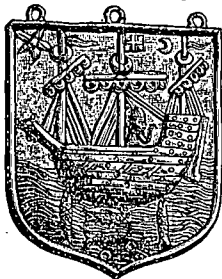


The badge is a silver shield, of late sixteenth century date, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. It bears in low relief a ship in full sail, with a star and crescent above and four fish in the waves in base. Along the top are three loops for suspension.



SILVER BADGE
OF THE DUNWICH
SERGEANT-AT-MACE
($\frac{1}{2}$ LINEAR).

The badge was formerly worn by the serjeant-at-mace.

The old silver seal probably dates from King John's charter of 1199. It is of the unusual form of a square lozenge, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, and bears for device a one-masted ship with furled mainsail, with a crescent and star above the yard. In the sea are shown four fishes.

The legend, which is partly intruded upon by mast-head, stem, poop, and rudder is :

SIGILL' : BVRGI : DE DONEWIZ.

An almost identical copy of this seal, perhaps an early or contemporary forgery, is also known.*

The old bailiffs' seal is also in the form of a square lozenge. It is $1\frac{1}{3}$ inch wide, and bears for device the bust of a king issuing from a boat riding on the waves. Above the king is a crescent enclosing a star, and another star is on either side of him. Legend :

+ Sigillum balliborum de donewico

with sprigs for stops.

A modern copy of this seal was until lately in use.

The admiralty seal is a poor modern circular thing of brass, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter, with a device copied from the bailiffs' seal. Legend :

Sigillum Admiralitatis Donewico

* See *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries*, 2nd S. ix. 43.