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NOTE OF COINS FOUND AT ANNAT, ON THE LANDS OF KIL-CHRENAN, IN ARGYLLSHIRE, THE PROPERTY OF WILLIAM MUIR, ESQ. OF INYSTRINICH. BY GEORGE SIM, ESQ., F.S.A. SCOT., CURATOR OF COINS.

One day about the middle of May last a boy, named John M'Intosh, eight years old, was amusing himself at a rabbit hole at the above-named place, when he found a coin about the size of a shilling, which he took to his mother. On questioning the boy where he had found it, she returned with him to the place, and after a search found a great many more coins of the same kind, besides others of a much larger size. These she carried home and delivered to her husband, Duncan M'Intosh, a labourer, who counted them, and found eighty-two of the smaller and twenty of the larger size. M'Intosh and his wife kept the discovery to themselves, and on 10th June last the former went to Glasgow with the coins to be disposed of. He took them to the shop of J. D. Davidson, working jeweller, 85 Buchanan Street, who purchased the whole, excepting two of the smaller coins, which M'Intosh retained. The coins weighed 55 ounces, and Davidson allowed 4s. 10d. an ounce, paying M'Intosh L.13, 5s. 10d for the lot.

The discovery lately came to the ears of Mr Muir, the proprietor of the ground, when the whole circumstances were investigated by Mr Duncan Maclulich, the procurator-fiscal at Inveraray, who sent the precognitions of the various parties concerned, and the two coins retained by M'Intosh, to the Exchequer. Davidson, the jeweller, states that the coins were immediately melted,—that the smaller coins were all similar to the two retained by M'Intosh (being merks of Charles II., dated 1671 and 1675), and that the twenty larger pieces were German dollars.