"They who make researches into antiquity may be said to pass often through many dark lobbies and dusky places, before they come to the Aula lucis, the great hall of light; they must repair to old archives, and peruse many moulded and moth-eaten records, and so bring light as it were from darkness, to inform the present world what the former did, and make us see truth through our ancestors' eyes."—Howell's "Landinopolis," London, A. D. 1657.

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