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Honour'd SIRS,

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T is not for the Vanity of appearing in Print, that I give you this Second Trouble, but to give you the present State of the Mines.

In 1698. I wrote an Essay for the Information of the then Partners; wherein I promised to raise Ore at Eskirhir, at 148. 3 d. per Tun; and since I have raised some Thousands of Tuns at 38. 7 d. per Tun, including Washing and making Merchantable, which is a much less Price than what I then proposed: But sinding that Eskirhir Ore did not bear that Quantity in Silver that other Mines in the Country did, which being not understood, lay unwrought; and the Nation being engaged in an expensive War, and wanting Bullion, we ventured upon the Working of these Mines, as not doubting but they will turn to a National Advantage, as well as a considerable Prosit to our selves; and you will find by the following Maps, that I have managed Eleven Levels, or Addits, besides those in Eskirhir, which have all been as a dead Charge upon us for some Years, but now the most of them will yield us good Prosit. These Things being considered, with the Charge of your Smelting Furnaces, Resining Furnaces, and Red-Lead Mills, I hope it will be no strange Thing to you, why we have not yet made a Dividend of more than 61. per Cent. per Ann. I am, per Ann. I am,

Honour'd Sirs, Your most Obedient Servant, W. WALLER.

A Description of the Lead and Silver Mines of Bwlch yr eskir-hir.

A THE West Level, and Line of Level.

B The Shaft at the great Work, where the Vein is Eleven Foot wide, but that in Ore never exceeded Se-

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C We are there finking; but being much water'd, we are driving up the East Level Vein from (d) in Ore, that is above Four Foot wide; and in some Places it is above Eight Foot wide in firm solid Ore: This Drift is to free the Shaft at C from Water.— At D we want above Fifty Yards to cross to the Vein A; and at B we want but Five Yards; those Two Veins divide at the Mountain E; and the great Vein runs by F.

G The East Level Vein is very rich, as you find it described at D: We raise and wash Ore there, and make it Merchandizable at 3 s. 7 d. per Tun.

H Is the Bog-Work, where we have Ore a Yard wide, and a Drift from I will free it from Water. K The New Work is much wider, but the same Vein.

We have Three more Veins; but I have described none but where we have wrought, having much more in this Liberty, that will hereafter require a farther Description; this Boundary being above Thirty Seven Miles Compass: In which Liberty we have those Mountains included, on which the Welst Prophecy is made, viz. In Eskir-hir a Brin Melin — I Mae Cysoeth tri Brenin Thus English'd; In Eskirhir and Brin Melin — Lies the Wealth of Three Kings.

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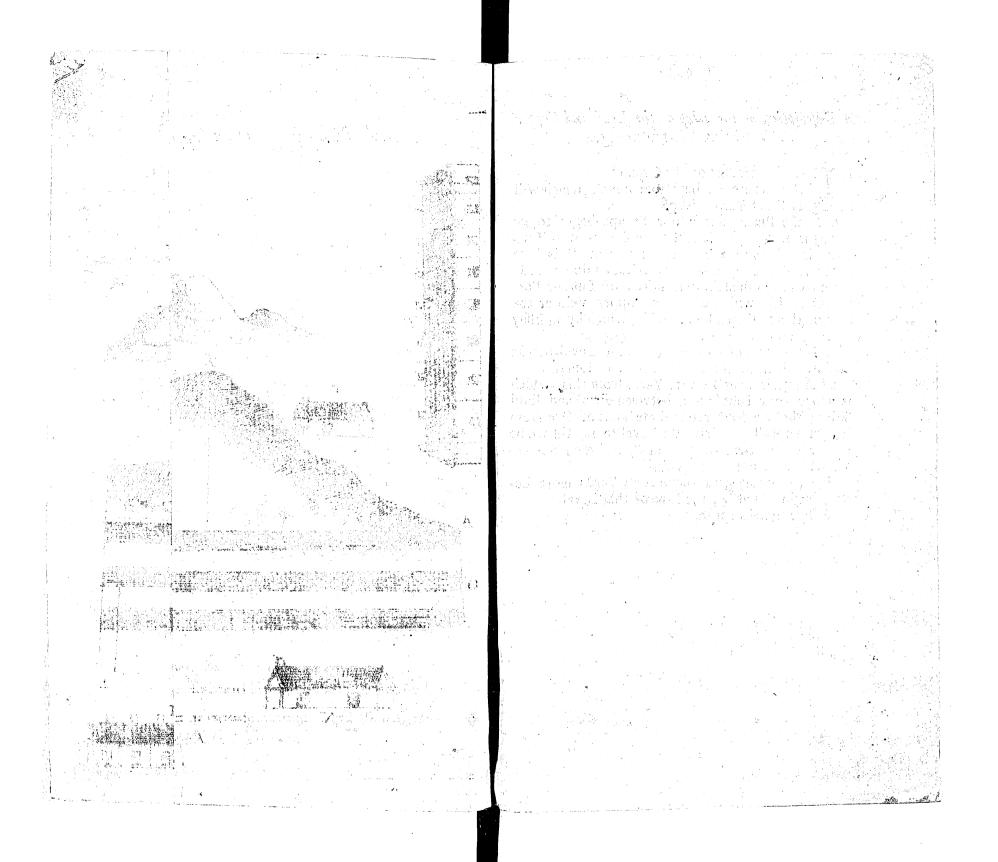
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A Description of the Map of the Lead and Copper Mines at Bwlch-kaninogg.

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C Is the Place where our Stoups begin to be wrought in Ore, which in some Places was Two Foot, in others One Yard; but now at D is Five Foot wide in Ore, and seems to widen downward: Here we have raised some Hundreds of Tuns of Potters Ore: Likewise we have a Copper Vein at the Side of this Eighteen Inches wide, which by an Essay thereof, holds One in Five in Fine Copper.

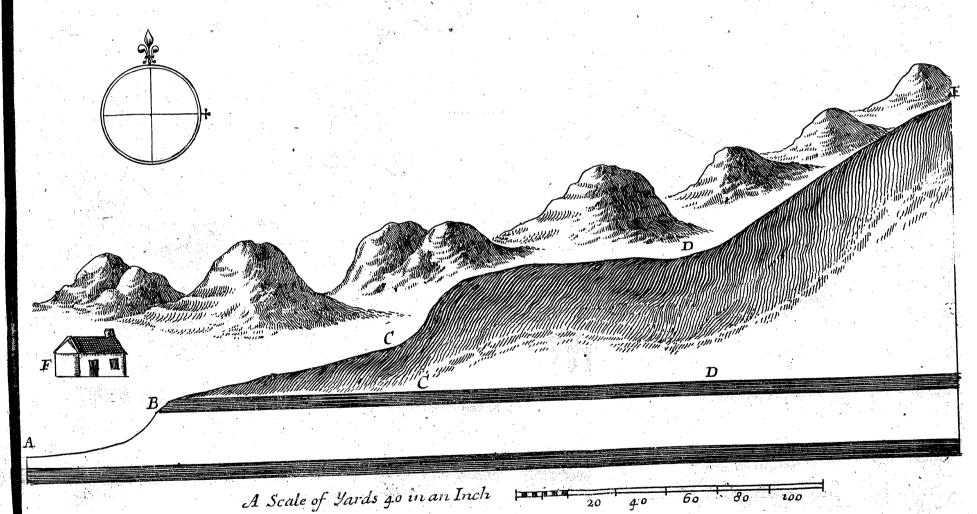
E Is the Top of the Hill where the Level-Strake begins, which continues near a Mile in Length.

A Another Vein Twenty Yards from this, which is above Four Foot wide, between firm and solid Sides; tho' we have raised some Tuns of Ore from it, yet we shall not drive the Level to it, till we be on the Rise of the Mountain at C, and then this Level will serve both those Veins.

Note, We may gain above Forty Yards more Level, beginning at A, the Line of that Level.

F The Smiths Forge.

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A Description of the Lead and Silver Mines of Cwmsumblock.

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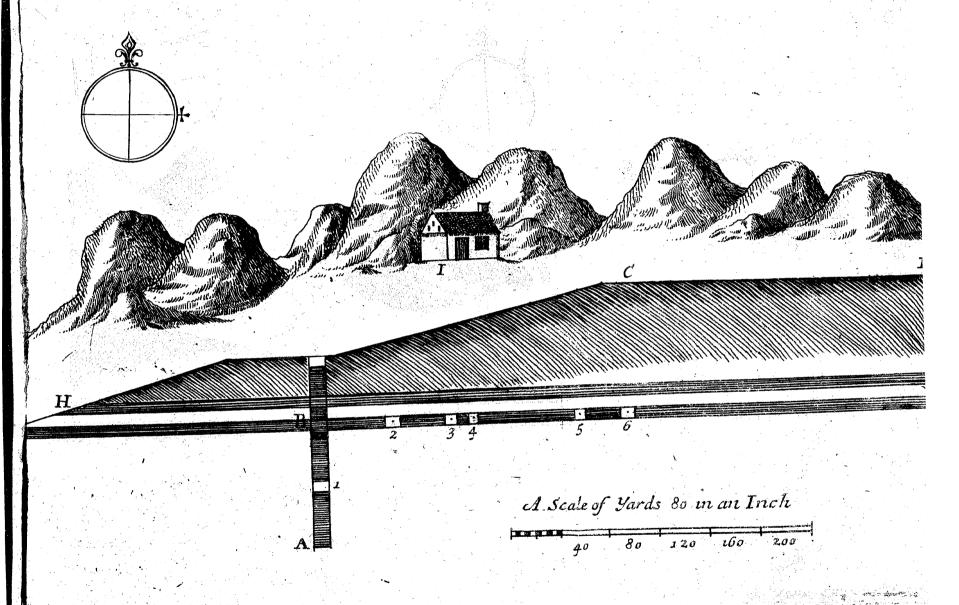
B The Place where that Level cuts into the Vein G. Note, The lower Line at G is the Line of Level. We have driven this Level to the Figure 5, where we are finking a Shaft; and we raise Ore at the 4th Shaft from a Rib Two Foot wide; I doubt not when we come to our firm Strake of Ground at C, being Thirty Three Yards yet to drive, (which is all a continued Bog to D, and that Strake holds above One Mile in Length) but that we shall find our Veins as rich in Ore, as we found the Bogs at Eskir-bir and Caninogg. Note, This Level is Sixty Four Yards deep.

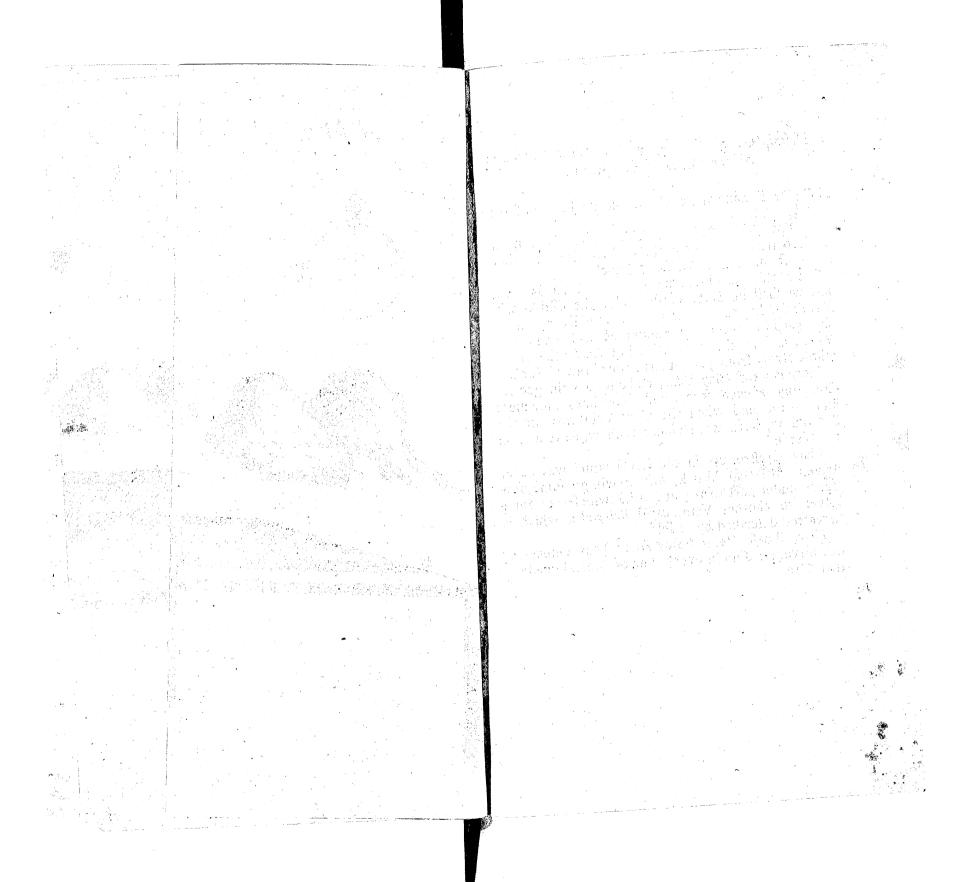
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The Ingenious Sir Hugh Middleton took a Lease of this Mine of the Patentees of Royal Mines at 400 l. a Year Rent; and by Extracting the Silver out of the Lead, clear'd 24000 l. a Year from them, as appears by his Books of Accounts; and Mr. Bushell being stush'd with this Success, cut a measured Mile to find this Vein, to Three and Four Yards deepness, at no small Charge: And being Sir Hugh by an Engine had wrought it several Yards under Water, the Patentees endeavour'd to bring up an Addit, to go under this Work, at the Expence of 11000 l. as Sir Edmond Wallcop, and others of the Patentees, then of that Committee, can inform you, but they struck much short of reaching his Bottoms: And tho' that Vein hath been attempted by many, yet it never was recover'd rill now, since Sir Hugh Middleton's Death.

A Mapp of the Lead & Silver Mines of Cumsumlock





A Description of the Map of the Great Lead and Silver Mines of Goginian.

AFF HE Line of Level, or the Beginning of the

B The Old Man's Fore-field, which is a main Twitch from the Top to the Old Addit; here they have lost above Sixty Yards of Level.

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At D this Level will be a Hundred Yards deep, and we shall be Sixty Yards under the Old Work. Mr. Bushell kept a Mint at work at the Silver Mills in Cardiganshire, from the Bullion he had from this Mine; and is said to cloath King Charles the First's whole Army from part of his Profit in this Work.

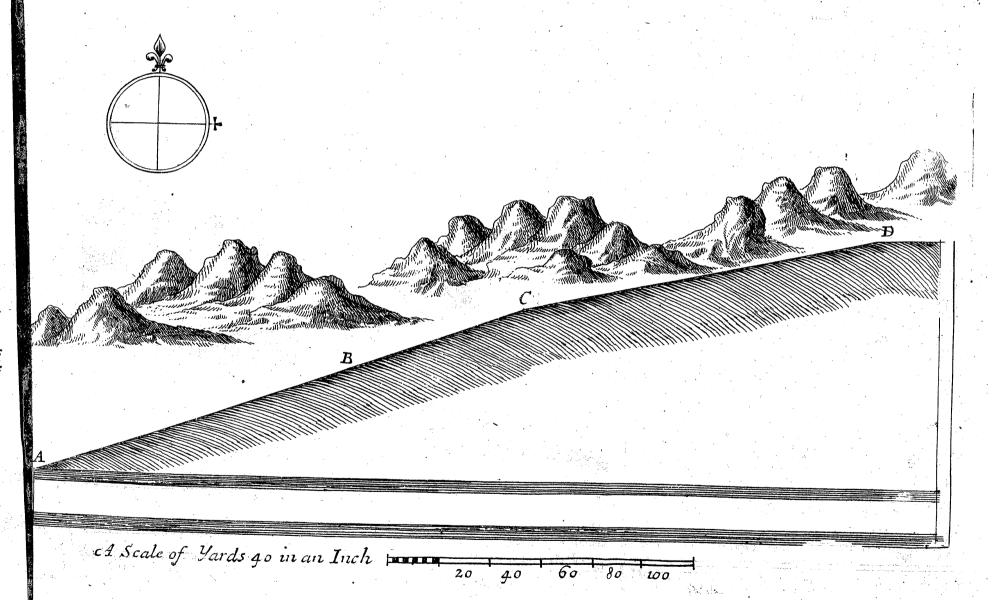
Here is a soft Clay Vein, and a hard Vein goes in Company of each other, and sometimes they meet and cross; and when the Clay Vein was on the South Side, both were richer than when it was on the North.

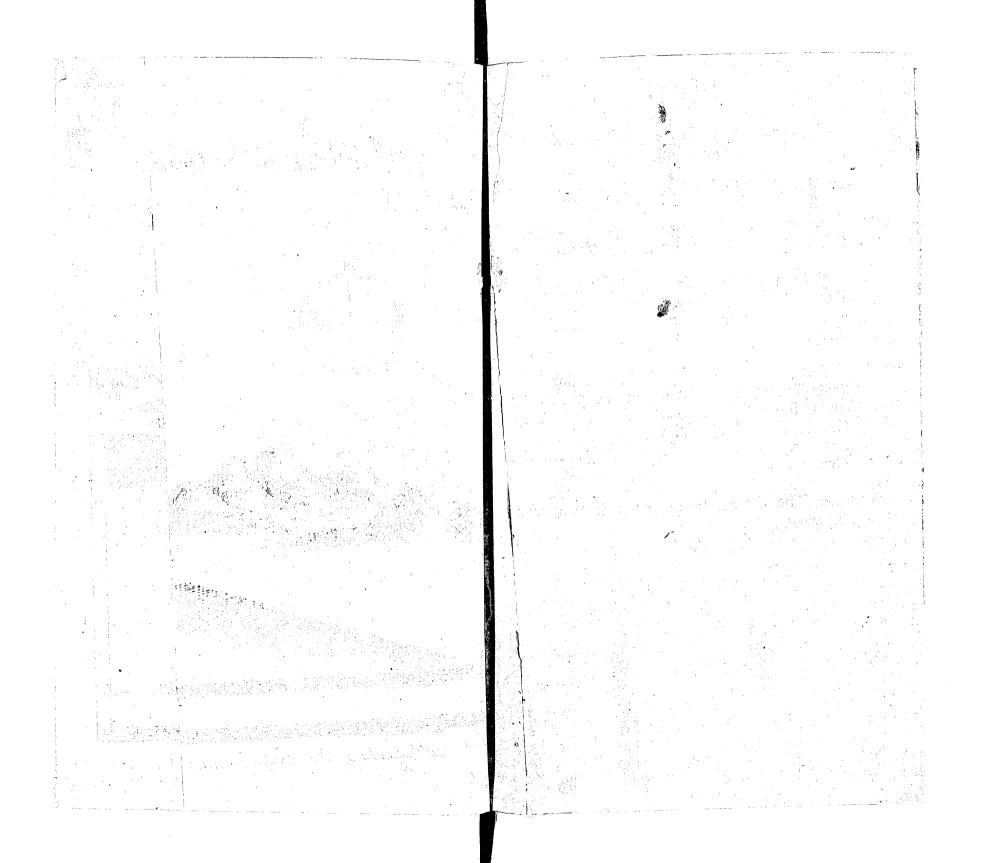
the North.

I have dressed up an old Level which was never driven into that Work, which will go some sew Yards under part of it; and it likewise serves for a Level to another Vein, call'd Brinpicka, which is hereafter described by it self.

Note, These Veins holds Forty Four Ounces of fine Silver per Tun in every Tun of Mettal made of that Ore.

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Description of the Map of the Lead and Silver
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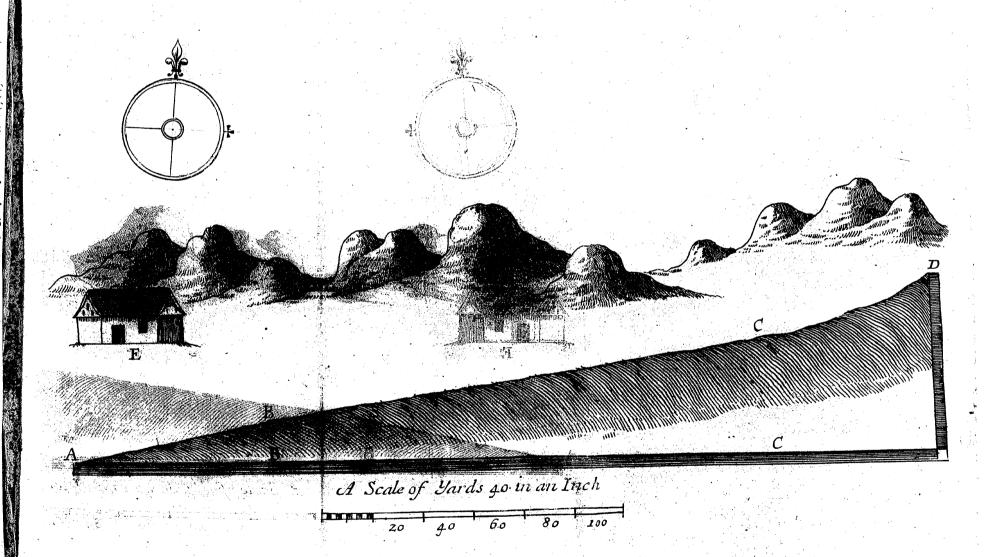
B Is where we now are driving, being a fost Clay Vein, mixed with small Ore.

C Is a Shaft funk by the Patentees of Royal Mines, in which is a firm Rib of Ore Eighteen Inches wide at Eighteen Yards deep.

Note, That we shall come under their Soals Thirty Yards at C, and at D this Addit will be Seventy Yards deep: And this Ore holds Forty Four Ounces in fine Silver upon every Tun of Mettal made from that Ore.

E The Smiths Forge for this Work and Goginian.

A Mapp of the Lead & Silver Mines of Brinpicka.



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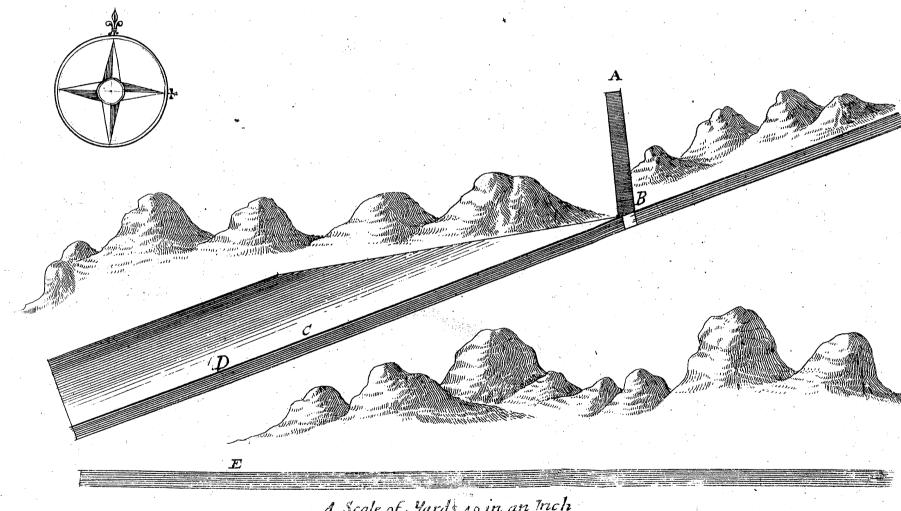
A HE Beginning of the Addit.

B The Place where it cuts into the Vein at Eighteen Yards deep.

C The Place where we are driving to the West at Fifty Four Yards deep, where our Vein is a Yard wide; but the clean Rib of Ore is but about Four Inches wide; the rest is mixed with Ore.

D Is the Place where we intend to cross to the Vein E, which is one of the Goginian Veins, and holds Forty Four Ounces of fine Silver per Tun, in every Tun of Mettal made of that Ore.

A Mapp of y Lead & Silver Mines of Cumarvin.



A Scale of Yards 40 in an Inch

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1 Description of a Map of the Lead and Silver Mines in Pencraig-ddy.

HE Line of Level, or the Beginning of that Addit.

B The Place we now are driving; and Twenty Yards further we shall come to a fresh Forehead, or Foresield, Four Foot wide: It is now Ten Inches in Ore.

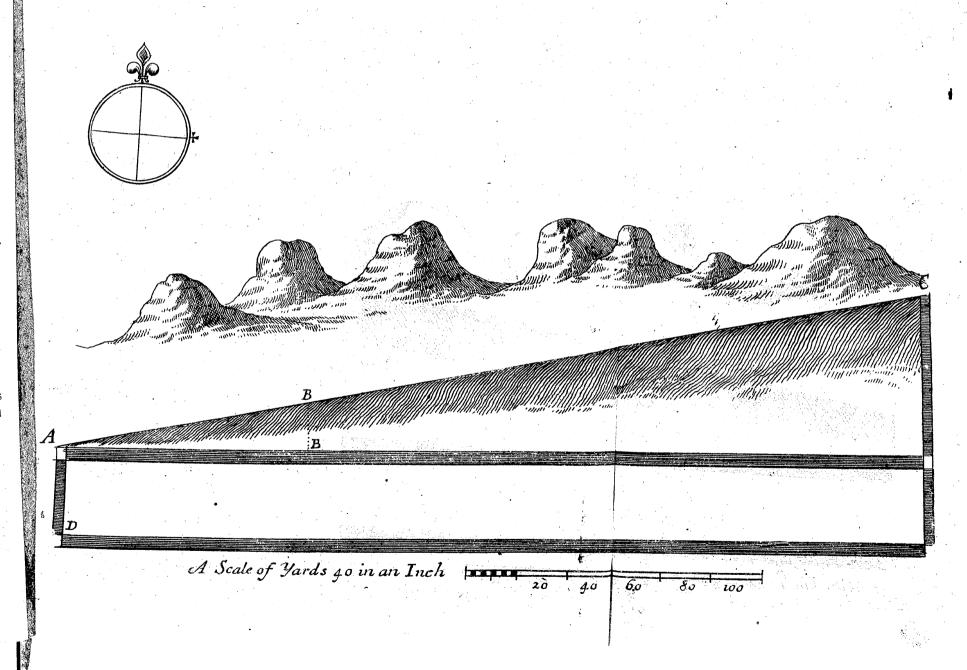
C The Place where the Strake of Ground begins, where we shall be Sixty Four Yards deep, and with Thirty Yards of another Vein.

D The North Vein, which is all Messures from a Yard to Five Foot wide, in which we sunk Fourteen Yards deep, and it has a small Level to that Deepness; but that reach'd but Two Yards into the Crop of the Vein, which is mixed with Ore and Vein-Stone all the Breadth, and with clean Ribs of Ore in several Places Nine Inches wide.

Note, The Level from A will be Fifty Yards deeper, and with crossing Thirty Yards, will likewise be a Level to the Vein D; and these Two Veins have a Strake through a Morass from C for above Six Hundred Yards in Length; and these Two Veins, no doubt, will raise Ore very plentifully in that Ground.

Note, That One Tun of Mettal made from this Ore yields Forty Four Ounces of fine Silver in each Tun.

A Mapp of the Lead & Silver Mines of Pencragddy



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HE Beginning of the Addit.

B Where it cuts into the Vein.

E The North Vein.

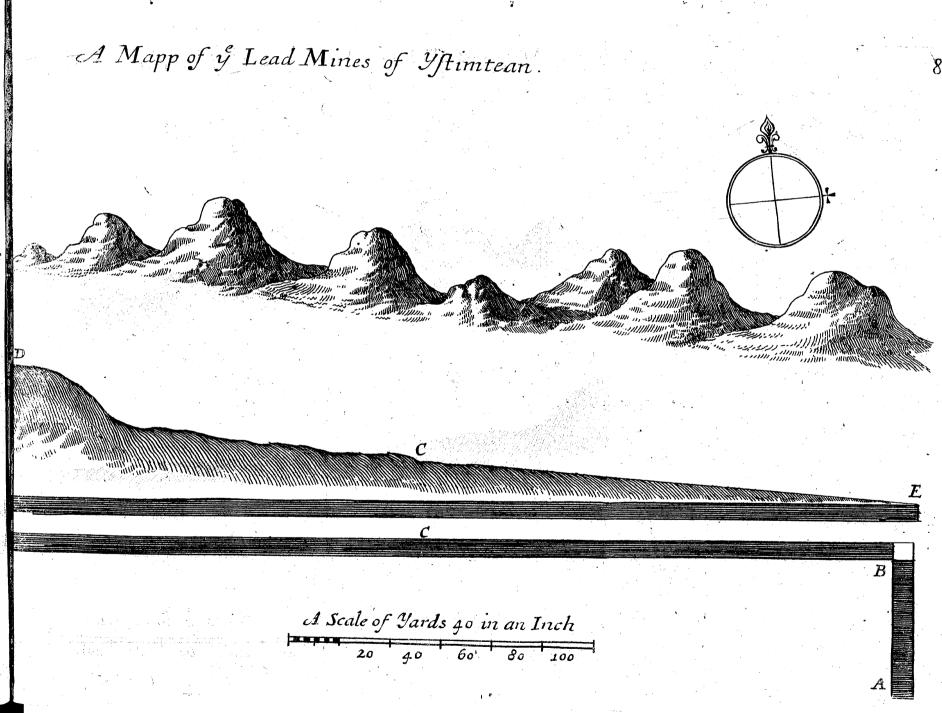
E The North Vein.

C Where we now are driving in the Sun Vein; and have already open'd Thirty Three Yards in Ore, all measures from a Foot to Two Foot wide; but the last Eight Yards at C is above a Yard wide in good Ore, and grows wider as we drive Westward, and is there Eighteen Yards deep, and a fine feeding Ground to D; and there we have a Level of Fifty Yards deep, and a good feeding Ground for above Eight Hundred Yards more, being all Bog, and Watery Grounds, where Five Veins run, and never sail of being rich in Ore; which is all guarded or inclosed in a Blue Raggsill.

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ATHE Line of Level, or the Beginning of the. Addit, being Sixty Eight Yards deep.

Note, This Vein runs all in Bellies of Ore of all Sizes, from Four Yards broad to Seven Yards, and from Ten Yards long to Thirty Yards, and from Four Yards high to Seven Yards; and lies in the same Manner one upon another as B, C, D and E Twitch forward; so that you have sometimes a Belly of Ore Six or Seven Yards wide, and sometimes nothing but a Leader of one Inch thick to follow for Five or Ten Yards, both in sinking and driving.

F The hard Ore Vein Five Yards wide between firm Sides all mixed for that Breadth with Ore; and clean Ribs of Ore in it, some of Six Inches, some Twelve, some Eighteen, and some Twenty Inches wide.

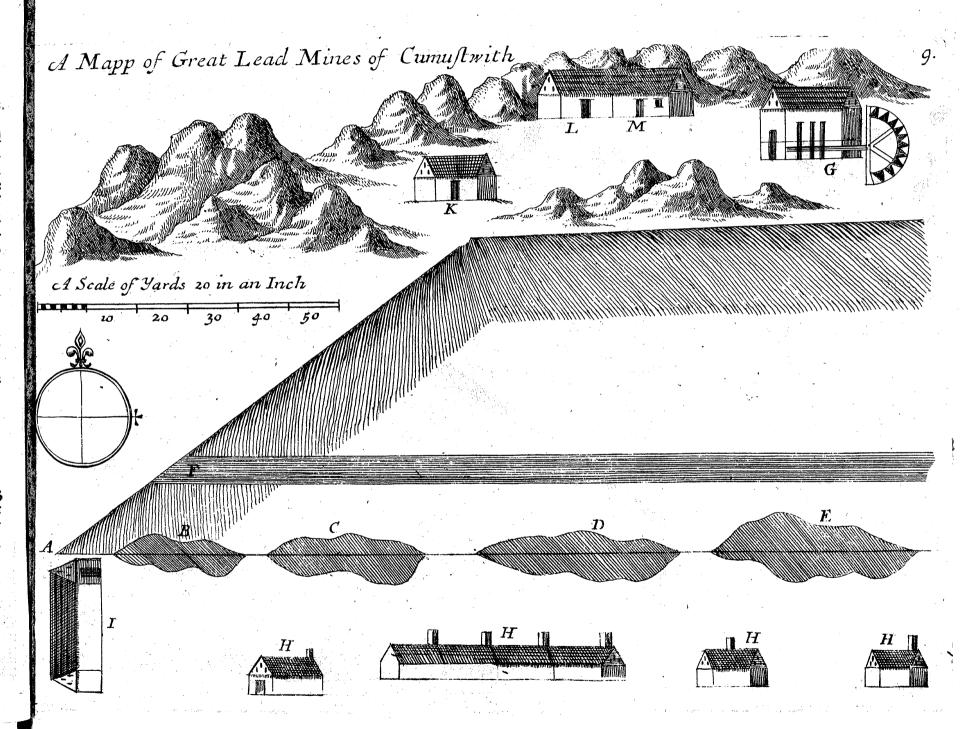
G Is the Stamping-Mill to dress that Ore that is mixed with Stone.

H, H, H Is the Town that we have built for our Miners.

I, K, L Is Store-houses.

M Is a Smiths Forge.

Here we have a large Liberty of above Twenty Miles Compass, which contains several more Veins; but I have not here described them, till it is thought sit to try them, excepting One called the New Work, and lies about Three Hundred Yards from this Work.



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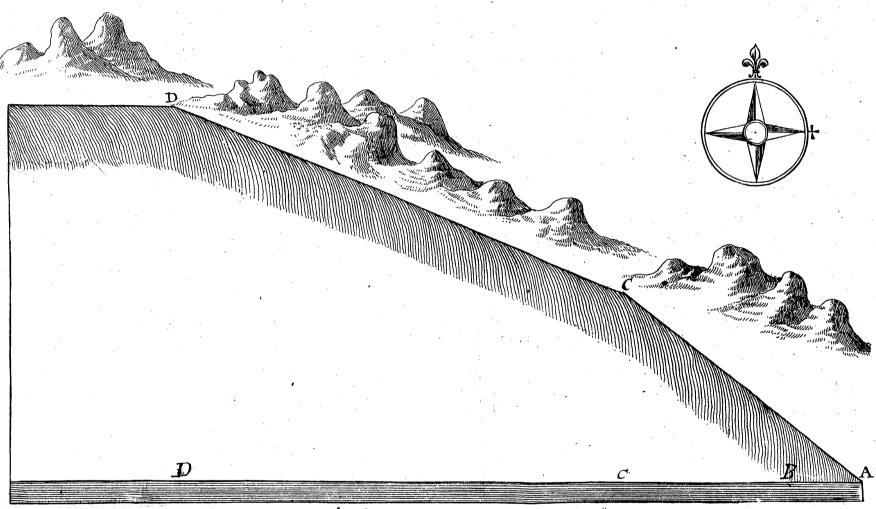
HE Line of Level and Beginning of the Addit. We are driven to B, being Thirty Yards, and Twenty Four of these in Ore, all measures from Nine Inches to Fisteen: This is a wide Clay Vein. We have not yet the Sun Side, tho' we have cut above Two Yards wide for it; and the Clay is all that Breadth mixed with Ore.

At C we shall come into the firm Part of the Hill, where I hope to have all this Clay in Ore.

At D we come to the firm Strake of the Hill, and our Addit will be One Hundred and Fifty Four Yards deep, and continues a Strake for near One Mile in Length.

A Mapp of y New Lead Mines at Cumustwith.





A Scale of Yards 40 in an Inch 20 40 60 80 100.

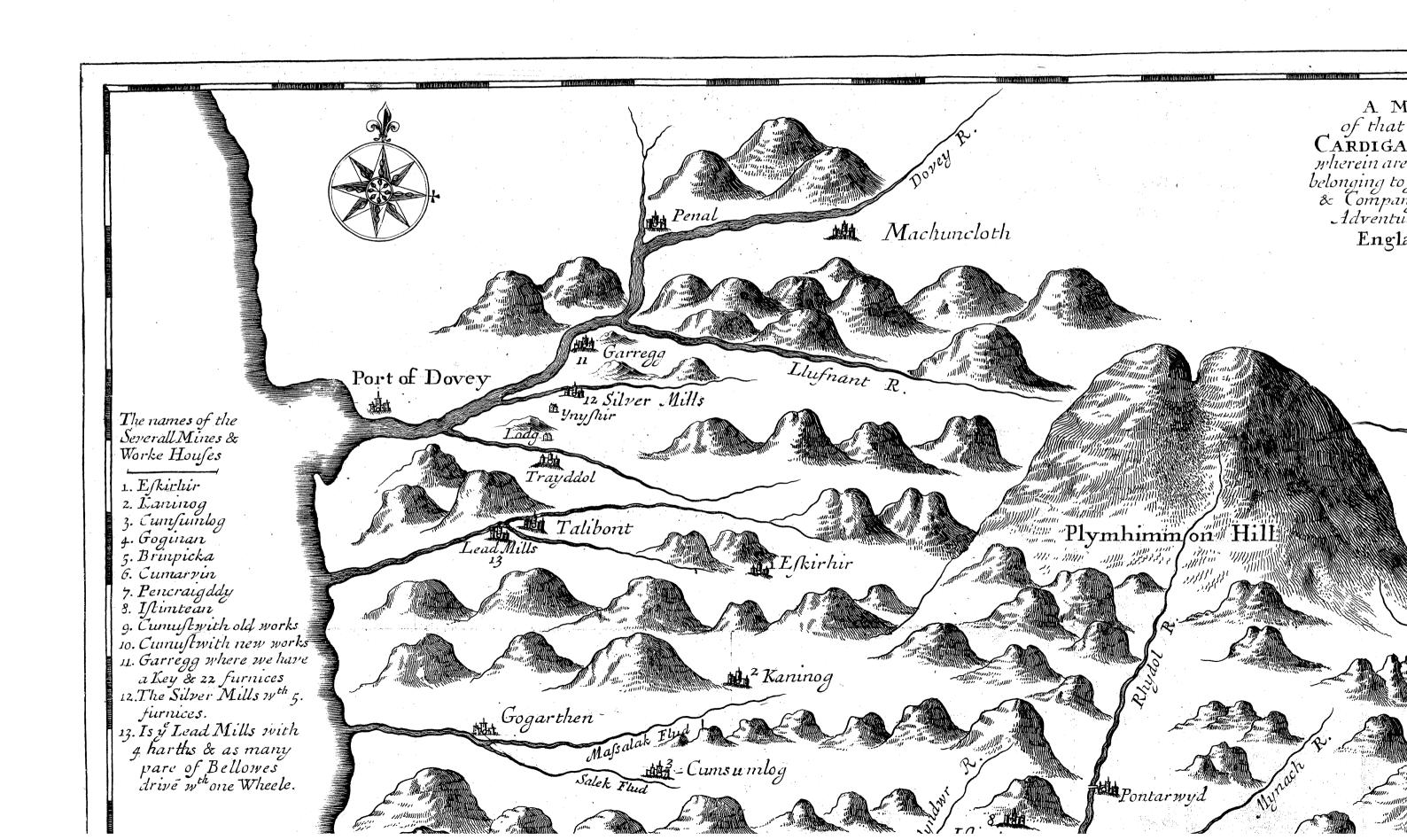
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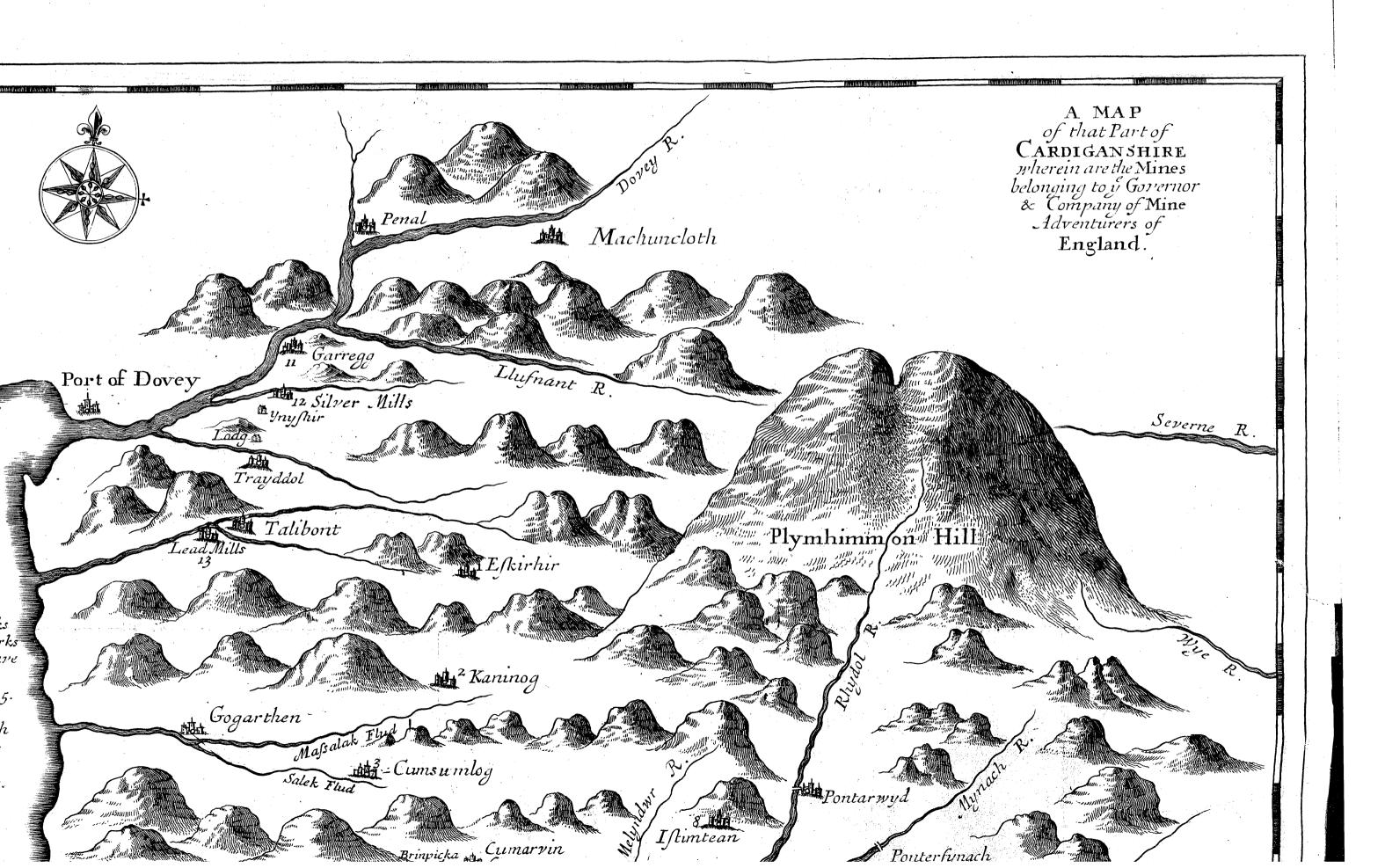
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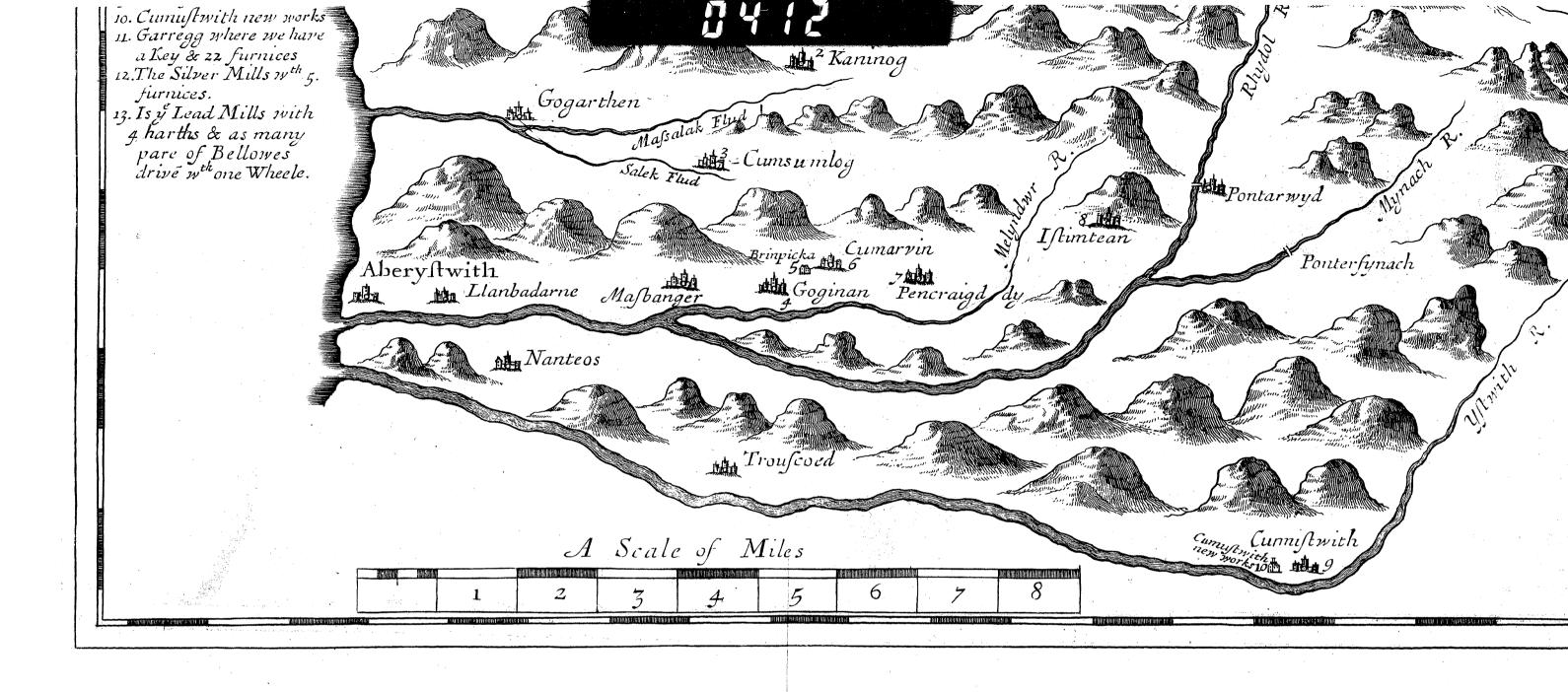
N.B. That in order to measure the Distance of any Two Places, either in the general Map of the Country, or in the particular Maps of the Mines, you must with a Pair of Compasses take the extended Distance of the Two Places between their Points, which Distance being laid upon the Scale of Miles for the general Map, or Yards for the particular Maps, gives you the Distance of the Places in Miles or Yards.

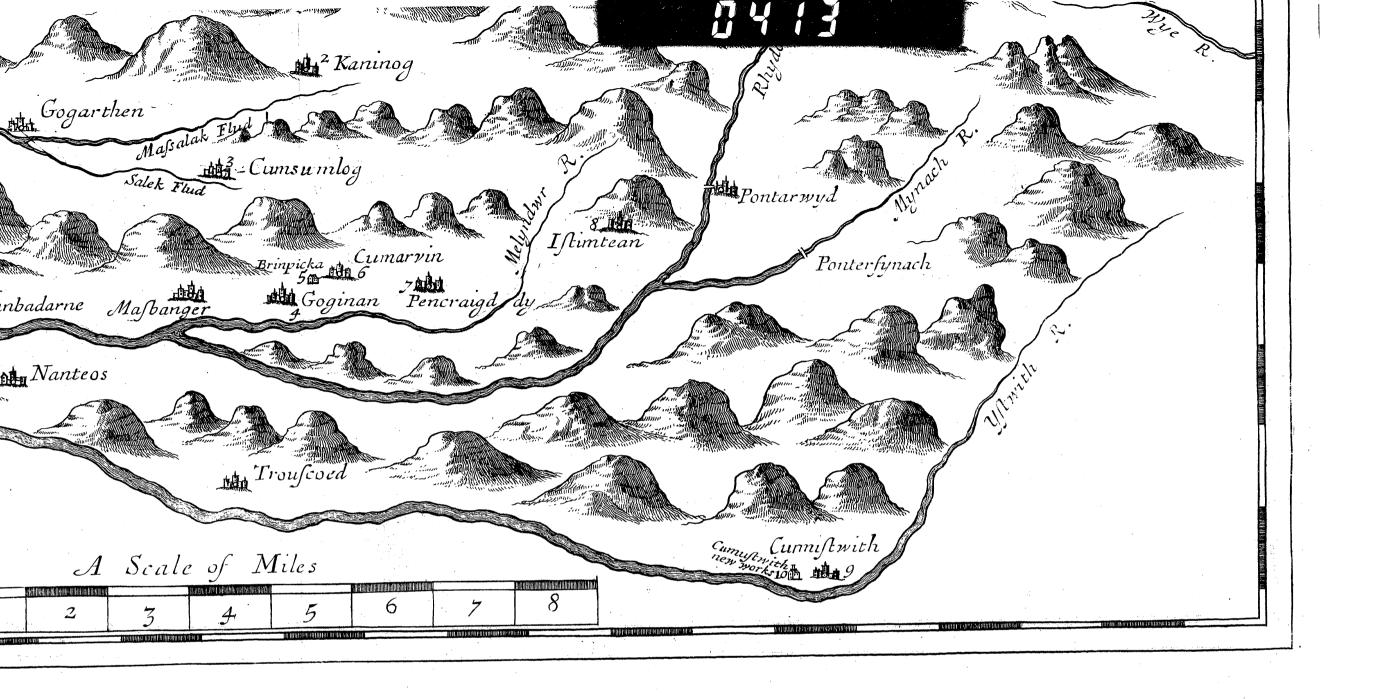
EXAMPLE.

Suppose I would know the Distance from Eskirhir to the Silver Mills, in the general Map, I six the one Point of the Compasses at Eskirhir, and extend to ther Point to the Silver Mills, which Distance being laid on the Scale of Miles, reaches Three Miles and something above Half a Mile; and so of the Rest.









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