

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 MAIOR GENERAL OF HIS MAJESTIES ARMY COMMANDED 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 upon 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,