

LETTER TO LORD HARLEY RELATING TO COINS
FOUND AT WHADDON.

(From the Harleian Collection. No. 6824, folio 49.)

“ April ye 3, 1723.

“ My Lord,

“ I not being present when the copper-coins were discovered it fell into several hands that was at the time there; the which has obliged me to be the longer before I could make the return of them as ordered by your Honour, I have sent all that I could recover; there are but few or none left in the hands of any one, but I bought 14 which Mistress Bradford and her maid picked up. I asked her for them and acquainted her that I was to send them to your Honour as by order; she said they were in no way disposed of, so that I hope she will send them as from her own hand; I desire your honour will be pleased to let me know whether any thing should be given to the 5 labourers from whom I recovered them.

“ I am your honour's humble and
“ obedient ser^t

“ JOHN GLOVER.

“ To Lord Harley at
“ Dovor House, London.”

[Contributed by the Rev. H. ROUNDLL.]

LICENCE TO EAT MEAT.

There is at Claydon in the possession of SIR HARRY VERNEY, Bart., an Archiepiscopal licence, dated 9th February, 1580-1, and confirmed by letters patent under the great seal by which SIR EDMUND VERNEY was allowed to eat flesh on days forbidden, with a good conscience, for the term of his life, on the ground that eating of fish was injurious to his health by reason of the great weakness of his stomach. His wife, and any three persons whom he chose to select were allowed to be co-partakers in this indulgence.—*From the Verney Papers, printed by the Camden Society, page 85.* It appears to have been necessary to Sir Edmund's “weak stomach,” that his friends should eat meat as well as himself.