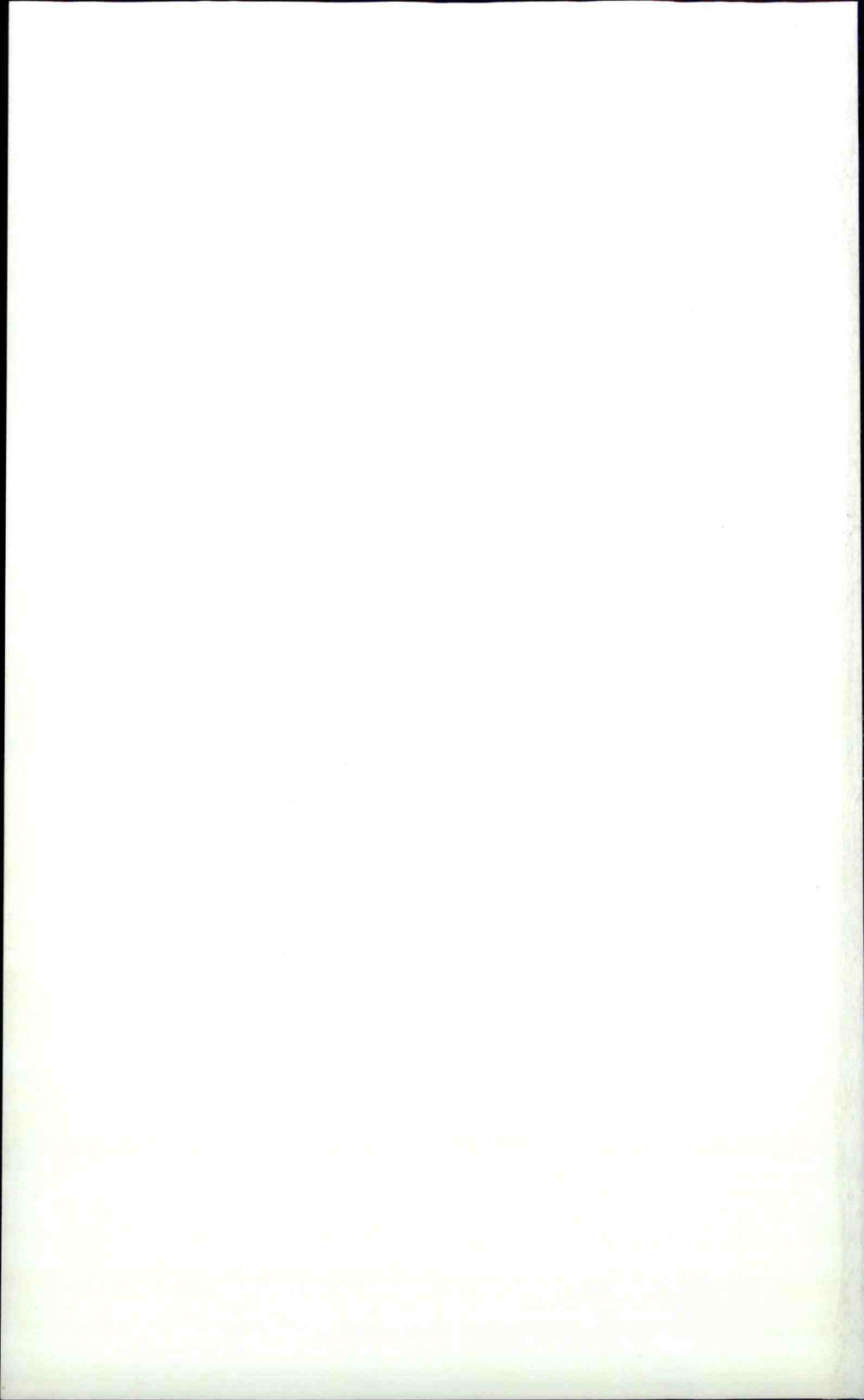
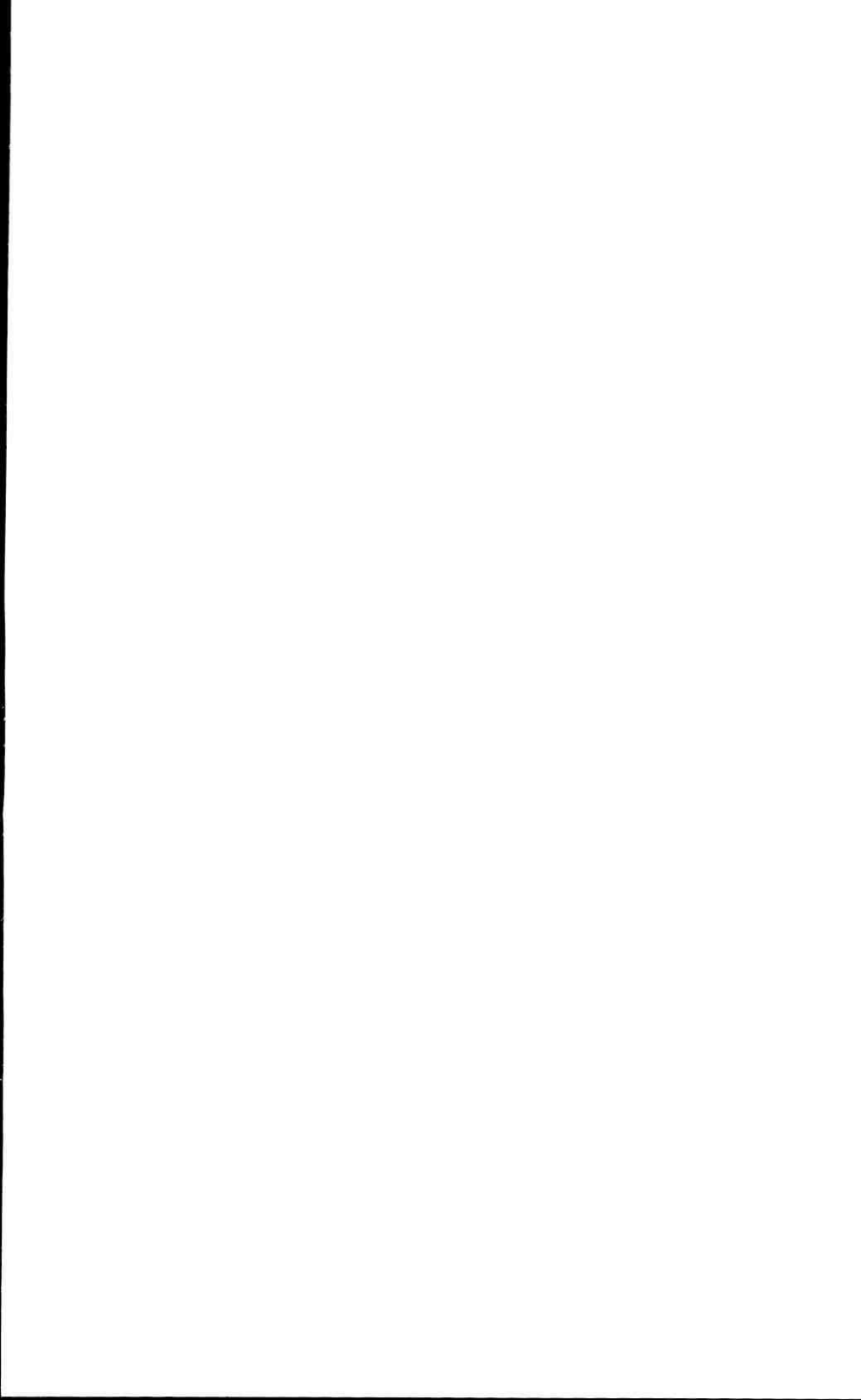


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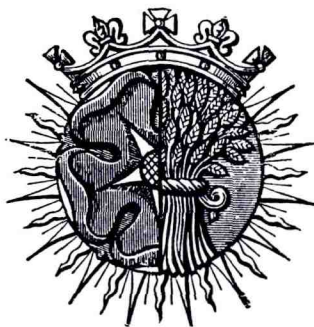
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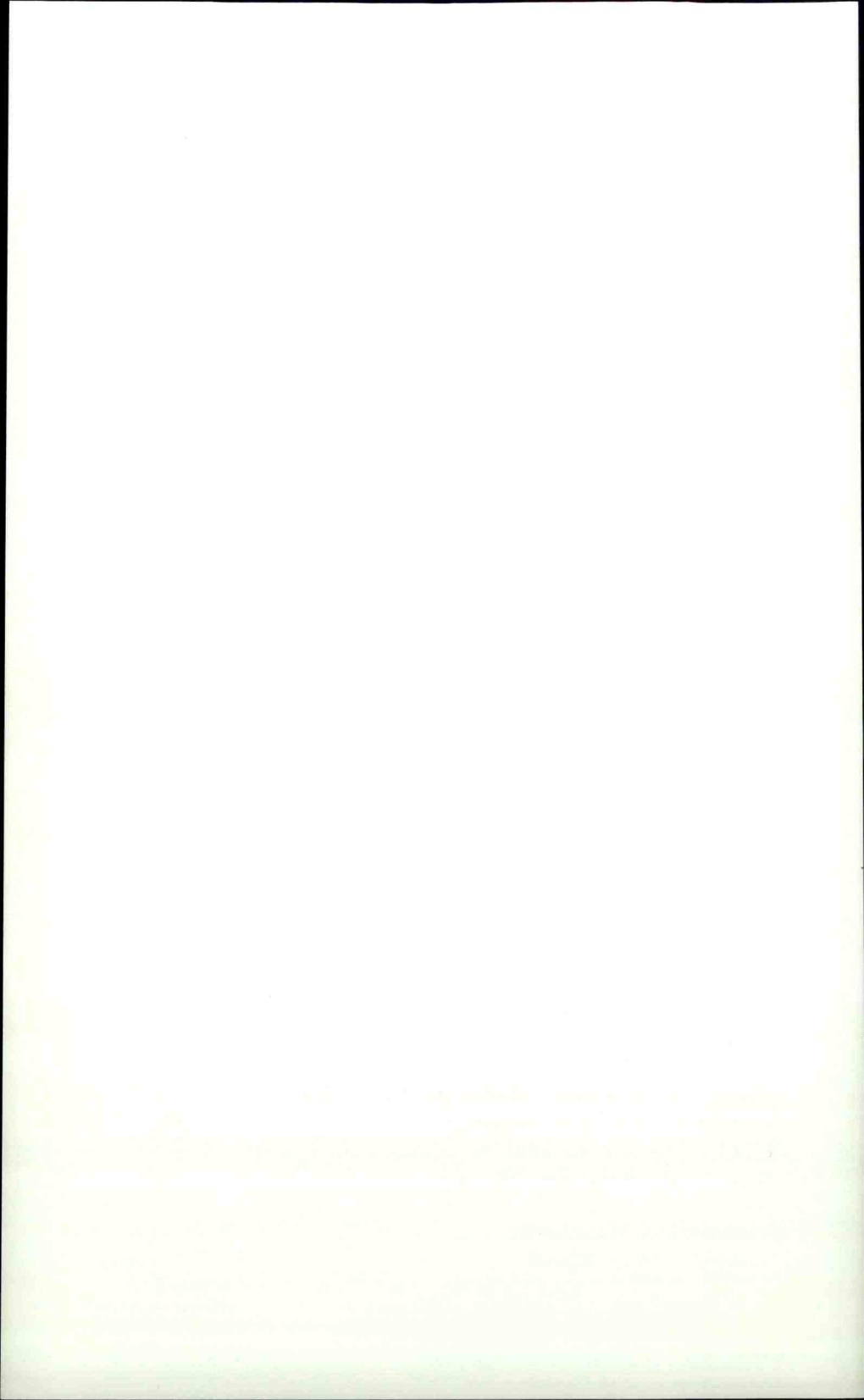
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## EDITORIAL NOTE

This volume is larger than usual for two reasons. First, the editors have always been willing to consider papers beyond the usual word limit, and Charles Foster's paper follows the long paper on slave-trade captains in the last volume. The editors look forward to other similar proposals. Mr Foster's paper is also available from the Arley Hall Press in a separate cover, and Council is pleased to be associated with this venture. Secondly, volume 141 includes nine papers and two short notes, as Council decided to ease a potential backlog of papers accepted for publication by funding a larger volume. *Transactions* does not usually contain colour plates, but the subject matter of John Hopkins's paper necessitated colour reproduction. Council is above all concerned to maintain the publication of *Transactions* each year and to contain costs, but it recognizes the special requirements of some papers and the need to publish authors' work as quickly as possible.

The contents reflect the usual and welcome mix of topics, of professional and amateur historians among the authors, and also a reasonable balance between the two counties. We particularly welcome the paper on the Isle of Man, which has close connections with Lancashire, and is part of a wider Irish Sea littoral region to which Lancashire and Cheshire belong. As the twentieth century draws to a close, perhaps we should expect some more recent history in *Transactions*.

Mrs Grace Wyatt, the society's Honorary Secretary, died earlier this year. As editors, we would like to record our thanks for her help as the indexer of *Transactions* over the last decade. We are grateful to Mrs J. M. Phillips who has prepared the index for this volume.

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B.L.	British Library, London
Cheshire R.O.	Cheshire Record Office, Chester
Chester R.O.	Chester City Record Office
C.S.	Chetham Society
<i>J.C.A.S.</i>	<i>Journal of the Chester Archaeological Society</i> (formerly <i>Journal of the Chester and North Wales Architectural, Archaeological, and Historic Society</i> )
J.R.U.L.M.	John Rylands University Library of Manchester
Lancs. R.O.	Lancashire Record Office, Preston
Liv. R.O.	Liverpool City Record Office
M.C.L.	Manchester City Library
P.P.	Parliamentary Papers
P.R.O.	Public Record Office, London
R.S.L.C.	Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire
<i>T.H.S.L.C.</i>	<i>Transactions of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire</i>
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<i>V.C.H. Cheshire</i>	<i>The Victoria History of the Counties of England: A History of the County of Chester</i> (in progress)
<i>V.C.H. Lancs.</i>	<i>The Victoria History of the Counties of England: The Victoria History of the County of Lancaster</i> , ed. William Farrer and J. Brownbill (8 vols, London, 1906–1914)