

## On a Copper Seal discovered at Darley Abbey, Derbyshire.

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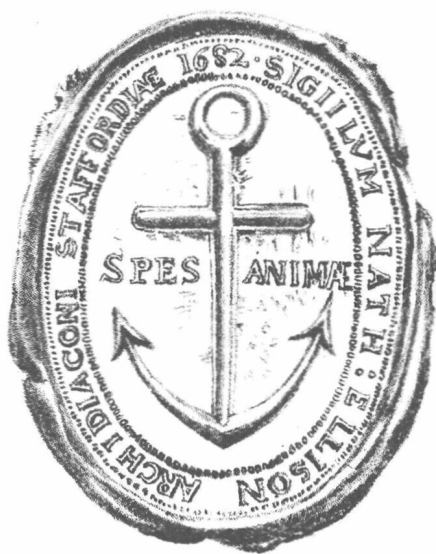
THE Seal which forms the subject of this notice was discovered a short time since in a cottage at Darley Abbey, where it had done duty for a long period as a weight inside a pincushion: the handle only being visible. The pincushion is supposed to have come from Allestree Hall many years previously.

The seal is oval in shape and formed of copper, with a boxwood handle fitting into a brass socket on the back. It measures  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. long by  $1\frac{7}{8}$  in. wide, and bears in the field a large anchor between the words SPES ANIMÆ. The marginal legend is: SIGILLVM NATH: ELLISON ARCHIDIACONI STAFFORDIÆ 1682.

Nathaniel Ellison, M.A., whose official seal this was, was a Prebendary of Durham. He was appointed Vicar of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and in 1682 became Archdeacon of Stafford. This seal was accordingly made on his entering on his new preferment.

Archdeacon Ellison died in 1721, and was buried in his own church at Newcastle.

The seal is now in my possession.



SEAL OF NATH: ELLISON, ARCHDEACON OF STAFFORD  
1682