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DUCATUS LEODIENSIS:
OR, THE
TOPOGRAPHY
Of the ANCIENT and POPULOUS
Town and Parish
OF
LEEDES,
And Parts Adjacent in the
WEST-RIDING
OF THE
County of YORK.
WITH

The Pedegrees of many of the NOBILITY and
GENTRY, and other Matters relating to those
Parts; Extracted from Records, Original Evidences,
and Manuscripts.

By *RALPH THORESBY, F.R.S.*

To which is added, at the Request of several Learned Persons,
A Catalogue of his *MUSÆUM*, with the Curiosities Natural and Artificial,
and the Antiquities; particularly the Roman, British, Saxon,
Danish, Norman, and Scotch COINS, with Modern MEDALS.

ALSO

A Catalogue of Manuscripts; the various Editions of the BIBLE, and
of Books Published in the Infancy of the ART of PRINTING.

WITH

An ACCOUNT of some unusual Accidents that have attended some Persons, attempted after the Method of Dr. PLOT.

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MUSÆUM THORESBYANUM:

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CATALOGUE
OF THE
ANTIQUITIES, &c.

THOUGH this Museum be chiefly noted for the great Variety of *Roman* and *Saxon* Coins, yet in Honour of Antiquity it will be necessary to premise somewhat concerning the *Hebreu*, *Samaritan* and *Greek*, before we come to those in the *Latin* Tongue. The *Hebreu* are much depreciated by many, because of the Modern *Shekels* that the Jews affect to cast or stamp; yet doth not this hinder but that some of the true Monies of Silver or *Bras* (for the Learned tell us there were none of Gold) that were really current in *Judea*, may be as well preserved as the *Greek* and *Roman* that fill our Cabinets, such as the *Shekel*, the *Hulf Shekel*, and the *Selab*: One of each Sort of which are in the Collection.

A. 1. *Urim Shekel*, on one Side it has *Schekel Israel*, with a Pot
or *Chenor* Vessel of Incense, the Smoke ascending; on the other *Jerusalem*
Hakodoshah (*Jerusalem the Holy*) with the Branch of a Tree,
which some affect to call *Aaron's Rod*; as the other, the Pot of *Almanah*
which was preserved in the Tabernacle, against the express Testimony
of their Eyes to the contrary. A noted Author mentions two of
them, one in the Library of King *Charles I.*, weighed by *Archibishop*
Usher, another in *Mr. Selden's* by himself (1). This wants about
the Penny-weight of the half Ounce *Averdupois*, which the Learned
Archbishop of *Peterborough* (2) shews to have been the Standard: But there is
another in this Collection, which is evidently Modern, that wants 35
Grains, (all Medals being more lax and porous (the Fire rarefying
the melted Metal), and not so heavy as those that have pass'd the
Stamp of the Mint, which renders the Metal more compact.

A. A. *Shekel* with the same Figures and Inscription, this is scarce broader, but thicker, and rather more than double the Weight of the heavier of the single Shekels; which had once led me into a Mistake, that the *Shekel of the Sanctuary* (of which I took this to be one)

(*Review of the Roman Denarius*, p. 16) (?) Bp. *Underland of Scripta Menta*.



A
 CATALOGUE
 A N D
 DESCRIPTION
 O F T H E
 Natural and Artificial
 RARITIES
 I N T H I S
 M U S Æ U M.

And first of HUMANE.

BURNT Bones found in a *Roman* Urn near *Perkam* in *Surry*, given me by the Learned Dr. *Gale* late Dean of *Yorke*, who presented the Rest, with the Pot they were found in, to the Royal Society.

Others lately found in their Burying-Place at *Yorke*, without *Boutham*: Also the Ashes of a Child in a small Urn, above Twenty of which were placed round a large one, that was supposed to contain the Remains of their common Parent. The Custom of *Burning* the Dead ceased about the Time of the *Antonines*, who re-introduced that of *Burying*: And one Part of the said *Roman* Sepulture was employed to that Purpose, where in digging for Clay, there was found nine foot deep a remarkable Lead Coffin, enclosed in another of strong Oak Planks; the Bones were entire, though probably interred 1500 Years ago; a Thigh Bone, and the lower Jaw (furnished with all the Teeth) were preserved, and afterwards given me by Mr. *Montague Gylden*.

QUADRUPEDES.

Of Quadrupedes Viviporous, particularly First, such as are Multifidous.

THE Foot of a great *White Bear*, eight Inches broad, which is two ~~even~~ Inches larger than that in the Repository of the Royal Society; yet that was even supposed to have been as big as a Bull (f). Don. *Franc. Burdet Barti*.

The Skeleton of a *Greyhound*. Don. *Jo. Errington*. Arm.

The *Quills* of a *Porcupine*, $10\frac{1}{2}$ Inches long, alternately Black and White from End to End, but the Black commonly of a triple Proportion. These were pluck'd by a *Virago* from a living Porcupine at *Leedes*.

L. p. 571. The *Pizle* of a *Hippopotamus* (the *Behemoth* mentioned in *Job*) twenty Inches long, the *Glans* being now dried, but seven Inches round. Don. *Franc. Bourdet Barti*.

A young *Cat* (littered at *Leedes*) with *Six Feet* and *Two Tails* having two distinct Bodies from the mid Back. Don. *Jer. Crainidge*, Merc. *Leedes*.

The Skin of a *Civet* or *Musk Cat*, or *Rat*, rather for the Smallness. A white *Mole*. A white *Mouse*. A white *Squirrel*, with brown Streaks.

Viviporous Quadrupedes that are Bifidous.

THE *Horns* of a *Roe Deer* of *Greenland*, little more than an Inch long, so strangely does the Climate alter the Bulk of some Animals; the Deer in *New Mexico* being so big, that they breed them up to draw with, as we do with Oxen. The *Skull* and *Horns* of a Deer from — the *Horns* $2\frac{1}{2}$ Inches length, the *Knobs* about the middle of them.

Horns of a *Spanish Ram*, wrinkled and twisted 18 Inches long, the *Tips* a *Yard*, wanting six Inches, distant; the lesser *Horns* wind round in a *Semicircle* 12 Inches by the *Ambit*.

The *Horns* of a *Scotch Cow*, in Length nine Inches and a Quarter. One of the five *Horns* of a *Cade-Lamb* at *Leedes*, eighteen Inches and a half long. Don. *Jos. Ibbetson Alderm. Lead.*

Two *Horns* of an *English Sheep*, each naturally formed into three Circular Hoops or Rings, like the *Cornua Ammonis*. Two *Horns*, each $6\frac{1}{2}$ Inches long that grew out of the Foot of a *Sheep* kill'd in the *Shambles* at this Town. Don. *Bart. Towers Pharm.*

Part of the *Horn* of a *Rhinoceros*, blackish, smooth, and quite thorough solid. Don. *D. Dan. Walde*. That part of the *Rhinoceros*'s *Horn* that being near the Head is very porous. Don. *Jacob Ciy. M.D.* The *Leg* of an *Elk* two Foot two Inches long. Don. *Isaac Blackburn Pharm.* *Hart's Grease*. *Stag's Horn*, and *Foot*. A *Boar's Tusk*.

Camels Down or Hair. *Laughton-Wool* from the *Isle of Man*, remarkable because not to be met with at any certain Place; but that one only Sheep of a whole Flock hath of this dark coloured Wool. Don. *R. R. D. Episc. Sodor and Man.*