

A sulphur cast of this seal is now shown, and it will at once be seen, on comparison, not only how correct was the surmise of Mr. Doubleday as to its being copied from an earlier seal, but also that it is evident the original from which it was copied, although the work was very unartistically executed, was that from which Mr. Jewitt's seal was impressed, and as that silver seal was provided in 1645, it seems equally clear that the matrix of Mr. Jewitt's seal was in use up to the time of the siege, and that it formed part of the spoil carried off by the cavaliers, and in all probability found its way, like the mace, into the melting pot.

It is greatly to my regret that although I have been a member of the Society for many years, my official engagements on the day on which the bi-monthly meetings are held have prevented my attendance on any occasion, and I have now to trespass upon the kindness of my friend, Mr. Thomas Nevinson, to lay these few remarks before you on my behalf.

November 24th, 1873.

The REV. J. H. HILL, F.S.A., in the chair.

MR. JOHN BARRS was elected a Member of the Society.

The following antiquities, &c., were exhibited:—

By MR. TRAYLEN: A small bronze vessel, found about one mile and a half from Castor, in Northants., in an open ploughed field, and the fragment of a celt pierced.

By the CHAIRMAN: Some engravings of churches in Rutlandshire.

By MR. W. G. DIMOCK FLETCHER: The following books, pamphlets, &c.: Collections for Leicestershire [Bibliotheca, Topographica, Britannica, vol. 8], with MS. notes by Mr. John Nichols, purchased at Mr. J. B. Nichols' sale. LEICESTER JOURNAL, Friday, April 4, 1806, containing information about Daniel Lambert. A Terrier of Lands of Mr. Coppin, in Barrow and Quorndon, August 1651. Two early editions of the poems of John Cleiveland (native of Loughborough), 1654 and 1677, with portrait. Civil war tracts: A declaration of the Lords and Commons . . . concerning the miserable distractions and grievances this kingdom now lieth in, by means of Jesuiticall and wicked councellers now about his Majestie; printed July 13, 1642. A declaration of the Lords and Commons . . . upon the statute of 5 H. 4. . . . As also his Majestie's letter to the Sheriff of Leicestershire to execute the said commission according to his Majestie's proclamation; July 1, 1642.—July 4, 1642: The declarations of the Lords and Commons, or five severall passages of state [relating to Leicestershire]. A diary, or an exact journall faithfully communicating the most remarkable pro-

ceedings in both Houses of Parliament: as also delivering the true intelligence from all the armies within his Majesty's dominions . . . from Thursday, the 17th of July, till Thursday, the 24th of July, 1645. Prince Rupert, his declaration; 1642. An ordinance . . . with the names of the Knights and Gentlemen entrusted in every county to bring a speedy account of the weekly assessment; 1643. Reasons why this kingdom ought to adhere to the Parliament; N.D. [1642]. The character of a moderate intelligencer, by J. C. [Ireland]; 1648. Document recommending the appointment of Mr. Thomas Allsopp, a "Godly and orthodox Divine," to the parsonage of Hathern, being void by the death of Mr. Robert Palmer, who was placed therein "upon the sequestering thereof from Mr. Joseph Smith, late parson thereof." The document is dated Leic.: 1mo. Decemb. 1648, and is signed by Will. Stanley, Thoms. Hesilrige, Tho. Beamont, ffran. Hacker, Arth. Stanely, ffra. Smalley, and Edm. Cradock. It is noticeable that neither Robert Palmer nor Joseph Smith are mentioned in Nichols as rector of Hathern; the last mentioned being William Gillott, who was presented in 1534, by the Abbot and Convent of Leicester; Mr. Thomas Allsopp died about 1682.

This document being of interest, the following copy is given in full:—

Hathern.

Honoured Gentlemen

The sequestred parsonage of Hatherne in this county being voyd by y^e death of Mr. Rob^t. Palmer mynister thereof, who was placed therein by your order uppon the sequestering thereof from Mr. Joseph Smith late Parson thereof, we are bold to recomēd to you Mr. Thomas Allsopp a godly & orthodox Divine, who officiates there uppon y^e desires and consent of y^e well affected Parishioners, & the concurrent approbation of the Patron of that Church. And we haveing had experiences of his abilityes, doe therefore desire your Hon^{ble} favour, y^t he may be authorized by your order to officiate there, & to have & enjoy the Parsonage house & Tithes & Dues thereof, which is humbly recomēd to you by us.

Gentlemen

Leic: 1^{mo}. Decemb:
1648.

Will: Stanley.

Your humble servants

Tho: Hesilrige.

Tho: Beamont.

ffran: Hackr.

Arth: Staveley.

ffra: Smalley.

Edm: Cradock.

vera cop: exam^{ta}

per

Jane Rugeley vi.

Robert hames.

John Goodman.

By the Committee at Leicester.

Leic :

Upon the desires and consent of the well affected Parishioners of Hatherne and the concurrent approbation of ye Patron of the Rectory of Hatherne in this county. It is ordered that Mr. Thomas Allsopp, a godly and orthodox Divine be desired to officiate in the church of Hatherne aforesaid, and enabled to have and enjoy the sequestred Parsonage house, & the tythes & dues of the s^d Rectory.

1^o Decemb. 1648.

Tho : Hesilrige.
Arth : Staveley.
Tho : Beamont.
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John Goodman.

THE PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF WIGSTON'S HOSPITAL.

MR. JAS. THOMPSON said he had a short Paper to read on a measure which was proposed to be carried out by the Town Council shortly, viz., the taking down of the chapel of William Wigston. He asked the patient attention and indulgence of the members present whilst he read his Paper, which seemed to be fully called for on his part, and which was well calculated to enlist the sympathy of the Society, which was intended to act whenever occasion called for it, one of its objects being to protect and preserve ancient buildings and relics of antiquity from destruction. Mr. Thompson then proceeded to read the following Paper :

The proposal to demolish the Hospital of William Wigston in this town, with the chapel at its southern extremity, and, consequently, to disturb the remains of the dead lying beneath the floor of the chapel, involves consequences so serious that it behoves the Leicestershire Architectural and Archæological Association—a Society which professes to regard the preservation of ancient architectural remains as one of its chief objects—to consider well whether it can in any way ward off the blow, or whether it must stand by and witness in silence, and without remonstrance, the threatened violation of the tombs of the dead, and the uncalled-for destruction of one of the few remaining monuments of the piety and charity of the departed benefactors of this ancient borough.