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STONE FROM THE POST-MEDIAEVAL EXCAVATIONS AT THE ARCADES SITE

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE

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Verbal identification of a quantity of slate recovered from recent excavations undertaken by the City of Southampton Archaeological Group, during a visit to French Street Buildings on 1st August 1988. The vast majority of fragments of roofing tiles are undoubtedly the 'blue' slates from Devon and Cornwall, although in reality the colour of these slates would normally be regarded as grey. In addition, there are one or two small fragments of pink and green slate. These may be from the same source area as the 'blue' tiles, or alternatively from further afield, perhaps from across the Channel.