

- Malay pirates during the late expedition up the rivers of Borneo, by the officers and men of H.M. ship *Royalist*.
- By Miss Okill. An early Map of Lancashire (from Speed), by Henry Overton.
- By Dr. Kendrick. A Horn-book of the time of Charles II. Pulpit Bible used at Hill-Cliff Chapel, date 1633.
- Various Drawings in illustration of his paper.
- By Richard Brooke, F.S.A. A Bill of Lading, dated 1st February, 1766, for 24 male and 6 female slaves, shipped at the bar of Senegal for Georgia, S. Carolina, by the Ship *Maryborough*, Capt. David Morton. The slaves were consigned to Messrs. Broughton and Smith, of Georgia. The bill was one of those used when Liverpool participated largely, but in common with other seaports of England, in the African slave trade.
- By Joseph Guyton, Esq. Fossil bones found at Saxmundham, in Suffolk. They are so numerous as to become an article of use in agriculture.
- Two pieces of copper, similar to the gold fibulæ usually found in Britain. These are used on the coast of Manilla as the current coin of the country.
- By C. B. Robinson, Esq. Sketches taken in various parts of the country, viz. :—
- From St. Andrews, 5; Foulis Church, 3; Arbroath Abbey, 3; Bangor, 1; Bebington, 1; Chester, 3; Ellesmere, 1; Furness Abbey, 1; Invergarvie, 2.
- By Dr. Hume. Lithographed portrait of Kossuth.—Artist, Thos. Skaife.
- By Alfred Rimmer, Esq. Proofs of his Illustrations of Ancient Halls in Lancashire.
- By Joseph Mayer, F.S.A. An ancient deed, historically interesting as relating to the original quay; the first accommodation given by Liverpool to the ships which traded with the port. The document is entitled—“*Lease of Gorsy fields for ever, pays 6/8 ground rent;*” and endorsed, “*M^d that possessyon & seasyn was taken & deliv’ed by the attornes w^hin wrytten in the p.sence of these p.sones folowynge viz Robert Corbett Rauffe Jameson Rauffe Egekers Thom’s Engelfelde cum aliis.*”
- “ This indenture made the xijth daye of August in the thyrd

yere of the raigne of o^r Sovereigne ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God Quyne of England France and Ireland defend^{er} of the faith &c. Betwyxte Rauff Sekerston* Mayre of the Quynes Majesties borough and porttowne of Liv'rpole in the com^{ty} of Lancast^r his brether and cominaltie upon the oone p^{tie}, and Thomas Secomm* of the same towne & countie gentylman upon thoder p^{tie} Wyttenessyth y^t whereas William More* esq^{er} in thoose dayes past mayre of liv'pole aforesaid his brether and cominaltie of oone holle mynde consent & assent dyd gyve graunte & by they^r dede sufficient in the law confirmed unto Hugh Davidson late of liv'pole barker deceased & to his heys and assignes in a fee ferme for ev^r all thoose lands wheche they had laying and beyng at the eastende of the galow feld soe eastwarde to a cloose callid the Gorstie heygh in leingh & in breade from the lands of Richard Starckie esquier unto the heath & a long diche callid the common diche upon the south p^{tie} of the sayd galow felde and soe extendyth eastward unto the south cornell of the sayd Gorstie heigh whiche lands by gud and just conveyhance in the law discendid unto Gilbert Hughson oone of the sons legitimate of the sayd Hugh Davidson w^{ch} Gilbert havng the right therein for a certen somme of monieys & other causes hym movyng haath as well bargayned sold gyvyn grauntyd surrendred assigned and delivered the sayd lands wyth thappⁿunce & all the wrytyngs thereof, as all that his ryght terme tytle intst possession & demaunde whatsoever unto the sayd Thomas his heyre & assignes for ever. In corroboraconn & p^{ro}fourmanconn whereof the forsayd Rauff Sekerston mayre aforesayd his brether & cominaltie have gyvyn grauntyd & confirmed & be theise p^{ro}nts doe frelie give graunte and by this theyr dede confirme unto the sayd Thomas Secom all & ev^{er}ie thoose the same lands as they be wyth the bounds mayred in man^r and fourme before in theise p^{ro}nts expressed & specified. To have and to hold all the sayd lands wyth thappⁿunce theareto belongyng wythhall & singler the liberties commodities easements p^{ro}fets & all & singler other thadvantages to the same in anywise blongyng to the sayd Thomas Secom his heys and assignes & to his and they^r use

* William More was Mayor of Liverpool, 15th Henry VIII. A.D. 1523.

Thomas Secom,	ditto	ditto,	5th Elizabeth, 1562.
Rauff Sekerston,	ditto	ditto,	3rd and 4th Edward VI. 1550.
Ditto,	second time,		4th Elizabeth, 1561.

The Gallow field was situated on the North side of Shaw's Brow, and the East side of the Pool, now Byrom Street. In the South-west corner of the field stood the Townsend cross, at the end of the Bridge which was erected over the Pool at the extremity of Dale Street.

Whilst this sheet is going through the press, all the houses on the side of Shaw's Brow adjoining St. John's Church-yard, together with the whole of the village of Saint John's, as it was called, are being removed, in order to improve the locality. The remains of the very extensive Potteries which once occupied that site are swept away; so that the only remnant now standing is the oon (kiln), situated on the north side of Shaw's Brow, now occupied as an emery mill by Messrs. Johnson, Church Street.

in a fee ferme for ever. Yeldyng therfore yerelie to the sayd Rauff Seckerston mayre his brether cominaltie & to they^r successo^s & assignes six shylyngs eyght pence of gud & lawfull money of England at the feasts of Sayncte Michaell tharchungell & at the Annonci'on of the blessed virgin S. Marie by evonn porc'ons w^{ch} yerelie Rente of vj s & viij d amongst thother annuall rents of the sayd towne is to be employed to & for the use and p.servac'on of the kayegh in the portte & havon of liv'pole defence & maynten'nce of they walles on the westseasyde theare: for the rep.ac'on and amendement of the pay^ments as w^{ll} w'howte the strets of the sayd towne as of they strets wythin the towne wyth other Rep.ac'ons necessarie to the common hall theare: and for wante of rente paym^t and noe sufficient distresse to be had & found in & upon they sayd lande wythin twelve dayes next after any of they feasts and dayes it oughe to be payed at the sayd Rente and Rents wth th'arreragies thearof if eny be lawfullie demaundyd & askyd Than it shalbe lawfull to & for the sayed mayre that tyme beyng his brether cominaltie they^r successo^rs & assignes to reentre & the same lands wth thapp'tunce & other theye p.misse have agane & repossede as in they^r form^r eastate this dede indentid or eny thyng thearein conteigned to the contrarie in eny wyse not wythstandyng: and the said Rauff Sekerston mayre his brether cominaltie successo^rs & assignes they sayd lands and othey they p.misses wyth thapp'tn'nce unto the sayd Thomas his heyre & assignes in man^r & fourme as is afore spe'ied agaynst al folkis shall awarand & defende by thiese p.sents for ever. And furthermore knowe the sayd Rauff Sekerston mayre hys brether & cominaltie to have constituted ordeyned and in they^r place have putt they^r faythfull in Christ Ric' Hannson & John Heygh their lawfull attorneys in to the sayd lands & other they p.miss wyth thapp'rtn'nce to entre for theyme & in theyr name & thearin to take possession & seasyn fullie and peaceable: And the full & peaceable possession & season thearof soe takyn to gyve & deliv^r unto the sayd Thomas Secom or his certen attorney to have & to hold to the same Thomas Secom his heys & assignes for ev^r accordyng to the streng^t fourme and effecte of this p.n^te dede to hym theareof made and for thaccomplishment & true p.fourmac'on of all and singler they p'miss' as well upon the oone p.tie as upon the other before in this present dede indentid expressed & specified they sayd pties & ayther of theyme stand bounden to the other by this one pⁿt^e dede in the somme of fyftie pounds of gud and leafull money of England. In wyttiness wheareof to the one p.tie of these p.sents Remagnyng wyth the sayd Thomas Secom his heys and assignes the sayd Rauff Sekerston mayre his brether & cominaltie have affixed and putt the common sealle of the sayd borough & portteowne of liv'pole aforesayd yevyn the daye & yere first above expressd and specified."*

* This is printed from a transcript, by a gentleman connected with the British Museum. In the absence of types to indicate the contractions, they have been represented approximately by the ordinary marks.

A fragment of a seal of red wax is appended, being a portion of the common seal of the town of Liverpool, bearing the impress of a bird with a part of the legend.....COM.....and beneath, *apparently* upon a scroll issuing from the bird's beak, IOH** This is the third document discovered by Mr. Mayer having the ancient seal of the corporation appended, all of which were supposed to have been destroyed or lost.

Mr. Mayer mentioned that he had received a communication from Thomas Tobin, Esq., of Ballincollig, near Cork, one of the Members of the Society. Mr. Tobin stated that he was clearing out the rubbish from the old castle at Ballincollig, and adopting other means for its careful preservation.

PAPERS.

I.—AN ACCOUNT OF WARRINGTON SIEGE, A.D. 1643; AND OF SOME
MANUSCRIPTS OF THAT PERIOD RECENTLY DISCOVERED AT
HOUGHTON GREEN, NEAR WARRINGTON,

By James Kendrick, M.D.

The following narrative of local history has been prompted by the recent discovery at Houghton-Green, near Warrington, of a number of original manuscripts, so closely connected with the military transactions in this part of our county, during the Civil War between Charles the First and his parliament, as to come peculiarly under the province of this Society for notice. They consist almost entirely of *warrants or precepts* for the supply of forage, provisions, and money to the troops of the party in power, alternately Royalist and Parliamentary. A few only of the documents are in a complete state of preservation; the remainder have suffered much from the attacks of mice or insects, but about thirty can without difficulty be deciphered. The whole were discovered in the month of May last, in the roof of an ancient farm-house at Houghton-Green, a hamlet about two miles distant from Warrington. In one of the rooms on the chamber floor of the house in question, was a walled-up cavity, apparently intended for concealment, and in the thatch immediately covering this the manuscripts were found, tied together with a piece of cord. The house appears to have formerly been the residence of Thomas Sargeant, who in 1640 was constable of Houghton, and at a subsequent period served the same office for Southworth with Croft adjacent. In all probability, the varying occupation of the district by Parliamentarians and Royalists, led to his wary concealment in the thatch of his house, of these evidences of his implication with the Royalist cause.*

* The annexed Plate is a representation of the house at Houghton Green. The letter (A) shews the situation of the cavity in which the *documents* were found.