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NOTICE OF A SKULL BROUGHT FROM KERTCH, IN THE CRIMEA.

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The Anglo-French campaign of 1855 in the Crimea, led to a general familiarity with much concerning that remarkable peninsula, of which we were in ignorance before. Its geography, its ethnology, and its antiquities all attracted attention; and rewarded research by novel disclosures; and its ancient history acquired a fresh interest, and received new illustrations from the investigations of the half obliterated remains of its long extinct past. Among its ancient historical sites, which, owing to peculiar circumstances, received a large share of attention, that of Kertch is, on various accounts, the most remarkable. Built on the site, where, some 500 years before Christ, the Greek city of Panticapæum was founded, it was the centre of an area rich with memorials of the strangely chequered past, which has seen the same spot successively occupied by Milesian Greeks, Romans, Huns, Tartars, Genoese, Turks, and Russians. The Russian occupation of the Crimea dates only from a late period in the eighteenth century, but since then, a Museum had been formed in Vot. V. 2