

scriptions in Northumberland, plate iii.; but the first of these is indistinct from the smallness of the scale: and the second is disfigured by the introduction of absurd conjectures.* The following is the reading given in the *Monumenta Historica Britannica*, p. cxvi. 102 a; and adopted by Henzen, n. 6701:—

* * * ICOMAXI
COSIII ET M AVREL ANTONINO PIO
COS II AVG * * *
PORTAM· CVM· MVRIS VETVSTATE DI
LAPSI IVSSV ALFEN SENECINIS VO
COS CVRANTE COL ANITI ADVENTO PRO
AVGG NN C*I VANGON OPTS
CVM AEMI SALVIAN TRIB
SVO A SOLO RESTI.

At first sight it is plain, that the emperors, named in this inscription, are Severus and Caracalla, and that the defect in the third line, after COS II AVG, was caused by the intentional obliteration of the name of Geta,—an erasure common in similar memorials of the period. Accordingly, Henzen restores the commencement with the formula: *Impp. Caess. L. Sept. Severo pio pertinaci Aug. Arabico Adiabenico ParthICO MAXImo p. m. tr. pot.* . . . and supplies the defect in the third line with *et P. Sept. Getæ nob. Caes.* As there is no room in the first line for any addition after MAXI, Henzen's suggestion "*mo p. m. tr. pot.* . . ." must be rejected; but his reading in the fifth line, VC for VO, should, in my judgment, be adopted. Vide *Canadian Journal* for May, 1859, p. 178, where I have suggested a similar emendation in an inscription also mentioning Alfenus Senecio. For COL in the sixth line, he proposes CL, i.e. Claudio; and O P F S he regards as the initials of the *cognomina* of the cohort, scil. O (for 8 or 8) *miliaria*; P, *Pia*; F, *Fidelis*; and S, *Severiana*; but he admits that there is no authority in inscriptions for any *cognomen* of this corps.

In the *Monumenta Historica Britannica*, the commencement is restored by the words: *Impp. Cæss. L. Sever. Pio Pert. P. M. Arab.*

* From Mr. Smith's *Collectanea Antiqua*, Vol. iii. P. 4, I learn that "an engraving of this slab illustrates a paper by Mr. Thomas Hodgson, in the *Archæologia Eliana*, Vol. iv." I regret that I have not seen it, as I have been unable to procure the work.