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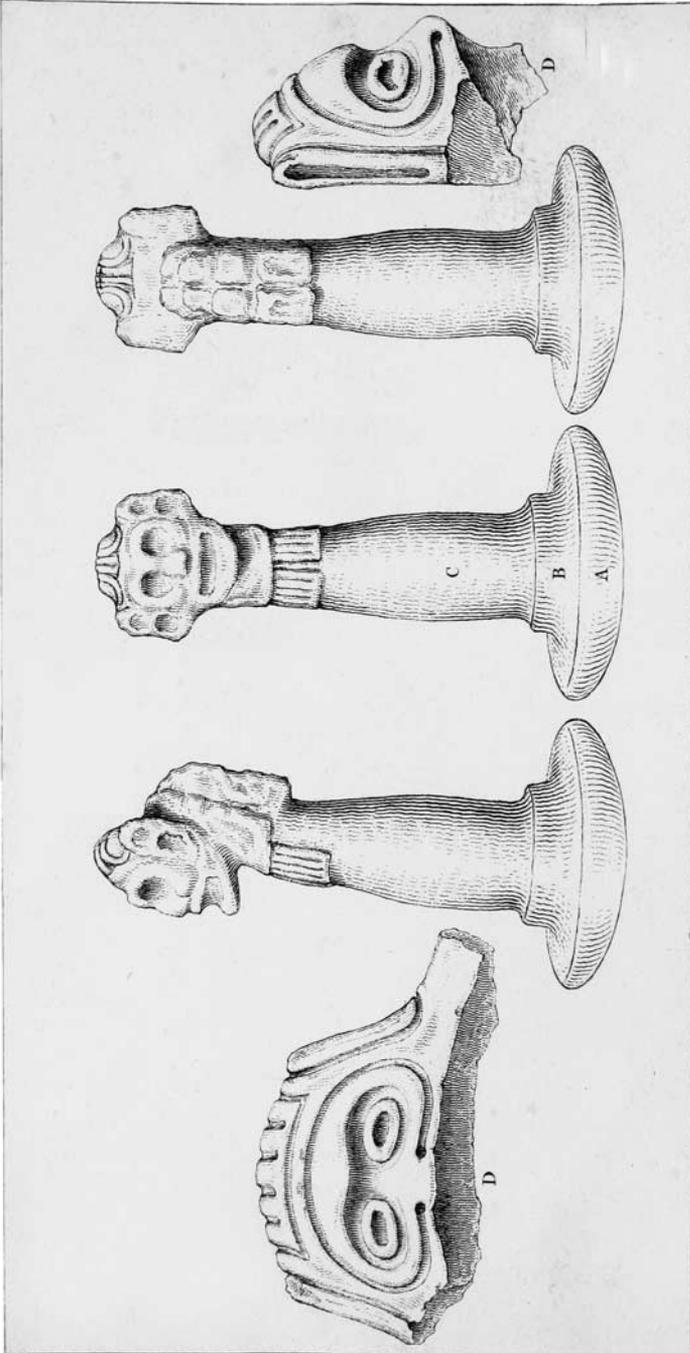
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SECRETARY TO THE EXPEDITION WHICH CAPTURED THE CITY OF SANTO DOMINGO
 FROM THE FRENCH; AND RESIDENT BRITISH AGENT THERE.

Quod sol atque imbres dederant, quod terra crearat
 Sponte sua, satis id placabat pectora donum.
 Quod superest, æs atque aurum, ferrumque repertum est,
 Et simul argenti pondus.

LUCRETIVS, lib. v.

—mores hominum...et urbes.

HOR.

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