

**XLIX. A Letter to the Right Honourable
George Earl of Macclesfield, President of
the Royal Society, concerning the Stones
mentioned in the preceding Article. By Mr.
Arthur Pond, F. R. S.**

My Lord,

Read Feb. 5,
1756. **A**S your Lordship was pleased to in-
form me, that the council had
thought fit to order Mr. Byam's account of the fossil
fish, found in Antigua, to be printed, which curious
specimen my worthy and most esteemed friend Wil-
liam Fauquier, Esq; was kindly pleased to add to
my collection ; I have made a drawing of it, that a
print, the best illustration of the account, may ac-
company it, and have taken the liberty add a short
description of the colours, and some other particu-
lars, which will not be apparent in the print.

The impression of this fish is in a chalky kind of
stone, of a pale ochrey colour ; some parts, when
scraped, are white, and all the impression is of a yel-
lowish brown, nearly the colour of brown ochre.

The impressions of the bones and fins are very per-
fect ; and the cavity, that contained the back-bone,
extremely sharp and delicate. When I first saw it,
two or three of the vertebræ were in it. All the ca-
vities of the bones are now sufficiently open to con-
tain them, and 'tis probable, that most, if not all of
them, were in the stone, when it was first split.

Between the rib-bones and the two long fins,
which come down from the head, which parts were

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only nethy, there is not any impression, the stone having united quite through; and on the upper part of the fin, by the side of the cheek, is a deep impression of a very small cockle-shell. The impression on the counter-part of the stone is much the same, except that the tail is wanting.

The forms in this fish are so very delicate and elegant (as indeed they are in all the works of nature), that I do not pretend to have done them justice; but I have been particularly careful not to exaggerate or add the smallest trifle, by way of making it seem more complete or perfect than it is. I am, with the greatest respect,

Your Lordship's

Great Queen-street,

Feb. 5, 1756.

most obedient and

most devoted servant,

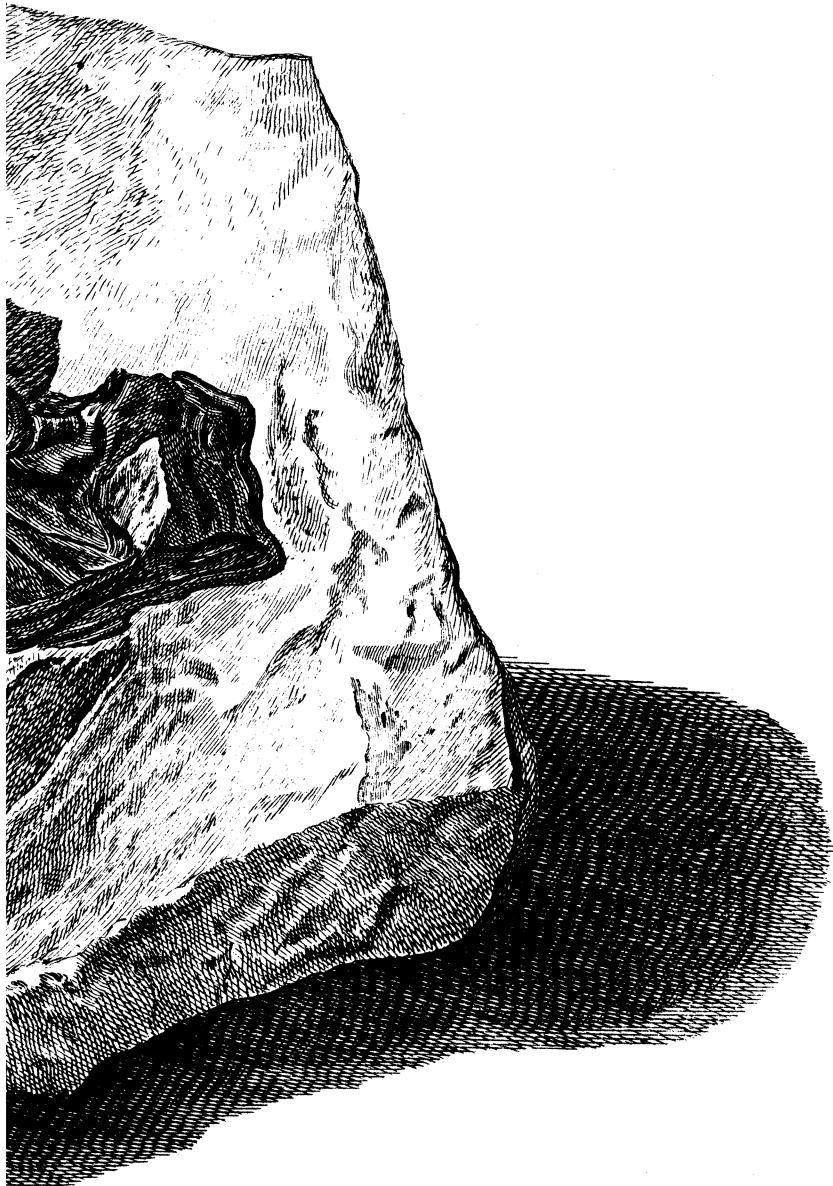
Arthur Pond.

L. *An Account of the Effects of Lightning in the Danish Church, in Wellclose-Square. By Gustavus Brander, Esq; F. R. S.*

Read Dec. 18, 1755. HAVING been informed, that the lightning some time since had done damage to the Danish Church in Wellclose-square, Ratcliff-highway, I waited on Mr. Michelson the minister, who lives in the square, to know the particulars, and who very obligingly informed me,



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