

THE MASSACRE OF GLENCOE.

The Act (in Latin), proceeding upon the following Warrant appointing a Commission for Inquiry into the Slaughter at Glencoe, forms part of "The Parliamentary Proceedings, Acts," &c., Vol. IX., Appendix, p. 98.

It has this title—"Commissio pro Inquirendo de Cæde de Glencoe 29 Aprilis 1695," and it is included in the valuable collection of original papers relative to the Highlands of Scotland, printed for the Maitland Club in 1845, p. 97.

A copy of the Warrant, from the original now presented to the Society (see p. 32), is here inserted without offering any remarks on this sad affair. It is indorsed :—

WARRANT FOR A COMMISSION FOR INQUIRING INTO THE SLAUGHTER
OF THE M'DONALDS OF GLENCOE, APRIL 1695.

“WILLIAM R:

OUR SOVERAIGN LORD Considering That Notwithstanding His Majesty did in the year Jmꝯjc & Ninty three By an express Instruction Impower the deceast William Duke of Hamilton and others, to take tryall of, and make Inquiry into the Slaughter of the M^cDonalds and others of Glencoe, in the year Jmꝯjc & Ninty two, and into the way and manner of Committing it, Yet the Inquiry that was then made in Prosecution of the foresaid Instruction being defective, And His Majesty Considering That the most effectuall method for getting full Information of the true Circumstances of the said Affair will be by Appointing an Commission for that Effect. And His Majesty being well Satisfied with the Abilities and Sufficiency of the persons afternamed for the End above-mentioned Does therefore Ordain a Commission to be past and expedie under the great Seal of the foresaid Kingdom Nominating and Appointing Likeas His Majesty by these presents Nominats and Appoints His Majestys right trusty and right well beloved Cousins and Councillors John Marques of Tweeddale Lord High Chancellor of His said Kingdom William Earle of Annandale His Majestys right trusty and well beloved Councillors John Lord Murray Sir James Stewart His Majesty's Advocat Adam Cockburn of Ormston His Majestys Justice Clerk Sir Archibald Hope of Ranquiller Sir William Hamilton of Whitelaw Senators of the College of Justice Sir James Ogilvie His Majestys Solicitor and Mr Drummond of Megginch wherof ffive to be a Quorum, and with power to them to chose their own Clerk To be Commissioners for taking Recognition and making Inquiry into the foresaid Slaughter, by whom, in what manner and upon what pretended Authority it was committed;

And in order to the Discovering of this, The saids Commissioners are hereby Impowered to call for all the Orders that were given theranent, as also to Examine all persons any way concerned therein, and such witnesses as they shall find necessary, either by Taking their Oaths or Declarations And thereafter the said Commissioners are to transmit to His Majesty the true State of the said Affair, Together with the Proofs and Evidences which shall be adduced before them To the effect that after due and full Information His Majesty may give such necessary Orders therupon as He shall think proper And His Majesty Ordains the foresaid Commission to be further extended in the most ample form with all Clauses needfull And to pass his great Seal aforesaid per Saltum Without passing any other Seal or Register ffor doing wherof These presents shall be to the Directors of His Majestys Chancellary for writing the same And to the Lord high Chancellor for Causing the Seal be appended thereto a Sufficient Warrant. Given At His Majestys Court at Kensingtoun the 29th day of Aprile 1695 and of His Majestys Reign the 7th year."

"May it Please your Majesty

"These contain your Majestys Warrant for a Commission to be past under the great Seal of your Kingdom of Scotland Nominating and Appointing John Marques of Tweeddale your Chancellor And the Lords & others above named wherof five to be a Quorum To be Commissioners for Taking Precognition aud making Inquiry into the Slaughter of the McDonaldis and others of Glencoe in the year 1692 By whom, in what manner and upon what pretended Authority It was committed and in order to the discovery The saids Commissioners are Impowered to call for all Orders that were given theranent and to Examine all persons that were concerned therein and such witnesses as they shall find necessary, either by Taking their oaths or Declarations And thereafter the said Commissioners are to transmit to your Majesty the true state of the affair with the proofs and Evidences which shall be adduced To the End that after due and full Information your Majesty may give such necessary orders thereon as you shall think proper.

J JOHNSTOUN."

MONDAY, 24th March 1863.

JAMES T. GIBSON CRAIG, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were balloted for and elected Fellows of the Society :—

JOHN REED APPLETON, Esq., Western Hill, Durham.

JOHN COOK, Esq., W.S.

WILLIAM MUIR, Esq., Merchant, Leith.

GEORGE PATERSON, M.D., Deputy-Commissioner in Lunacy.

The Donations to the Museum and Library were as follows ; and thanks were voted to the Donors :—

(1.) By His Grace the Duke of HAMILTON and BRANDON, F.S.A. Scot., through Dr James Bryce, High School, Glasgow.

Clay Cinerary Urn, measuring $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height, and 7 inches in diameter across the mouth ; and portions of another.

Human Skull, and portions of various bones.

Flint Flakes, varying in size from 1 inch to 3 inches in length ; and also

A Portion of a Bronze Pin, 1 inch in length. Found in digging within Stone Circles at Tormore, Island of Arran. A detailed description of these relics is given in "An Account of Excavations within the Stone Circles of Arran," by James Bryce, A.M., LL.D. ; volume iv., page 499, of the Proceedings of the Society. The Urn, Flint Flakes, &c., are figured in plate 17 of the same volume.

(2.) By ARCHIBALD SMITH, M.D., late of Lima.

Collection of Remains from the Ancient Tombs of the Inca and Yunga Nations in Peru, including :—

Human Skull from the ruins of the Huaca De Salinas, near Lima, Peru.

Three Human Skulls from the ruins of Cajamarquilla, near Lima.

Two Human Skulls from the ancient Huaca, Chorrillos, Lima. One of these crania shows the existence of a wormian bone, it is of large

size, and is situated at the junction of the sagittal and occipital sutures. Several smaller distinct ossiculæ are also present in the occipital suture. Dr Smith states that wormian bones are by no means general or characteristic of the cranium of the ancient Peruvians.

Various portions of the Dresses, of Cotton and of Woollen Cloths, some plain, striped, checked, and others with patterns in different colours; also Ornamented Belts, Bunches of Thread, &c., &c.; found in the Ancient Tombs of Peru.

Basket formed of reeds and plaited grass, containing two cups, being portions of gourds, balls of very fine woollen thread, and thread wound on three wooden spindles; Short Head of Maize or Indian Corn; Ring-shaped Stone, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, with a perforation in the centre $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter; and Small Stone Ball $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter; found in a grave at Pisco.

Two Small Idols, male and female, of black earthenware, from Trujillo.

Four Bottles of Red and Black Earthenware; one representing a monkey, another twin birds, &c.; from Trujillo.

Two Drinking Cups, of thin, dark-coloured earthenware, from Pisco, and shaped like the modern tumbler.

Two long-shaped Drinking Cups, rounded below, with bell-shaped mouths, of reddish earthenware, with coloured patterns; one measures 7 inches in height, on it is painted the cactus or melon thistle, in black and white; the other is covered with a rich pattern of red, white, and black colours; from Pisco.

Bronze Star-like Implement, of five rays, one of which is wanting; from Pisco.

Small-sized Face or Mask of an Indian, in red earthenware, displaying in black colour a thin beard and moustaches; from an old Peruvian grave at Chinchá. The Peruvian Indian is usually beardless.

Portion apparently of the Spindle of a Distaff, terminating in a pear-shaped extremity, which is hollow, and is pierced at each end with a round hole, and a small piece of slab pottery, pierced in the centre, probably used with the spindle.

As specimens of the language of this ancient people :—

Padre Diego de Torres Rubio, *Arte y Vocabulario de la Lengua Quichua*

general de los Indios de el Peru—to which the P. Juan de Figueredo added a Vocabulary of the Chinchaysuyo, printed in Lima, 1754, 12mo.

El Evangelio de Jesu Christo segun San Lucas, en Aymará y Español, 12mo, Lond., 1829. (See Communication, p. 34.)

(3.) By JOHN ALEX. SMITH, M.D., Sec. S.A. Scot.

Casts in Plaster of portions of Inscriptions, Dates, &c., from Melrose Abbey. (See Proceedings of the Society, vol. ii. page 166.)

Small portion of Pale Blue-coloured Glass, from Dunblane Cathedral.

Two portions of Blue, and Green-coloured Glass, showing traces of painted patterns in red colour, found near the site of the great east window of Dunfermline Abbey during the explorations made in the year 1818.

Small specimens of this glass were given by Dr Smith to the late Professor George Wilson, for the purpose of being analysed; and the results were published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, vol. iv. p. 191, 8vo. Edin. 1862, "On the Composition of Old Scottish Glass," by Thos. Bloxam, Assistant to Professor G. Wilson, Industrial Museum.

Three Medals of White Metal; one in commemoration of the visit of George IV. to Scotland and Edinburgh in 1822; another, of the death of Queen Caroline in 1821; the third, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, MEETING OF THE 18TH MAY 1843—The Bush Burning,—NEC TAMEN CONSUMEBATUR. On the obverse is a portrait of the Rev. Thomas Chalmers, D.D., LL.D., Moderator.

Two White Metal Communion Tokens, Edinburgh 1817 and 1843.

(4.) By the KIRK-SESSION of ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, Edinburgh.

Ornamented Brass Stand for Sandglass, formerly attached to the Pulpit of St Cuthbert's Church. (It is figured at page 17 of this volume.)

(5.) By GEORGE VERE IRVING, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.

Dutch Coffin, with drawers, &c., inside. It is 15 inches long, 11 inches broad, and 8 inches deep, and is covered with thin brass plates, and strapped and studded with iron.

(6.) By Mr JOHN DOUGLAS.

Rude Iron Pillar Candlestick, 14 inches high, from the Old City Weighhouse, which formerly stood at the head of the West Bow, Edinburgh.

(7.) By GEORGE SIM, Esq., Curator of Coins, S.A. Scot.
Pair of Ladies' High-Heeled Crimson Satin Shoes with Plated Buckles.

(8.) By GEORGE BELL, M.D.
Large Old Silver Watch, with Chased Silver Dial, STEPHEN RAYNER,
LONDON.

Stephen Rayner was admitted into the Company of Clockmakers of London in 1691; by the information of Octavius Morgan, Esq., M.P., whose valuable memoirs on the origin of watches and clockmaking in the *Archæologia*, vol. xxxiii. pp. 84, 293, and vol. xxxiv. p. 259, supply much that is interesting regarding these subjects.

Large and small pair of Plated Shoe-Buckles; and a pair of plain Black Spring Shoe-Buckles, being the style last in ordinary wear, having been worn by the late James Hamilton, M.D., Edinburgh, who died in 1835.

(9.) By ALEXANDER BRUCE, Esq., S.S.C.
Three pair of large Shoe-Buckles of different patterns.

(10.) By ROBERT CARFRAE, Esq., F.S.A. Scot.
Brass Bodkin, rudely ornamented, 4 inches in length.
Pardon granted in 1733 by George II. to Alexander Robertson of Strowan, Perthshire. It is written on a sheet of vellum, with an engraved ornamental border.

(11.) By Mr GREEN, Eskgrove, Musselburgh.
A Roman Denarius—*FAUSTINA* the younger—*Rev. PUDICITIA*.

(12.) By the Rev. Dr MAITLAND, Kells Manse, Kirkcudbrightshire.
Roman Large Brass of *MAXIMINUS*—*Rev. PAX. AUGUSTI*.

(13.) By Mr BROADFOOT, Kingarth, by Rothesay.
Scottish Groat—*DAVID II.*, of the usual type, struck at Edinburgh.

(14.) By the Rev. H. B. SANDS, Northwood, Rickmansworth, Herts.
Scottish Gold—*JAMES V.*, two-thirds of the Bonnet Piece of the usual type. *Rev. HONOR REGIS JUDICIUM DELIGIT*, and not *DILIGIT*, as usual.

(15.) By ROBERT CHAMBERS, Esq., F.S.A. Scot. (the Editor).
The Songs of Scotland prior to Burns; with the Tunes. 12mo. Edinburgh, 1862.

(16.) By ROBERT WILLIAM BILLINGS, Esq., Architect, London (the Author).

The Power of Form applied to Geometric Tracery. 8vo. Edinburgh, 1851.

(17.) By the Council of the Royal Irish Academy.

Transactions of the Royal Irish Academy, vol. 24, part 2, Science. 4to. Dublin, 1862.

The following Communications were read :—