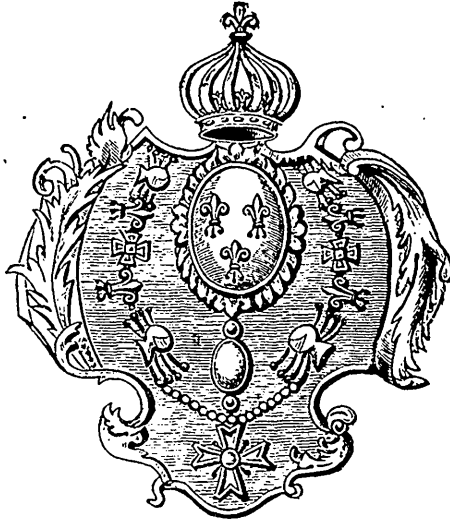


In a topographical description of Hastings, in Sussex, England, published in the *Gentlemen's Magazine* for 1786, is found the first mention of the shield in the following paragraph:—



“The town hall, over the market place, is a modern building erected in 1700. In a frame hung up in it, is a long list of its Mayors, the first of which was sworn as such in the year 1560, before which time a Bailiff was the Chief Magistrate; the list commences in 1500. Near it the Arms of France is fixed, largely carved in wood, and painted with proper colours, with embellishments, and was presented to the Corporation by one of the officers (a jurat of Hastings) who was at the reduction of Quebec, where it was fixed over one of the gates of that city, all of which is inscribed on a tablet under the Arms.”

In the same magazine for the year 1792, the following letter appears, bearing date the 20th January:—

“The shield represented in plate III, figure 3, was taken