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A monastic seal, in perfect preservation, was found last November in a potatoe field, called Low Garth, near Langrick, on the Ouse. It is of mixed, or bell metal, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, of an oval shape, pointed at the ends, and pierced through the shaft: the inscription is "SIGILLUM FRATERNITATIS MONASTERII BEATE MARIE DE HAYLES."— In the centre, on a ground of flowers, is the figure of a man, clothed in a Monkish stole, bare-headed and shorn, standing on an elevation of three steps; holding, in his right hand a globe surmounted by a cross, and, in his left, a staff or sceptre, spreading into three rods or branches at the top. Although found within a short distance of Drax Abbey, which was sometimes called also *Heilham*, and possessed a neighbouring estate named *Hales*, it cannot be referred to that foundation, which was a *Priory*, dedicated to *St. Nicholas*; neither does it appear to belong to *Hales Owen* Abbey, but to the mitred Cistercian Abbey of *Hayles*, in Gloucestershire, which was founded by Richard, Earl of Cornwall and King of the Romans, in 1246, at the expense of 10,000 marks, and dedicated to the Virgin. How it came into Yorkshire must be mere conjecture, as there was no connexion between the two establishments. The figure cannot be that of the patron Saint, but appears to be that of the founder, who was buried there, together with his wife and son; he bears the symbols of sovereignty, and is clothed in the monastic dress, an occurrence not uncommon, it being considered by laymen as a good passport to Heaven. King Henry III., with all his Court, 13 Bishops and 300 Knights, assisted at the consecration of the Abbey, in 1251. It is now almost wholly destroyed.

Hull June 11. 1822

Dear Sir

I take the opportunity of a packet to the Carlisle to enclose this for you. to inform you of the finding of a seal near Haudeni which I conjecture to be that of Hayles Abbey in Gloucestershire. It is quite perfect - and if it be desirable to engrave it for the Monastician - I will procure and send you an impression of it -

I should it conceive you would prefer engraving from a perfect rather than an old & broken impression - Enclose a paragraph from the Hull paper which contains all I know about it - Should you wish an impression, pray drop me a line - add^r Hull - & believe me gr^{ly}

Yours faithfully
John Cross



This is a very pretty sketch of the seal.

131.35.A.3

To Henry Ellis Esq
to Mr
British Museum

from 1780-1830
MS. A. 3. 131.35.A.3

Kull 5th Dec. 1825

My dear Sir

I lose no time in replying to your enquiry respecting the Pictish Priory at this place - which is now called, as with you, the Charter house - I put what I have to say in something like the form in which you will probably want to use it - and which you can alter or extenuate at pleasure -

+ Of this Priory not the slightest vestige remains. It stood in the field on the north side of the town of Kull, at the distance of about 450 yards from the walls, and 200 yards from the western bank of the River Kull. In a plan of Kull in the Cottonian ^{of the date of 15...} (you can refer more accurately than I) it is represented as surrounded by a wall, with a gateway in the centre of the south side, joining the ~~the~~ ^{the} postern in the town walls. Above the enclosure the church is seen ~~to rise~~ ^{to rise} with a square tower in the centre. In Holker's plan, circa 1640, it is represented without a tower ^(a). The eastern gate, also shown in Kullar., and of which a well is given in Kirkwall's History of Kull, was taken down about 25 years ago, and soon afterwards the site of the priory was ~~built out~~ ^{re-erected} for building upon; a street called Sykes Street being laid out in a line west of the ^{old} gateway;

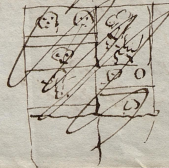
(a) - and in 1642 a great part of what remained was destroyed by Sir John Rotham, in order to deprive the royalists of its protection

in digging for the foundations of the houses in which, several walls were found, composed of rubble stone, and of great thickness - and a great quantity of human bones and skulls, some of the latter ~~of which~~ being of an extraordinarily large size. ~~The~~

The Marian Ditch on the east of the Priory seems to have been a separate establishment - is mentioned as such in Nichol p. 24. this you no doubt know all about. The following therefore may conclude all that I can say on the subject

The ~~present~~ hospital was rebuilt on the site of the ancient one, east of the gateway above mentioned soon after ~~the reformation~~ and again in 1780. The ~~reformation~~ ^{its demolition by} ~~in 1780~~

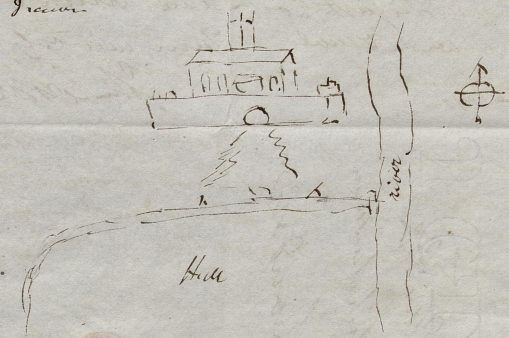
only fragment that remains of the old priory is a coat of arms of the De la Poles, supported by ~~two~~ ^{a figure of one} angels and part of another, inserted in the wall of a ~~temple~~ ^{temple} adjoining the hospital. the arms are quarterly with ~~France & England~~ ^{France & England}



Delapole and ~~France~~ ^{France} quarterly with ~~England~~ ^{England} supported quarterly ~~France & England~~ ^{France & England}

16 in all. see over leaf

In the Cotton. lib. - see index p 86 li 83 is a plan of Hull in which the locality is thus given



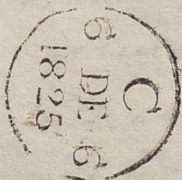
See Nichol p. 24. 114-112-152-195 where he speaks of a former house founded by Edw. 1st. There is some confusion in the accounts which original deeds alone can explain 207. where it is referred as Hospital - 227. 424-741

The King's man Baskett was succeeded the Rev John Baskett as master in 1805. 1805. Nathaniel the Corporation - supported with £1000 given to the master

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 to letters in a few days

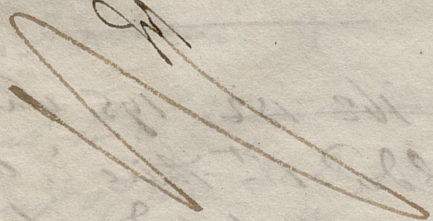
John G. Rose



Henry Ellis Esq

British Museum

London



3 leopard heads
 & a fleur
 a lion rampant

3 leopard

3 fleur de lis

lion rampant a quantity
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 of abbat/punish.

Henry Hallam

1777-1859

Historian

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John Grosse

1786-1833

Author and
Antiquary, F.S.A. etc.

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