

and halves of pennies of King John; and a curious silver coin with a cock on one side and a monogram on the other.—Portions of shoes and boots in leather; one of them formed of an entire piece, fitting round the leg, and another ornamented by cutting, in the style which was usual with the Anglo-Romans.

Part of an Amphora in terra cotta, and a bronze coin of Germanicus from Ribchester.

A wheel-lock musket, richly inlaid with sporting subjects in ivory—date 1616.

A Chinese coin in gold, of the form of a ring, similar to those used by the ancient inhabitants of these islands, and often found in their graves.

By Hugh Gawthrop, Esq.

Curious lid of an early Dutch tobacco box, found within the ruins of Birkenhead Abbey.

By Dr. Hume,

A pike mounted for action, from the Irish rebellion of 1848.

The Chairman exhibited three documents, from the collection of John Ireland Blackburne, Esq., of Hale. They illustrate the condition of the English language in this part of the country, in the 14th and 15th centuries. The following are copies of them :—

This endenture beres witnes that there as certen variance and debate for divers trespas that has byen hade be twene Nicholas of Rysley and Dykone his sone upon the tone party and William of the Breche and Richard his son upon the thother partie of the queche variaunce and desbate the sayd parties ben boundene to abide and performe the ordenaunce and dome of me Richard Stanley Arch^{en} of Chestre and as I the sayd Richard have herd the chalanges and vnswares of bothe the sayd parties by gode deliberacion and for als mecul as I fynd the trespas more done to the sayd Nicholas then as done to the sayd William I ordayne deme and awarde the sayd William to deliver to the sayde Nicholas a hoggeshed of Wyn at Weryngton als gode als the sayde Nicholas will chose of Rede or quoyt be twene this and the fest of the annunciacion of oure Laydy next suyng after the date of this awarde or elles to pay to the sayd Nicholas ij marks of monee at the election of the sayd Nicholas and gyf the sayd Nicholas schose to the sayd payment of the ij marcs and refuse the sayd hoggeshed of wyne I ordeigne and awarde the sayd William to pay to the sayd Nicholas the sayd ij marcs that is to wete j marc at the fest of St. Hillare day next suyng after the date of these endentures and j marc at the fest of Pasche then next suyng

and also I the sayd Richard ordene deme and award the sayd parties to be fulle frendes for all maner trespas that has byn hade be twene thayme for the begyninge of the word vnto the day of the gyfing of this sayd awarde excepte ryghte of lond. In wetines of the qwychy thyng I the sayd Richard to aither partie of this endureure have sette my seale. Gyfyn at Wynwhike upon Thursday next after the conception of our Ladye the yere of the reigne of Kyng Harry the sext the tent.

These arne y^e evidences shewed before Elys of Entwysell by commandment of my lord of Dureme for Richard of Radclif agaynes Nicholas of Risley of certeyn londs be twene hom in debate yat is for to say of a certyn more and mosse and j mese and XV acre of lond y^t was sumtyme parcell of y^e forsaid more and mosse.

Richard Wylkynsone the Wryght sworne and examynt sais on his othe y^t he was XL yere olde at y^e forine dethe and born within y^e town of Culcheth and dwellet there LX yere and sais yat he was by qwen Richard of Radclif and Robart of Risley acordet y^t y^e forsaid XV acre parcell of y^e forsaid more and other XV acre y^e wheche Robart of Risley had & yis Nicholas has nowe of y^e queche y^e ton ende lys to y^e Redysghaghe shuld be departed of yat wast yat was in comyn bytwene home: and there vpon he sais he saghe home cast cawle and loot so y^t y^e XV acre y^t arne now in debate fellon to Richard of Radclif and yis was done by fore the grete dethe. And he sais all yat more and mosse was in comyn bytwene y^e forsaid Richard of Radclif and Robart and he herd never say y^e contrary ther of er this debate fell and the forsaid Robart sayd he wold nocht for his X exyn yat y^e cauell had fallen other was then hit did for hit legh so neghe his tenauntes.

John Atkynson sworne and examynt says he was XVI yere old at y^e forine dethe and acordet in all thyngs to the forsaid Richard Wylkynson sane y^t he sais he was born in Neuton within ij myle to the forsaid lond and has dwellet in Culchethe xxvij yere sane y^t he was nocht by at the departesone.

Atkyn Jakson sworne and examynt says he was XVI yere in the forine dethe borne and alway dwellend in Culchithe acordes to the sayng of Richard Wylkynson in all thynges and awre y^t sais yat he was by when Margery Richardes moder of Radclif made to take certayn cappulles of tenauntes of Sotheworth vpon the forsaid mene mosse and send hym to Robart of Risley to bid hym come and help to penyssh for pasturyng on hor mene mosse and he said there was more and mosse enoghe for hir and all her kyn and hym and his kyn for euer more and he wold penysshe no pore folke ther fore.

Adam of Longshaghe sworne and examynt sais he was iiij yere olde in the forine dethe and sais he was seruaunt to Robart wyf of Risley sone after the forine dethe and sais yat he herd neuer say before this debate but y^t this more and mosse werne in comyn bytwene the hayres of Radclif and Risley and y^t the lond was departyt in the maner as Richard Wylkynsone sayde.

Ric. the hunter borne in Culchithe and dwelland lx yere sworne and examynt sais he was iij yere old in the forine dethe acordes in all thynges to Adam of Longshaghe sane y^t he was not seruaunt to Robartes wyf of Risley.

Roger Atkynson of L yere olde borne and dwelland in Culchithe sworne and examynt sais y^t Atkyn his fader told hym y^t he was by at the departeson of the lond before said and mete and mesuret hit with his hond and of the remenant acordes to Richard the hunter.

And all these byfore said sayn vpon hor othe y^t Richardes tenauntes of Radclif and James tenants of Radclif hauen delven turves contynule fro yere to yere and y^t the forsaid Richard and James han sold turves contynuely fro yere to yere to hor vse.—Date of endenture appended 2 Feb. 12 Henry 4, at Howden.

Yis endenture heres witnes for as mecal as Richard Jamessone of Radclif and William of Heton on yo toon parte and Nicholas of Risley on yo tother parte arn bovnden be certain obligacions to stonde to yo awarde and yo ordenaunce of hamonet yo Masey and William of Heton henry of Kyghley and Thomas of Holcroft of certain debates and querels as be yos certain obligacions more fully hit in contenet. Yo forsaid Hamonet William Henry and Thomas ordanen and demen yat yo forsaid Richard shal bere yo pees for him and al his to yo forsaid Nicholas and to al his tenauntes and seruauntes: And also yat yo forsaid Nicholas shal bere the pees for him and al his to yo forsaid Richard; and to all his men and his tenauntes fro yo day of yo makyng of yes endentures vnto yo next session quen hit haldes at Lancastre or els vnto yo tyme yat yo forsaid awarders with avice of Thomas of Langley Bysshope of Duram hauen made ful ende. And also yo forsaid awarders awarden yat yo forsaid Nicholas and his tenauntes shyn hooly occupy yo pasture of yo Redeshaghe mosse undebated be yo forsaid Richard or be his tenauntes in amendement for yo skathe and harmes yat was done to yo forsaid Nicholas at his hous be James yo son of yo forsaid Richard and his men abregyng nonn amendes yat shuld be to yon forsaid Nicholas. And yo forsaid Nicholas yo same pasture in yo maner beforsaid with his tenauntes shal occupy vnto yo next session beforsaid or els til we mon make ende in yo mene while with avice of yo Bisshope beforsaid. In yo wittenes of queche to yis endenture yo forsaid Hamonet William Henry and Thomas awarders hann set hor seals. Geuen at Lancastre in yo fryday next befor yo fest of Palme seuenday. In yo yere of ye regnynge of yo kyng Henry yo fift after ye conquest yo fift.

The following Paper was read:—

ON THE OLD HALLS OF CHESHIRE.—NO. I. TRANMERE HALL.

By Joseph Mayer, Esq., F.S.A.

In endeavouring to find some account of the old Hall of Tranmere, I much regret that my researches have hitherto been unsuccessful, as it is