

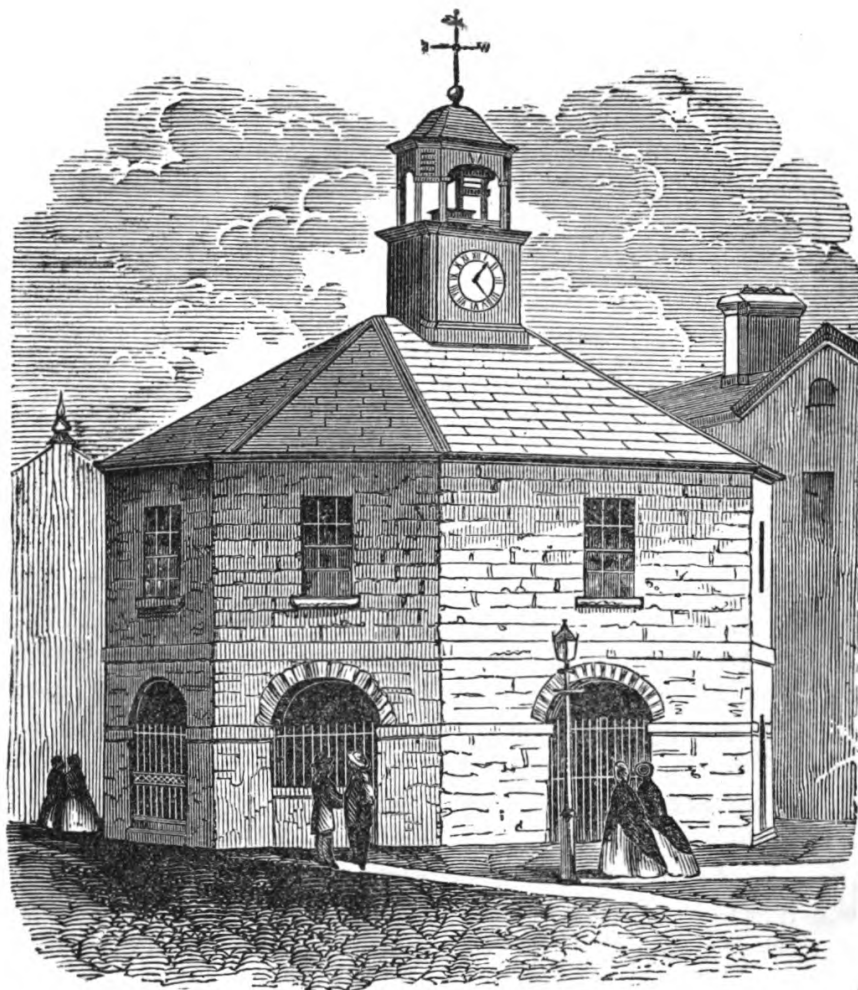
AYLESBURY.

Accompanying the historical sketch of Aylesbury, by the Venerable Archdeacon Bickersteth, vol. ii., page 257, of the "Records of Buckinghamshire," is a print of the ancient town-hall, as it appeared in 1738. The two prints of the market-house, and the new corn exchange designed by D. Brandon, Esq., are from wood engravings lent to the Society by Mr. R. Gibbs, a member.

In a charter of Queen Mary, in 1553, making Aylesbury a borough, there is also conferred the right of holding a market on Wednesday—a privilege still exercised to some extent; also two fairs, one on the Annunciation, and the other on Holy Rood day. The more important market, on Saturdays, is held under a charter of Queen Elizabeth, dated 1579, which also grants another fair on the eve of Palm Sunday. King John granted the town a fair on St. Oswald's day (August 5), which is now disused. The modern fair days are—the Friday next following the 18th January, the Saturday before Palm Sunday, the 8th May, the 14th June, the 25th September, and the 12th October. The wool fair, established in 1834, is held on the second Wednesday in July, and a fat cattle fair in December.



AYLESBURY CORN EXCHANGE, Built 1865.



AYLESBURY MARKET HOUSE, Built about A.D. 1808.