

COMMUNICATIONS

AN EARLY LIVERPOOL POSTMASTER

THE postal arrangements of Liverpool before the eighteenth century have not yet been fully explored by local historians. The manuscripts of the Corporation of the City of Chester contain a letter which has been calendared thus:

27 November 1606. Letter to the Mayor of Chester. Announcing the writer has received from the Postmaster of Lyverpole a letter for the earl of Salisbury, which is herewith transmitted to the said Mayor in order that he may forward it to the said earl "when next you write unto him." (*Eighth Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts*. Appendix, Part I, Section II, H.M. Stationery Office, 1881).

This is the earliest mention of a Postmaster of Liverpool that I have seen.

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