

The following Documents, &c., were exhibited to the Society.

An interesting document relative to the Rebellion of '45, exhibited by J. Leigh Clare, Esq., a Member of the Society:—

“Manchester, 29 Novr 1745

REceived by me, as having Power from the Secretary to His Royal Highness CHARLES Prince of *Wales* &c. from Mary Philips the Sum of Four pound six shills 4d as the Duties of *Excise* on Ale due by her at and preceeding the 12 Decem next
£4. 6. 4d.”

This receipt was found among the papers of Mr. Burdett, excise officer at Manchester, and given by him to his grandson, Ralph Leigh, of Hindley Green, Wigan, by whom it was presented to his grandson, the present possessor.

A very graphic description of the advance of the Army of the Young Pretender from Carlisle through Lancashire, is found in “A Complete History of the Rebellion, &c., by James Ray, of Whitehaven, Volunteer under his Royal Highness the Duke of Cumberland.” On the 27th November, 1745, both divisions of the Pretender’s army met, and Rested at Preston. The next day the Highlanders marched to Wigan, and on that day an “advance party” entered Manchester. Ray thus describes this entrance to Manchester: “Manchester was taken by a Serjeant, a Drum, and a Woman, about two o’clock in the afternoon, who rode up to the Bull’s Head, on horses with hempen halters, (a just emblem of what they deserved,) where they dined; after dinner they beat up for recruits, and in less than an hour listed about thirty. They were likewise joined by several others, some of desperate fortunes, who were modelled into what they called the Manchester Regiment.” That the usual plan of the Pretender, who laid hands on as much of the public money as he could obtain from the people of the towns through which he passed, was not in this instance neglected, the receipt we have given will shew.

A letter of secret intelligence, dated November 28th, one of a series written by a Manchester gentleman, to the Duke of Cumberland, and recently discovered by Lord Mahon, in the State Paper Office, Scotland. corrobora-

rates the account given by Ray, and says—"the two Highlanders who came in yesterday and beat up for Volunteers, for him they call his Royal Highness Charles Prince of Wales, offered five guineas advance. Many took on; each received one shilling, to have the rest when the Prince came! * * * The bellman went to order all persons charged with Excise, and innkeepers, forthwith to appear, and bring in their last acquittances and as much ready cash as that contains, on pain of military execution." The letter goes on to say "several thousands came in (on the 28th) at two o'clock: they ordered the bells to ring, and the bellman has been ordering us to illuminate our houses to-night, which must be done. The Chevalier marched by my door in a Highland dress, surrounded by a Highland guard; no music but a pair of bagpipes." The whole letter is given in Lord Mahon's "History of England from the Peace of Utrecht."

On the 1st of December the Chevalier resumed his march, passing through Cheshire, and on the 4th took up his quarters at Derby, but it is unnecessary to prolong our notice of events so well known.

MR. CLARE also contributed the following extracts, copied by himself, from the Parish register at Wigan:—

1687. { An account of Certificates given to persons within
this Town and Parish of Wigan, to be touched for
the King's evil by King James the Second at Chester
City.

August 26	<p>Alice daugh^r James Leyland de Ince. William son Esther daughter of William Urmston de hallgate Margaget Daugh Edward Prescott de Milnegate William Son James Younge de Standishgate James son John Langshaw de Scoles Edward son William Moorcroft de Scoles James son Peter Browne de pemberton James son ffancis Sherrington de Wallgate Elizabeth daug^r Robert Rigbye de hindley Elizabeth daug^r John Haughton de Marketstead Elizabeth daug^r Thomas Kirbye de Milnegate Grace daug^r James Scott de Standishgate Margery daug^r John Whalley de Standishgate Thomas son John Edge de Ince Jefery son ffancis Sherrington de Wallgate Elizabeth daug^r John Glover de Ince Ellin daug^r Robert Banks de scoles Margery daug^r Parson Banks de Milnegate Sisley daug^r John Cooper de haigh Richard Haddock de Leyland Alice ffoster widow de Hallgate</p>
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