

X. *An Account of a Runic Inscription on an ancient Cross, discovered at Lancaster, in the Year 1807, in a Letter from WILLIAM HAMPER Esq. to JOHN ADAMSON, Esq., Secretary.*

*Deritend House, Birmingham,
Oct. 3d, 1822.*

SIR,

I SHALL feel obliged by your laying before the Society, accompanied by my best acknowledgements for the honour of membership lately conferred upon me, the annexed sketch of an ancient cross, found at Lancaster, in the year 1807. Never having seen the original, I can only vouch for the accuracy of its delineation, on the assurance of my learned friend Mr. Ormerod, the Historian of Cheshire, who informs me that it was made by a very careful artist at Lancaster, when this curious relique was deposited in the Vicar's house there, shortly after its discovery and disinterment in the adjacent church yard. The Runic Inscription, "faithful to its trust," though partially injured by all-prevailing Time, may be thus represented in Anglo-Saxon characters.



Γebyc fop oczelbꝛit & ꝛuh=buꝛuz:

i. e. *Erected for Ocyelbrit's Burial-place.*

In the unsettled orthography of the early period when this cross was set up, probably anterior to the Norman Conquest, *Ocyelbrit* would express the same name as *Egelberht* or *Æthelberht*,* which seems to have been a common appellation.

I remain, dear Sir,

Your's sincerely,

WM. HAMPER.

* Gibson Chron. Sax. Regulæ generales, p. 51.