

I. *An Extract of a Letter from Mr. John Cope to Dr. Alexander Stuart, Physician in Ordinary to her Majesty, Fellow of the College of Physicians, and of the Royal Society, London, concerning an Ancient Date found at Widgel-Hall in Hertfordshire. See TAB. I. Fig. 1.*

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Feb. 25, 1734^½.

I Send you inclosed a Draught (see *Tab. I. fig. 1.*) of an ancient Chimney-piece (as I was informed it was) found on pulling down Part of *Widgel-Hall* in *Hertfordshire* : There is cut upon it a Date expressed Part in *Roman* Numerals, Part in *Indian* Figures ; which is the earliest Instance I have met with of the *Indian* Figures being used here in *England*, viz. *¶*. 16. or 1016. that at *Colchester* being in the Year 1090. See *Philosoph. Transact.* N^o. 266. The Carving is very fair, the Letter *¶* and Figures project out above a quarter of an Inch. The whole Chimney-piece is of *English* Oak Plank, and is now very firm, though 718 Years old, and was never painted over ; it is 4 Feet 3^½ Inches long ; the Part under the 16 was broken off in taking it down in *August*, 1733, when the House was on fire. * * *

Your, &c.

John Cope.

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Fig. 1.

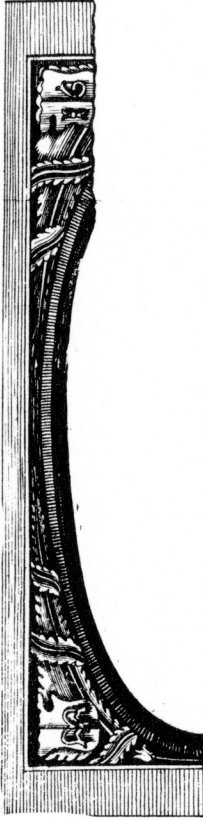
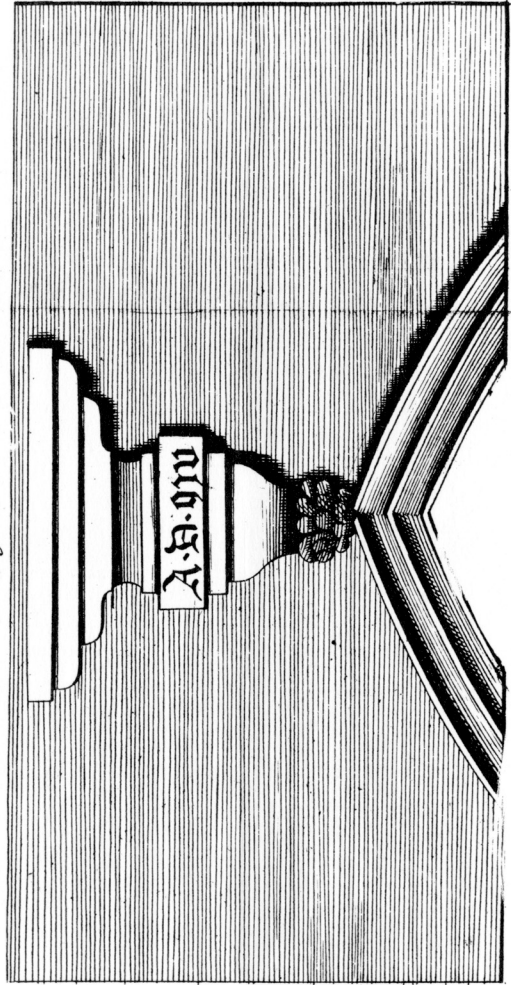


Fig. 2.



Indian	Antient	Modern
l	1	1
u	2	2
w	3	3
5	8	4
08	46	5
47	6	6
v	1	7
17	8	8
9	9	9
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Fig. 3.