

Parts of kings' table found at Westminster

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Sections of a medieval kings' table that was smashed by Oliver Cromwell to celebrate the end of the monarchy, have been found at the Palace of Westminster.

Pieces of the elaborately-carved table were found during renovations in the oldest part of the palace, the principal residence of British kings from the middle of the 11th century until 1512, The Scotsman reported.

The table is said to have been used by Edward I, who took the Stone of Destiny to London. However, researchers believe it could date back to even earlier.

The table was reportedly used by kings and queens for coronation feasts and banquets. It is said to have been destroyed by Cromwell, who believed it to be a symbol of the power and authority of the monarch.

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