

URN FOUND AT VILLA REAL,

10th APRIL, 1928.

DRAWN TO THE FULL SIZE



XLV.—*Account of the Discovery of a Stone Vault and Urn, at Villa Real, near Jesmond, in a Letter to the Secretaries, by Russell Blackbird, Esq.*

Villa Real, April 10, 1828.

GENTLEMEN,

IN trenching some ground for planting, this morning, we discovered a stone vault, 4 feet long by 2 feet wide, and 20 inches deep, deposited in a *dry hard marle* below the soil, which we were taking out for making the walks in the garden. It contained the bones of a man, the head, in particular, quite perfect, with all the teeth in it. Also a small urn (of which the annexed is a representation, *See Plate XI.*), of which I beg your acceptance for the use of the Antiquarian Society. There was some red-coloured earth in the urn which the labourers threw out.

I am, respectfully,

GENTLEMEN,

Yours, &c.,

RUSSELL BLACKBIRD.