood of Dunbar.

6. Felt spath. From the eastern range of Pentland Hills.

7. Variety of ditto.

N. B. The valuable properties of this stone, in the China manufacture, render it an object worthy of particular attention.

8. From Roslin stream.

9. Fragment of a silicious stone, containing a petroleum in its crystallized cavities. Found on the shore near Newhaven.

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No. 10. Ditto, with an admixture of calcareous spar. It is very probable that these singular stones are derived from a stratum of coal.

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11. Zeotites crystallizatus radiatus. From the same shore.

12. Beautiful granite. From ditto. It consists of garnets, mica, and felt-spath.

13. From the shore at Newhaven. Pyrites.

14. From ditto.

15. From Blackford rocks. Iron, crystallized.

16. Sinople, or jasper, containing iron. From ditto.

17. From pits between the Roslin road and Blackford.

18. From ditto.

19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. Specimens of the perpendicular veins at Blackford.

26. Ditto. Varieties. From the same rocks.

27. Ditto. Vein in the rock.

28. Peach bloom ore, or flowers of Cobalt. From Broughton quarry, near Edinburgh.

29. Gypsum ponderosum. From ditto.

30. From ditto.

31. Marmor metallicum. From a vein in St Leonard's Hill.

32. From a drain now digging to the west of the New Town.

33. Amethystine crystals. From St Anthony's Chapel.

34. From ditto. No name.

35. Martial jasper. From ditto. Polished.

36. From ditto.

37. From rocks above the Chapel, to the east.

38. From ditto.

39. From ditto.

40. From ditto.

41. Martial jasper. From the range of serpentine columns, between St Anthony's Chapel and Arthur's Seat, rough.

42. Ditto, polished.

43. From ditto.

44. From ditto.

45. Zeotites crystallizatus, impurus, stratufusus. From the columnar part of Arthur's Seat facing the south. The zeotite has been hitherto esteemed a rare fossil. It abounds in this neighbourhood. We have it also at Blackford, and on the sea-shore.

46. From the south face of the Seat, towards Duddingston Loch.

47. From ditto.

48. Haematites striatus. Found a little to the south of the most western projection of Salisbury Craigs.

49. Rich ore of iron. From ditto.

50. Ditto.

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- No. 51. Richer ditto. Found along with the three former. It was gathered from the vein in January last, in considerable quantity.
52. From the western face of the craigs. The crystals are quartz, the base impure zeolite.
53. Haematites. From ditto.
54. Calcareous crystals, bedded in quartz crystals. From a vein in the higher of the two quarries, in the craigs near Holyrood-house.
54. 2d, Ditto, in a beautiful decay.
54. 3d, Ditto, almost vanished.
55. A specimen from the same horizontal vein, containing small cubes of the galena lead-ore.
56. Haematites. From the lower of the two north quarries in the Craigs.
57. From ditto.
58. From ditto.
59. From ditto. The marmor metallicum, (coxcomb-spar) elegantly shot upon the calcareous crystals.
60. Ditto, larger, somewhat decayed.
61. The mountain leather. From a very thin perpendicular fissure in the pit near Holyrood-house craigs. This is perhaps the rarest of all fossil productions, and is highly valued.
62. 63. 64. 65. 66. Iron-ore. From Gilmerton sand-pits, from a perpendicular vein which traverses the pit, from S. W. to N. E. At some distance, to N. E. another such vein appears.
67. Ditto. Varieties, tending to prove it a mere venigenous ore of iron.

By Mr HARRY GUTHRIE, Writer, with consent of the original donor, his son, MATTHEW GUTHRIE, Esq; M. D. Aulic counsellor to the Empress of Russia, physician of her imperial cadet corps of nobles, F. R. S. &c.

318. A series of the medals of Russia, in number 63, struck by the Emperor Peter the Great, and by his imperial successors, in commemoration of battles and victories, by sea and land, and of other remarkable events, the earliest dated 1672, and the latest 1766; four old copper coins, found in Siberia; a Russian coin, dated 1724; another, struck in Moldavia, out of the cannon taken from the Turks, dated 1773; and two modern Siberian coins, of fine copper, each dated 1777.

By GILBERT STEUART, Esq; L. L. D.

July 23. 319. A copy of his history of Scotland, from the establishment of the Reformation, till the death of Mary Queen of Scots. 2 vols. 4to. London, 1782.

By

By Mr DAVID JOBSON Writer in Dundee.

320. An eight shilling silver coin of Hamburgh, dated 1727, and a small silver coin of Holland, dated 1739; also
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Ten copper coins, viz.
Four Scots bodles; a coronation medal of King George I.; a Roman coin; a small coin of Lewis XIV. King of France; a coin of Zealand, dated 1740; and two Swedish coins, dated 1685, and 1749.

By WILLIAM FRASER, Esq; junior, of Frazerfield.

321. A silver medal; on one side, a bust, in profile, inscription, *Cujus est*; on the other, a map of Great Britain and Ireland, inscription, *Reddite*; three Scots silver coins, viz. a merk of King Charles II. dated 1671; a half merk of the same King, dated 1671; a five shilling piece of King William, dated 1697; an English shilling of Queen Anne, the letter *E* under the Queen's head, the date 1709; and an ancient arrow head of flint.

By Mr JAMES DALLAS Writer to the Signet.

322. A silver coin of Gustavus III. King of Sweden, dated 1779.

By Mr ALEXANDER CUNINGHAM Writer.

323. A copper coin of Lewis XVI. King of France, dated 1778.

By Mr GEORGE PATON.

324. An engraving of the portrait of Thomas Pennant, Esq;

By the Hon. HENRY ERSKINE, Esq;

325. A valuable collection of Scots music, made by the late learned and ingenious Walter M'Farlane of M'Farlane, Esq; volumes 2d and 3d, folio; the one containing 250, and the other 292 airs.

By Dr PETER WRIGHT, of Glasgow.

326. Eleven Scots silver coins, viz.

Two of King James V. the King's head in profile; one of Queen Mary, dated 1558; one of Francis and Mary, *R. R. Scotorum, D. D. Vien.* 1558; a half merk of King James VI. dated 1573; a smaller coin of the same King, on one side, the royal arms and titles, on the other, a thistle crowned, the date 1602; a merk, and a half merk, of King Charles II. each dated 1671; a merk of the same King, dated 1673; a fourteen shilling piece, dated 1676, and a seven shilling piece, dated 1677.

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Seven English silver coins, viz.

A penny of King Edward I. *civitas London.*; another of the same King, *civitas Dublinæ*; a groat of King Henry VIII.; a half groat of the same King, *civitas Cantor.* at the sides of the shield the letters *W. A.*; a groat of King Philip and Mary; a sixpence of King James I. dated 1606; and a twopence piece of King Charles II.; a shilling of the province of Massachusetts, in New England, dated 1652.

Two small Spanish silver coins, without date or inscription; on one side of each, a castle; on the other, a lion.

Two old French copper coins; on one side of each a lozenge shield semée of flowers de lys, and around it twelve small amulets; on the other, a ship.

By Mr THOMAS MARSHALL Merchant in Perth.

327. A copper dollar of Charles XII. King of Sweden, of a square form, each side measuring $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

By Mr DAVID DEUCHAR, Seal Engraver.

328. A necklace, consisting of fourteen oval Scots pebbles, ornamentally set in pinchbeck gilt; a pair of breast buckles; two pairs of ear-rings, each having a top and drop; and another pair, each having three drops, all set in the same manner as the necklace.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

329. A plate of copper, on which is engraved a south-east view of the Cathedral of Icolmkill, executed by his Lordship.

By Sir JAMES CLERK of Pennycuik, Baronet.

August 6.

330. A Roman gold coin of the Emperor Vitellius, in good preservation. This beautiful coin was found, some years ago, in ploughing a field in the neighbourhood of Pennycuik House.

By Mr WILLIAM ANDERSON Writer to the Signet.

331. An ancient Anglo-Saxon silver penny; a large Arabick silver coin; a small base silver coin of the Empress of Germany, Maria Theresa, dated 1753; a small Spanish silver coin, ill formed; and an old six stiver piece of Groningen.

By Mr WALTER ROSS. Writer to the Signet.

332. An address to the members of the College of Justice, and a copy of a discourse published by him on the removing of tenants, to serve as a specimen of the lectures intended to be delivered by him upon the practice of the law of Scotland. 8vo, 1782.

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By Mr JOHN CLERK Optician.

333. A Russian copper coin, dated 1758.

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By Dr CHARLES WEBSTER.

334. A German copper medal, inscribed, *Astrologos.*

By Mr JAMES MURRAY of Birmingham.

335. Four silver coins, viz. a groat of King Henry VIII.; a rose sixpence of Queen Elizabeth, dated 1578; a penny of King Charles I.; and a small coin of Philip V. of Spain, dated 1738; a drawing, in black and white, of Hercules stifling a lion; and a print of Admiral Lord Rodney.

By Mr ANDREW JOBSON Merchant in Dundee.

336. Part of a Roman cinereal urn, with nine pieces of burnt Roman bones, dug up near Struthers, in Fife. *Vide* No. 132.

By Mr ALEXANDER JAMIESON Bookfeller.

337. Three engravings; the 1st, of the seal of the monastery of Cottingham, in the county of York, from the original, in the possession of John Warburton, Esq; Somerset Herald; 2d, of an ancient patera aërea; 3d, a representation of an ancient Roman Emperor, holding a branch of palm, in the midst of his guards.

By JOHN WALLACE of CESSNOCK, Esq;

338. A silver thirty shillings Scots coin of King James VI. dated 1571, having the impression of a crowned thistle flower punched in.

By ROGER ROBERTSON, of Ladykirk, Esq;

339. A collection of old Scots writs, in addition to Mr Syme's valuable collection, No. 303. The additions here given are under the following heads, viz. Legitimation, filius carnalis, et naturalis; the church, clans, exemptions, castles, gypsies, marches, mafs, offices, protections, respites, remissions, and tobacco.

By Mr ANDREW ANGUS Merchant in Dunfermline.

340. Five silver coins, viz. one of King James V. of Scotland; on one side, the King's head in profile, crowned; on the other, the royal arms, inscription, *oppidum Edinburgi*; a forty pence Scottish piece of King Charles I.; a shilling of Queen Elizabeth; a rose sixpence of

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Aug. 6. of the same Queen, dated 1594, and an English threepence of King Charles II. dated 1679; also, an impression in red wax, of the seal of the monastery of Culrofs.

By Mr CHARLES ELLIOT Bookfeiler.

341. A Russian copper coin, dated 1760.

By WILLIAM THORNTON, Esq;

Sept. 3. 342. A large historical collection of letters, memorials, acts of parliament, privy-council, assemblies, committees, &c. in which there is a minute and connected account of the rise and progress of the rebellion in Scotland, in the reign of King Charles I. from the middle of August 1637, till the end of July 1643; a fair and closely written manuscript, consisting of 664 pages in folio.

By Mr ROBERT MIDDLEMOST Dancing Master.

343. A silver two shillings coin of the city of Hamburg, dated 1726; a bodle of King Charles I.; and a copper coin of Groningen and Omlands, dated 1690.

By ALEXANDER COPLAND, of Collieston, Esq;

344. Fifteen small Anglo-Saxon silver coins, each having a small cross in the centre of each side, and inscribed with the following names, viz. Edilred Rex, Eanred Rex, Elberht, Broder, Fordred, Hedulp Rex, Eahrud Rex, Coenred. Three of Edilred's have the sword *Monne* on the reverse.

By Mr ADAM CARDONNEL,

345. Twenty-eight silver coins, viz.

One of the Emperor Leopold, dated 1698; eleven of the kingdom of Denmark; one of the electorate of Triers, dated 1695; one of the electorate of Cologne, dated 1683; one of Brunswick, dated 1734; three of Hamburg; two of Lübeck, each dated 1707; two of Bremen, dated 1742, and 1750; one of Guelderland, dated 1680; one of West Frisia, dated 1702; one of Zealand; one of George prince of Denmark, Queen Anne's husband; on one side, his head in profile, in a large wig, inscription, *D. G. Georg. Freder. Carol. M. Br. Pr. D.*; on the other, a shield of arms, divided into twenty quarterings; one, on one side, a plain shield, charged with the head of an ox cabossed, inscription, *Stadt Gofveldt*, 1713; on the other, within a square, the numeral letters *VIII.*; one, on one side, a shield, charged with an eagle displayed, holding a scepter and mond, without inscription; on the other, *I. Marien. Grof. D. 1753.*

Also ninety-two copper and bronze coins, viz.

Five ancient Roman; one Scots sixpenny piece, dated 1677; 9 bodles; two Scots pennies of King Charles II.; one, a coronation medal of King George I.; one, another of Queen

Queen Anne; three Irish halfpence, the dates 1693 and 1760; two Isle of Man pennies, the dates 1709 and 1733; one Isle of Man halfpenny, dated 1723; two German coins, one dated 1712, the other 1750; one Russian coin, dated 1727; seventeen French coins; eight Spanish coins; fourteen Swedish coins; five Portuguese coins; one Sicilian coin, dated 1699; one of Pope Innocent XII. a Mezzo Bajoco, dated 1696; one of Franconia, dated 1706; one, on one side, an eagle displayed, on the other, *Reichs Stat. Ach.* the date 1751; one, on one side a plain shield, charged with the head of an ox embossed, inscription, *Stadt Gofveldt.* on the other, within a square, the numeral letters *VIII.*; one of Brunswick, the date 1719; two of Guelderland, the dates 1740, and 1754; two of Zealand, the dates 1715, and 1740; two of Holland; one of Utrecht, dated 1724; five of West Frisia; one of Cleves, dated 1752; and one of Nuremberg.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

346. A copy of his Lordship's circular letter to the peers of Scotland, dated 25th of July 1782; and an address to the landed gentlemen of Scotland, by James Grant of Corriemoney, Esq; 8vo, Edinburgh, 1782.

By WILLIAM CHARLES LITTLE of Libberton, Esq;

347. A shilling of Queen Anne, the letter *E.* under the Queen's head, the date 1707.

By SAMUEL PEGGE, Esq;

348. A copy of his publication, entitled, *Curialia, or an Historical Account of some Branches of the Royal Household, Part 1st*, consisting of two dissertations, viz. 1st, on the obsolete office of the Esquires of the King's body; 2d, on the original, nature, duty, &c. of the gentlemen of the King's most honourable privy-chamber. 4to. London, 1782.

By Mr JOHN NICHOLS Printer London.

349. Copies of the three following books, viz. 1st, *Bibliotheca topographica Britannica*, No. III. containing a description of the Chanonry in Aberdeen, in the years 1724 and 1725, by William Orem, town-clerk of Aberdeen; 2d, The same work, No. IV. containing the memoirs of Sir John Hawkwood; and, 3d, *Biographical and Literary Anecdotes of William Bowyer printer, F. S. A.* and of many of his learned friends, &c. by John Nichols, his apprentice, partner, and successor. 4to. London, 1782. Printed for the author.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

350. Seventeen deeds on vellum, and two on paper, of which the following is an inventory, viz.

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1. Diploma,

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2. Diploma, appointing the right honourable Henry-David, Earl of Buchan, grand maffer mafon of Scotland, dated 30th of November 1745.
3. Letter from the Earl of Effingham, deputy Earl Marfhal of England, inviting the faid Earl of Buchan to attend the funeral of his late Majefty, dated 5th of November 1760.
4. Commiffion under the privy fignet, appointing David Steuart, Lord Cardrofs, an en-fign in the regiment of foot commanded by Lieutenant-General Francis Leighton, dated at Saville Houfe, the 25th of November 1760.
5. Certificate of communion, by the minifter and church-wardens of the parifh of St Mary de Bow, in the county of Durham, to the laft mentioned Lord Cardrofs, dated the 29th of March 1761.
6. Diploma, granting the freedom of the city of Glasgow to the faid Lord Cardrofs, dated the 22d of May 1761.
7. Diploma, granting the freedom of the city of Edinburgh to the faid Lord Cardrofs, dated the 17th of March 1762.
8. Commiffion under the privy fignet, appointing the faid Lord Cardrofs a lieutenant in the 32d regiment of foot, commanded by Lieutenant-General Francis Leighton, dated at St James's, 22d September 1762.
9. Diploma from Sir John M'Nachtane, fovereign of the order of the Beggar's Bennifon, in favour of Sir David Steuart Erfkine, Lord Cardrofs, dated at Anftruther the 15th of March 1763.
10. Diploma, granting the freedom of the royal borough of Dornoch to the faid Lord Cardrofs, dated 12th September 1764.
11. Diploma from the univerfity of Glasgow, conferring the degree of doctör of laws on the faid Lord Cardrofs, dated the 9th of January 1766.
12. Diploma from the King's univerfity of Aberdeen, conferring the degree of doctör and mafter of canon and civil law on the faid Lord Cardrofs, dated 29th October 1766.
13. Diploma from the Marifchall Univerfity of Aberdeen, conferring the degree of doctör of canon and civil law on the faid Lord Cardrofs, dated the xviii. of the kalends of December, i. e. 14th of November 1766.
14. Diploma from the univerfity of St Andrew's, conferring the degree of doctör of civil and canon law, on the faid Lord Cardrofs, dated the 17th of November 1766.
15. Letters patent, under the great feal of Great Britain, appointing the faid Lord Cardrofs, his Majefty's fecretary to the extraordinary embaffy to the court of Spain, dated at St James's 23d December 1766.
16. Diploma from the Univerfity of Edinburgh, conferring the degree of doctör of medicine on the faid Lord Cardrofs, dated the 28th of January 1767.
17. Addrefs intended to have been transmitted to the Lord Vifcount of Stormont, by certain peers of Scotland, relating to the election of the fifteen peers for Scotland, 1780.

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18. Diploma from the medical fociety of Edinburgh, admitting the Right Honourable David Steuart, Earl of Buchan, a member of their body, dated the 6th of the Nones of March, i. e. the 2d, 1782.
19. A genealogical account of the family of General Hugh Mackay of Scoury.

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By Mr JOHN SYME Writer to the Signet.

351. Thirty-one impreffions of old charter feals, viz. two of the bifhopricks of Edinburgh and Galloway; nineteen monaftic feals, two feals of the family of Lord Colvil, without fupporters to the arms; three of the fame family, with fupporters; the feal of Sir John Seton of Barns, of Sir Robert Spotfwode of New Abbay, of David Welfche, of Adam Blackader, and of the town of Edinburgh.

By Mr ADAM CARDONNEL.

352. Specimens of the weights at prefent in ufe in the Orkney iflands, viz. the punter and the bifmer, with their appurtenances.

By Mr WILLIAM BERRY Seal Engraver.

353. An oval transparent polished pebble, having a dark brown fpot on one fide, in which is naturally delineated a man's buf.

By Meffrs BRYDON and BAILLIE Jewellers in Glasgow.

354. Ninety ancient Saxon fiver coins, lately dug up in an earthen urn, in the ifland of Tyree, one of the Hebrides. Thefe the donors inclofed in a handsome fiver casket, lined with crimfon velvet, bordered with gold, on the top of which is engraved the following allegorical representation, viz. The genius of Scotland on a throne, elevated by feven fteps; in her right hand, a fword enfigned with a wreath of laurel, her left fretched out to receive the genius of the Antiquarian Society, who presents a roll, on which is delineated the Roman eagle, wounded by a dart, and chained to the wall of Agricola; alfo fome ruins, to denote thofe of the cathedrals and abbays in Scotland, and a bow, arrow, and fchild, difpofed like a trophy, the laft charged with the fun, to denote that the objects of the Society's inquiry are not confined to any one nation, but extend to all. Behind are two attendant genii, the firft carries an urn, the other an irradiated fchild, enfigned with a comital coronet, and charged with the paternal arms of the illuftrious houfe of Buchan, in honour of the noble fonnder of the Society. On the pedeftal of the throne is this infcription, *Willielmus Wallace, Robertus Bruce, Rex, die feptimo ante Kalendas Julii M, CCC, XIV.* the memorable day on which Caledonia triumphed at Bannockburn; and, on an obelifk, behind the attendant genii, are thefe words, *Deus nobis haec otia fecit.*

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By ROGER ROBERTSON of Ladykirk, Esq;

355. A silver coin of the present King of Spain, dated 1778; on one side, the King's bust in profile; on the other, the Spanish arms between two pillars.

By WILLIAM CHARLES LITTLE of Libberton, Esq;

356. A shilling of King George I. of the South Sea Company's silver, dated 1723.

By Mr SAMUEL SHAW Writer.

357. The following deeds and papers, viz. 1st, Commission under the great seal of Scotland, constituting Sir William Ballenden Knight Lord Treasurer Depute for Scotland, dated the 1st of March 1661; 2d, Commission under the privy seal, appointing William Maister of Ramsay a cornet in Lieutenant General Drummond's regiment of horse, dated the 1st of January 1667; 3d, the Earl of Argyle's speech before the judiciary court, the 12th of December 1681, relating to his explanation of the test; 4th, burghs ticket from the town of Hamilton to David Crawford, servant to the Duke of Hamilton, dated the 18th of November 1682; 5th, propositions, in order to an contract of marriage, betwixt James Earl of Panmure and Lady Margaret Hamilton, 17th November 1686; 6th, Journal of the proceedings of the privy-council of Scotland, the 15th of November 1689; 7th, letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Buchan to the Duke of Hamilton and the privy-council of Scotland, with the articles of the capitulation of Fedderit, 1690; 8th, burial letter, dated at Hamilton, the 21st of June 1690, inviting to the funeral of the Countess of Arran, and signed 'Hamilton'; 9th, minutes of the parliament of Scotland the 1st of July 1690; 10th, minutes of the same parliament, 3d of July that year; 11th, minutes of the same parliament, the seventh of July that year; 12th, copy of a warrant under the privy seal of Scotland, for a patent, creating William Baillie of Lamington a peer of parliament, by the title of Lord Lamington, dated 1691; 13th, copy of a commission, under the privy-seal of Scotland, dated 1696, to Mr James Smith of Whitehills, overseer of his Majesty's works in Scotland, appointing him to uphold the palace of Holyrood-house, and the castles of Edinburgh, Stirling, Blackness, and Dumbarton, in slate, scailie, lead, and glass, for which he is to be allowed two hundred pounds Sterling *per annum*; 14th, Commission under the privy-seal, appointing William Earl of Dalhousie a Captain in the Scots regiment of foot guards, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the army, dated the 18th of July 1699.

By Dr MURRAY of Cringalty.

358. A gentoo smoking pipe, in length $16\frac{1}{2}$ inches, the head made of black porcelain, without gloss, ornamented with scarlet and blue, the tube of a light whitish wood.

By

By Mr JOHN EWEN Merchant in Aberdeen.

359. A manuscript history of the life of King Robert Bruce, in three books, 4to, dedicated to the illustrious, most high and mighty Prince, Charles Prince of Wales, Duke of Ro-fay and Cornwall, Great Steuart of Scotland, Count Palatine of Chester, Earl of Carrick, Baron of Renfrew, and Knight of the most noble orders of the Thistle and Garter; and a walking cane, with an ivory head, in length three feet and half an inch. The head inscribed with these words, *Sigr. Da. MDCCLXVI.*

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By the Rev. Mr JOHN SMITH of Campbeltown.

360. Eight fragments of an ancient vitrified fort, which stands on an eminence called Dun-fgeig, at the mouth of the loch of West Tarbert, in the peninsula of Kintyre. Such parts of it as are left standing are so thoroughly vitrified and cemented together, as to appear to be one entire mass. Its remote antiquity is demonstrable, from a Danish building of the ordinary construction, situated within a hundred yards of it, in the heart of which several fragments of the vitrified building are to be found, which shews that this last was a ruin before the other was built.

By Mr JOHN AINSLIE Land Surveyor.

361. A six sheet map of the counties of Fife and Kinross, and a plan of the city of Edinburgh, with the New Town and suburbs.

By Mr ALEXANDER GARDNER Jeweller.

362. A gold quarter noble of King Edward III. of England; on the face, the quartered arms of France and England within a rose, with the royal titles; on the reverse, a cross floree, between four lions of England. Inscription, *Exaltabitur in gloria.*

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

363. A piece of white coralline, from the West Indies; also, commission to Henry Lord Cardross, from William Henry Prince of Orange, to be a Captain in the armies of the States of Holland; another commission to the same purpose, under the great seal of the States General of the United Netherlands, both dated in March 1688; indenture between the Right Honourable Henry Lord Cardross and John Henderfon shipmaster, concerning his Lordship's property in Carolina, wherein is a certificate by the Governor James Colleton, that the same is duly recorded in the registers-office of Carolina, dated the 27th of August 1688; and commission, under the superscription and privy seal of King George I. appointing Richard Munden, Esq; Colonel of a regiment of dragoons, dated the 22d of July 1715.

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364. A specimen of rich lead-ore, from the mines of Tyndrom; two beautiful pieces of pyrites, from the coal mines of Cranston; two clusters of pure white sparry crystals; a piece of phosphorus; a green beetle, from Jamaica, of uncommon brightness, one inch and a half long, and some small sea shells from the shore near St Andrews.

By Mr THOMAS RATTRAY Writer.

365. A silver Roman coin, of the Emperor Antoninus Pius, found near Bruntisland.

By the Right Hon. the COUNTESS of BUCHAN.

366. A small bust of a Lady, in ivory, a model of the head-dress in fashion in the reign of Mary Queen of Scots.

By Mr JAMES BALFOUR Writer.

367. A base metal coin of Mary Queen of Scots; on one side a crowned thistle; on the other a saltyr, *Oppidum Edinburgi*.

By the Rev. Mr JOHN GRANT of Dundurcus.

368. Two heads of the Roman hasta; two heads of the Roman horseman's spear, as described by Josephus, Lib. iii. Cap. 3.; a round piece of thin metal, hollow on the under side; all of ancient Roman brass; and a silver penny; a head, in profile, crowned, before it a scepter, ensigned with a cross patée, the inscription, which is injured, appears to be, William: E: reverse, a cross, between the limbs of which are four crescents, inclosing as many pellets between the horns, and, in the angles of the cross, four small pellets, inscription, also injured, appears to be, Willam. Berewic, a cross patée at the end of the last word.

By Mr AITCHIESON Jeweller.

369. A base metal shilling of King James II. of Britain, dated August 1689, and a copper medal, struck on the murder of Sir Edmundbury Godfrey, without inscription; also an Edinburgh burghs ticket, to John Aitkynson, dated 14th of March 1516.

By Mr ALEXANDER GARDNER Jeweller.

370. A manuscript, in folio, concerning the mint in Scotland, at the time of the Union, and containing the following particulars, viz. 1st, a letter from the Earl of Loudoun to the Earl of Lauderdale, dated Whitehall 21st June 1707; 2d, the Queen's warrant, appointing David Gregory, Esq; to direct the officers of the mint in Scotland in the methods of the English mint, dated the 12th of July 1707; 3d, warrant appointing Mr Richard Morgan to

to instruct and assist the clerks of the mint in Scotland in the methods of the English mint, of the last mentioned date; 4th, warrant appointing Thomas Seabrock, Henry Halley, and Richard Collard, three of the moniers of the English mint, to work and direct the servants in the mint of Scotland, of the last mentioned date; 5th, warrant to the general, and the other officers of the mint of Scotland, ordaining them to observe the same rules and orders as are contained in an indenture between the Queen and Sir Isaac Newton, master worker of the mint at London, made in the first year of her Majesty's reign, dated the 20th of June 1707; 6th, warrant to George Allardice, Esq; master of the mint in Scotland, to coin the silver imported into the mint at Edinburgh, into crowns and half-crowns, shillings, and sixpences, like the English, excepting the letter E. under the Queen's head, of the last mentioned date; 7th, indenture between the Queen's Majesty and Isaac Newton, Esq; master and worker of all the Queen's monies in England, concerning the coinage of that kingdom, dated the 14th of January 1702; 8th, a table of the salaries paid to the officers of the mint in London, amounting to L. 2610 *per annum*; 9th, the form of trying the pix in the Tower of London; 10th, account of the gold and silver coined in the Tower of London, from the 15th of July 1697, till the 3d of August 1699; 11th, account of the silver coined in the five following towns, viz. Bristol, Chester, Exeter, Norwich, York, in the above mentioned times; 12th, account of the gold and silver coined in the Tower of London, from the 6th of August 1701, till the 28th of July 1707; 13th, an abstract of the business of the mint; and, 14th, a memorial for the general, and other members of the mint, in Scotland, with the opinion of counsel thereupon, and act of the town-council of Edinburgh in consequence thereof.

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By Dr JOHN AITKEN.

371. A copy of his elements of the theory and practice of physic and surgery, in two volumes 8vo. London, 1782.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

372. Two poems, in the Gaelic Language, on the competition on the great bagpipes for the prizes at Falkirk in October 1782. Printed in 8vo, eight pages. Nov. 14.

By ROBERT COLVIL, claiming the title of LORD COLVIL of Ochiltree.

373. A copper coin of the Emperor Vespasian; on the face, the Emperor's bust; on the reverse, the porch of a temple; at the sides, the letters S. C.; and below, the word *Provident*.

By the Right Hon. LORD McDONALD.

374. The handle of an ancient Gaelic durk, curiously carved in ivory, on which are represented the figures of two warriors, in the Caledonian dress, each armed with a helmet, a broad

1782. broad sword erected, and a shield charged with an armorial bearing; these figures are seated
Nov. 14. back to back, in recesses of curious fret work.

By Dr JOHN BROWN.

375. A copper coin of Joseph King of Portugal, dated 1757.

By Mr ALEXANDER HART Writer.

376. Copies of all the instructions and orders for the murder of Glenco and his clan, viz. King William's royal mandate for that purpose to Colonel Hill, dated the 16th of January 1692; the General Sir Thomas Livingston's order to Lieutenant-Colonel James Hamilton, dated 23d of January 1792; Colonel Hill's order to his Lieutenant-Colonel, the above James Hamilton, dated the 12th of February 1692; the said Colonel Hamilton's order to Major Robert Duncanson, of the last mentioned date; the said Major Duncanson's order to Captain Robert Campbell of Glenlyon, the perpetrator of that butchery, of the last mentioned date.

By Mr ADAM BELL Writer.

377. Original commission, from Sir Colin Campbell of Ardkinglas, Baronet, and Sir John Campbell of Carrick, to Duncan Fisher, Provost of Iaverary, to uplift the fees payable to them as members of the parliament of Scotland, in the year 1696; also a discharge to the said Duncan Fisher, for the sum of twenty-nine pounds Scots, (L. 2 : 8 : 4 Sterling), being part of the said fees.

By ALEXANDER FERGUSON of Craigdarroch, Esq;

378. The declaration of a poor, waisted, misrepresented remnant, of the suffering, anti-popish, antiprelatick, antierastian, antifeastian, true presbyterian church of Christ in Scotland, united together in a general correspondence, dated the 10th of August 1692, the original, which was affixed to the market-cross of Sanquhar.

By Dr JOHN AITKEN.

379. A Scots copper coin of King James VI.; on one side, the King's head in profile, bare; on the other, three thistle heads; this was called the *babie*; a copper coin of the Roman Emperor Vespasian, found in a garden in the Pleasance; and an American brass penny of King George I. dated 1722.

By Mr WILLIAM DUNBAR Writer to the Signet.

380. An old silver penny, lately found in digging the foundation of a church, at Dyke, two miles west from Forres; on one side, a head in profile, shewing the left cheek, with a crown,

1782. crown, having three flowers de lys on the rim, and a scepter before the face, inscription
Nov. 14. within two dotted circles, *Le Rei Willam.*; on the other side, a cross, bounded by the inscription, between the limbs of which are four crescents, inclosing as many pellets between their horns, and, in the angles of the cross, four small pellets; inscription, within two circles, . . . *raul : on ro.*; between the beginning and the end of the inscription, on each side, is a cross potent.

By the Rev. Dr GEDDES.

381. A large silver coin of the Emperor Rudolphus II. dated 1604; another, of Ferdinand and Elizabeth, King and Queen of Spain; on one side, the royal arms; on the other, a bunch of arrows tied together; a Roman silver coin, struck in the vacancy of the papacy, and dated 1769; two silver pennies of Edward II. of England; a silver penny of King James IV. of Scotland; and a copper coin of Mary Queen of Scots, inscription, *Servio et usu terror.* Dec. 17.

By Mr JOHN LOTHIAN Merchant.

382. A bodle of King William and Mary, in good preservation, dated 1692.

By Mr JOHN MYLNE Founder.

383. An Edinburgh note, of a penny value, neatly engraved, dated 1st of October 1764, and another of Glasgow, printed, of the same value; dated the 16th of January 1765.

By Mr CARDONNEL.

384. A commission from Oliver Cromwell, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and Captain General of all the landforces of the parliament of the commonwealth of England, appointing Charles Stoddart a quarter-master in that troop of horse, whereof Captain Armor Stoddart is Captain in General John Lambert's regiment, dated the 13th of March 1650; also a piece of South Carolina paper money, of the size and shape of a card, the value two Spanish milled dollars, dated at Charlestown, the 23d of December 1776.

By Mr ALEXANDER HART Writer.

385. An authentic extract, on vellum, certified and subscribed by Sir John Hamilton of Magdalens, Knight, Lord Clerk Register, of a charter by King David II. *Mauritio de Moravia, militi consanguineo nostro, terram de Gosfuid. et terram que vocatur Bisetland, cum pertinentiis apud Edinburgh, 10mo die Januarii anno regni nostri vigesimo octavo.*

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By Messrs BRYDSON and BAILLIE, Glasgow.

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Dec. 17. 386. A Roman securis of brass, five inches in length, three inches broad at the edge, and an inch broad at the opposite end, found in the moss of Cree, near Wigton, in Galloway.

By Mr WILLIAM RAMSAY Writer to the Signet.

387. Three specimens of pure white statuary marble, and a piece of rock, richly impregnated with *lapis specularis*, found in the valley of Glenbeg, between fourteen and twenty miles north from the town of Blairgowrie, on the property of Mr Robertson of Straloch.

By Miss INGLIS of Orchardfield.

388. A copy of the Psalms of King David, translated by King James, in small duodecimo, printed at Oxford in 1631, with an engraved frontispiece, shewing the portraits of the two Kings.

By JAMES PRESTON, Esq; Dundee.

389. A gold Scots coin; on one side, the royal arms of Scotland, ensigned with an open crown, decorated with five flowers de lys; on each side of the shield, which is rounded at bottom, a flower de lys, inscription, *Jacobus * Dei * Gra * Rex * Scottorum * IIII.* Mint-mark, at the end of the inscription, an open crown, decorated with three flowers de lys, and two small points alternately; on the other side, St Andrew in a long garment, a glory round his head, stretched on his cross, the limbs of which extend to the edge of the piece, on each side of the Saint a flower de lys, inscription, ** Sa — lvvm * fac * — Pplu — v tuum * Dn — e **; the mint mark as on the other side.

By Mr ANDREW JOBSON of Dundee.

390. A Venetian copper coin; on one side, St Mark, 'Slion; on the other, *Dalma. et Alban.*

By Mr ALEXANDER M'CORQUODALE Writer in Inverary.

391. A quantity of very pure lapis specularis, found in Kinlochaline, in Morvern, Argyshire.

By Mr DAVID ALLAN Painter.

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Jan. 7. 392. A gold medal, the highest prize given by the academy of St. Luke at Rome, gained by him in the year 1773; on one side, the head of the donor of the prize, in profile, inscription, *Carol. Pius Balestra Civ. Rom. bonis artibus*; on the other, Minerva sitting, resting on

on a shield, on which are a pair of compasses, and two pencils, forming a triangle above, and below which are the words *aequa potestas*, a Cupid holding a garland over the shield, inscription, *Academ. Pictor. Sculptor. et Archit. Urbis*; on the edge of the medal is engraved, *Praem. prim. ex Acad. Hist. D. Lucae Romae ad D. Allan Scotum 1773*; also a printed account of the subjects of the prizes to be given in to the said Academy, in painting, sculpture, and architecture, in the year 1773, with the rules to be observed by the competitors, signed by Francisco Preziado, secretary to the academy; and an ancient Roman fibula of brass, two inches in diameter.

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By Mr ALEXANDER GARDNER Jeweller.

393. A cast, in block tin, of a medal of the present Empress of Russia; on one side, the bust of the Empress, in profile, her head laureated; on the other, the equestrian statue of the Czar Peter the Great, on its great pedestal of granite, struck in August 1782.

By Mr ALEXANDER BROWN of Glasgow.

394. The following coins and medals, viz.
One ancient Greek silver coin.
Fifteen ancient bronze Greek coins.
Forty-seven ancient Roman bronze coins.
A silver penny of King Alexander III. of Scotland.
A groat of King James II. of Scotland, *villa* Edinburgh.
Three pennies of King Edward I. of England, *civitas* London.
A penny of King Edward II. *civitas* London.
A halfcrown of King Charles I.; on one side, the King on horseback, below the horse's feet the word *Ebor*; on the other, the royal arms, within an oval shield; the mint mark, on each side, a lion passant guardant.
A threepenny piece of King William and Mary, 1689.
A fourpenny piece of King George III. 1763.
A threepenny piece of the same King, of the same date.
A small copper coin of King Charles I.; on one side, a rose crowned; on the other, two scepters in saltire, suppressed by a crown.
A copper coin of King William and Mary, plated with tin; on the edge, *Nummorum Fa-mulus* 1690; another of the same kind, but of half the size.
A small copper Irish coin of King Charles I.; on one side, two scepters in saltire; suppressed by a crown; on the other, a harp crowned; the mint mark a bell.
An Irish shilling of King James II. of Great Britain, of base metal, struck in August 1689.
A gold coin, from the coast of Africa, with Arabick characters on both sides.
An Oriental rupee.
A Russian copper coin.

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A base metal Chinese coin, square pierced.

A silver coronation medal of King Charles II. dated the 23d of April 1661.

A silver medal of Christina Queen of Sweden; on one side, the Queen's bust, in high relief, inscription, *Christina Regina*; on the other, an arm issuing out of a cloud, and holding a crown, inscription below, *Avitam et Auclam*.

A silver medal; on one side, a hen gathering her chickens under her; inscription, *Ut Pulli matris foveor sic conjugis alis*, and below, 1642; on the other, a gentleman saluting a lady, a table covered with dishes, fruits, and a drinking glass before them; inscription, *Cum Numine et Concordia*.

A silver medal; on one side, a man's bust in profile, laureated; inscription, *Jacobus III. D. G. M. B. F. et H. Rex*; on the other, a lady's bust in profile; inscription, *Princeps Lud. Ser. Mag. Bri. Regis Soror*.

A medal in tin; on one side, a bust in profile; inscription, *Cujus est*; on the other, the following inscription, *Thule hic vir hic est tibi quem promitti saepius audis Jacobus Caesar divi genus aurea rursus secula qui reddet Scotis*.

A copper medal; on one side, Mars, Venus, and Cupid; on the other, Pygmalion and a statue.

A copper medal; on one side, a warrior, with a branch of palm in his right hand, before him a trophy of war, and behind, a cornu copia; inscription, *Mater pacis concordia*; on the other side, a winged reindeer in full flight; inscription, *Hoc me natura dotavit 1587*.
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A copy of a book, in 12mo, entitled, *La Mort de la Roynie D'escosse Douairiere de France*, printed in the year 1589, with which is bound up a manuscript account of the particulars that passed from the time of the intimation of her death to her, on the 6th of February, till her execution on the 8th of that month, taken from an old manuscript in the British Museum.

By ALEXANDER HAMILTON of Grange, Esq;

395. A shilling of Queen Elizabeth, without date.

By Mr GILBERT HAMILTON Merchant in Glasgow.

396. A collection of Scots coins, of which the following is an inventory.

1. A gold coin of King James VI.; on the face, the royal arms; reverse, a sword and scepter in saltire, the date 1601.

2. A silver groat of King Robert III. *Villa de Perth*.

3. A groat of King James II. *Villa Aberdeen*.

4. Francis and Mary, *R. R. Scotor. D. D. vien. 1559*.

5. The same as the last, but of half the weight, 1560, a crowned thistle, punched in on the face.

6. Queen Mary's real, or 30 shilling piece, dated 1567, a crowned thistle punched in on the reverse.

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7. The quarter merk of King James VI.

8. The half merk of the same King, dated 1572.

9. The 20 shilling piece of the same King, dated 1582.

10. The 30 shilling piece of the same King, dated 1583.

11. The quarter merk of the same King, dated 1602.

12. The half merk of King Charles I.

13. The forty pence piece of the same King.

14. Another of the same, the mint mark the letter F.

15. The 10 shilling piece of King James VII. dated 1688.

By Mr SMELLIE Printer.

397. The fore-leg of an antelope, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length.

By Mr WILLIAM BERRY Seal Engraver.

398. A copper coin of Philip V. King of Spain, dated 1710.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

399. Four deeds, viz. 1st, horning and poinding, in name of Oliver Lord Protector of the commonwealth of England, Scotland, Ireland, and the dominions thereunto belonging, at the instance of Mr John Baine writer in Edinburgh, against James Master of Rollo, Sir George Auchinleck baron of Balmanno, Henry Bruce baron of Clackmannan, Mr Robert Meldrum of Tulliebodie, Mr Robert Bruce of Kennet, and the deceased William Law writer in Edinburgh, for the sum of two thousand merks Scots, (L. 111 : 2 : 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sterling), with the legal interest, dated the 26th of May 1657; 2d, act of the town council of Edinburgh, granting to his Grace the Earl of Lauderdale, his Majesty's commissioner, and his heirs whatever, perpetually, the desk-seat and pew, lying on the west side of the Earl of Dunfermline's seat, under the King's loft, within the East Kirk of St Giles, commonly called the Dean's Kirk, and that without any yearly rent to be paid therefor, humbly entreating his Grace to accept of this offer of kindness, and to have an eye more upon their affections from whence the same proceeds, than upon the small matter of the gift itself; extracted by James Rocheid, and dated the 29th of December 1669; 3d, execution of letters of inhibition of teinds, at the instance of John Earl of Tweeddale, at the kirk-doors of Dunfermline, Beith, Carnock, Sauling, Dolour, Innerkeithing, Bruntisland, Carnbee, Kinross, Orwell, St Ninian, and Kinglassie, against the heritors, feuars, farmers, tenants, tacksmen, and others, within the said parishes, dated the 3d, 10th, 17th, and 24th of August 1679; and, 4th, bond, by twenty-three of the tenants, farmers, and cottars of Alexander Bruce of Kinnaird, obliging themselves, their wives, bairns, and servants, to live peaceably and regularly, and free of all fanatical disorders, under pain of losing one half of their moveables, dated at Kinnaird, the 22d of May 1686.

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By

By Mr ALEXANDER BROWN of Glasgow.

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400. A small statue, elegantly executed in lapis lazuli, of a man sitting, his legs folded under him, his head bald, his ears pendulous, with rings in them, like those of an eastern bonze, his garment and cloak with an enriched border, both hands supporting a large ring, a lion's whelp before him, looking up to him, his tail erected. This curious piece of sculpture was given to the Rev. Mr Harrison, an English clergyman, by some people who had been employed in diving for the wreck of one of the ships of the Spanish Armada, wherein it was found; also a Chinese stilliard, the beam of ivory $10\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, the scale of brass $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter, with a square brass weight, all inclosed in a mahogany case.

By Mr ALEXANDER COLDSTREAM of Creiff.

401. A copper coin of the Emperor Nero Caesar.

By Dr JOHN AITKEN.

402. Letter, by order of the committee of the parliament of England, for assessing the estate of James Lord Mordington, within the bounds of Berwick, in the kingdom of England, in the sum of one hundred pounds sterling, for part payment of the garrison of Berwick, signed by William Armyne and Robert Fewnick, dated at Durham, the 17th of October 1644, and directed for our much honoured friend Colonel Lindfay, Governor at Berwick.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

403. A series of political tracts, published by a society for constitutional information at London, from the year 1780 till the 18th of October 1782, in three pamphlets.

From Mr WILLIAM DUNBAR Writer to the Signet.

404. A silver coin of King James VI.; on one side, the royal arms of Scotland; on the other, a thistle, both crowned, inscription, *Oppidum Edinburgi*.

A bodle of King Charles I.

A sixpenny Scots copper coin of King Charles II. dated 1679.

A bodle of the same King.

A bodle of King William.

Six small copper coins of Lewis XIII. King of France, two of them dated in 1638 and 1639, the dates on the others obliterated.

A small copper coin of Gaston Duke of Orleans, dated 1642.

Two Swedish copper coins, one dated 1717, the other 1720.

An old coin of Frisia, the letter *R.* below the word.

Two coins of Zealand, each dated 1766.

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A brass medal of King George III. dated 1777. And
Two brass French medals, one of Lewis XIV. the other of Lewis XV.

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By Mr GEORGE CAIRNCROSS Writer.

405. A ground plan, elevation, and section, of that ancient Roman building, called Arthur's Oven, which stood near the river Carron, in the county of Stirling, with a table shewing the dimensions of all its parts, done by the late Mr James Gray, at the iron mill, on a sheet of paper, with China ink; a description of the church and parish of Melrose, drawn up by the Rev. Mr Mylne minister there, in answer to the Queries sent by Mr Maitland, the historian, to every parish in the kingdom, 8vo, Edinburgh 1743; and a geographical and historical description of the shire of Tweeddale, with a miscellaneous collection of Scottish poems, by Dr Alexander Pennycook, 4to, Edinburgh 1715.

By the Rev. Dr JOHN GEDDES.

406. Three maps of the provinces of Biscay, Alava, and Guipuzcoa, in Spain, coloured; the first published in 1769, the others in 1770; one sheet each.

By Mr GEORGE PATON.

407. A whole sheet-map of the district of Breadalbane, in Perthshire, coloured.

By Mr ADAM CARDONNEL.

408. A pair of Chinese chop sticks of ivory, square at one end, and round at the other, each measuring in length $10\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

By Mr CHARLES HERIOT Bookseller.

409. A collection of tables of simple interest, calculated to a farthing, from one pound to a thousand, and from one day to a year, for 4, $4\frac{1}{2}$, and 5 per cent.; to which is added a table, reducing Scots merks and pounds to English money, 12mo.

By GEORGE INNES, Esq;

410. An ancient comb of bone, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in breadth, and $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches from the points of the teeth to the back, the teeth one inch long. This was lately found among the ruins of one of the ancient dry stone round buildings in the county of Caithness. Feb. 4.

By WILLIAM CHARLES LITTLE of Libberton, Esq;

411. A well preserved shilling of King George II. having four reflexes in the angles of the arms, of date 1743.

By

By Mr WILLIAM DUNBAR Writer to the Signet.

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412. A hexagonal piece of pure transparent crystal, the sides terminating in a point.

By Mr DAVID DEUCHAR Seal Engraver.

413. Five accurate impressions, in plaster of Paris, of the following seals, viz. both sides of the great seal of Scotland, the great seal of the supreme court of admiralty of England, the great seal of Ireland, and the seal of the Province of Georgia in America; all of King George III.

By Dr LANGLANDS of Langlands.

414. A chicken, preserved in spirits, having two heads conjoined laterally at the back of the skull.

By Mr JOHN NICHOLS Printer London.

415. Six old plays, on which Shakespeare founded his Measure for Measure, Comedy of Errors, Taming the Shrew, King John, King Henry IV. King Henry V. and King Lear, in two volumes 12mo, London 1779; Scottish tragick ballads, with two dissertations on the oral tradition of poetry, and on the tragick ballad, 12mo, London 1681; and six occasional discourses, in the royal navy, by Mr Michael Philipps, Chaplain of his Majesty's ship the Terrible, 12mo, London 1775.

By Mr CHARLES BLAIR Merchant in Dunkeld.

416. A young cat, preserved in spirits, having two bodies of equal size, and but one head, the fore feet of one of the bodies projecting through the breast of the other.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

417. A drawing of the Nunnery of Icolumb Kill, made by his Lordship, in colours, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, and $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad; and a map of the north coast of Scotland, from Row Stoir of Assynt, to Wick in Caithness, by a geometrical survey, with the harbours, rocks, &c. and an account of the tides in the Pentland Frith, by Alexander Bryce, Esq; engraved by Mr Robert Strange.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

418. A north-east view of the cathedral in Icolumb Kill, engraved by his Lordship, $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, and $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad; a drawing, in colours, done by his Lordship, of the ancient building called Castle Whimenich, or the Cumings' Castle, two miles from Fort William, close by the road to Fort Augustus, and remarkable in antiquity for a treaty signed there

there with France, in the reign of Charlemagne, in the 9th century, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, and 9 inches broad; and a drawing, in brown, of a monument, whereon is inscribed, *Hic jacet Johannes M'Fingon Abbas Dei qui obiit A. D. M. cujus animo* In this drawing is likewise a representation of a monument of stone, in form of a cross raised on three degrees or steps, both in the island of Icolumbkill.

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By Mr JOHN MILNE Founder.

419. A bronze coin of the Emperor Gratianus.

By Mr JAMES PROVAN Manufacturer in Paisley.

420. An English silver penny of King Edward II. struck at Canterbury; and an Irish silver penny of King Edward I. struck at Dublin.

By Miss FOULIS of Colington.

421. A medal of Queen Anne, of brass; on one side, the Queen's bust, and royal titles; on the other, a view of a sea-coast, with a fleet; inscription, *Anglor. et Batav. Virtute* 1702.

By Mr JAMES MURRAY Merchant, Birmingham.

422. Six silver coins, viz. one of the Emperor Vespasian; on the reverse, a caduceus; a coin of Conrad, *Rex Romanorum*; a half groat of King Henry VII. of England, *Civitas Cantor.*; a fourpence piece of King Charles I.; before, the King's head, the Prince of Wales's feathered diadem; the arms on the reverse ensigned with the fame; an Irish penny of King Edward I. *Civitas Dublinie*; and an eight shilling coin of Frederick IV. King of Denmark, 1709.

By WILLIAM BERRY FERGUSON of Raith, Esq;

423. The sum of twenty pounds Sterling.

By Mr ALEXANDER GARDNER Jeweller.

424. The flexible tube of an Oriental Hookär, or smoaking pipe covered with crimson silk, enriched with gold, measuring in length eight feet, together with a vase of porcelain belonging thereto; yellow on the outside, the inside unglazed.

By Mr CUMMYNG Secretary.

425. A copper coin of Russia, dated 1757; a Swedish copper coin, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch in diameter, dated 1676; and a penny of the Isle of Man, struck by James Duke of Athol, dated 1758.

By Mr WILLIAMSON Teacher of English.

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Feb. 18. 426. A copy of the old and New Testament, in 4to, printed in black letter; the chapters divided into paragraphs; a small cross at the beginnings and ends of most of the chapters of the New Testament; wanting the title pages and some leaves.

By JOHN ERSKINE of Alva, Esq;

427. A large Ternate bat, measuring over the back, from the point of the nose to the tail, $11\frac{1}{4}$ inches; the wings, independent of the breadth of the body, extending in width to 43 inches; a copy of a book in 4to, entitled, A book of the making and use of a staff, newly invented by the author, called the Familiar Staff, which performeth the geometrical mensurations of all altitudes, longitudes, latitudes, distances, and profundities, as many miles off as the eye may well see, &c. by John Blagrave of Reading, gentleman, London 1590; the sheath of an Indian knife, beautifully ornamented with wampum, seven inches in length; an Indian hunting pouch, of gray leather, decorated with wampum, 13 inches in length, and 4 inches in breadth; an ornament to an Indian smoking pipe, covered with wampum, having at each end tufts of crimson hair, inclosed at one extremity in small tin cases; and the skin of a Scottish snake, measuring in length 28 inches.

By Mr DAVID DEUCHAR Seal Engraver.

- March 4. 428. Nine accurate impressions, in Paris Plaster, of the following seals, viz. 1st, the equestrian side of the great seal of Great Britain; the equestrian side of the great seal of Ireland; 3d, the seal of the admiralty of Scotland; 4th, the seal of the ecclesiastical and maritime courts of England; 5th, the privy seal of Scotland; 6th, the privy seal of England; 7th, the seal of the counties of Denbigh, Montgomery, and Flint; 8th, the seal of the province of New York; and, 9th, the seal of the province of New Hampshire.

By Mr GRAHAM SPENS.

429. A good specimen of that part of the rock of Gibraltar which contains human bones petrified.

By Mr GEORGE PATON.

430. An account of the history of the parish of Kiddington, as a specimen of the parochial history of Oxfordshire, by Mr. Thomas Warton rector of that parish. 8vo. London, May 1782.

By Mr CHARLES HERIOT Bookseller.

431. Argumentum institutionum imperialium. 4to. Parisiis, printed by Bartholdus Rembolt, the 31st of October 1519.

By

By the Rev. Dr GEDDES.

432. A copy of John Leslie Bishop of Rose, De origine, moribus, et rebus gestis Scotorum, 4to, Romae 1578, with a head of the author, a map of Scotland, the royal arms, and ten genealogical tables of the descent of the kings of Scotland. 1783.
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By Mr ADAM CARDONNEL.

433. A copy of tables of simple and compound interest, with explanation and examples, with remarks, proving Dr Price's observations relative to the payment of the national debt to be erroneous. 8vo. Edinburgh 1776.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

434. A diploma from the Lodge of St David, in Dundee, electing his Lordship a member of that Lodge, and entitling him to every privilege of a constituent member, dated at Dundee, the 30th of November 1782.

By WILLIAM THORNTON, Esq;

435. Two plaster casts of the heads of the Emperor Lucius Septimius Severus, and his second wife, the Empress Julia, in basso relievo, as large as life, taken from that masterly piece of Roman sculpture, built into the front of a house above the Fountain Close, at the Netherbow, Edinburgh.

By the SECRETARY.

436. Two prints, viz. a front view of the house of Glamis, belonging to the Earl of Strathmore; and a portrait of Patrick first Earl of Strathmore, and third Earl of Kinghorn, one of the Lords of the Treasury.

By Mr CARDONNEL.

437. An impression, in yellow wax, of King George II's great seal of England.

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By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

438. An account of the fiars of the wheat, barley, and meal, in the sheriffdom of Linlithgow, for the years 1661, 1662, 1663, 1664, 1665, 1666, 1667, 1668, 1669, 1670, and 1671, from an original extract in his Lordship's possession; the letters of Zeno to the citizens of Edinburgh, on the present mode of electing a member of parliament, to which is prefixed a letter to the Right Hon. William Pitt, Esq; 12mo, Edinburgh 1783; his Lordship's commission of Lieutenant-Colonel of the Caledonian Band, under the privy signet, dated

1783. dated the 1st of December 1782; an engraved genealogical tree of the royal family of Scotland, from King Malcolm III. to King William and Queen Mary, with half length portraits of all the Kings, in their robes and crowns, two feet 6 inches in length, and 7 inches broad; an engraved copy of a charter of King William the Lion, the original in the possession of the Duke of Buccleugh; a view of the ruins of the Abbey of Dryburgh, taken by Rutherford, and engraved by Picot, 15½ inches deep, and 21 inches broad; a south-west view of the castle of Dowart, 300 yards from the shore, a drawing; a print of the Fair Penitent, from Van-Loo, engraved by Thomas Trotter, 11 inches deep, by 8½ inches broad; a Mezzotinto print of the Princess Charlotte of Mecklenburgh Strelitz, done from a miniature picture, by R. Houston, 1761, 14 inches deep, and 10 inches broad; an engraving of a leopard, 12 inches deep, and 14 inches broad; an engraving of a jackall, coloured by George Edwards; two engravings of a wild boar, coloured by the same; an engraving of a dog seizing a duck, by B. Gueldard; two engravings of birds and squirrels, coloured by Edwards; a painting of the head of the great crested pigeon; six engravings of birds, coloured by Edwards; an impression of the great seal of Scotland, taken from a charter of King James VI.; and a collection of engraved Scottish portraits, of which the following is an inventory:

	Value.
1. Maria Reyne de France et d'Escoffe. Tho. de Leu fecit et excudit. Copy of French verses. Rare	L. 0 2 6
2. Maria Scotorum Regina. G. Vertue sc. From Lord Burlington's pict.	0 1 0
3. Maria Scotiae et Galliae de facto de jure Angliae et Hiberniae Regina, &c. J. Leipolt. sculp. anno 1587	0 1 0
4. Charles Stuart. Strange sculpfit, 1746. Rare	0 2 0
5. Sir Thomas Urquhart, Knight of Bray and Udol, &c. Glover ad vivum del. 1645. Of him whose shape the picture hath designed; virtue and learning represent the mind. W. S. Rare	1 1 0
6. John Knox, from an original picture in the possession of Miss Knox at Edinburgh. T. Trotter sculpfit	0 1 0
7. Mr Thomas Trotter late merchant in Edinburgh. Miller pinx. Tho. Trotter sculp.	0 1 0
8. Mr Richard Cooper engraver in Edinburgh. Jo. Donaldson delin. Richard Cooper sculpfit. Mezzotinto.	0 1 6
9. Carolus Primus, D. G. &c. Faithorne excudit	0 1 0
10. Maria Ruten, nata in Scotia, uxor Antonii Vandyke Pictoris, &c. Ant. Vandyke pinxit. S. a Bolwert sculpfit.	0 2 0
11. Jacobus Gibbs Architectus, 1736. B. B. sculp.	0 1 0
12. Jacobus Gibbs architectus, A. M. et F. R. S. J. Williams pinxit. Ja. MacArdell fecit. Mezzotinto, half sheet	0 2 6
13. John Armstrong, M. D. Sir Joshua Reynolds. P. Edward Fisher sculp. Half sheet, private plate.	0 3 6
14. Allan Ramsay. Richardus Cooper, ad vivum sculp. Edin.	0 1 6
15. John	0 1 6

	Value.
15. John Armstrong, M. D. T. Trotter sculp. for Bell's poets, 1782. L.	0 0 10
16. Sir James Steuart of Goodtrees. Jo. Medina Eques pinxit. Geo. Vertue sculpfit	0 2 0
17. Thomas Craig de Riccarton. Geo. Vertue sculp. 1731	0 2 0
18. An engraving, from the dry point of a noted old beggar at Edinburgh. Bogle pinxit et sculp. 1770. Presented at Spring Garden exhibition	0 1 0
19. The admirable Crichton. Moses Griffith delin. J. Hall sculp. 1774	0 1 6
20. The Rev. Robert Henry, D. D. David Martin pinx. J. Caldwell sculp.	0 2 6
21. Georgius Comes de Melvill, &c. J. B. Medina Eques pinxit. R. White sculp.	0 2 0
22. Patrick Earl of Strathmore, &c. Godfrey Kneller pinx. R. White sculp.	0 2 0
23. The Right Hon. Sir Hugh Dalrymple of North Berwick, Baronet, Lord President of the court of session. Aikman pinx. Richardus Cooper sculp.	0 1 0
24. Frances Stewart, Countess of Portland. Vandyke pinxit	0 1 0
25. The Right Hon. Alexander Lord Salton, Baron of Abernethy, a private plate. Rare, 1774	0 2 6
26. The Hon. Thomas Burnet, one of the justices of his Majesty's court of common pleas. A. Ramsay pinx. J. Faber fecit. Mezzotinto, half sheet	0 2 0
27. His Highness Prince Rupert. P. Lely pinx. R. Thomson excud.	0 1 6
28. Joann. Bapt. Colbert. Champagne pinx. Nantevil sculp. 1660	0 2 6
29. John Campbell Duke of Argyle and Greenwich. Allan Ramsay pinx. Faber sculp. Mezzotinto, sheet, 1740	0 4 0
30. Archibaldus D. Argathelie, A. Ramsay pinx. Faber fecit. Mezzotinto, 1744	0 3 0
31. Allan Ramsay. Mezzotinto, half sheet	0 1 6
32. Maria Beatrice Principissa de York. Mezzotinto, half sheet	0 1 0
33. Alexander Monro senior, M. D. professor of anatomy. A. Ramsay pinx.	0 2 6
34. His Royal Highness James Duke of York and Albany. Mezzotinto. Lely pinx. Brown sculp. A proof reversed, by his Highness's order	0 3 6
35. Thomas Alexander Earl of Kelly. Rich. Hume pinx. R. Blyth sculp.	0 3 0
36. David Hume, Esq; A proof. Mezzotinto. A. Ramsay pinx. This was the property of Mr Hume, and the inscription is written by himself	0 5 0
37. Jac. Gibbs Architectus, A. M. & F. R. S. 1750. Hogarth. delin. Baron sculp.	0 2 6
38. The Right Hon. the Earl of Mansfield. David Martin pinxit et sculpfit.	1 4 0

By Dr WILLIAM CUMING of Dorchester.

439. A copy of the history and antiquities of the county of Dorset, with a copy of doomsday book, and the inquisitio gheldi for the county, adorned with a correct map of the county,

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April 1. county, and views of the antiquities, seats of the nobility and gentry, &c. by the Rev. John Hutchins, M. A. two volumes folio, London, 1774, handsomely bound and gilt.

By Mr JOHN NICHOLS Printer, London.

440. The following books, viz.

A copy of the bibliotheca topographica Britannica, No. vii. containing the history and antiquities of Hinckley, in the county of Leicester, 4to, London 1782; proofs that Great Britain was successful against each of her numerous enemies, before the late victory of Sir George Bridges Rodney, 4to, London 1782; the court register, and statesman's remembrancer, containing a series of all the great officers, prime ministers, &c. for above an hundred years past, corrected up to the 3d of June 1782, 8vo, London 1782; Collatio codicis Cottoniani Geneleos, cum editione Romana, a Joanne Ernesto Grabe, jam olim facta, nunc demum edita ab Henrico Owen, M. D. S. R. S. 8vo, London 1778; and Configlio ad un Giovane Poeta del Sig. Martin Sherlock, 12mo, London, 1780.

By Mr WILLIAM RICHARDSON Surgeon in Birmingham.

441. A history of Birmingham, to the end of the year 1780, by W. Hutton, 8vo, Birmingham 1781, adorned with prints, and handsomely bound and gilt.

By LACHLAN M'TAVISH of Campbeltown, Esq;

442. A good specimen of asbestos, from Argyleshire, and a petrification, which filled a pair of large scallop shells, bearing the mark of their ridges and hollows.

By Mr JAMES MILLER Writer.

443. A copper coin of Lewis XIII. King of France, dated 1637, and another of Maximilian de Bethun, dated 1636.

By Mr ALEXANDER SPROT Tanner.

444. An Irish penny; on one side, a King crowned, with an antique crown, a harp before him, and an imperial crown above him; inscription, *Floreat Rex*; on the other side, a person crowned with a mitre, in his hand a patriarchal staff, a church at a distance; inscription, *Quiescat Plebs*.

By the Hon. Sir JOHN DALRYMPLE, H. M. Baronet.

445. A piece of the root of the heather, from the island of Uist, neatly squared and polished, measuring $7\frac{1}{8}$ inches in length, and $\frac{1}{4}$ ths of an inch in breadth.

By

By ALEXANDER FERGUSON of Craigdarroch, Esq;

446. An antient Druidical bead or amulet, of coarse dark brown glass, crossed with small stripes of yellow, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter, the perforation $\frac{1}{4}$ ths of an inch in diameter; a bead of the same kind, but of a dark green colour, was found at Castlethaw, in Yorkshire, and described in the Archaeologia of the Antiquaries of London, Vol. i. p. 217. 20th of February 1766, Art. No. 45. by Mr Watson, minister of Rippond, in Yorkshire; also, Mr Pennant's Br. Zoology, Vol. iii. p. 33. 8vo edition.

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By Mr JOHN GARDNER Banker.

447. Two silver coins, viz. a forty-pence Scottish piece of King Charles I. and an English threepence of Queen Elizabeth.

By Mr ALEXANDER WEIR Painter.

448. An ancient bell, covered with curious carvings, in basso relievo; on one side, a representation of Adam and Eve, with the serpent in the tree of knowledge; on the other, of our Saviour's crucifixion; height of the bell 3 inches, diameter of the mouth $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

By JAMES DURHAM of Largo, Esq;

449. Six small silver coins, of an irregular oval form, each having a Greek inscription, in four lines, on one side, and indistinct flat sculpture on the other.

By Mr ALEXANDER GARDNER Jeweller.

450. The following silver coins, viz.

Five pennies of King Alexander III. of Scotland, in which there are three varieties. . . .
One penny of King Robert Bruce.

The following forty-nine pennies of Edward I. King of England, viz.

1. A front view of the King's head, with bushy hair, his crown adorned with three flowers de lys, and two low points, topped with pearls alternately; inscription, within two dotted circles, *Edw. Rex. Angl. Dns. Hyb.*; a cross potent over the King's head, between the first and last words; reverse, a narrow plain cross, extending to the edges of the piece, in each angle three pellets in triangles; inscription, within two dotted circles, *Civi—tas—Lon—don.*

2. A duplicate of the above coin.

3. Face as the last; inscription, *Edw. R. Angl. Dns. Hyb.*; reverse as the last.

4. A duplicate of the last coin.

5. Face as the last; reverse as the last, the pellets larger.

6. A duplicate of the last coin.

7. As No. 3; but, from the badness of the sculpture, it appears to be a counterfeit.

8. As No. 3.; inscription on the reverse, *Robe—rtus—de H—adl.*

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9. A duplicate of the last coin.
10. As No. 3.; inscription on the reverse, *Civi—tas—Can—tor.*
11. A duplicate of the last coin.
12. As No. 3.; inscription on the reverse, *Civi—tas—Ebo—raci.*
13. A duplicate of the last coin.
14. As No. 3.; inscription on the reverse, *Civi—tas—Dur—eme.*
15. A duplicate of the last coin.
16. As No. 3.; inscription on the reverse, *Civi—tas—Dur—eme*; a double quarter foil before the first letter.
17. As No. 3.; inscription on the reverse, *Civi—tas—Cef—trie.*
18. A duplicate of the last coin.
19. As No. 3.; inscription on the reverse, *Civi—tas—Lin—col.*
20. A duplicate of the last coin.
21. As No. 3.; inscription on the reverse, : *Vil—la B—ere—wici.*
22. As No. 3.; inscription on the reverse, *Vill—Bri—sto—lie.*
23. As No. 3.; inscription on the reverse, *Vill—a Br—isto—llie.*
24. A duplicate of the last coin.
25. A front view of the King's head crowned, as in No. 1. within a triangle, formed by a dotted line, within which is a plain line; inscription, *Edw. R—Angl. D—ns Hyb.—*; reverse as that of No. 1.; inscription, *Civi—tas—Dubl—inie.*
26. A duplicate of the last coin.
27. Face as the last; reverse the same; inscription, *Civi—tas—Wate—rfor.*
28. Face as No. 1.; inscription, *Edwa. R. Angl. Dns. Hyb.*; reverse as that of No. 1.
29. A duplicate of the last coin.
30. As the last; inscription on the reverse, *Civi—tas—Can—tor.*
31. A duplicate of the last coin.
32. As the last; inscription on the reverse, *Civi—tas—Dun—elme.*
33. A duplicate of the last coin.
34. As the last; inscription on the reverse, *Civi—tas—Dur—eme.*
35. A duplicate of the last coin.
36. As the last; inscription on the reverse, *Vill—a Be—rev—vici.*
37. A duplicate of the last coin.
38. As the last; inscription on the reverse, *Vill—Bri—sto—lie.*
39. As the last; inscription on the reverse, *Vill—Scie—dmu—ndi.*
40. A duplicate of the last coin.
41. Face as No. 1.; inscription, *Edwar. R. Angl. Dns. Hyb.*; reverse as that of No. 30.
42. A duplicate of the last coin.
43. As the last; inscription on the reverse, *Civi—tas Dur—eme.*
44. Face as No. 1.; inscription, *Edward. R. Angl. Dns. Hyb.*; reverse as that of No. 1.
45. A duplicate of the last coin.
46. As the last; inscription on the reverse, *Civi—tas—Can—tor.*

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47. A duplicate of the last coin.
 48. As the last; inscription on the reverse, *Civi—tas—Dur—eme.*
 49. A duplicate of the last coin.
- An English sixpence of King James I. of Great Britain, dated 1606; and
A coin of the present King of Spain, dated 1772.

By Mr CUMMYNG Secretary.

451. A silver coin, (the testoon) of Francis I. King of France; on one side, the King's head in profile, shewing the right cheek, his hair straight, a crown without arches on his head, ornamented with small flowers de lys; inscription, *Franciscus I. D. Gra. Francorum Rex*; on the other, the arms of France, in a plain shield, ensigned with an open crown, having three flowers de lys, and two points alternately, the arms and crown encircled with fifteen small arches; inscription, *Xps vincit xps regnat xps imper.* The mint mark an open crown.

By Mr ADAM CARDONNEL.

452. Two Mezzotinto prints, as large as life, of the heads of King George III. and his Queen, painted by Thomas Frye, engraved by William Pethen, each $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad. An engraved full length portrait of John Earl of Bute, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, by 15 inches broad; Allan Ramsay pinxit, William Wynne Ryland sculpsit; framed, glazed, and gilt. A copy of John Smart's tables of time, calculated for the 17th and 18th centuries. A copy of le calendrier de la cour, for the year 1736. A copy of a Roman missal, with all the offices, printed, in a small size, at Antwerp, 1591. A large tarantula, a scorpion, and a centiped; preserved in spirits. A smooth hair ball, formed in the stomach of a cow, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter; and the following coins, viz. 4 bodles of King Charles I. 5 bodles of King Charles II. 1 bodle of King William, 6 half bodles of King Charles II. 1 penny of the isle of Man in 1733, a base metal coin of Bombay, two small thick copper Oriental coins, one silver papal coin, a silver and a copper German coin, one silver and two copper French coins, two Spanish silver coins, three silver Swedish coins, eight silver Danish coins, three silver and two copper coins of the Dukes of Brunwick and Lunenburg, five silver coins of the Dutchy of Schleswick, one silver coin of Zealand, and a promissory note for 2 sh. on brass, payable on demand, by J. M'Intosh.

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By JOHN ERSKINE of Alva, Esq;

453. The following prints, viz. Joannes Naperus Scotus, from the picture in the College Library; Richard Cooper sculp. Katharine Bruce, Lady Clackmannan, decorated with the sword and helmet of King Robert Bruce; David Allan, pinx. et sculp. 1779. The Right Hon. Charles Lord Cathcart; W. Aikman pinx. V. Werdlén sculpsit.; Mezzotinto, half sheet. And Jacobus Mounsfay, M. D. G. F. Schnidt sculp. ad vivum Petrop. 1762, half sheet.

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By Miss CHRISTIAN CLERK.

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May 6. 454. A piece of ancient carving in ivory, 5 inches high, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad, representing, under three Gothic arches, the Virgin Mary, the child Jesus, and St Joseph, in the manger.

By WILLIAM FRASER, Esq; junior, of Frazerfield.

455. A copy of Nicolson's Scottish historical library, 8vo, London 1702; and four silver coins, viz. one of Queen Elizabeth, 1590; one of the Empress Queen Maria Theresa, 1763; one of Spain, and one of Denmark.

By order of the late Rev. Mr WILLIAM NIMMO.

456. A copy of his history of Stirlingshire, handsomely bound and gilt. 8vo, Edinburgh, 1777.

By Mr GEORGE CAIRNCROSS Writer.

457. The diadem of an African prince, composed of party coloured grasses, and richly decorated with cauries, or small conchs.

By Mr GEORGE PATON.

458. The skeletons of thirty-two small birds, from four inches to one foot in length.

By WILLIAM CHARLES LITTLE of Libberton, Esq;

459. A penny of the Isle of Man, dated 1733.

By Mr ANDREW BELL Engraver.

460. A copy of the ruins of Paestum or Posidonia, in Magna Græcia, by Thomas Major engraver to his Majesty. Grand folio. London, 1768.

By Mr CUMMYNG Secretary.

461. The following 18 prints, viz.

1st, Elizabeth, Princess Palatine, and Queen of Bohemia, 11 inches high, and $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad. 2d, Prince Robert, (Rupert), $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches high, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad. 3d, King James II. of Great Britain, a Mezzotinto, from Kneller, by J. Smith, 8 inches high, by 6 inches broad. 4th, Idem, a French engraving, 5 inches high, by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad. 5th, James Francis Edward Stuart, from A. S. Belle, by P. le Roy, $9\frac{1}{4}$ inches high, by 7 inches broad. 6th, Idem, a French engraving, 5 inches high, by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad. 7th, The Princess

Princess Clementina Sobieski, Davids pinxit, Romæ P. Drevet sculpsit, 16 inches high, and $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad. 8th, Idem, Trinifani Romæ pinxit 1721, $9\frac{1}{4}$ inches high, by 7 inches broad. 9th, Anne, Princess of Denmark, from Kneller, by F. U. Van Hove, $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, and $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad. 10th, The Princess Louisa Maria Teresa, a French engraving, 5 inches high, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad. 11th, Charles Stuart, by Daulle, $16\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, by $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad. 12th, Henry Stuart, by Daulle, $16\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, by $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad. 13th, Charles Stuart, and . . . Princess of Stolberg, on one plate, in round frames, each $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, engraved at Rome. 14th, Charles Stuart, an oval, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch the longest diameter. 15th, Henry Stuart, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, by $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches broad. 16th, Herman Boerhaave, M. D. inscribed to him by Dr John Boswell; Bebgie sculpsit; a round print, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. 17th, A view of the inside of the Netherbow Port, at the time it was begun to be taken down, etched by Mr A. Runciman, $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, by $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad. 18th, Arthur Johnston, by G. Vandergucht, from a marble of M. Rysbrach.

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By Mr JAMES KEIR of Birmingham.

462. Five Roman silver coins, nine Roman bronze coins, a copper Arabic coin, a silver groat of King James III. of Scotland, Villa Edinburgh; a copper coin of King James V.; two copper coins of Queen Mary; two copper coins of King James VI.; two bodles of King Charles I.; a silver penny of King Edward I. of England; a copper coin, on one side an elephant, on the other the arms of the city of London; a small brass tradesman's token; two Dutch copper medals, dated 1582 and 1603; a small Dutch, and a French copper coin.

By Miss M'FARLANE of M'Farlane.

463. A silver medal, struck in honour of the Lord Treasurer of Scotland, John, first Earl of Traquair, engraved by Briot; and a tortoise shell comb, which belonged to King Charles I. $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, and $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches in breadth.

By Dr JOHN AITKEN.

464. Three Scottish bodles, a half bodle; three French copper coins, a Spanish coin, and an Aphrodita preserved in spirits.

By Mrs MAJOR CHARLES FRASER.

465. A gold and a silver fanam of East India, and five bronze Chinese coins, square pierced.

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By Mr JAMES MURRAY Merchant, Birmingham.

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466. Eight English silver coins, viz. one of Edward II. one of Henry VI. one of Edward IV. two of Henry VII. one of Edward VI. one of James I. and one of the commonwealth, one bronze Roman coin, and a base silver German coin.

By BAILLIE TAYLOR of Canongate.

467. A ten shillings Scottish coin of King James VII. dated 1688.

By Capt. ROBERT PILLANS of the City Guard.

468. A bronze sixpence of King James II. of Great Britain, May 1690.

By Mr ALEXANDER RUNCIMAN Painter.

469. A Scottish copper sixpenny piece, of date 1669.

By Mr WILLIAM CREECH Bookseller.

470. A small bronze coin of the Emperor Constantine.

By Mr SELKIRK STEWART.

471. The following prints, viz:

1st, The child Jesus and St John, attended with angels, Nicolas Poussin pinxit, Steph. Baudet sculp. 20½ inches high, and 26 inches broad. 2d, Le Printemps, P. Mignard pinx. J. Bap. de Poilly sculp. 20½ inches high, and 27½ inches broad. 3d, L'Esté, P. Mignard pinx. J. Bap. de Poilly sculp. 4th, L'Automne, P. Mignard pinx. J. Bap. de Poilly sculp. 20½ inches high, and 27½ inches broad. 5th, L'Hyver, P. Mignard pinx. J. Bap. de Poilly sculp. 20½ inches high, and 27½ inches broad. 6th, The sacrifice of Jephtha's daughter, Anthony Coypel inv. et pinx. Gasp. Duchange sculp. 21½ inches high, and 28½ inches broad. 7th, Susanna accused by the two elders, Antony Coypel pinx. J. Bap. de Poilly sculp. 21 inches high, and 28 inches broad. 8th, Susanna assaulted by the two elders, Ant. Coypel invent. et pinx. Lewis Simmoneau sculp. 14 inches high, and 18 inches broad. 9th, Esther fainting before Ahasuerus, Barbery sculp. 19 inches high, and 22½ inches broad. 10th, Esther upheld by Ahasuerus, by Ant. Coypel, 18½ inches high, and 23 inches broad. 11th, Tobit and the Angel, Antony Coypel pinx. G. Duchange sculp. 16½ inches high, and 21½ inches broad. 12th, The fall of the Idol Dagon before the ark of the Lord, Nic. Poussin pinxit, 18½ inches high, by 21½ inches broad. 13th, The Israelites gathering manna, Nic. Poussin pinxit, 17 inches high, and 24½ inches broad. 14th, Queen Athaliah discovering King Jehoash on the throne, is carried off by the guards, in order to be put to death, Anthony Coypel pinx. Jo. Audran sculp. 21 inches high, and 38 inches broad. 15th, King David sacrificing, to avert the pestilence, Petrus Mignard inv.

inv. et pinx. G. Audran sculp. et excud. 20½ inches high, and 28 inches broad. 16th, Rinaldo and Armida, or the force of love, Antony Coypel pinx. Jo. Audran sculp. 18½ inches high, and 23 inches broad. 17th, A man let down from a window in a basket, by Albert Durer, on wood, 16½ inches high, and 11½ inches broad. 18th, The marriage of King Malcolm Canmore with St Margaret, invented, painted, and etched, by Alexander Runciman, 9 inches high, and 7½ inches broad. 19th and 20th, Two prints of Dutch beggars. And, 21st, A portrait of Queen Anne, 6½ inches high, and 4½ inches broad.

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By ANDREW WAUCHOPE of Niddry, Esq;

472. Fifteen Greek bronze coins; the following Roman silver coins, viz. Quirinus, Mamilia, M. Herennius, two of Julius Caesar, M. and Luc. Antonius, four of Augustus Caesar, Vespasian, Nerva, two of Trajan, two of Hadrian, seven of Antoninus Pius, two of Antoninus and Aurelius, Pertinax, Macrinus, Elagabalus, two of Alexander Severus, Gallienus, Gordianus, Postumus; and fifteen others, of the following Roman Ladies, viz. Diva Faustina, Sabina, two of Diva Paulina, Lucilla Augusta, Plautilla, and Statilla; the following Roman bronze coins, viz. nine, having *Urbs Romae* on one side, and Romulus and Remus sucking a wolf on the other, Claudius, two of Maximinus, Dioclesian, Maximianus, Licinius, Gratian, thirty-nine of Constantinus, two of Magnentius, three of Constans, Valens, two of Postumus, two of Victorinus, Tetricus, six of Crispus, and ten others.

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By Mr JOHN HENDERSON Architect.

473. Impressions of both sides of a medal formed by the dropping of a petrifying water into the moulds, in a grotto near Rome, and resembling white marble.

By Mr CHARLES MCKENZIE Writer.

474. A quarter dollar of Charles III. King of Spain, dated 1781.

By ALEXANDER FERGUSSON of Craigdarroch, Esq;

475. A silver groat of King James IV. of Scotland, *Villa* Edinburgh, three base silver coins of King James V. and one of Queen Mary.

By Miss JEANY CRAIGDALIE.

476. A silver coin of Ferdinand VI. King of Spain, dated 1753.

By Mr JOHN MYLNE Founder.

477. A round Brainstone, 3½ inches in diameter.

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By Mr ALEXANDER GARDNER Jeweller.

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By Mr BRYDSON Jeweller.

479. A flying fish, and three centipeds, preserved in spirits, and a silver medal of Charles III. King of Spain.

By Mr DUNCAN WATSON.

480. A copy of Casparis Bartholini de Tibiis veterum. 12mo. Romae 1677.

By Mr M'LEAN Mathematician.

481. Part of an ancient Roman sword of brass, in length $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches; a copy of the New Testament in French, 18mo, Geneva 1559; three base silver coins of King James V. and two of Mary Queen of Scots.

By the Rev. Mr JOHN JAMIESON of Forfar.

482. An old silver penny, similar to that described in No. 380, a silver penny of King Alexander III. a half groat of King Robert II. a silver penny of King Henry II. of England, another of King Henry III. a groat of King Henry VI. *Villa Caiife*, an Irish penny of King Edward I. a copper coin of Mary Queen of Scots, a small copper medal of King William and Queen Mary, and a brass medal of Henry IV. of France.

By Mr ANDREW JOBSON of Dundee.

483. Two ancient Roman silver coins, nineteen ancient Roman bronze coins, a silver coin of King James V. of Scotland, a copper coin of Mary Queen of Scots, twenty bodles, two half bodles, an old copper coin of Majorca, and a half stiver of Guelderland, the date 1754.

By Mr GEORGE PATON.

484. Two pieces of amber stone, from the sea shore near the Queensferry; and two small birds from the Sandwich Islands, one of a beautiful red, the other black, with a mixture of green; also a copper-plate, whereon is engraved a fac simile of a charter of King Alexander III. Gillechristo M'Nachdan, by Richard Cooper, Edinburgh.

By Mr JAMES DALLAS Writer to the Signet.

485. A piece of very rich lead-ore, in which some copper is intermixed, found at Mof-fat.

By

By Mr THOMAS CARMICHAEL Merchant.

486. A copper half crown, coined by King James II. of Great Britain, in Ireland, dated 1690, and a copper penny of the Province of Virginia, dated 1773. 1783. June 12.

By Mr SELKIRK STEWART.

487. A Scots silver five shillings piece of King William, dated 1697, and an Irish copper shilling, dated 1689.

By Mrs JANET COWAN.

488. Two bodles of King Charles II.

By the SECRETARY.

489. An ancient steel cross bow, fitted up for use, with a double string: And also, a series of original letters, relating to the valuable collection of natural objects sent to the Rev. William Robertson, D. D. Principal of the University of Edinburgh, by the Earl of Buchan, in the year 1766, for the purpose of establishing a Museum in the College of Edinburgh, together with inventories of the contents of several of the boxes, which were all directed to the Principal, who, together with the Rev. Dr Walker, then minister of Mof-fat, and Dr William Cullen, Physician in Edinburgh, were appointed his Lordship's trustees in the property of the said collection, which is now lost.

By Mr THOMAS JOHNSTON Sadler.

490. A well preserved bodle of King Charles II. dated 1677.

By PROFESSOR WILSON of Glasgow.

491. An ancient Druidical patera, of ponderous stone, five inches in diameter, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in depth, with a small square perforated handle, two inches broad.

By Mr ALEXANDER DRUMMOND.

492. Two well preserved Scots sixpenny copper coins, dated 1678 and 1679.

By Mr CHARLES CORDELL of Newcastle.

493. Seven silver coins, viz. two of the Emperors Nerva and Trajan, a penny of King Edward II. of England, a groat of King Henry VIII. a sixpence of Queen Elizabeth, dated 1579, a small Union piece of King James I. of Great Britain, and a Spanish pistolin, dated 1724; and sixteen copper coins, viz. four ancient Roman, two small ones of King

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King Charles I. the one English, the other Irish; an Irish copper shilling, dated 1689; an Irish farthing of King George II. dated 1760; a farthing token of James Morris of Arandel, dated 1652; an Isle of Man halfpenny, dated 1778; a copper medal, on one side, *Cujus est*, on the other, *Reddite*; a Chinese brass coin; and four German medals of brass.

By JOHN ERSKINE of Alva, Esq;

494. A plan of the disposition of the allied army at the battle of Hockstet, the 9th of July 1704, and the parliament robe of the Lord Treasurer of Scotland, of crimson moor-reen, lined throughout with fur, with his purse of brown velvet, his gloves, and the embroidered cushion of his chair.

By Mr DAVID HUTCHIESON.

495. Thirteen original papers concerning witches, containing minutes of court in their trials, examinations, and confessions, before bailies and ministers; the reports of prickers, who were appointed to prick their bodies for the devil's dead marks, &c.; and the head of a hatchet of well polished gray marble, $7\frac{1}{4}$ inches long, and $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches broad, at the great end.

By the ROYAL SOCIETY of ANTIQUARIES of Copenhagen.

496. Three volumes, in 4to, viz. 1st, *Gunnlaugi vermilinguis et Rafnis poetæ vita; Hafniæ, 1775.* 2d, *Rymbelga, sive rudimentum computi Ecclesiastici veterum islandorum; Hafniæ, 1780.* 3d, *Historia Orcadensium, a primo Orcadum per Norvegos occupatione, ad exitum seculi duodecimi, et vita S.^{ci} Magni Insularum Comitæ; Hafniæ, 1780.* And two volumes in 8vo; 1st, *Kristi-Saga, sive Historia Religionis Christianæ, in Islandiam introductæ, necnon narratio de Illi Episcopo; Hafniæ, 1773;* 2d, *Hunkurvaka, sive historia primorum quinque Skalheltensium in Islandia Episcoporum, Historia Pauli Episcopi, et Narratio de Thorvaldo peregrinatore; Hafniæ, 1778.* All handsomely bound and gilt.

By Mr WILLIAM WALKER Solicitor at Law.

497. Four copper coins, viz. one of Germany, one of Groningen and Omlands, dated 1770; another of the same, dated 1771; and a tradesman's token, the initials J. M.

By Mr CARDONNEL.

498. Edgar's sheet map of Peebles; an engraved fac simile of the warrant for the execution of King Charles I.; a sheet plan of the city of Vienna and its environs; a half sheet view of Barrington Park, the seat of the Countess of Talbot, drawn and engraved by J. Bonner; an etched portrait of Mr Robert Mein, with a copy of the Lord's prayer, written by

by him at the age of in a circle of half an inch diameter; and a commission of George Monck, commander in chief of all the forces in Great Britain and Ireland, appointing Jeremiah Smith to be a captain and major; dated 25th February 1659-60. 1783.
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By WILLIAM FRASER, Esq; junior, of Frazerfield.

499. De Joanne Gordonio Vicecomite de Melgun, et Joanne Gordonio de Rothimay, in Arce Frendruaca combustis, poema. M. S.

By the Right Hon. LORD HAILES.

500. A copy of his Lordship's sketch of the life of John Barclay, author of *Argenis*, 4to.

By Miss SHAW.

501. A lady's glove, of the old mode, of fine shamoy leather, with a deep stiff top, covered with gold and silver embroidery.

By Mr JAMES BATHGATE of Cramond.

502. A quantity of petrified shells, of the cockle species, from the limestone rock at Limekills, near Torryburn, termed the yolks of the stone by the workmen; and a specimen of a black inflammable matter, soft as dough, found in the fissures of the limestone rock.

By Capt. LEWIS INNES of Balnacraig.

503. A half length original painting of Cardinal Innes.

By Mr ALEXANDER M'NAB Smith at Barchastlan.

504. A pair of ancient forge tongs found buried under the steep bank of a river in Glenorchy, thirty feet below the surface, and discovered by the washing away of the mould which covered them. In the neighbourhood of the spot great quantities of charcoal were found, and other indications, that anciently there had been a smelting work there, though there remains no trace of the same, either in the history or tradition of the country. Also, the stones of an ancient querne, or hand-mill, for grinding corn.

By WILLIAM THORNTON, Esq;

505. The sum of two guineas; and a copy of an account of the late Captain Mounsey's death, who was killed in a duel, 19th March 1783.

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By the Rev. Mr JOHN JAMIESON of Forfar.

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506. A copy of the first edition of Tindal's New Testament ; Gershom de imitatione Christi, 12mo, with painted initials ; a very old vulgate Bible, imperfect, 12mo ; and a set of old gold weights and scales, in a small box, made in the reign of King James VI.

By Mr JOHN BAIN Surveyor.

507. A drawing of an old grave-stone, with inscriptions and arms, in a park eastward from Mr Warrander of Bruntfield's house.

By Mr JAMES NEILSON.

508. A bronze coin of the Emperor Constantine the Great.

By Mr JAMES SOLAS DODD.

509. Two Russian paschal eggs, the one gilt, the other crimson, with emblematical figures thereon.

By Mr CHARLES ELLIOT Bookfeller.

510. A copy of the British statutes at large, in 45 volumes in folio.

By Dr JOHN AITKEN.

511. A bodle of King Charles II. ; another of King William and Queen Mary ; and the uterus of a cow, preserved in spirits.

By JAMES BEATTIE, Esq; L. L. D.

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By Mr ALEXANDER GARDNER Jeweller.

513. A small oval basso relievo in gold, of the head of Charles Francis Edward Stuart.

By Mr ALEXANDER AITCHIESON Jeweller.

514. Eighteen silver coins, viz. one of Nero, one of Vespasian, one of Alexander III. King of Scotland, one of Mary Queen of Scots, one of King William and Queen Mary, dated 1694 ; six English, viz. a penny of King Henry III. a two pence of King Charles I. a twopence of King Charles II. 1675, a threepence of King George II. 1743, two pennies of the same King, in 1758 and 1760 ; a small Russian coin ; two French coins ; three Danish coins ; and one coin of Holland ; also eighty-nine copper coins, viz. three ancient Roman,

Roman, the sixpence Scots of K. Charles II. 1677 ; the same of King William, 1696 ; a bodle of King Charles II. ; an English halfpenny, and three farthings of King Charles II. ; a halfpenny and a farthing of King William and Queen Mary ; the same of King William ; the same of King George I. ; the same of King George II. ; three halfpennies and a farthing of King George III. ; three Irish pennies, having pieces of brass struck into the copper ; three Irish halfpennies of King Charles II. the dates 1680, 1681, 1682 ; a half crown of King James II. of Great Britain, the date May 1690 ; five shillings of the same King, the dates January, September, October, November, and December 1689 ; a sixpence, dated January 1689 ; a shilling, dated June 1690 ; eleven Irish coins of King William and Queen Mary, King William, King George I. II. and III. ; an Isle of Man penny, dated 1733 ; another, dated 1758 ; a halfpenny of the same Island, dated 1758 ; an American penny, dated 1723 ; five German coins, four Russian coins, five French coins, three Spanish coins, ten Swedish coins, four Portuguese coins, one Danish coin, two Sicilian coins, four coins of the Netherlands, a brass German medal, and a kalender for the year 1772, on gilt brass.

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By Messrs BRYDSON & BAILLIE of Glasgow.

515. A good impression, in Paris plaster, of the great seal for Scotland, of the Protector Oliver Cromwell.

By Mr GEORGE PATON.

516. The following books, viz. Pallas Armata, or, Military Essays of the ancient Grecian, Roman, and modern Art of War. By Sir James Turner, Knight. Small folio. London, 1683. A letter from Signior Francisco Ficoroni to James Lord Johnston. 8vo, Naples, 1718. And Baxter's Glossarium Antiquitatum Britannicarum. Two volumes 8vo, London, 1723.

By Mr WILLIAM SPROT Solicitor at Law.

517. Two old Spanish copper coins, of irregular shape.

By Mr ROBERT TAYLOR of St Enoch's Burn, Glasgow.

518. A Scottish fourteen shilling piece of King Charles II. 1682.

By Dr JOHN AITKEN.

519. The contents of the human thorax, in their natural position, the blood-vessels injected, and the whole varnished.

By

By Capt. CAMPBELL of the 94th Regiment.

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520. A silver Testoon of King James V. of Scotland, in fine preservation.

By Mr GEORGE AITKENHEAD.

521. The broad upper part of the horn of an elk, dug up *anno* 1779, seventy-six feet below the surface of the ground, in Trinity Muir, in the heart of a marle bed, which, besides being covered with several strata of earth, clay, and sand, each between six and eight feet in thickness, had over them all a covering of moss to the height of thirty feet.

By Mr JOHN KNOX of Richmond.

July 15.

522. A commercial map of Scotland, with the roads, stages, and distances, brought down to 1782, coloured.

By Mr ROBERT CLYDSDALE Watchmaker.

523. A small piece of sculpture, in brass; on one side, the head of Jupiter; on the other, that of Mercury.

By Mr RICHARD COOPER Engraver.

524. His engraving, after the original design of Sir Anthony Vandyke, of a procession of the Knights of the Order of the Garter, 4 feet 6 inches broad, and 1 foot four inches high, the size of the original. In aquatinta. Together with an etched copy of the same.

By Mr ANDREW BLANE Writer to the Signet.

525. A silver Denarius of the Emperor Nerva Trajanus, in good preservation.

By Mr THOMAS TOD Merchant.

526. A copy of his observations on Dr M'Farlane's inquiries concerning the state of the poor. 8vo. Edinburgh, 1783.

By Mr GAVIN HOGG of Elie.

527. An exact copy of a charter of King William the Lion, of the lands of Ardross, in Fife, Merlasivano, et haeredibus suis, granted *apud* Perth, but without date.

By Mr THOMAS RULE Writer.

528. An original letter, from the privy council of Scotland, addressed to the Earl of Callendar sheriff, principal of the shire of Stirling, ordering him to visit the houses of Cardross and Glentirran, which were to be garrisoned, and to provide all necessaries for 50 foot

foot soldiers, and twelve dragoons, for each of these houses, dated the 22d of July 1675, and signed by fourteen of the council. 1783.
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By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

529. An engraving, by Mr Andrew Bell, of the portrait of Duncan Forbes of Culloden, Esq; Lord President of the Court of Session.

By Mr GEORGE PATON.

530. The two following books, viz. 1st, Jo. Georgii Eccardi Historia studii etymologici linguae Germanicae haftenus impensi; Hanoverae, 1711. 2d, Illustris viri Godofr. Guilielmi Leibnitii collectanea etymologica. Hanoverae, 1717. Both in 12mo.

By FRANCIS M'NAB of M'Nab, Esq;

531. The head of a Highland purse, wherein is concealed four pistols, two pointed to the right, and as many to the left side. They may be fired either singly, in pairs, or all at once. The materials are brass, steel, and silver. July 29.

By Mr JAMES BALLINGALL of Dundee.

532. A Spanish pistolin of King Philip V. dated 1708.

By Mr JAMES BROWN Architect.

533. A martin, in its natural position, dried up; a bodle of King Charles II. and a farthing of King George I. dated 1724, both dug up in the Meadow, near Edinburgh.

By Mr THOMAS RULE Writer.

534. A copper coin of Albert and Elizabeth, Arch Dukes of Austria, &c. dated 1600, having, on one side, their heads in profile, affrontée, on the other, their arms in four fields.

By Mr JOHN POLLOCK Merchant.

535. A British halfpenny of King George I. dated 1718, in good preservation.

By Mr ROBERT SPROT Tallow Chandler.

536. Two Roman bronze coins, one of the Emperor Hadrianus, the other of Maximianus.

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537. Two medals, in brass, of King George II. and William Duke of Cumberland; three Scots bodles; four French copper coins; and three copper coins of Guelderland, Zeeland, and the Austrian Netherlands.

By WILLIAM STRAHAN, Esq; M. P.

538. Five silver medals, one on the Union, having the bust of Queen Anne on one side, and the British arms and supporters on the other; 2d, one in honour of Queen Caroline, when Regent; on one side, the Queen is represented watering a plantation of young palms; on the other, Minerva, surrounded with trophies of arms, and instruments of arts, the date 1736. 3d, On the Shetland fishery; on one side, Frederick Prince of Wales, in profile; on the other, a representation of herring bushes, nets, &c. the date 1750. 4th, One on the invention of printing; on one side, a woman holding a garland, her head radiated, at her side a printing press, and before her a book, on the edge of which is the word *Typographia*, below her feet the word *Harlemum*, on the other side a ship under sail, attacked on each side by the garrisons of two castles, out of each of which a serpent issues; inscription, *Vicit vim virtus*, and below the arms of Harlem. 5th, On the city of Alcmaria, the first that opposed the Spanish arms, in the Netherlands, with success; inscription, *Alcmaria victrix*. Two silver Roman coins, one of Valerianus, the other of Volusianus. A gold coin of King James VI. of Scotland; on one side, the Scottish arms, on the other, a sword and scepter, in saltire, the date 1608, the weight 3 drops 4 grains. Four Scottish silver coins, viz. 1st, a penny of King Alexander III. 2d, A groat of King David II. *Kill—a A—ber—don*. 3d, A coin of King James VI.; on one side, the arms of Scotland, on the other, a thistle, the date 1602. 4th, A 20 pence piece of King Charles I.; a sixpence of Queen Elizabeth, dated 1562; a half pistoreen of Philip V. King of Spain, dated 1721; a coin of the city of Campvere dated 1679; a small German coin, dated 1642; and a penny and halfpenny of the Isle of Man, each dated 1733.

By Mrs HAMILTON, junior, of Olivebank.

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539. A mass of small shells, petrified, a specimen of the materials used in all the buildings at St Augustine, in Florida.

By Mr WALTER ROSS Writer to the Signet.

540. Six serpents, of various sizes, three gray lizards, two large centipeds, two scorpions, a flying fish, two minnows, and a Cashew apple and nut; all in spirits.

By

By Mr JOHN NICHOLS Printer London.

541. Scottish comic ballads, with a glossary. London, 12mo, 1783.

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By the Rev. Dr GEDDES.

542. A fair impression, in lead, of the seal of the monastery of Inchaffry; on one side is represented the Apostle St John, standing in the porch of a gothic church, in his right hand a branch of palm, in his left a book; on the other, an eagle; in his talons a scroll, whereon are these words, *In principio erat verbum*; inscription on each side, *S. commune ecce Sci Johis Evangeliste de Insula missarum*.

By WILLIAM TYTLER of Woodhouselee. Esq;

543. A copy of his edition of the poetical remains of James I. King of Scotland, to which is prefixed a historical and critical dissertation on the life and writings of that monarch. 8vo, Edinburgh, 1783.

By WILLIAM CHARLES LITTLE of Libberton, Esq;

544. A Scottish copper penny of King Charles II. in fine preservation.

By the SECRETARY.

545. A copy of the order observed at the coronation of Sir Alexander Arskine of Cambo, Baronet, Lord Lyon King of Arms, at the palace of Holyroodhouse, on the 27th of July 1681; his Royal Highness James Duke of Albany and York being his Majesty's High Commissioner.

By Dr JOHN AITKEN.

546. The skeleton of the head of a ram, the horns large and entire.

By Mrs HAMILTON, junior, of Olivebank.

547. A North American Indian Tomahawk.

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By CHARLES CORDELL, Esq; Newcastle.

548. The following ancient Roman coins, viz. one of Julius Caesar, two of Vespasian, one of Domitian, one of Nerva, and one of Antoninus Pius.

By

By Mr JOHN NICHOLS Printer, London.

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549. A copy of No. 11. of the Bibliotheca Topographica Britannica, containing the history and antiquities of Croyland Abbey, illustrated with plates; a perspective view of the west front of Croyland, drawn by J. Carter, engraved by James Basire; an engraving of the portrait of William Bowyer, by James Basire; and another of the donor, by Cook.

By ALEXANDER BARON of Preston, Esq;

550. A copy of the following book, viz. *Dissertatio Gradualis de Runarum in Suecia antiquitate, auctore Unone Von.*

By Mr SAMUEL SHAW Writer.

551. The following printed tracts, viz. An inquiry into the measures of submission to the supreme authority, 4to. A letter concerning the dissolution of the parliament 1688 folio. The advice of the Bishop of Durham to King James VII. folio. Sederunt of the privy council of Scotland, 9th November 1688, 4to. His Majesty's reasons for withdrawing himself from Rochester, 22d December 1688, folio. A catalogue of such persons as are excepted by his Highness the Prince of Orange, to be brought to account before the next ensuing parliament, folio, 1688. The pedigree of Popery, or the genealogy of Antichrist, folio, 1688. Father Peter's farewell sermon, folio. Considerations about the new test of the Church of England's loyalty, in a letter, occasioned by the present invasion, 4to. A poem on the accession of the Prince and Princess of Orange to the crown of England, folio. A particular relation of the victory obtained by the Imperialists over the Turks, on the 19th of August 1691, published by authority, folio. A relation of the surrender of Limerick, 4th of October 1691, published by authority, folio. King William's speech to the parliament, 22d October 1691, folio. Votes of the House of Commons, 2d November 1691, folio. The fame for 12th November 1691. In celeberrimi Ducis Victorisque Belgici ad Anglos reditum 1693, folio. Address of the Lords and Commons of England to King William, against the Scottish Indian and African Company, presented 17th December 1698, folio. And a letter to the author of the national Journal, June 1746, folio.

By Mr WILLIAM MABON Cutler in Dunfer.

552. A large palmated horn, 27 inches in length, and 9 inches in breadth.

By Mr HAMILTON BELL Writer.

553. An Armenian manuscript, written upon twenty-two slips of wood, each 15 inches long, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches broad.

By

By Mr WALTER ROSS Writer to the Signet.

554. *Memoire instructif sur la maniere de conserver les diverses curiosités d'histoire naturelle.* 8vo. A Lyon, 1758.

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By Mr CUMMING Secretary.

555. An original letter, under the superscription and privy signet of King James VI. to the provost, bailies, and council, of the town of Dundee, dated at Whitehall the last of December 1616, appointing them to send commissioners to a convention of estates, to be held in Edinburgh the 5th of March 1617.

By Mrs HAMILTON, junior, of Olivebank.

556. Two hatchets of different sizes, the heads of flint, strongly bound to the wooden handles by small chords, from the Sandwich Islands. Oct. 7.

By WILLIAM FRASER, Esq; junior, of Frazerfield.

557. Extracts from the kirk-session records of Aberdeen, of the sederunt 17th of August 1574, wherein Patrick Menzies is required to marry Bessie Lawson, before the ensuing term of Michaelmas, under the penalty of 500 merks Scots, and excommunication; and of the sederunt 9th of November 1608, ordaining a fast and renewal of the covenant with God, for removal of his anger, manifested in the fearful earthquake that was felt on the 8th of that month, about nine in the evening.

By Mr JOHN M'PHERSON Watchmaker.

558. A piece of writing, in miniature, containing the Lords Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, with several portions of Scripture, in an ornamental border, written by Matthew Buckinger, who was born without hands or feet; framed, glazed, and gilt.

By the Rev. Mr JAMIESON of Forfar.

559. An ancient silver penny; on one side, a front view of a head crowned, inscription, *Ealchs conesporg*; on the other, a narrow cross, the limbs reaching to the extremities of the piece, inscription, *Mon—et n.—ova—yve*, a small spur revel of six points, before the two last letters.

By Dr STEPHEN DICKSON.

560. A copy of his medical thesis, *De Somno.*

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By

By Mr WILLIAM McEWEN Writer.

1783. Oct. 7. 561. The four following political prints, viz. 1st, The state wind-mill; 2d, The treasury ladders, or political gapers, coloured; 3d, the political churchyard; and, 4th, The coalition dissected.

By Mr GEORGE PATON.

562. A preserved swallow, in a flying attitude.

By Mr JAMES MURRAY Merchant, Birmingham.

563. Thirty Roman bronze coins of various Emperors.

By the Right Hon the EARL of BUCHAN.

564. Vigflodi, or the ancient laws of the republic of Iceland, in the original language, with a Latin translation, Part I. And a fragment of ancient history, relating to the negotiations between Scotland and Norway, anno 1264.

By Dr WILLIAM MUNRO.

565. A copy of his medical thesis, de Tetano.

By JOHN GRAY of Newham, Esq;

566. Requisitions made by the Earl of Finlath and Alexander Bowrbellie, two of the committee appointed for managing the affairs of the committee of war, in the county of Banff, with answers thereto, given in on the 23d of June 1651.

By Mr JAMES DALLAS Writer to the Signet.

567. An account of the prices of all sorts of provisions in the garrison of Gibraltar, during the memorable siege, from the 21st of June 1779, to the 2d of February 1783.

By Mr ALEXANDER DRUMMOND.

568. De l'utilité des Voyages, et de l'avantage que la recherche des antiquitez procure aux Scavons, par M. Baudelot, 2 tomes, 8vo.

By Mr KENION.

569. Joannis Secundi Hagiensis poetæ elegantissimi opera; 16mo, Parisiis 1561; et Michaelis Tarchaniotæ Marulli Constantinopolitani epigrammata et hymni. Also the following

following prints, viz. Four views of the city of Rome, by Piranesi; another view in the same city, by G. Vesi; a battle, etched by W. V. Lande; and two etchings, after ancient Roman marble frizes. 1783. Oct. 7.

By Mr JOHN WOOD Surveyor of Window Lights.

570. A representation of a country dance, by W. Hogarth, engraved for his analysis of beauty.

By ALEXANDER BARON of Preston, Esq;

571. A large silver coin of King Charles XII. of Sweden; on one side, the King's bust, in profile; on the other, the royal arms. The date 1713.

By Mr WILLIAM HENRY.

572. Five pebbles, from the hill of Kinnoul, containing amethysts in their centres, and encrusted with flint.

By Mr JOHN GARDNER Banker.

573. A Scottish forty pence piece of King Charles I. and a merk Scots of King Charles II. dated 1672.

By Mr ALEXANDER RUNCIMAN.

574. A well preserved bodle of King Charles I.

By Mr CUMMYNG Secretary.

575. An ancient Etruscan vessel, of black earth, with two handles, and an old Highland broad sword.

By JOHN BRUCE of Sumburgh, Esq;

576. The following silver coins, viz. A shilling of Queen Elizabeth, without date; a coin of the Emperor Ferdinand I.; a ducat of Francis Leopold Ragoczy, Prince of Transylvania, dated 1685; a ducat of Maximilian Henry, Elector of Cologne, dated 1674; a ducat of Henneberg, dated 1696; a coin of Pope Clement XIII. dated 1763; an eight skilling coin of Frederick IV. King of Denmark, dated 1704; a twenty-four skilling coin of Frederick V. of Denmark, dated 1749; and a twelve skilling coin of Frederick Duke of Mecklenburg Schwerin, dated 1774; also a copper coin of Portugal.

By

By Mr CREECH Bookfeller.

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577. The following books, viz. Ludovici Caelii Rhodigini lectionum antiquarum, libr. xvi. folio; Basiliae, apud Jo. Frobenium m. Martii D. xviii. anno a c. n. 1517. Antonii Augustini Archiepiscopi Tarracon. antiquitatum Romanarum, Hispaniarumque in Nummis Veterum Dialogi xl. folio; Antwerpiae 1617. Apostolatus Benedictinorum in Anglia, five disceptatio historica de antiquitate ordinis congregationisque Monachorum Nigrorum S. Benedicti, in regno Angliae, Opera rev. P. Clementis Reyneri, S. T. P. et ejusdem congregationis Secretarii, folio; Duaci, 1626.

By Sir JAMES FOULIS of Colinton, Bart.

578. A Scottish silver coin of King James VI.; on one side, the King's bust in profile, the head bare; on the other, three thistles; the date 1599.

By Mr WALTER ROSS Writer to the Signet.

579. Copies of two Scottish briefs, in the reign of King James IV.; the one concerning bastards, the other, manslaughter.

By Dr CHARLES WEBSTER.

580. One gold and two silver fanams of East India.

By CHARLES LOGIE, Esq; British Consul at Algiers.

581. A medal on the victory at Plassey, in 1758; another on the conquest of Canada, 1768; and a medallion; on one side, the bust of Conyers Middleton, S. T. P.; on the other, a representation of a library.

By Mr CREECH Bookfeller.

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582. A copper coin of Julius Caesar, and a silver coin of Augustus Caesar; on the reverse, a star of eight points, with the words, *Divus Julius*.

By Mr KENION.

583. Two tradesmen's tokens, of copper.

By JOSEPH EDMONDSON, Esq; Moubray Herald.

584. An antique head, in stone, of an infant Hercules, dug up in a field near Bath, in 1780; a Chinese organ; a piece of petrified water, from the peak in Derbyshire; a sundial, of brass, made in the reign of Queen Elizabeth; a German perpetual almanack, in a very fine amber case; a Chinese stilliard, for weighing money; an ancient Roman bronze coin,

coin, on one side a bust in profile, on the other the prow of a ship, no inscription; a piece of petrified wood, polished; an ivory ball, containing carvings within it; and a tobacco stopper, of the same substance; an old etwee case of pinchbeck, gilt, covered with black shagreen, containing a mirror, and an earpicker and toothpick of silver; a German paper lantern for the pocket; a piece of lace, made of the bark of the alligator tree; a serpent, cut out of a piece of horn, three inches long, which extends to the length of five feet; the head of our Saviour, crowned with thorns, carved in ivory, and on the back of it a mort head; and six Indian shells.

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By ARCHIBALD NISBET of Greenholm, Esq;

585. A silver quarter-merk of King James VI. dated 1572.

By Mr ADAM CARDONNEL.

586. A silver coin of Hanover, dated 1717. The following prints, viz. An inside view of the Cathedral church of St Peter's, Westminster, engraved by Cole; a view of the ship the Great Harry, built in the reign of King Henry VIII.; the Right Hon. Henry Pelham, first Lord of the Treasury, a Mezzotinto; Hoane pinxit, R. Houston fecit; Sir William Mufgrave, Bart. F. R. S. one of the commissioners of the customs, a Mezzotinto, by J. R. Smith; a map of the environs of Boston, one sheet, coloured; a map of New York, and its environs, one sheet; a map of the seat of the war in Pennsylvania, half a sheet; and six prints, exhibiting the entertainments of the court of France, in the reign of Lewis XIV.; also two pairs of horns, which grew on the head of a small ram, from Shetland.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

587. The history of the wars in Scotland, from the year of the Christian aera 85, to 1746, by John Laurie, A. M.; 12mo, Edinburgh, 1783. And impression of an ancient seal, found near Largo, in Fife, in a field, on which a great battle was fought between the Scots and Danes; the original is in the possession of Lady Rachel Drummond.

By the Rev. Mr JOHN JAMIESON of Forfar.

588. An oval medal of brass; on one side is represented St Andrew the Apostle; on the other, St Margaret Queen of Scotland. Four beautiful specimens of agate, crystals, the lapis steatites, and calcareous spar, from a rock in the neighbourhood of Forfar. Three specimens of vitrified stone, from Finhaven. And the head of an ancient Lochaber ax, found in the loch of Forfar, in which the murderers of King Malcolm II. were drowned.

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By the Rev. Mr THOMAS MUSHET.

1783. 589. An ancient carving, in stone, of the head of a priest, ploughed up contiguous to
Nov. 4. the ruins of an old chapel, within half a mile from the old tower of Hawkshaw.

By PETER McNAUGHTON, Esq;

590. A glass, made after the shape of an ancient drinking horn, the property of the family of McNaughton of McNaughton.

By DAVID STEWART, Esq;

591. The following books, viz. The Old and New Testament, with the Apocrypha, folio; printed at Edinburgh, by Thomas Bassandyne, anno 1576. 2d, Archbishop Cranmer's answer to Dr Stephen Gardiner, on the holy sacrament, folio; London, 1551. 3d, Virgilia opera, cum commentariis Servii, Landini, Anthonii Mancinelli, Donati, atque Domitii, folio. Venetiis, per Bartolomeum de Zais de Portefio; folio, 8vo, Augusti, 1495. 4th, Provinciale, seu constitutiones Angliae, cum summariis atque iustis annotationibus; politissimis characteribus, summaque accuratone rursus revise atque impressa a Domino Gulielmo Lyndewode, folio; Parisiis, 1506. 5th, Platina de vitis ac gestis summorum Pontificum, folio; Coloniae, 1562; cui additur Joannis Boccatii genealogiae Deorum gentilium, cum tabulis genealogicis et figuris coloratis, folio. 6th, Les Annales d'Aquitaine, folio; Paris, 1537. 7th, Menasseh ben Israel conciliator, sive de convenientia locorum, s. scripturae, quae pugnare inter se videntur, 4to; Francofurti, 1632.

By Mr ALEXANDER ROBERTSON, Dunbar.

592. A conic flinty echinus, found on the sea-shore near Dunbar.

By Mr CUMMING Secretary.

593. A satyrical print, published in the reign of King George I.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

Dec. 16. 594. A ground plan of the church of Uphall; a representation of the ancient arms carved thereon; an elevation of the church; a drawing of the font, and the carvings thereon; and an explanatory table to the whole. A drawing, from an original painting, in the possession of Sir Philip Ainslie, of the portrait of Sir William Wallace of Ellerslee, Knight, guardian of Scotland; by David Allan. The portrait of Andrew Stuart, Esq; M. P. a Mezzotinto, by Thomas Watson; from a painting of Sir Joshua Reynolds. The portrait of Sir Roger Curtis, an engraving, by James Caldwell; from a painting of W. Hamilton. The portrait of the Right Hon. Henry Dundas, of Melvill, one of his Majesty's

1783. Dec. 16. sly's most honourable privy council, and dean of the faculty of Advocates; a mezzotinto, by J. R. Smith; from a painting of Sir Joshua Reynolds. And two engravings of an ancient Roman eagle, in marble, dug up in Rome, near the baths of Antoninus, now in the possession of the Hon. Horatio Walpole.

By WILLIAM FRASER, Esq; junior, of Frazerfield.

595. An addition to the catalogue of engraved Scottish portraits, in six pages 4to; and notes concerning the prices of grain, and state of the country, from 28th February 1699, till the 8th of March 1700.

By ALEXANDER BARON of Preston, Esq;

596. The skin of a capercaillie, from Norway; a Swedish copper rixdollar; a double and a quadruple piece of the same kind; the scymitar of a Mahratta officer, the handle richly inlaid with silver, on a dark gray metal ground, the scabbard scarlet; an old Danish sword; a large cornu ammonis; two smaller ones; a pair of American Indian slippers, of brown leather; a belt of wampum, of crimson, intermixed with white beads; a Georgian bird's nest; a stone hatchet, or celt; a piece of the oyster tree, growing from a rock; three birds of Paradise; a Chinese organ; an Oriental hookar, the tube covered with purple silk, ornamented with silver; a Chinese etwee, containing a pair of chop sticks, a steel forceps, and a knife; a Chinese mariner's compass; a Chinese dial; the boots and shoes of a Mandarin, of purple and white silk; a pair of Chinese lady's shoes, of the same materials, with embroidery; an ancient steel spur, dug up in the field where the battle of Falkirk was fought, on St Mary Magdalen's day, anno 1298.

By SIMON FRASER of Fanellan, Esq;

597. Two silver coins, viz. one of Mary Queen of Scots; on one side a thistle head, on the other a saltire, inscription, *Oppidum Edinburgi*; the other, of the city of Stralsund, dated 1658. And six copper coins, viz. Two bodles of King James VI.; one of King Charles II.; a French coin; a coin of Groningen and Omlands, dated 1692; and a tradesman's token, inscribed, *Thomas Palmer marchand in Antrim*.

By WILLIAM CHARLES LITTLE of Libberton, Esq;

598. An etching of Dr James Graham, giving his lecture, by J. Kay.

By Mr ADAM CARDONNEL.

599. Three prints, etched by J. Kay, viz. A meagre gentleman giving charity to a beggar, Laird Robertson, John Dow of the city-guard, and James Duff, in one groupe; and George

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George Prat the town crier; a fample of the manufacture of tow, of the value of $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. per pound; an American Congress paper dollar, dated 9th of May 1776; a silver fanam of East India; an ancient Roman bronze coin; a bodle and half bodle of King Charles II.; two French copper coins; two Spanish copper bits; a copper coin of the Austrian Netherlands, dated 1778; and three Nuremberg counters. Also, the three following prints, viz. The portrait of King Charles II. in the robes of the order of the garter; a mezzotinto, by J. Smith, after a painting of Sir Godfrey Kneller; an engraving of Ben Johnson the poet, by George Vertue, from a painting of Gerard Honthorst; and Frederick Duke of Schomberg, on horseback, a black servant attending, a mezzotinto, by J. Smith, from a painting of Sir Godfrey Kneller.

By Dr ANDREW DUNCAN.

600. The following British shillings, in fine preservation, viz. King George I. dated 1720, 1722, and 1723; and King George II. dated 1739, 1741, and 1743.

By JAMES FERGUSON of Pitfour, Esq;

601. A mass of tallow, found at a considerable depth below a bed of moss on his estate.

By Mr WILLIAM DUNBAR Writer to the Signet.

602. A silver coin of Mary Queen of Scots; on one side a thistle head, on the other a faltry; and a copper Venetian coin.

By GRIMUS JOHANNES THORKELIN, Secretary to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Copenhagen.

603. The following books, viz. *Analecta quibus historia, antiquitates, jura, tam publicum quam privatum regni Norvegici illustrantur*; Hafniae, 8vo, 1778. *Jus ecclesiasticum novum, sive Arnaeanum constitutum*, A. D. 1275, 8vo; Hafniae, 1777. *Rymbegla, sive rudimentum computi ecclesiastici, et annales veterum islandorum*, 4to; Hafniae, 1780. *And tabeller til den critiske historie af Denmark*, Ved Peter Frederick Guhm. folio; Copenhagen, 1779.

By Mr SELKIRK STEWART.

604. Ten ancient Saxon coins of Edilred, Eanred, and Coenred, in good preservation.

By Mr ALLAN MASTERTON Writing Master.

605. A Spanish copper coin, dated 1742.

By

By Mr WILLIAM M'KILLOPE Writer.

606. An ancient Roman silver coin; on one side, a bust with a helmet, inscription, *Geta III. Vir-*; on the other, a dog attacking a boar, inscription, *Hofidice*; and a well preserved shilling of Queen Anne, dated 1711. 1783.
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By WILLIAM JOHNSTON of Craigieburn, Esq;

607. A large paper copy of the genealogical tables of emperors, kings, and princes, from Adam to these times, by James Anderfon, D. D. folio; London, 1732; in fine condition.

By Mrs KER, Castlehill.

608. Two Scots silver coins, viz. One of King James V.; on one side, a thistle head crowned; on the other, a faltry; inscription, *Oppidum Edinburgi*. The other a forty pence piece of King Charles I.

By Mr ROBERT KER Surgeon.

609. A copy of *Les discours militaires, par le Sieur du Praissac*, illustrated with many engravings. 8vo. A Paris, 1622.

By Dr JAMES ANDERSON of Moonie.

610. A copy of his work, entitled, *The true interest of Great Britain considered, or a proposal for establishing the northern British fisheries*, 12mo; Edinburgh, 1783.

By the Rev. Dr WILLIAM ABERNETHY DRUMMOND of Hawthornden.

611. A manuscript collection of poems, translated from Donne's collections, by William Drummond of Hawthornden.

By Mr ROBERT GRANT, President of the Scots College at Douay.

612. *Histoire et cronique de Messire Jehan Froissart*, a Lyon, 1559, four volumes in folio, bound in two. 3c.

By Mr ROBERT KER.

613. Original gift, under the great seal, to Thomas Moncrieff, one of the clerks of Exchequer, his heirs and assignees, of all and sundry fines, amerciements of court, and un-laws, laid on in all the criminal courts of Scotland, by those lately called commissioners for the administration of justice to the people of Scotland, in causes criminal, dated the 4th of June 1663.

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By

By Mr ADAM CARDONNEL.

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Dec. 30. 614. A carving, in wood, of the bust of the Emperor Conrade II. ; and a passport signed by William Duke of Cumberland, dated the 21st of June 1746.

By Dr THOMAS HUTCHINSON.

615. An engraving of an ancient ring, of fine gold, in the possession of Dr Hunter physician in York, found in a garden at Malton, in Yorkshire, 1774.

By Dr ROBERT CLEGHORN.

616. A copy of his medical theses, De Somno.

By Mr CHARLES BALFOUR.

617. Two letters written in the Persian character, on paper ornamented with gold.

By Mr GILMOUR of Copenhagen.

618. A Russian Copeck of the Emperor Peter the Great.

By ALEXANDER BARON of Preston, Esq;

619. Four silver Swedish coins of King Gustavus III. ; three Danish silver coins ; four small copper dollars of Charles XII. King of Sweden, inscribed, Phoebus, Mercury, Mars, and Saturn ; nine copper Swedish coins ; and one copper Danish coin.

By Mr WALTER SMITON.

620. A Dutch copper medal, representing two armies on one side, and an encampment on the other, dated 1598.

By Mr WILLIAM VAIR.

621. A well preserved shilling of King George I. of the South Sea Company's silver, dated 1723.

By Dr JOHN GRIEVE.

622. A pair of boots, from Tartary, of fine yellow leather, ornamented with silk and embroidery.

By

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

623. A dutiful and loyal address, signed by the chief heritors, and heads of clans, in the Highlands of Scotland, in number one hundred and two, to King George I. on his accession to the throne, obtained by the Earl of Mar, but prevented from reaching his Majesty, by the intrigues of the enemies of these brave clans. 1783-
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By Dr WILLIAM CUMING of Dorchester.

624. A copy of King Edward VI.'s book of common prayer, printed by Richard Grafton, small folio ; London, 1552. Thomae Malleoli a campis opera, folio ; Nuremberg, 1523 ; a consecrated wax candle, brought from the chapel of our Lady of Loretto, by Captain George Horfeley, anno 1773. Impressions from seals of the busts of James Francis Edward Stewart, the Princess Clementina Sobieski, and their two sons ; an impression of the seal ring of Mary Queen of Scots, on which is the quartered arms of Great Britain, France, and Ireland. And a Chinese passport for the English East India Company's ship the Princess Royal, in 1777, in a crimson paper cover. 1784-
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By Mr THOMAS HUTCHISON.

625. A Spanish copper coin, of an irregular shape.

By WILLIAM CHARLES LITTLE of Libberton, Esq;

626. A Russian ruble, of the Czar Peter the Great, dated 1712 ; one of William Wood's Irish halfpence, dated 1723 ; and a farthing of King George II. both well preserved.

By Mr JAMES KENION.

627. Two silver Danish coins, and the following copper ones, viz. a British farthing of King Charles II. two French coins, a Swedish, a Danish and a Zealand coin, and a tradesman's token for fourpence.

By Mr CHARLES BALFOUR.

628. A Swedish copper coin, dated 1740.

By COLONEL CHARLES VALLANCEY.

629. No. XIII. of the Irish Collectanea, dedicated to the Society of the Antiquaries of Scotland.

By the Right Hon. LADY WINIFRED CONSTABLE MAXWELL.

630. The head of a Roman spear of brass, finely encrusted with verdigrease, measuring in length $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches, dug up in the county of Galloway.

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By JAMES KER of Blackshiels, Esq;

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631. Antiquissimi Virgiliani codicis fragmenta et picturae ex Bibliotheca Vaticana, ad prifcas imaginum formas, a Petro Sancto Bartholi incifae; folio. Romae, ex chalcographia R. C. A. apud pedem marmoreum 1741.

By Dr ROBERT CLAPPERTON of Lochmaben.

632. A portion of a large animal, petrified, in limestone, from the limestone quarry at Kelhead, in the parish of Cummertrees, in the county of Dumfries. 2d, Part of the bottom of a Roman hot bath, discovered at Lanplain, or Birrans, on the north side of the water of Mein, in the parish of Middleby, in Annandale, being a mass of mortar, filled with chips of brick. 3d. A beautiful brainstone, from Bristol. 4th, A large petrified shell, in limestone, from the lime-quarry at Braes, in the parish of Middleby. 5th, A stone, regularly and naturally covered with Mosaick on the surface, from the rivulet of Blackbeck, above Hillhouse, in Canonby parish. 6th, A mass of petrified moss, from the parish of Westerkirk, in Eskdale. 7th, Part of a Roman tile, from Birrans. 8th, A species of black stone, from Craig Malcolm scars, in the parish of Moffat. 9th, Marmoreous limestone, from Sir William Maxwell of Sprinkell's estate, on the river Kirtle, in Annandale. 10th, Dark red limestone, from the Viscount of Stormont's estate of Limekilns, in Annandale. 11. Petrifications, from the Duke of Queensberry's lime-quarry, at the back of Braunmure, in the parish of Middleby. 12. A fragment of an inscription, done by the XXth Roman legion, found at Birrans.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

633. Letters addressed to the volunteers of Ireland, on the subject of a parliamentary reform, by John Jebb, M. D. F. R. S.; 8vo, London, 1784.

By Miss ELIZABETH BELL.

634. A collection of original Scots proclamations, and acts of privy council, in the reigns of Kings Charles II. James VII. William and Mary, in number eighteen; four English proclamations, in the same reigns; and two copies of a letter from the King of Poland to the Marquis de Grana, dated in the Vizier's tent at Vienna, the 13th of September 1683.

By the AUTHOR.

635. Runnamede, a tragedy, 8vo; London, 1783.

By Mr ROBERT KER Surgeon.

Feb. 10. 636. A drawing, and description of an ancient Scottish arrow, and an arrow head, in the possession of Mr David Martin painter, found *anno* 1781, in digging for a foundation at Perth, seven feet below the surface.

By

By CHARLES LOGIE, Esq; British Consul at Algiers.

637. Fifty busts of Roman Emperors, in basso relievo, in oval frames, and seventy-eight impressions, from ancient and modern gems and seals, all in terra cotta. 1784
Feb. 10.

By HUGH FRASER, Esq; of Baliol College, Oxford.

638. The Earl of Cromerty's historical account of the conspiracies of the Earls of Gowrie, and Robert Logan of Restalrig, against King James VI. 8vo; Edinburgh, 1713. To which is annexed a vindication of King Robert III. from the imputation of bastardy.

By BAILIE JAMES GORDON.

639. A silver Danish coin of King Christian V.

By Mr JOHN POLLOCK Merchant.

640. A copper coin of Charles Duke of Brunfwick and Lunenburgh, dated 1768.

By Mr CARDONNEL.

641. A variety of specimens of the mortar of the ancient Romans, intermixed with chips of brick, small stones, &c.; a square tyle; several pieces of thin tyle; some charcoal; a square brick tube, for carrying off the smoke; and several jaws, teeth, and horns, of different animals; all lately dug up from the ruins of an ancient Roman Sudatorium, discovered at Inveresk.

By ROBERT GRAHAM of Gartmore, Esq; from a LADY.

642. The following coins, viz. three ancient Roman silver denarii, four ancient Roman copper coins, a silver groat of King David II. of Scotland, another of King Robert II. each inscribed, *Villa Edinburgh*; a silver coin of Mary Queen of Scots, inscribed, *Jam non sunt duo sed una caro*; the thirty shillings piece of Mary and Henry, dated 1565, having a crowned thistle punched in on the reverse; two base silver coins of Queen Mary, inscribed, *Oppidum Edinburgi*; a Scottish merk of King Charles II. dated 1669; a half merk of the same reign, dated 1671; thirteen copper Scottish pennies of the same reign; two Saxon silver pennies; the following English silver coins, viz. three shillings of Queen Elizabeth, seven sixpences, and two groats, of the same reign, two shillings and a sixpence of King James I. one shilling of King Charles I. and a groat of King James II.; two French silver coins, one of them Oriental; eight silver Spanish coins; one of Gustavus III. King of Sweden; five base silver coins of Denmark; three ditto of Prussia; a silver ducat of Sicily, dated 1750; a ducat of Cologne, dated 1666; a ducat of Friesland, dated 1696; a six silver piece of the city.

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1784.
Feb. 24. city of Zutphen, dated 1689; four copper coins of Sweden, Portugal, Guelders, and Zealand; a quantity of Amianthus; and a touchstone of a dusky greenish colour, from the island of Iffa.

By Mr JOHN GILLIES Bookfeller Perth.

643. An ancient steel helmet, dug up in the neighbourhood of the town of Perth.

By WILLIAM CHARLES LITTLE of Libberton, Esq;

644. A silver crown of Lewis XV. King of France, dated 1746.

By Mr FRANKLYN CLARKE.

645. Marci Annei Lucani de bello civili libri decem. 12mo. Lugduni, 1564.

By Mr JAMES DALLAS Writer to the Signet.

646. Original license, by William Lord Ballenden, in favour of William Selkrig writer in Glasgow, permitting him and his family, and such as shall accompany him at table, to eat flesh in the forbidden time of Lent, and on all other forbidden days, till Lent 1666, dated . . . February 1665.

By WILLIAM CHARLES LITTLE of Libberton, Esq;

March 9. 647. Considerations on the society or order of Cincinnati, lately instituted by the Majors General, Brigadiers General, and other officers of the American army, proving that it creates a race of hereditary patricians, or nobility, interspersed with remarks on its consequences to the freedom and happiness of the Republic. Supposed to be written by Ædandus Burke, Esq; one of the chief justices of the state of South Carolina. 8vo. Philadelphia, 1783.

By JAMES PRESTON, Esq; of Dundee.

648. An old German bronze medal.

By Mr WALTER SMITON.

649. A large old Swedish copper coin.

By Mr WILLIAM BELL Surveyor.

650. A system of arithmetic, by question and answer, dedicated to King Edward VI. Printed in black letter. 12mo.

By

By LIEUTENANT MUNRO from Gibraltar.

651. A small crucifix, in brass; on the reverse, the Virgin Mary; over her head this inscription, *Virg. imm.* and on each side the words *Vitam præest.* Also three pieces of the cannon of the Spanish Junks, that were burnt at the siege of Gibraltar. 1784. March 9.

By Dr CLERK.

652. A new chatechism, containing four new commandments, or traditions, to be observed by all the covenanted seceders. To which is added, A new creed; 12mo, Edinburgh, 1755. And the last will and testament of the Right Hon. Earl of Orford, late prime minister of Great Britain; 8vo, London, 1745.

By Dr JAMES ANDERSON of Moonie.

653. Caspari Commelin, M. D. Horti medici Amstelædamentis plantæ rariores et exoticæ ad vivum æri incisæ; 4to, Lugd. Batav. 1706. April 6.

By Dr THOMAS HUTCHINSON, Knareborough.

654. A drawing, in China ink, of impressions from two ancient seals, the one brass, the other pewter, found at Knareborough, and an engraving of an ancient gold ring, found in a garden at Malton, in Yorkshire, anno 1774.

By LADY DALRYMPLE H. M. of Cranston.

655. A quarter guinea of King George I. dated 1718, in fine preservation; a bodle of King Charles II.; and a Danish copper coin of Christiern VII. dated 1771.

By Mr ROBERT BUCHAN Painter.

656. An Irish shilling of King James II. dated January 1689.

By the Rev. Dr HENRY.

657. A drawing and description of the parish church of Stainhouse, in Orkney, with the temples of the sun and moon, and the ceremonies used at these temples previous to marriage.

By CHARLES LOGIE, Esq; British Consul at Algiers.

658. Impressions, in fine red sulphur, from ancient Egyptian, Greek, and Roman gems, in number 1575, in gilt frames, disposed in three boxes, with an accurate inventory.

By Dr JAMES ANDERSON.

1784.
May 4. 659. Four pieces of jasper, polished, from the rock on the east end of Salisbury Craigs, near Edinburgh.

By the Rev. Mr EDWARD LEDWICH, Aghaboe.

660. Ten ancient instruments of brass, dug up in Ireland, and described in the *Collectanea de Rebus Hibernicis*, No. XIII. Plate 9. Fig. 4. and 6. and Plate 10. Fig. 7. 8. and 9.

By Mr PETER HILL.

661. A copy of a tract, entitled, constitutional truths; 8vo, London, 1784.

By ALEXANDER FERGUSSON of Craigdarroch, Esq;

662. An original of the national covenant, on a large skin of vellum, with the subscriptions of many of the nobility and gentry.

By Mr JOHN EWEN Merchant Aberdeen.

663. A large silver medal; on one side, a fox holding out a deed, with a seal appended, to a cock; on the other, a horse saddled and bridled.

By Mr JOHN BLACK Merchant.

664. A copper coin of Mary Queen of Scots, dated 1557.

By Mr WILLIAM SMELLIE Printer.

665. One large, and thirty-two small Indian shells; a small mass of white crystals, adhering to a piece of rock; and twelve Scottish pebbles, unpolished.

By CUTHBERT GORDON, Esq;

666. A regular hexangular opaque crystal, of a black colour, five inches in length; found in Aberdeenshire.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of BUCHAN.

667. A letter from John Wilkes to his Lordship, soliciting his interest at the ensuing election for Middlesex, dated Prince's Court, Westminster, 29th March 1784. And a letter from a member of the house of commons to his constituents, dated London 23d March 1784.

By

By the Right Hon. LORD SALTON.

668. Two portraits, in miniature, set in gold; the one of his Lordship's ancestor, Sir Alexander Frazer of Frazerburgh, Baron of Philorth; the other of his Lady, Margaret Ogilvy, of the family of Banff, painted towards the end of the 16th century. 1784.
May 4.

By ANDREW COLTEE DUCAREL, L. L. D. & F. S. A.

669. A copy of his letter upon the early cultivation of botany in England, dated 2d November 1772; and the following prints, viz. an ancient epitaph, in the Abbey of Caen, in Normandy; a head of Dr Matthew Hutton, Archbishop of York; the seals used by the said Dr Hutton; the seal of the staple of St Botolph; the seal of St John of Jerusalem, in Clerkenwell; a view of Maidstone Bridge, in Kent; a fourth view of Caisterhall, in Norfolk; the head of John Tradescant, the father, by Hollar; the head of his son, by the same; the arms of his family; and a head of Dr Ducarel, engraved in 1756.

By Mr ALEXANDER SMELLIE.

670. Seven Indian shells, and twenty-one Scottish pebbles, unpolished.

By the Right Hon. the COUNTESS of MARCHMONT.

671. Thirty-two silver Roman denarii of the Emperors Gordianus, Æmilianus, Postumus, Antoninus Pius, Volusianus, Alexander, Philippus, Gallienus, Macrinus, Julia Augusta, Julia Soalmia Aug. Julia Maesa, Aug. and Julia Mamaea Aug.; seventy-five copper coins, of various Roman Emperors; a crown of King Edward VI. of England; a shilling of Queen Elizabeth, the mint mark a martlet; a half crown of the commonwealth of England, dated 1656; an oval silver medal, gilt, of Frederick III. King of Denmark, dated 7th May 1660; and a German medal of brass. June 12.

By Dr JOHN GARDENER.

672. A copper Scottish twopence, dated 1697, in good preservation.

By the Rev. Mr JOHN JAMIESON, Forfar.

673. Three small ancient Saxon coins.

By the Rev. Mr JOSEPH ROBERTSON M'GREGOR.

674. A gold coin of King Henry VI. of England, described by Leake, p. 156. By the name of the Salute, the mint mark a crown; and a Scottish silver coin of King Charles I. behind the head a thistle.

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By

By Mr JOHN CLERK Optician.

1784.
June 12.

675. A small dried fish, four inches in length, taken out of the stomach of a haddock.

By Mr WILLIAM M'KILLOPE Writer.

676. A brass collar, found in the Firth of Forth, on which is this inscription, ALEXR. STEUART, FOUND GUILTY OF DEATH, FOR THEFT, AT PERTH, THE 5th OF DECEMBER 1701, AND GIFTED BY THE JUSTICIARS AS A PERPETUAL SERVANT TO SIR JOHN ARESKINE OF ALVA. And nine ancient silver Roman coins, in fine preservation.

By Sir JAMES FOULIS, of Colinton, Bart.

677. A silver threepence of Queen Elizabeth, dated 1578; and a sixpence of King James I. dated 1603, the mint-mark an escallop.]

By the Right Hon the EARL of BUCHAN.

678. An account of the qualities and uses of coal tar and coal varnish; 12mo, Edinburgh, 1784.

By WILLIAM FRASER, Esq; junior, of Frazerfield.

679. Ornatus muliebris Anglicanus, or the several habits of English women, from the nobility to the countrywoman, as they are in these times, 1640, in 26 prints; 8vo size; etched by Wenceslaus Hollar, Bohemus.

By the Rev. Mr DONALD M'QUEEN.

680. Two fibulae, each $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, of a black glossy substance, like coal; an ancient Druidical amulet, made of the lapis steatites; an ancient arrow head, made of flint, part of a cornu ammonis, four inches in length, and two in breadth, covered with a substance like mother of pearl; a small cornu ammonis; three shells; two small hatchets, with rings at their sides; and the head of a dart of brass; and eleven Molucca beans, one with a rough covering. Also, an ancient Gaelic manuscript, in small folio, entitled, Lili-um medicinae, written by Bernardus Gordon, professor of physic in the University of Montpellier, anno 1305, which has been for several ages the code of physic in the Western Isles.

By ALEXANDER GRANT, junior, of Dalvey.

681. One of the piles of oak driven into the river Thames by the British Prince Cassive-lanus, to oppose the passage of Julius Caesar over the river, taken up by Samuel Dicker, Esq; when he built Waltham bridge, near Hampton Court. This venerable relique of antiquity measures eight feet and one half in length, and twenty inches in circumference.

Another

Another of these piles was presented to the British Museum by the late Sir Alexander Grant of Dalvey, Bart. 1784.
June 12.

By Mr WILLIAM SMELLIE Printer.

682. A letter to the founders of the Highland Society of Edinburgh; 8vo, 1784. An address to the people of Scotland, on the nature, powers, and privileges of juries, by a jurymen; 8vo, 1784; and outlines of a course of experimental philosophy; 8vo, 1784. Also, two pieces of rock, covered with small white shells.

By the Right Hon. the EARL of DUNDONALD.

683. A copy of his Lordship's tract, entitled, thoughts on the manufacture and trade of salt, on the herring fisheries, and on the coal-trade of Great Britain; 8vo, Edinburgh, 1784.

By Mr JOHN LESLIE Writer.

684. An original of the national covenant, on a large skin of vellum, with the subscriptions of many of the nobility, gentry, and others, handsomely decorated with a painted border.

By JOHN GRAY of Newham, Esq;

685. The following papers, viz. a genealogical table of the descent of the royal family; the families of the Duke of Hamilton and Earl of Abercorn, from King James II. of Scotland; an epithalamium on the seventh marriage of the Rev. Mr David Williamson; a letter of consolation, on the death of a son, by a Presbyterian minister; the King's speech 1747 verified; an unprinted Scottish song, with a Latin translation. And the following printed tracts: An answer to the objections against those who give informations of the breaches of the laws against prophaneness and immorality, 1701; intimation of a new mode for the conveniency of landlords and tenants, in the city of Edinburgh, January 1740; a table of the assize of bread, by the magistrates of Edinburgh, 27th July 1743; and a letter to the author of the national journal, 10th June 1748.

By GEORGE CONSTABLE of Wallace Craigie, Esq;

686. Joannes Scofferi de antiquis verisque regni Sueciae insignibus liber singularis, cum tabulis aeneis; 4to, Holmiae, 1678.

By

By DUNCAN M'DONNAN of Glengary, Esq;

1784.
June 12.

687. A box, containing a quantity of black lead, found in the summit of a high mountain, on his estate, in the farm of Culrofs, by the side of Loch Lochie, within a few miles of Fort William.

By JOHN ERSKINE of Alva, Esq;

688. Fragmentum ex Lib. XCI. Historiarum Titi Livi Patavini, ex codice M. S. Vaticano; folio, Hamburgi, 1773.

By WALTER M'FARLAN, Esq; junior, of M'Farlan.

689. A portrait, in oil, of the late learned antiquary Walter M'Farlane of M'Farlane, Esq; and a beautiful mass of pure white sparry crystals, loosely fastened together.

By LIEUTENANT SYMES of the Marines.

690. Thirty-six ancient Roman copper coins, of various Emperors; six Arabic silver coins; a small copper coin of King Charles I. on one side a crown, on the other a rose; a farthing token of Oxford, dated 1652; another of Chichester; a copper coin of Henry III. King of France and Poland; two old Venetian copper coins; an ancient copper seal, on which is a buck's head cabossed; inscription, *S. Raudulfi Wastebuse*; a piece of yellow marcasite; two pieces of lead-ore, and two pieces of the lapis lazuli, from Cornwall.

By Miss M'FARLAN of M'Farlan.

691. The 1st volume of a complete collection of Scottish music, made by the late learned Walter M'Farlane of M'Farlane, Esq; containing 243 airs, which, with the two volumes presented by the Hon. Henry Erskine, Esq; 23d July 1782 (No. 325.) renders this the largest collection extant.

By LACHLAN M'TAVISH of Campbeltown, Esq;

692. A living viper, about one foot long, taken in the month of February last, in the neighbourhood of Campbeltown.

By the Rev. Mr HENRY BLANE, Stonnykirk, Galloway.

693. A silver coin of King James V. of Scotland; a twenty shilling piece of Mary Queen of Scots, and Henry; on the reverse, a palm-tree crowned, the date 1565; five silver coins of King James VI.; and a copper coin of the same King.

By

By Mr THOMAS RULE Writer.

694. A large serpent, from the West Indies, preserved in spirits.

1784.
June 12.

By Sir ALEXANDER STIRLING of Glorat, Baronet.

695. A curious large fungus, from a birch tree.

By Mr JOHN ORROCK Cutler.

696. A silver penny of King Richard II. of England; a copper coin of Mary Queen of Scots; two copper coins of King James VI.; two bodles of King Charles II.; and a German medal of brass.

By the Rev. Dr JAMES PLAYFAIR.

697. A copy of his system of chronology; large folio, Edinburgh, 1784.

By Mr WILLIAM DUNBAR Writer to the Signet.

698. A shilling of Queen Elizabeth, dated 1593, the mint mark an escallop; and a copper coin of Sweden, dated 1724.

By Mr JOHN GILLIES Bookfeller, Perth.

699. An impression of an ancient seal, found in a field in Fife, where a battle was fought between the Scots and Danes.

By Mr THOMAS CARMICHAEL Merchant.

700. A two pence Scottish copper piece of King William, dated 1695, in fine preservation.

S T A T U T E S

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SOCIETY OF THE ANTIQUARIES

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S C O T L A N D.

I. **E**ACH candidate for admission, as an ordinary member, shall be recommended by three ordinary members, and his election shall proceed by ballot. A majority of two thirds of the members present shall entitle the candidate to be admitted. And the annual election of officers shall be made on St Andrew's day, or, if that is not a lawful day, on the Tuesday immediately following, of which proper intimation is to be given by the Secretary.

II. The officers shall consist of a President, five Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, who shall have the charge of the effects of the Society, and another for foreign correspondence, together with a Latin and a French Secretary, who shall be elected in the same manner as ordinary members.

III. Beside the above officers, four Censors shall be annually chosen, for the purpose of revising such papers and communications as
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are to form the transactions of the Society. After the Censors have made their remarks in writing upon any paper, these remarks and proposed corrections are to be communicated to the author, who may either adopt or reject them as he shall think proper. The Censors shall annually, at the meeting for the election of officers, report to the Society the title of every paper which has been submitted to their inspection, and at the same time recommend such of them as they shall judge most proper for immediate publication. The opinion and recommendation of the Censors shall immediately be laid before a general meeting, and approved or rejected by ballot. But if, upon any such question, the number of balls for and against shall be equal, the farther consideration of it shall be adjourned to the next meeting of the Society: And if, upon the second balloting, the number of balls shall also be equal, the question shall be determined in the negative; but no entry shall be made of such determination in the minute-book.

IV. A council of seven shall be annually chosen, whose business it shall be to superintend and examine the accounts and funds of the Society, and to transact all the ordinary business thereof. Three shall be a quorum.

V. Each ordinary member, at his admission, shall pay two guineas to the funds of the Society, and one guinea annually on St Andrew's day. Any member paying twelve guineas, beside the dues of admission, shall be from thenceforth exempted from annual payments; and the management of the funds of the Society shall be under the direction of the officers, and the ordinary subscribing members.

VI. The names of the donors to the Society shall be entered in a book kept for that purpose. When their donations amount to the
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sum or value of ten pounds, their names shall be inscribed in some conspicuous part of the Society's Museum. And when donations are received to the extent of one hundred pounds, the portraits of such benefactors, if not prohibited by them, shall be painted, hung up in the hall, and arranged according to the times of receiving such donations.

VII. The proceedings of the Society shall be regularly entered into the minute-book by the Secretary, and signed by the presiding member. All papers given in shall be read in the order of their dates; and each paper, after being read, shall be committed to the censors for their examination, and report, before it is engrossed in the book of the transactions.

VIII. The number of ordinary members shall not exceed one hundred, exclusive of the office-bearers; by these the officers, censors, council, and ordinary, honorary, correspondent, and associated members, shall be chosen; and the death, voluntary withdrawing, or expulsion, of any member of the Society, shall be noted on the margin of his subscription to the statutes.

IX. The ordinary meetings of the Society shall be held on every second Tuesday during the seditment of the Court of Session, and in the vacation on the first Tuesday of every month; and, in the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, the senior member on the roll, the other officers excepted, shall take the chair.

X. The principal objects of the Society shall be the ancient, compared with the modern state of the kingdom, &c. as in article 7th, at the end of the Earl of Buchan's preliminary discourse.

XI.

XI. The Secretary shall be empowered to sign the statutes of the Society for such honorary, correspondent, or associated members as are admitted into it, and cannot conveniently sign the same at the time of their admission.

XII. And, lastly, we the undersigning members oblige ourselves to observe and fulfil the above statutes, and conform ourselves to all the future regulations and by-laws, which may be made by the Society; and regularly entered into their minute book.

B Y - L A W S.

IN case of the sickness, death, or legal incapacity of any of the officers, the nomination of the ordinary presiding member shall take place till the ensuing election day. 1780.
Dec. 18.

No question shall be put on any motion, unless it be seconded.

When any member speaks, he shall stand up, and address himself to the chair; and, when one or more offer to speak at the same time, the presiding member shall determine who shall be first heard.

The Secretary shall not allow, on any account, the papers belonging to the Society, of which he has not copies, to be borrowed out of his custody by any of the members. 1781.
June 5.

A proper descriptive catalogue of the donations made to the Museum shall be published annually.

Institution of the Temple of Caledonian Fame.

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Rules respecting the Temple of Caledonian Fame.

1^{mo}, A room or gallery shall be appropriated for the collection of the best original Portraits, or, where such cannot be procured, the best copies of portraits of illustrious and learned Scotsmen, and this apartment shall be denominated *The Temple of Caledonian Fame*.

2^{do}, This selection shall be made by ballot, after due notice has been given, four-fifths of the balls being in favour of such selection.

3^{tio}, No selection shall be made of any Worthy, until after twenty-five years from the time of his decease, except the ballot shall have been unanimous, for three successive ballotings, in three successive years.

4^{to}, No living Worthy shall be admitted but by six successive and unanimous approbations by ballot, in six successive years.

5^{to}, Another room or department shall be allotted to supereminent virtue in domestic life and intercourse, subject to the rules respecting the admission of illustrious and learned Scotsmen above mentioned.

6^{to}, The causes of selection, and of conferring these greatest of all honours, shall be entered into the records of the Society, and inscribed on the backs of the pictures.

1781.
Dec. 18. All persons proposed as honorary members shall be notified to the general meetings by a recommendation from the council, and shall be elected by ballot.

No person withdrawing himself from the Society, or who has been rejected, shall be again eligible, unless four fifths of the balls upon a ballot be in his favour.

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The election of Curators shall be annual, and each year one of them, at least, shall be changed. 1782.
Jan. 8.

Candidates for admission as ordinary members, shall be announced immediately after the reading of the minutes; and no candidate shall be either announced or balloted, unless eighteen members be present. Jan. 28.

Nine members are requisite to constitute an ordinary meeting of the Society.

The President, or any member, shall call to order any person who, from inattention, may at any time stumble into premature discussions, or frivolous queries, which are always repugnant to the public business of the general meetings. July 23.

If any member neglect or refuse to pay his annual contribution for three months after St Andrew's day, he shall be considered as having relinquished his seat in the Society; and the Secretary is directed, each year, at the first general meeting in March, to lay before the Society a list of the names of such members as have vacated their seats by withholding their annual payments. He is at the same time instructed to give timely notice, each year, by letter, to those in arrear, a week at least before the said meeting in March. Dec. 17.

In order to prevent irregularity, and to fix the mode of procedure at the ordinary meetings, the following order is to be observed at all such meetings, viz. 1783.
Jan. 7.

1^{mo}, To hear the minutes of the preceding meeting read.

2^{do}, To hear the candidates for admission announced.

3^{tio},

3^{to}, To ballot for such candidates as have been properly recommended at the preceding meeting, or by the council.

4^{to}, To see the production of the letters relating to the Society, and received since the preceding meeting, all or any of which may be read upon the motion of any member, if it be seconded.

5^{to}, To hear such motions read as any of the members may have prepared in writing, and to put the question on them, providing they are seconded.

6^{to}, To hear such reports as any of the officers, or those commissioned by the Society, have to make, and to determine thereupon.

7^{mo}, To hear the paper of the night read.

8^{vo}, To hear a descriptive inventory of donations read.

9^{no}, To order thanks to the donors.

10^{mo}, To be informed of the time and place of the next meeting.

Such pertinent remarks as are made on what passes in the meetings of this Society, shall be admissible; but all questions or discussions extraneous to the order of the business above mentioned, and all reflections on the conduct or determinations of the Society, unless tabled in writing, to be answered and determined upon at a subsequent meeting, are totally inadmissible.

1783.
Sept. 2.

Each candidate for election, as a correspondent member, shall be recommended in writing by three ordinary members, and shall be balloted for at the meeting subsequent to such recommendation, in the same manner as candidates for admission as ordinary members.

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The Secretary shall not, without an order of the Society, lend ^{1783.} Dec. 16.
out any of the effects in the Museum to any person whatever.

Each correspondent member, on receiving his diploma, shall pay ^{1784.} July 13.
two guineas to the funds of the Society.

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LIST of the Titles of the Discourses and Papers read at the Meetings of the Society of the Antiquaries of Scotland.

1782. April 2. An account of the ancient state of the mofs of Kincardine, west from Stirling; with a description of a Roman camp kettle, found at the bottom thereof, upon a stratum of clay, and deposited in the Musaeum. By John Ramsay of Auchtertyre, Esq;
- May 7. Memorial concerning the Scots woollen manufactory. By Archibald Borthwick, manufacturer in Dalkeith, illustrated and improved with notes by the Earl of Buchan.
An account of the celebrated Scottish beauties, Bessie Bell and Mary Gray. By George Augustus Barry, Esq;
A history of a remarkable large eagle shot in Lamalsh island. By Mr James Hamilton.
- June 12. A discourse concerning marbles, and other stones, in Scotland, useful for the purposes of sculpture and ornamental architecture. By Mr John Williams.
- June 25. An introduction to a large collection of Scottish law-deeds, arranged under their different heads. Compiled by Mr John Syme writer to the signet, and addressed to the Society.
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 37. 13. Read Aghaboe.
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