

the following passage in the Memoirs prefixed to Ashmoles' "Antiquities of Berkshire," 8vo., 1719, vol. i. p. x. :—

"Soon after this (about August, 1660) he was appointed by the King to make a Description of his Medals, and had them delivered into his Hands, and King Henry the VIIIth's Closet assigned for that purpose."

John Evelyn, in his "Numismata," supplies the next notice, viz. :—

"I conclude this Recension where indeed I ought to have begun, when I mention'd the Great and most Illustrious Persons of *England* (emulating the most celebrated Cabinets of the Greatest *Princes* of other *Countries*), namely that *Royal Collection of Medals* at *St. James's*, begun by that Magnanimous and Hopeful Prince *Henry*, and exceedingly augmented and improved by his Brother King *Charles* the *Martyr*, from the Testimony of his own Learned Library-keeper *Patrick Junius* (in his *Notes* on *St. Clement's Epistle to the Corinthians*), *Quem locum* (speaking of *St. James's*) *si vicinam Pinacothecam, Bibliothecæ celeberrimæ conjunctam : Si NUMISMATA Antiqua Græca, ac Romana ; Si statuas & Signa ex Ære & Marmore consideres ; non immeritò Thesaurum Antiquitatis & Tabulov Instructissimum nominare potes, &c.* To which add, that of another Learned Medalist,* *Carolus Primus ille Magnæ Britannię Rex, cæteris Europæ Principes omnes hoc possessionum Genere, vincebat ;* which how at this Day impair'd, and miserably imbezel'd, not only by the *Rebels* during the late *Civil Wars*, but even since, thro' the Negligence of others, is of deplorable Consideration ; if any hopes yet remain of its revival again to some tolerable degree of Lustre and Repair, we must be oblig'd to the indefatigable Industry of the late Supervisor, the obliging and universally Learned (whilst he lived, my excellent Friend) and lately deceas'd Monsieur *Fustel* ; and from

* *Car. Patin, Famil. Rom.*