

Fig. 2.

DOOR PANNEL FROM STIRLING CASTLE
Carved oak 5 ft. 6. in. in height.

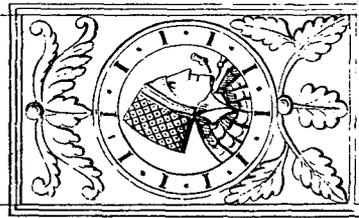
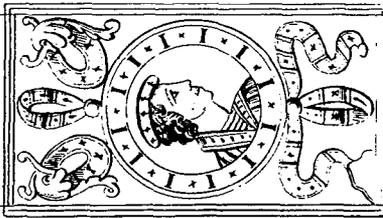
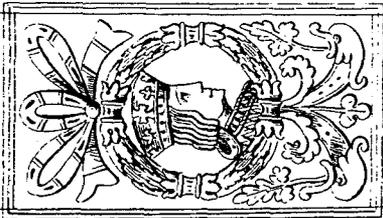
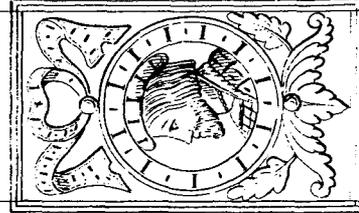
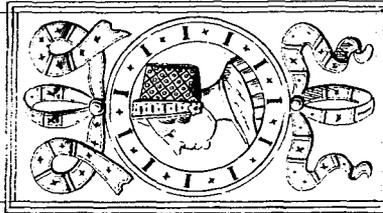
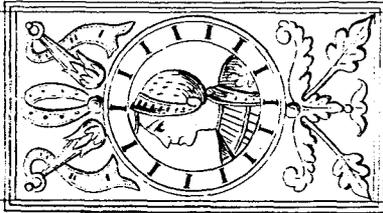
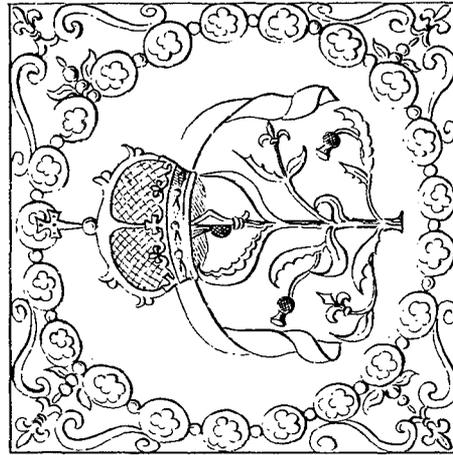
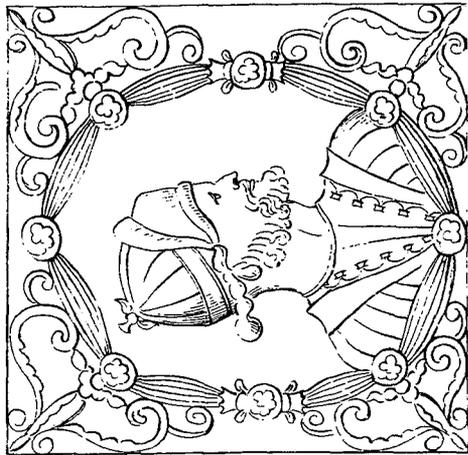
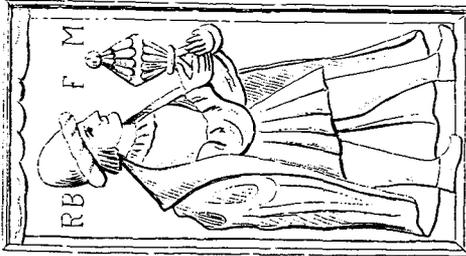
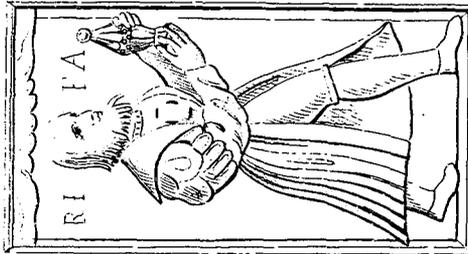
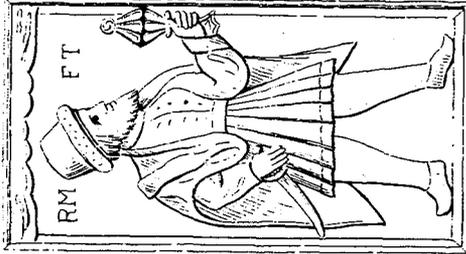


Fig. 3.

ANCIENT CARVING AT RIVAN.



XIV.—*Notice of an Ancient Carving on an Ambry, or Cupboard, in Aberdeenshire; in a Letter from JAMES LOGAN, Esq. London, to the Secretary.*

[Read to the Society, 14th May 1827.]

MY DEAR SIR,

42, Upper Thornhaugh Street,
London, 24th April 1827.

AT present I beg leave to hand you a Drawing of an Ancient Carving. In a late visit to Scotland, being at the Old Kirk-town of Rivan, now annexed to the parish of Cairney, in Aberdeenshire, I discovered an Ambry, or Cupboard (*a*), the front of which was ornamented in the manner I have represented. On inquiry I found it was originally the property of the Earls of Findlater, from whom it was bought at a public sale many years ago; and at the death of its purchaser, an old farmer, it was sometime since disposed of to one Brown, in whose possession it now is. The pannels only are ancient; and have been carefully painted. The subject represented is the Magi making their offerings to the Infant Saviour. It is observable, that the Wise Men were in Scotland called the Three Kings of Cullen, (said to be a corruption of Cologne) and the Earl of Findlater's chief seat was at Cullen, in Banffshire. The letters to the right of the figures I should explain, *Rex Melchior, Rex Balthazar, Rex Isachar*, which were their respective names. If we give way to conjecture, the other letters may denote, *Fidei Tenax, Fidei Minister, Fidei Amans*. The Star that appears over the Head of Christ, and the Glory around Mary's, with the J. H. S. and M. are gilded, or rather have been so. Although this specimen of carving is little interesting, either for its execution or antiquity, it may not be altogether unworthy of notice.

I am, My Dear Sir,

Your very humble servant,

JAMES LOGAN.

Samuel Hibbert, Esq. M. D. &c. &c.

(*a*) See Plate XI, Fig 3.