

those figures are, as he justly says, majestic, and crowned with turreted crowns. He describes the contents of their baskets or vessels as *golden coins*, and they are gilt in the MSS., but in the sculptures they resemble flattish apples or oranges, and are clearly fruits.

But your *five* figures bear no vessels at all. Hence I suppose that they signify *the five provinces of Britain*, of a later age, that of the "*Notitia*," which contains *five*, three of which (*viz.* Britannia Prima, Britannia Secunda, and Flavia Cæsariensis,) were Presidential, and two of which were *Consular*, (*viz.* Maxima Cæsariensis, and Valentia). I suppose also that Britain became at length self-supporting, and that the absence of fruits may have denoted freedom from tribute to the Roman *fiscus*. If I am right in my political interpretation, the date of your figures is not only later than that of the others, (say about the end of fourth century,) but was before the addition of a *sixth* province, that of the "*Islands*," which is expressly mentioned in one of the oldest MSS. in the Imperial Collection, namely in the work of Dicuil.

MONTHLY MEETING, 3 JAN., 1866.

John Clayton, Esq., V.P. in the Chair.

NEW MEMBERS.—*Messrs. Charles James Spence, 4, Rosella Place, North Shields; Walter John Till, Croydon.*

AUDITORS.—*Messrs. Robert White, W. H. D. Longstaffe.*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIR JACOB ASTLEY, KNT., SERGEANT
MAJOR GENERAL OF HIS MAJESTIES ARMY COM-
MANDED BY MY LORD GENERAL, TO MAKE HIS
SPEEDY REPAIRE TO NEW CASTLE.

You are first to call the Quarter Master General and all the quarter masters of the foote before you, and to consider of the fittest place where to ledge the foote regiments uppon the Tyne of Northumberland side, having a regard to the comoditie of bringing all manner of provision by water, and to have a particular care of my Lord Generalls quarter. — To advance the horse if they give any impediment to the foote as farr as Hexham, and so *eastward* farther into Northumberland,

To treat with the Maior and Aldermen of the towne, concerning corne and victualls and to publish a free marquett to all that will come, and to assure them that upon any misdemenore of soldiers, justice shall be done, and if they cannot agree of the price they shall have libertie to transport their corne where they please within the kingdome. — To take consideration howe to furnish the army with bread, and what provision of meale they can weekly grind about Newcastle, that soe provision may be weekly sent overland or otherwise to Barwick as occasion shall serve. — To make an exacte state of artillery with the Generall of the Artillery, or in his absence with Mr. Pinckney, that at his Maiesties cominge into Northumberland, they may march at 24 howers warninge into the feild. — To take care that the horse sent out of the countrey be duly payd accordinge to the Lord's letters, viz. : 12*d.* for each horse per diem and 8*d.* for each carter, and that these horses and carters be duly quartered and harness made for them, they beinge only to be applied to the draught of artillery ammunition waggon, and to noe other use without speciall command. — To consider with those of Newcastle howe haye may be transported thence to the Holy Iland, and at what rate. — That a letter be instantly sent to my Lord of Linsey, that the colliers that brought his men out of Lincolnshire be all stayed at the Holy Iland untill further order from my Lord Generall. — To remember to have boates provided to make a bridge over the Tyne for coach and horse to passe over against the Kinge's Courte, which is thought will be at the White-Howse. — To take into consideration what deale boards, timber, firre poles, &c., may be had at Newcastle. — And what artificers, as smythes and masons, may be had there also, that some present order may be taken for the sendinge them to the Holy Iland. — You are to require the Mayor accordinge to my direction to cause good accomodation for an howse and forge to be made for the pistoll master and his fewe serventes for his better execution of his Majestie service and the present use of the army. — That the Maior and officers cause all howses to be aired and bedds where any infection hath beene, and this to be done presently before the army come. — Coll. Trofford to have armes for his regiment of 600 drages, beinge snap-haures, and Roger Woddrington for 120, both without pay. — That the Maior of the towne call before him the doctors of phisicke of the towne, and to require them to give their oppinions both of the contagion of this new disease or fever or small pox, and how longe since the plague hath been in the towne and immediately to certify the Lord Generall. — The generall troope of horse and company of foote to be lodged in, or as nere the towne as may be, and good quarter to be preserved for my Lord Generall's troop of horse, which will dayly increase, as near his person as may be. A village preserved for lodging of sicke or hurte souldiers, and another for the infected persons.¹

¹ Copy in J. B. Taylor's MSS.