

replaced, an arched crown was added to the mace, as appears by a second inscription round the head: "*The Crowne was superaded to this mace by y^e Inquest of y^e Ward of Cheap anno 1678 Mathew Meriton foreman.*" This crown has plainly ribbed arches, and springs from an added band. The orb and cross, which are too large for the mace, are a century later than the crown; the orb being inscribed: *The upper part of this Mace was made | the whole Guilt at the Expencc | of Mr. Ja^s Stamp Goldsmith Com^{rs} Councilman | and foreman of Inquest Anno 1778.* The mace bears other inscriptions recording its repair and re-gilding in 1756, 1822, 1867, and 1888-9.



MACE OF CHEAP WARD,
LONDON, 1624-5.*

badges, together with the coronet and the royal arms, etc., on top appear to date from the Restoration; but the head of the mace is original, and bears the London hall-marks for 1637-8 and for the maker, I A, with a pellet below in a shield. The head may be unscrewed and used as a drinking cup.

CRIPPLEGATE WARD WITHIN.—This very interesting mace is 23 inches long, and of silver-gilt. It has a plain shaft, with globular foot-knop ornamented with beaded bands

BROAD STREET WARD.—This mace is of silver-gilt, and 23½ inches long. It has a plain shaft, with globular foot-knop and medial band, inscribed: "*The guift of Mr. Mathew Forster An^o 1635 | To the Ward of Broad street London.*" At the bottom are engraved the city arms. The head has boldly modelled caryatides between the panels, which are engraved with palm branches on either side the badges, and is suspiciously like that of maces refashioned by Thomas Maundy under the Commonwealth. The badges themselves were put on at the Restoration, together with the regal coronet and the royal arms, etc., on top. At a later date the coronet has been turned into a crown, by adding four unobtrusive and depressed arches carrying the orb and cross. This mace is not hall-marked. It bears inscriptions recording repairs and regildings in 1831, 1850, and 1874.

LIME STREET WARD.—This is a silver-gilt mace, 21½ inches long, and of good proportions. The shaft has two divisions, and a globular foot-knop with the city arms beneath and the inscription: "*+ This Mace was made at the Charge | of Lime streete Warde Anno 1637.*" On the panels of the head, which are divided by narrow and beaded vertical bands, are the royal badges in relief between the initials C R, also of large size and in relief. The

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