



NOTES, HISTORICAL AND ANTIQUARIAN,  
RELATING TO  
LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

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(Read Nov. 27th, 1879.)

PART II.

HENRY III, from the Meols Beach. *Found Nov., 1879—Coll. C. Potter.*  
A divided Penny; half. Long cross. *Obv.* Part of the face,  
and ENRICUS. R. *Rev.* ON LVND. On this fragment the  
letters are three times united.

QUARTER NOBLE, EDWARD III, from the Meols Beach.  
*Found Nov., 1879—Coll. C. Potter.*  
Precisely similar to the piece found in March, 1879. See Notes,  
Trans. Hist. Soc., vol. xxxi, p. 69.

*Obv.* EDWARD  $\frac{\times}{\times}$  DEI  $\frac{\times}{\times}$  GRA  $\frac{\times}{\times}$  REX  $\frac{\times}{\times}$ . . . . *Angl.* A beaded  
shield quartering first and fourth France ancient, second and  
third England, within a double tressure of eight curves.  
*Rev.* . . . . TABITVR  $\frac{\times}{\times}$  IN  $\frac{\times}{\times}$  GLOR . . . . *Exaltabitur in*  
*gloria.* A cross fleury terminating in fleur-de-lis, a fleur-de-  
lis in the centre, a lion passant in each angle, within a double  
tressure of eight curves.

A broken coin, but well preserved. This is the second un-  
doubted discovery of gold money on the Cheshire shore.

AN UNRECORDED LIVERPOOL PAMPHLET.

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A small quarto pamphlet of 52 pp., with well engraved frontis-  
piece, not in the lists published by the Historic Society.\*

\* Vol. xiii, p. 121; and vol. xvii, p. 73.

TITLE PAGE.—“The VOYAGE: a POEM, (in eight parts), containing  
“Reflections upon a Farewell; Calm; Moderate Breeze; Hard Gale; Storm;  
“Shipwreck; Deliverance; Return.—Liverpool: Printed for the AUTHOR,  
“and Sold by T. COWBURNE, at his Printing-office, in Castle Street.”

DEDICATION.—“To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and  
“Common Council of the Town of Liverpool; This Poem is humbly  
“presented by their most obedient Humble Servant,” THOMAS BOULTON.

It is evident the author was a native of Liverpool, he alludes to his home and birthplace in the opening lines, “Farewell.”

“Adieu! ye ever pleasing hills,  
“Whose chearful looks the mind with rapture fills;  
“How oft have I upon your surface trod,  
“And viewed with joy the painting of a God;  
“How oft have I your summits traversed o’er,  
“Blest with the beauties of my native shore.”

And again in the “Return”—

“Oh happy day, my native shore’s in sight,  
“The blooming fields affords a fresh delight;  
“I see the steeples o’er yon lofty hill,  
“Now every scene my breast with joy doth fill.”  
“Our bark glides swiftly thro’ the rapid tide,  
“Prest by the gale she does the waves divide;  
“And now once more my eyes behold the Rock,  
“The Perch we pass, and run into the Dock.”

This is a good description of the appearance of the country round Liverpool, as seen from the deck of a vessel entering the port a hundred years ago. The old Rock Perch was removed in 1827, when the foundation stone of the lighthouse was laid.

Mr. Boulton tells us, in a foot-note, he had been several voyages to Africa, therefore we may assume he was a sailor by profession. He also mentions certain localities in the town of a not very delectable character; he says:—

“Was’t not for thee, who stops my wild career,  
“I often should (I own) to Dig Lane\* steer;  
“Or perhaps to New Street, † on which wretched coast,  
“So many clever fellows have been lost.”

As may be supposed, the poem contains many nautical phrases, variety of weather, and the usual incidents which occur at sea.

\* Dig Lane, the old name for Cheapside.

† New Street, a narrow street out of Dale street.

In his "Return," the Welsh coast is sighted.

" 'Tis Holyhead, I see it from below."

He then sails his vessel into port.

" The wind comes aft, my lads the bowlins check,

" Up main clew-garnet, quick, let go the tack.

" Round in your braces, now the wind's come fair,

" She goes before it and the yards are square.

" We briskly sail, for now both wind and tide

" Is in our favour, and we swiftly glide."

The printer, *T. Cowburne*, appears in Mr. Mott's list once,\* as the printer of Hutchinson's *Treatise on Practical Seamanship*, 1777. In the Liverpool Directory, 1766, he is styled "Thomas Cowburne, Printer, Atherton Street."

LIVERPOOL DOCK POLICE. A large bronze medal.

*Coll. British Museum.*

*Obv.* The river Mersey personified, LIVERPOOL DOCK POLICE below. *Rev.* G . R . III.

I do not know for what purpose this medal was struck ; it may have been given as a reward, or perhaps only worn as a distinguishing badge of service. In 1816 the Dock Police Office was at No. 39, East Side Old Dock. In 1827 No. 2, Hanover Street.

A TRENCHER, temp. Car. I.

A few months ago a small wooden trencher, belonging to a lady in Lytham, was shown to me. I at once copied the inscription, which, from its curious old written character and quaintness of aphorism, I thought worthy of preservation. The trencher is  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches in diameter, with border of scrolls and flowers, painted in different colours ; the centre is slightly depressed, and inscribed :—

If thou  
bee younge then  
marrie nott yett .∴ It  
thou bee old thou hast more  
witt. For younge mens  
wives will nott bee taught,  
And old mens wives  
bee good for  
naught .∴

\* Trans. Hist. Soc., vol. xiii, p. 127.

THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF LIVERPOOL VOLUNTEERS, (or  
"Liverpool Blues.")

During the present year, 1879, I met with an odd but pleasing relic of an old Liverpool regiment, viz., an officer's cross-belt plate, oval, copper gilt, having a large silver liver (the town's crest) fixed on the centre, and close to the outer rim—ROYAL LIVERPOOL REGIMENT OF VOLUNTEERS.

This interesting part of a soldier's uniform comes to light a century after the regiment was raised, officered, and numbered in the regular service, as the 97th, or Royal Liverpool Volunteers.\*

In the *Army List*, 1781, all the officers' names, with dates of their commissions, are given. Those above the rank of lieutenant were—

	<i>Date of Commission.</i>
Col. (Major-General) Thomas Hall . . . . .	Jan. 8, 1779
Lieut.-Col. F. Richmond Humphreys . . . . .	May 2, 1779
Major Bryan Blundell . . . . .	Nov. 2, 1780
Capt. Banister Tarleton . . . . .	Jan. 8, 1778
„ John de Birniere . . . . .	Jan. 11, 1778
„ Andrew Despard . . . . .	Jan. 13, 1778
„ Richard Bulkely . . . . .	Jan. 14, 1778
„ Vesey Knox . . . . .	Aug. 6, 1780
„ Thomas Mounsey . . . . .	Aug. 28, 1780
„ Edward Marcus Despard . . . . .	Oct. 25, 1780
„ Clotworthy Dobbins . . . . .	Oct. 25, 1780

Thomas Hall, promoted to the rank of general, 3rd May, 1796, was colonel of the 3rd Buffs, and died 1810.

Francis Richmond Humphreys became a major-general, 1794.

Bryan Blundell, grandson of Bryan Blundell, founder of the Blue Coat Hospital, was afterwards colonel of the 45th regiment, and served with distinction at the capture of Guadaloupe, 1794.

Banister Tarleton. The Tarletons were a very old Liverpool family. Banister served in America under Cornwallis; he became General Sir Banister Tarleton, and was returned M.P. for this borough at the election in 1790. He died 23rd January, 1833.

Edward Marcus Despard, afterwards Colonel Despard, who was executed at Southwark, Feb. 21st, 1803, for conspiracy.

\* The regiment was raised 1778, disbanded 1783. It served in Jamaica.