

SEAL OF THE PRIORESS OF ST. MARGARET'S
NUNNERY, IVINGHOE.

At the Monthly Meeting of the Archaeological Institution, 2nd May, 1856, Mr. Charles Wilcox, of Wareham, exhibited the brass matrix of the seal of the Prioress of the Benedictine Nunnery of Ivinghoe, or St. Margaret's de Bosco, Buckinghamshire, founded (as mentioned in this volume, page 200) by William Gifi'ord, Bishop of Winchester. early in the twelfth century. This matrix was found in a wall at Worth Matravers, in the Isle of Purbeck, Dorset. It is of round form; diameter rather more than seven-eighths of an inch: the device is a crowned female bust, seen full face, possibly representing St. Margaret. **Sigillum priorisse: de: ivyngho.** Date, late in the fourteenth century. This seal is not mentioned in Caley's edition of "Dugdale's Monasticon," where a list of the Prioresses is given (vol. iv., p. 268). An impression of the common seal of the Nunnery is appended to the Harleian Charter, dated 1325.*

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