



XVI.—*An Account of some Roman Antiquities which were sold in Newcastle, in 1812, communicated by Mr. JOHN BELL. See Plate IV. fig. 1.*

IN February, 1812, several Roman Antiquities were sold by a person (to all appearance a farmer) to Mr. Thomas Watson, Silversmith, Newcastle, and afterwards passed into the possession of John Brumell, Esq., in whose collection they remain. They consist of an oblong silver salver, about 18 inches in length, carved round the edge, and which, when discovered, was quite entire; a silver cup, about 5 inches in diameter, with only a small damage on one side; another, about the same size, but which was so much corroded as to fall to pieces; a flat handle, of which I send a drawing and which appears to have belonged to one of the cups, is most beautifully carved with leaves and flowers, and has an inscription $\begin{matrix} M & A & T & R & I & F & A & B \\ & & & & & & & D & V & B & I & T. \end{matrix}$ which had been inlaid with letters of gold, all, however, excepting the letters T V B being lost out; two pieces of silver, carved and gilt, which seemed to have been pieces of a bridle bit; several gold and silver rings, mostly in the shape of serpents, some of them set with stones, and one having an inscription.