

V.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM THE COUNCILLOR OF STATE, C. C. RAFN, SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN ANTIQUARIES, COPENHAGEN, TO J. M. MITCHELL, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Mr Mitchell stated that he had received a communication in the Danish language from Mr Councillor of State C. C. Rafn, the Secretary of the "Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries," of which he had made a translation for the information of this Society. Mr Rafn states that next spring he would have ready his remarks on a Danish Runic stone found at Linding, on the Runic inscriptions on the tomb of King Gorm, &c. In the "Annals," as well as in the "Antiquarian Magazine" (*Antiquarisk Tidsskrift*), and in the "Memoires des Antiquaries du Nord," will be found several articles regarding the British Islands.

Mr Rafn states that he had made a tour for antiquarian purposes to Switzerland and Italy, particularly to examine the Runic inscription on the Marble Lion from the Piræus, now at Venice, of which he will soon prepare a description, as well as of 60 Runic inscriptions which, at the Society's expense, he had got restored and examined. Mr Mitchell thought it important that the Society should be informed that these important journeys into other and distant countries by the learned Secretary of that Society were liberally made at the expense of the Government of that country.

May 14, 1855.

RICHARD HUIE, M.D., in the Chair.

The Donations included:—

A Rustic Chair, which belonged to Allan Ramsay the Poet: and
A Chinese Puzzle: by EDWARD HUIE, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Raleigh's History of the World, and two other Volumes: by J.
C. ROGER, Esq., F.S.A. Scot., Govan.

A large Bronze Leaf-shaped Sword, 3 feet 4 inches in length:
and a large Bronze Caldron, in fine preservation: BEQUEATHED
TO THE SOCIETY, by the late ARCHIBALD LECKIE, Esq., F.S.A.
Scot., Paisley.

The following Antiquities were exhibited to the Meeting:—

A Miniature of Prince Charles Stuart, with part of the original (Highland pattern) Ribbon: and

An Antique Highland Powder Horn, with the inscribed date of 1683: by JAMES DRUMMOND, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

An Old Silver Watch, said to have once belonged to Prince Charles Stuart: by ROBERT CHAMBERS, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

The Communications read were the following:—