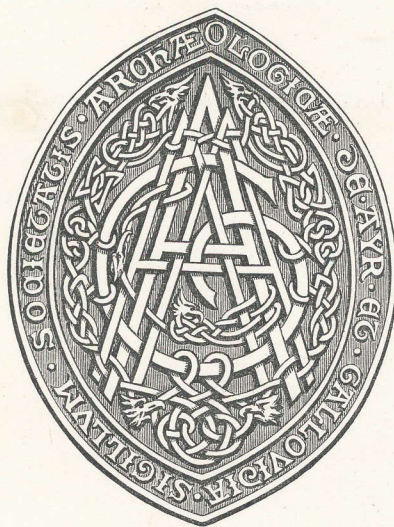


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The present Volume, containing the *Burgh Charters and Writs* and *Church Grants*, together with the article on the Seagate Castle and the exploration of its ruins by Mr. GALLOWAY, having been now completed, it has been thought better to proceed with its distribution to the Members without further delay; the second Volume, containing *Miscellaneous Muniments*, *Council Book* and *Excerpts from the Burgh Accounts*, to follow at an early date.

It gives me much pleasure here to acknowledge my great obligation to Dr. DICKSON of H.M.'s Register House; and also to the Rev. WALTER MACLEOD, under whose superintendence the transcriptions, translations, and revision of the proofs of the various manuscripts, the facsimiles and woodcuts, have been so carefully and ably carried out. My thanks are also due to Mr. PATERSON of Knowehead, ex-Provost, and to Mr. DICKIE, Town Clerk of the Burgh, for their most willing assistance.

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