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Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's land-mark, which they of old time
have set in thine inheritance.—*Deut. xix. 14.*



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1851.





TO
HUGH TAYLOR

OF EARSDON HOUSE ESQ.

A MAN WHO WIELDS TO ADMIRATION THE GREAT POWER

WITH WHICH HE IS INVESTED

AND WHOM THE EDITOR FOR MANY YEARS HAS BEEN

PRIVILEGED TO CALL HIS FRIEND

THIS TRACT

IS MOST GRATEFULLY

INSCRIBED.

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The Corbridge Lanx and the Thorngraston Treasure Trove are two of the most interesting remains of the kind which have occurred in Northumberland. It seemed to me desirable, that what had appeared in print respecting them, should be preserved as a tract, in connection with our Typographical Society. I have therefore been induced to edit the present publication.

The question of Treasure Trove is beginning to arrest the attention of antiquaries ; and a strong opinion prevails in certain quarters, that the law on this subject should receive a statutory alteration vesting the property discovered in the finder. A change of this kind might, certainly, be the means of preserving some remains of antiquity important to the elucidation of history ; but, as it appears to me, it would involve a violation of those rights of property which, in this land at least, we have been accustomed to regard as sacred. Would parliament award compensation to the grantee of the crown for stripping him of this right ? From what source, general

or local, should the compensation spring? And is the fortunate discoverer to have in his own discretion the treasure found, with full power to sell to the highest bidder, to consign to the melting-pot, or to retain in his own uncontrouled possession? or is he to part with the property? and to whom? and by what means is *his* recompense to be ascertained? and by whom is it to be discharged?

Mr. Akerman, in the Numismatic Journal for April, 1849, gives a report of legal proceedings in the WHAD-
DON CHASE FIND; "the particulars of which," he says, "will amuse our readers, while the sophistry of the learned counsel for the defendant will shew the uninitiated, how the law may sometimes be handled for the protection of the offender." "In making this remark," he adds, "we by no means attempt to deny that the law relating to Treasure Trove calls for revision: all we maintain is, that *as part of the law of the land, the ignorant should be taught to respect it,*" and as a case of this kind, it is gratifying to me that he refers to 'The Duke of Northumberland *v.* Pattison.' I wish Mr. Akerman had favoured us with his opinion as to the kind and extent of the revision he thinks to be desirable. Any suggestion from such an authority is entitled to serious consideration.

It only remains for me to state the sources whence I have obtained the following articles. The first part of the print respecting the CORBRIDGE LANX is from Hutchinson's History of Northumberland, vol. i. pp. 145-61: Part II. is from Peere Williams' Reports Vol iii., pp. 390-1: the copy of the Injunction issued by Lord

Chancellor Talbot is from the identical copy which was served in the suit on Mr. Cookson, the defendant, and which had been carefully preserved by the late Mr. John Rawling Wilson, of the Customs, in this port: Part III. is from Hodgson's Northumberland, vol. iii. pp. 245-6. THE THORNGRAFTON TREASURE TROVE, Part I. is from the Gentleman's Magazine for December, 1837: Part II. is from the Numismatic Journal for January, 1838: Part III. is from the same periodical for April, 1838: and for Part IV. Numismatists are indebted to my learned and modest friend, Mr. Fairless, of Hexham; I print it as it appears in the splendid and most valuable work on the ROMAN WALL, recently published by my *knave frere* in all that adds enjoyment to life, the Rev. John Collingwood Bruce.

JOHN FENWICK.

Ellison-place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

7 March, 1851.

