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THE PRESENTATION TO THE CITY OF
BOSTON IN MASSACHUSETTS OF
AN ANCIENT RAILING FROM THE
CITY OF BOSTON IN LINCOLNSHIRE**

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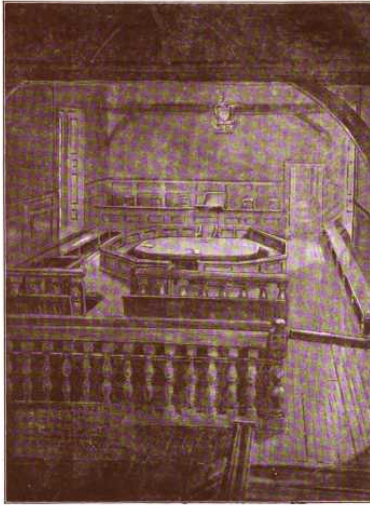
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THE OLD COURTROOM, GUILDHALL, BOSTON, ENGLAND.
HERE THE PILGRIM FATHERS FACES THE JUSTICES BEFORE THE RAILING, A
PART OF WHICH IS NOW IN THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
THE COURT CEASED TO BE HELD HERE IN 1845.

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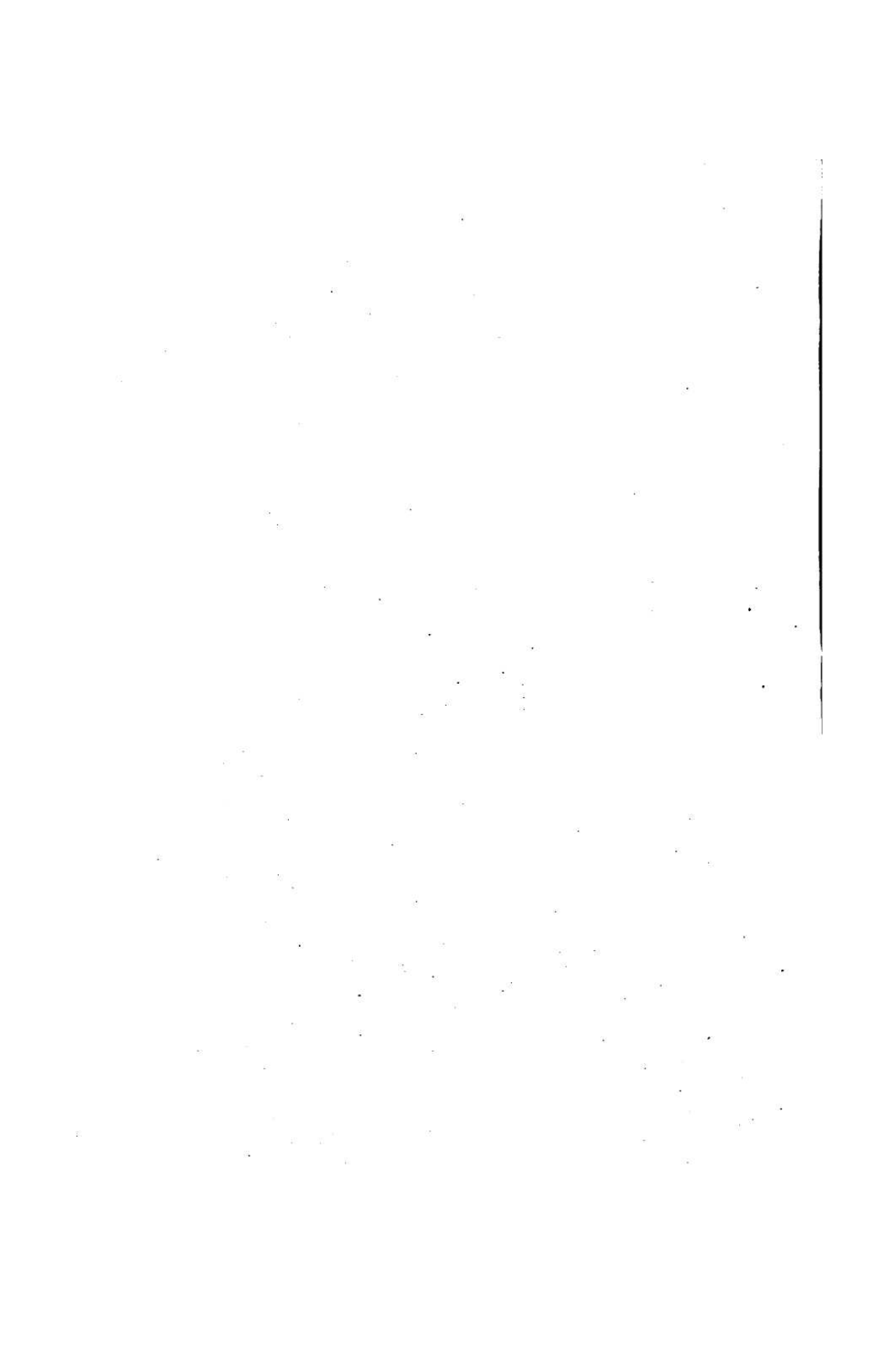
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A GIFT FROM BOSTON, ENGLAND.

In April, 1918, Mr. George W. Coleman of this city was in Boston, England, in behalf of the Open Forum movement. During a stroll on the river embankment at that place he was shown part of an ancient oaken balustrade, once standing in the Palace of Justice, or Courtroom, of the old Guildhall of this ancient English city, and now held by the owner at the suitable disposition of the Boston Town Council. Before this rail some of the Pilgrim Fathers had appeared as prisoners in 1607, but what sentence was imposed by the Lords of the Council at the trial is not, and probably never will be, known. Among these prisoners was Elder William Brewster.

Mr. Coleman, seeing the importance of this memorial to newer Boston, especially at the approach of the Pilgrim Centenary, expressed a wish that this event "could be marked by a presentation from the mother to the daughter

city of such a significant old relic as the balustrade" which he had seen on the banks of the river. The idea was welcomed by His Honor A. Cooke Yarborough, Mayor of old Boston, but no action was taken in the matter until after the Armistice was signed in November, 1918.

In due time the gift arrived, and arrangements were made to place it in the Delivery Room of the Central Library in Copley Square. On May 29, 1919, at 2.30 p.m., the formal presentation was made in behalf of the City of Boston, England, by the Acting British Consul, Alfred J. Ogston, and His Honor, Mayor Andrew J. Peters, accepted the gift in behalf of the City of Boston, Massachusetts. At this ceremony the Library Board was represented by its President, W. F. Kenney, the Rev. Arthur T. Connolly, the Rev. Alexander Mann, and by the Librarian, Charles F. D. Belden.

This rail or portion of the old dock, believed to be more than three hundred years old, will henceforth stand in the Delivery Room before the large window facing Huntington Avenue.

The short addresses made by Mr. Ogston and Mayor Peters follow.