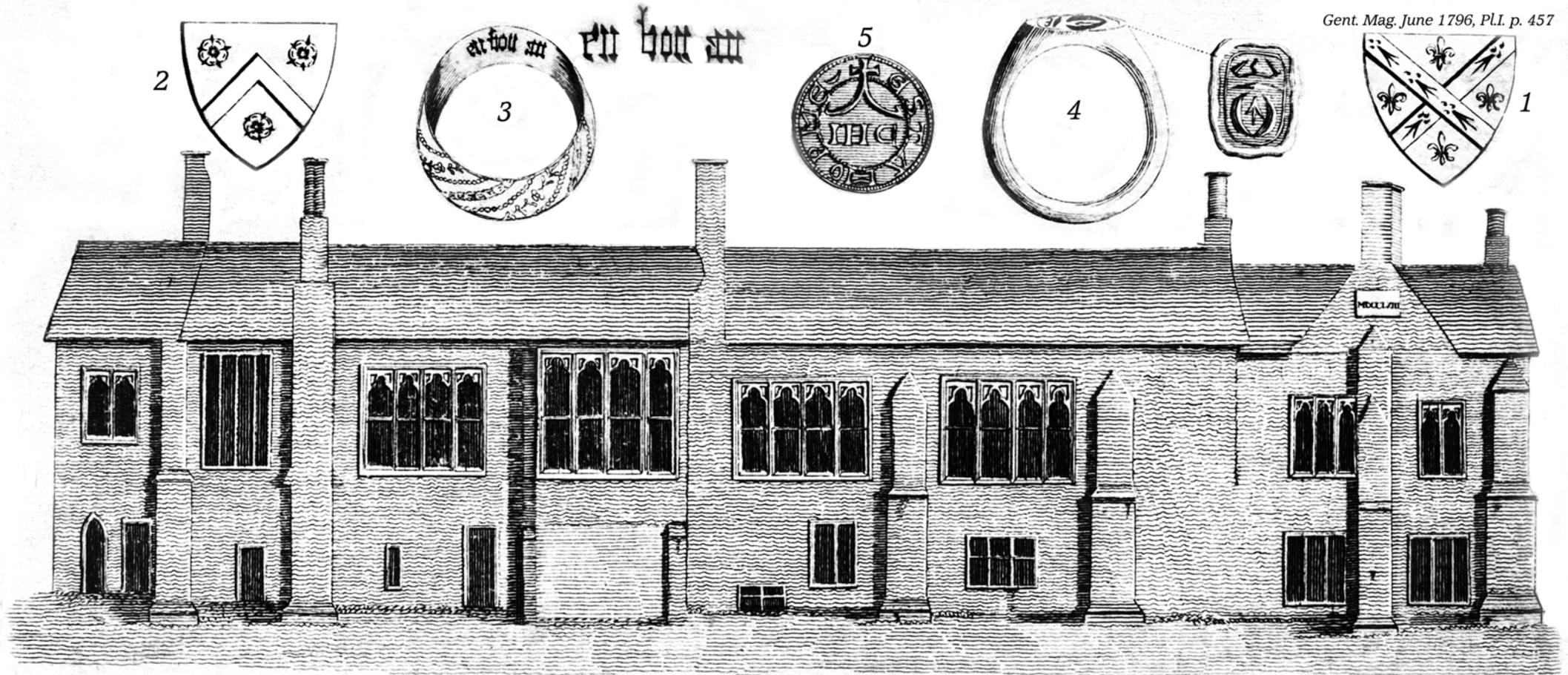


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N. Front of the Bishop of Lincoln Palace, now the Hospital at Liddington

Mr. URBAN,

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A FEW days ago I purchased a gold ring, which was dug up in St. Mary's field, near Leicester, about a fortnight before. As it is curiously

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Wright.

carved, and has some deeply-engraved characters withinside of it, I have inclosed a drawing (*pl. I. fig. 3*) of the ring and characters as near as I could take them, hoping you will insert them in your valuable Magazine for an explanation from some of your learned correspondents. If I mistake not, the words are *en non an*; and the ring has been originally a new-year's gift.

Fig. 4, which is also in my possession, was found, some time since, at Belgrave, near Leicester. J. TAILBY,

Mr. URBAN,

May 25.

ABOUT the year 1731, a brass seal, of which the impression is inclosed (*fig. 5*), was dug up in a garden in the Friar-lane, at Leicester, belonging to a house of Mr. Simpson, on which site had formerly stood a priory of Grey friars. In the centre, under a rude Gothic arch, *IP*S, and round it, *EST AMOR ME*, making, when complete,

Jesus est Amor meus, an inscription not unfrequent on old monuments. J. N.

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May 21.

WHAT I and others* formerly predicted three years ago† has now happened to the Dissenters; "*Babylon is fallen, is fallen!*" HACKNEY COLLEGE, a spacious building, fitted up at an immense expence‡, is to be sold by auction, or private contract, before the expiration of next month, in one lot, and the house occupied by Dr. Rees in another. What will be the future application of this *substructio insana* time will shew: but that the proud boasts of this party are come to an end already is pretty clear; "He that sitteth in the Heavens hath laughed them to scorn, and men will have them in derision." They spake too plain§, and their designs are covered with confusion. Either they have no funds, or they have no managers, or they have lost all the men of abilities capable of conducting the mighty Babel, which was to make them a name to Heaven. The crazy —, the infuriate —, the heavy —, the obese —, the

* Vol. LXIII. pp. 334, 409.

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