

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 Antient Date found at Widgel-Hall in Hertfordshire. See TAB. I. Fig. 1.*

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*Feb. 25, 1734.*

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. *M. 16.* or *1016.* that at *Colchester* being in the Year *1090.* See *Philosoph. Transact. N<sup>o</sup>. 266.* The Carving is very fair, the Letter *M* 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 3½ 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.

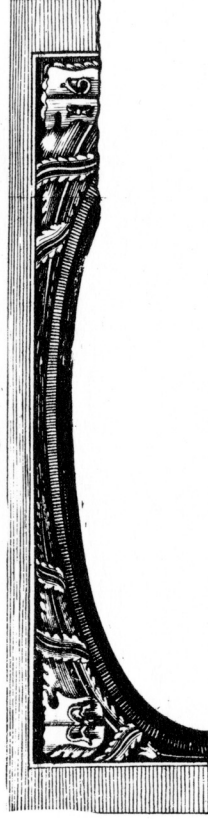
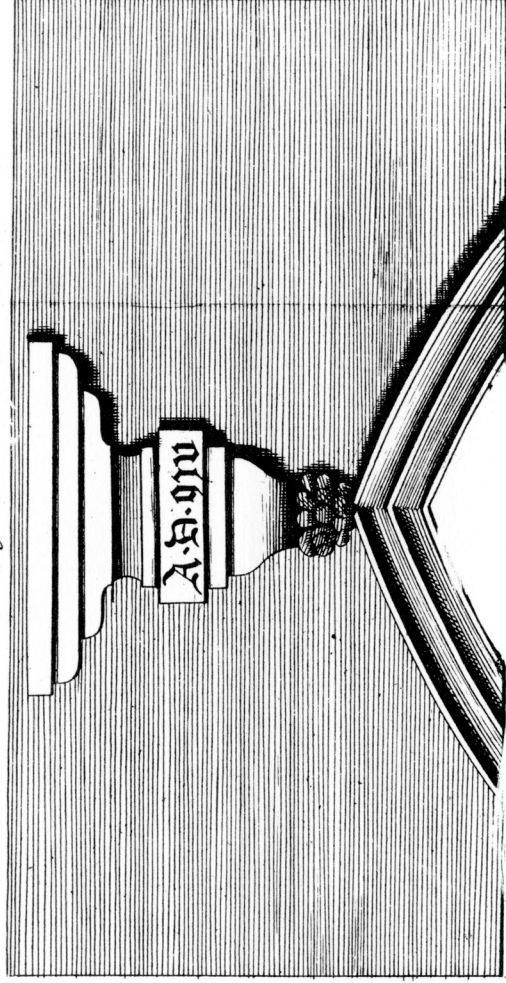


Fig. 2.



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