

HUNTER, JOSEPH, F.S.A., was born at Sheffield 6 Feb., 1783, and trained in a college at York for the presbyterian ministry. In 1809 he became minister of a congregation of presbyterian dissenters at Bath, where he resided for twenty-four years, during which time, in addition to his professional duties, he devoted great attention to topography and antiquarian studies generally. In 1833 he removed to London on being appointed a sub-commissioner of the Public Records; and when the Record Service was reconstructed in 1838 he was appointed an assistant-keeper of the first class. This latter office he held till his death, which occurred in London 9 May, 1861. The subjoined list of his principal works will give but a very imperfect idea of the extent of his antiquarian labours:—‘Who wrote Cavendish’s Life of Wolsey?’ 1814, reprinted in Singer’s edition of Cavendish; ‘Hallamshire. The History and Topography of the Parish of Sheffield in the county of York, with historical and descriptive notices of the Parishes of Ecclesfield, Hansworth. Treeton,



E Libris
JOSEPHI HUNTER.

30. Arrington Square
July 2. 1838.

My Dear Sir,

There are five MS. volumes on sale at Mr Dodd's, and I should be happy to find that you agree with me in thinking that they ought to be placed for the use of the public in the Library of the B. M. -

They were bought at the sale of the late Mr Archdeacon Merceham's books, and contain accounts collected from the Register of the Secy & Court of the Church in his Archdeaconry which was one of great extent, the city and diocese and nearly the whole of the town of Reading been included in it. Two of the volumes which may be distinguished from the rest by being full bound in Russia contain transcripts of the whole of Torre's Collections respecting the Church in the Archdeaconry, omitting only his Catalogue of Incumbents and Testamentary Burials: very fairly transcribed

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my really tricked.

The three volumes are Vol. I. II and IV of a
series, the Vol. III unfortunately wanting.

Vol. I and II contain later Collections than those
of Torre including copies of Archbishop Sherki's
account of the Church and Parochial Chapels in
the Arch-diocese, and lists of incumbents con-
-tinued from Torre's time to above the year 1792.

Vol. IV is only half-filled. It contains the Returns
of the number of Catholics in each parish of the Arch-
-diocese in 1706, and copies of the Statutes of
the Free Schools of Limerick and Limerick.

The value of these books arises from the authentic
character of the information (all of which ought to be
possessed by Jurors and undertakers to give
a topographical history of the district), and
from the difficulty of obtaining access to the
originals. Other transcripts exist of Torre's letters,

but I could never hear of any transcript of those of
A. B. Sharp, & the continuation of the list of incum-
-bents may perhaps be peculiar to this MS.

I do hope that if this is submitted to the Trustees
they will think it an object of importance to secure
volumes which contain so much valuable informa-
-tion, and place them within the reach of all enquir-
-ers to whom they may be useful.

The price at which they are offered in the Cata-
-logue is different from mine.

I am, my dear Sir,

Very faithfully yours

Joshua Heaton.

Sir Henry Ellis
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Joseph H. ...
1785-1811

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Boston

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Joseph Hunter

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Historian

Christopher Clarkson

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Author History of
Richmond Ykes etc

John Jamieson

1759-1839

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Philologist, Author
Antiquary D D

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