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SCOTLAND.

In Familiar Letters from a Gentleman Here, to his Friend Abroad.

BEING THE

THIRD VOLUME,

Which Compleats

GREAT BRITAIN.

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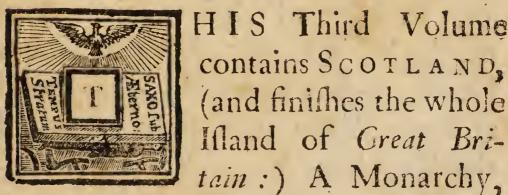


TO THE

Nobility and Gentry

OF

GREAT BRITAIN.



that has subsisted by a successive Series of Kings for above Two A 2 Thous Thousand Years, till by the Union it was incorporated and indented with England into One Dominion of Great Britain.

THIS Series of Kings have, howeyer, had their Interruptions. The Contest betwixt the Bruce and the Baliol, to the Succession of Alexander the Third, King of Scotland, gave an Opportunity to Edward the First of England, to make an entire Conquest of this Kingdom: He carry'd away all their Records, their Marble Chair in which their Kings used to be crown'd, (which is now in Westminster-Abby) and hardly left any Vestiges of their ancient Monarchy behind. But after that King's Death, Robert Bruce, in one Battel at Bannockburn, not only recover'd the Kingdom, but restor'd the Monarchy to its ancient independent State.

On the Death of King James the Fifth, it had a new Struggle; for He leaving one only Daughter, a Week old, all the Princes of Europe had an Eye upon Scotland: King Henry the Eighth of England pretended to her Guardianship, as her nearest Relation; and would have had her Person, and the strong Forts in the Kingdom, put in his Power, in order to marry her to his Son, K. Edward the Sixth.

FRANCE, the ancient Ally and Friend of Scotland, strenuously oppos'd this; and I believe, there hardly was ever known a greater Scene of Corruption, than was amongst the Nobility of Scotland that espous'd the Two Parties. The Earls of Angus, Cassils, and Glencairn, the Lords Maxwel and Somerville, openly declar'd for K. Henry the Eighth; and the Earls of Argyle, Huntley, Mar-Shal, Shal, and Murray, as openly for France.

THE Lord Hamilton, Governor of the Kingdom during the Minority of the young Princess, seem'd to stand neuter, and wink'd at the open Corruptions of the Two contending Parties. The Earl of Angus publickly receiv'd 100 l. per Month; and the other Lords on the English Side, in Proportion; great Sums in those Days. And never was Man more bamboozel'd than Sir Ralph Sadler, who was K. Henry the Eighth's Ambassador at that Time in Scotland; for they never meant to perform what they promis'd; and the French Ambassador gave as large Sums to his Party, to oppose it. oppose it. and the second of the second o

This Corruption continued for several Years, till the Death of King Henry

Henry the Eighth, when the Duke of Somerset, by an Army, would force them to a Compliance: He march'd as far as Musselburgh, nigh Edinburgh, and there gave an entire Rout to the Scotch Army, and oblig'd them to pull off the Mask; for the Lord Hamilton to free the Nation from the Dependency of England, carried the Princess to France, was created Duke of Chateam Herault, and married her to the Dauphin of France, afterwards Francis the Second.

I F there had been any Children of this Marriage, there had then been an end of this Monarchy; but she returning Childless, married her own Cousin German, and brought forth James the Sixth, and First of England, who united the Crowns.

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OLIVERCROMWELL made an entire Conquest of this Kingdom, and used them as Edward the First did, building Citadels at every great Town, to keep them in Awe, and carried away all the Records, as Edward the First had done before hinr; but the Restoration of the Royal Family, restored the Monarchy to its ancient Splendor. However, fince their Kings came to be Kings of England, they were always govern'd as a distant Province, under the Direction of a Secretary of State. Although they had Parliaments of their own, those were generally influenced by an English Ministry, till now, by the Union, they represent themselves in the Parliament of Great Britain; and yet the Number seems too few, for so numerous a Nobility, and so populous and large a Country.

THE Scots have made a greater Figure Abroad, than any other Nation in Europe; this hath been generally ascribed to the Barrenness of their Country, as not being able to maintain its Inhabitants: But this is a vulgar Error, for it's entirely owing to the Fineness of their Education. A Gentleman in Scotland, that hath Four or Five Sons, gives them equal Education. The eldest Son, though often not the finest Gentleman, succeeds to the Estate; and the others being bred above Trades, go to seek their Fortune in Foreign Countries, and are thereby lost to their own.

had Four Lieutenant-Generals, Twenty Two Colonels, besides inferior Officers, all Scotchmen; and hath often owned, that his Conquests in Germany were owing to their

their Valour: And some of the greatest Families now in Sweden, retain the Sirnames, and are the Defeendants of these valiant Men.

In Muscovy, the Bruces, the Gordons, and Douglasses, make still a great Figure. In Dantzick, that City being relieved by Douglass, a Scotchman, they erected a triumphal Arch, in Commemoration of that Glorious Action, which to this Day is call'd Douglass's Port, or Gate; and enacted, that a Man born in Scotland, should for ever be a Freeman of Dantzick, as much as a Native; and the Suburb without Douglass's Port, is to this very Day, call'd Little Scotland.

In Germany, you can go no where, but you meet with Scotch Families. Count Hamilton is a great Family in the Palatinate. General

neral Ogilvy, whose Grandsather was a Scotchman, is now Velt Marshal of the Empire: And Count Lesly at Gratz in Stiria, who has spread his Family into many Branches in Hungary, is a Descendant of the Noble Family of Rothes.

In Italy you can go no where, but you meet with Scotch Families. The Duke de Popoli at Naples, hath a Noble Tree of his Family, under the Great Seal of Scotland. The Scotty's in that Kingdom, and the Campania Romana, carry all the Arms of Stuarts and Douglasses; and on the Lago de Garda, I met with a Family of the Weemesses, Descendants of Sir James Weems, who was a Lieutenant-General in the Venetian Service; and shewed me several Original Letters from David Earl of Weems, owning them to be of his Family; and a curious ManuManuscript of the History of Scotland, by one Winton.

In France, the Scotch Nation were in so great Reputation, that it was a common Saying, Fidelle comme une Escossois; which Character they bore all over the World, till their fatal Delivery up of Charles the First to the English Parliament, which gave them the Epithet of a false Scot; but my Lord Hollis, in his Memoirs, has set this Matter in so true a Light, that I will say no more about it.

SAINT Lewis, King of France, had so great an Opinion of the Fidelity of the Scotch Nation, that he ordain'd that his Body shou'd be guarded both Day and Night, by Twenty Four Scotchmen; which continued under the Reigns of Nine Kings,

Kings, without Intermission, for above One Hundred and Fifty Years. Charles the Fifth increased the Number to Seventy Six, with the following Institution.

THAT of their Number, Two of them shall stand at each Side of his Chair, when he's at Dinner, Supper, Mass, or Sermon.

That on Festival Days, when the King makes Knights of his Orders, receives Ambassadors from Foreign Princes, or touches for the Evil, the whole Band shall attend on each Side of his Person, and the dead Body of the King shall be carried to be interr'd only by the Scotch Band.

THE Keys of all the Cities where the King lodges, are to be deli-

delivered to the Captain of the Scotch Band; and the Robe the King wears at his Coronation, belongs to the said Captain.

KING Charles the Seventh erected another Company of Scots, call'd Gens d' Arms d' Escosse, consisting of One Hundred Horse, and Two Hundred Archers, to have the Precedency of all the French Troops. This Company was commanded fo late as James the First of England's Days, by James Hamilton, Earl of Arran, and thereafter by Lodowick Stuart, Duke of Lenox; and in King Charles the Second's Exile, by his Brother, the Duke of York, and under him the Scotch Lord Gray:

THERE was also in Lewis the Fourteenth's Reign, a Royal Regi-

ment of Scots, commanded by Donglass, Earl of Dumbarton; but the Parliament of England, in King Charles the Second's Reign, taking Umbrage at so formidable a Body of his Majesty's Subjects in a Foreign Service, oblig'd that Prince to recall them; and they consist now of only Two Battalions, under the Command of the Earl of Orkney, and are call'd the Royal, and take Place of all the British Troops, next the Guards.

of France, gave the Office of High Constable of France, to John Stuart, Earl of Buchan, creating him Count de Eureux, adding to him the Signiory of Concressant.

THE Earl Douglass was by the same Charles the Seventh, created Duke

Duke of Turenne, and Mareschal of France, which continued in the Family till after Lewis the Fourth.

ROBERT STVART, Lord of Aubigny, was Marshal of France, and Knight of the Order of St. Michael, under Charles the Twelfth, and was call'd by the French the Flower of Chivalry.

of Aubigny, was Marshal of France in the Reigns of Lewis the Eleventh and Twelfth, Vice-Roy of Naples under Charles the Eighth, and General of the Army raised by Charles the Eighth, in Favour of the Duke of Richmond, afterwards Henry the Seventh, against Richard the Third of England; and his Brother was Governor of Milan under Lewis the Twelfth.

ROBERT his Son was Marshal of France under Francis the First; and his Cousin John Stuart was Captain of the Guard of his Body at the same Time.

JOHN Lord Hamilton, was created Duke of Chateaw Herault, and his eldest Son, at the same Time, Captain of the Body Guard to Henry the Second.

THE Assistance that Scotland has always given to France, since their celebrated League, which cost them so dear at Home, by the Invasions of the English, is almost incredible, if I had not the Authority of the Mareschal Champaign, Lord of Johnwile, and the Theatre of Homour by Monsieur Faven, to confirm it.

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MALCOLM the Third, sent Two Thousand Men to the Count of Vermandois, Brother to Philip the First, for the Conquest of Jerusalem, under Godfrey of Boloign.

ALEXANDER the Second, fent Three Thousand to the Service of St. Lewis, under the Conduct of Patrick Dumbar, Earl of March.

ALEXANDER the Third fent Two Thousand Men more to the said King, under the Conduct of Stuarts, Earls of Carrock and Athol.

KING David Bruce sent Three Thousand to King John, conducted by William Earl of Douglass, slain at the Battle of PoiEtiers.

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King Robert Stuart sent Seven Thousand Men, under the Conduct of his own Son, the Earl of Buchan, and Archibald Douglass, Earl of Wigtoun, who won the Battel of Bau-

MURDOCH, when Regent, sent Ten Thousand to Charles the Fifth, conducted by his Brother, and the one Ey'd Earl of Donglass.

70 HN STVART, Constable of France and Scotland, carried over Four Thousand to the Service of Charles the Seventh; and some form'd Regiments, commanded by David Pittullock: This Name I have often found in the French History; but on the strickest Enquiry, I could hardly hear of a Gentleman of the Name in Scotland, al-(a 2) though

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though there is a Seat which bears that Name.

of Albany in Scotland, and Count of Boloign in France, had always Rank next to the Princes of the Blood, as had the Dukes of Lenox, Lords of Aubigny in France.

Volume, I could not help taking Notice of the Absurdities in Mr. Mason's Observations through England; and here I cannot pass by Doctor Kennedy's Chronological, Genealogical, and Historical Dissertation of the Royal Family of the Stuarts; in which, to ingratiate it to the Irish Nation, and endear them the more to the Pretender, he endeavours to make that Family proceed from Milesius, and his

his Descendants, the ancient Kings of Ireland. But I will prove by Charters still remaining in the Abby of Pailly, in the Custody of the Earl of Dundonald, that the Stuarts are not of Irish Extraction; for Walter, the Son of Alan, Dapifer Regis Scotia, in a Charter dated 464, founded the Monastery, and endow'd it with Monks of the Order of Cluny, brought from the Monastery of Wenlock in England, to pray for the Souls of King David of Scotland, King Henry the Second of England, Henry Earl of Huntington, and for the Health of King Malcolm, then Reigning. Now it is not to be suppos'd, that if Alan had been an Irishman, and descended of Maine Leagan, Eogan More, and Milesius, Kings of Ireland, would have brought Monks from England, whose Language was hardly (a3)underunderstood then in Scotland, but rather have brought them from his Native Country of Ireland. Nor would he have forgot the Souls of his Ancestors, Kings of Ireland, if he had been come of them.

ANOTHER convincing Proof that Alan did not come from Ireland, is, That when the Irish writ that memorable Letter to Pope John the Twenty Second, in the Year 1316, complaining of the intolerable Yoke of the English, and the Oppressions of King Edward the Sixth; and that in a General Meeting of the States, they had unanimously chosen Edward Bruce, Earl of Carrick, Son to an Earl of Huntingdon, and Brother to Robert Bruce, King of Scots, for their King; and praying the Pope's Approbation of their Choice: This Letter is fign'd DonalDonaldus O Neal, Rex Ultonia, ac totius Hibernia, hareditario jure verus Hares; necnon & ejusdem Terra Reguli, & Magnates, ac Populus Hibernicus.

Now, it is not to be imagin'd, that the Irish would have call'd Edward Bruce, (an Englishman by Birth) to their Throne, and not rather Walter Stuart of Scotland, who was then a powerful Prince, marry'd at that Time to K. Robert Bruce's Daughter, and their near Neighbour; if he had been descended from them: Nor would he tamely have shipp'd off the Troops, as he did for the Service of Edward Bruce, if he had believ'd he had any Right or Pretence to the Crown of Ireland himself. This Walter, from Dapifer Regis, was created Seneschal, or Steward of Scotland, (a4)

by Malcolm the Fourth, who was a mortal Enemy to the Irish, whom he excluded from all publick Posts. Besides, Alan and Walter are Christian Names not known in Ireland before the Conquest of King Henry the Second of England, and came from Normandy with William the Conqueror.

THE Kings of Scotland, in all their Foundations of Monasteries, as I have seen in several Charters, never forget the Souls of their deceased Relations: For K. David the First, call'd St. David, mentions King Malcolm the Third, his Father Duncan, Edgar and Alexander his Brothers, his Sister Matilda Queen of England, his Father-in-Law the Earl of Huntingdon, and Matilda his own Queen. And doubtless Subjects imitate their Princes in their

their Endowments; for Persons of Note have a distinguishing Affection for their Country and Family; and when they are descended of Crown'd Heads, take a particular Pleasure even in these Acts of Piety, to proclaim it to the World as often as Occasion offers; and confequently, Walter Stuart would not have forgot the Kings of Munster, if he had come of them.

Supposing the Story of Banquo and Fleance (so finely illustrated by Skakespear, in his Tragedy of Macbeth) to be true, I think it makes against Dr. Kennedy; for it cannot be imagin'd, that on the Murther of Banquo, his Son Fleance should fly through England in Disguize to Wales, (where he was not known) and not rather to Ireland, which was much nearer him, and

to which he could have gone with much Safety and Ease, if he had had any Relations there.

DR. Kennedy makes Walter the first Stuart, Son of this Fleance, by a Daughter of a Prince of Wales; whereas Walter himself tells you, he was the Son of Alan.

I MUST also tell the Doctor, that the Barony of Renfrew, the ancient Habitation of the Stuarts, is in that Division of Scotland that (he fays) was inhabited by Saxons and Normans, and not in that which (he fays) was inhabited by the Irish.

THE Story, in short, is this: King Malcolm the Third, after having been some considerable Time in Exile in England, return'd to his:

his Dominions, and brought with him one Alan for his Cup-bearer, or Gentleman-Sewer, whom he fettled in the Barony of Renfrew: But altho' he was the first King that gave Sirnames, and created Peers, yet this Gentleman had neither; but his Son Walter was rais'd by King Malcolm the Fourth to be Seneschal, or Steward of all Scotland; and his Grandson Walter marrying King Robert Bruce's Daughter, succeeded to the Crown of Scotland.

I AM the more particular in this, because this Book of Kennedy's is industriously spread in Ireland, to keep up the Spirit of the Old Families there in the Chevalier's Interest.

SINCE the finishing these Letters, I have seen a Book, entitled,

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The Present State of Great Britain; giving an Account of His Maje-sty's Dominions in Germany, publish'd in 1723. I had the Curiossity to turn over to Scotland, to see what new Observations he had made there; and was surpriz'd to find Errors not only in every Page, but almost in every Line.

THE Post-Master of a Place is generally very noted. Sir John Inglish hath been Post-Master-General of Scotland, and Post-Master of Edinburgh, with a Salary of 400 l. a Year, for these Six Years past; yet this worthy Author continues Mr. Anderson, at 200 l. a Year.

Mr. Dundas hath worthily filled the Office of Lord Advocate, or Attorney-General for some Years. Yet this Author continues

Sir David Dalrimple, in it, though he is rotten in his Grave; nay, he continues the Privy-Seal with the Marquis of Annandale, also in his Grave; and poor Slezer, who was Captain of the Train Forty Years ago, is continued in the same Office, though he has been dead many Years.

Lieutenant-Governor of Stirling-Castile, ever since the Rebellion, and
yet this Author gives it to Sir James
Campbel; and there is a French
Gentleman that hath been Major
of Edinburgh-Castle for some Years,
yet this Author gives it to Major
Lindsay, deceas d. I could give several Instances of his Mistakes in
the Civil Offices also, but it would
be too tedious for this Preface: I
shall therefore only add, that his
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Geography might have been just in Cambden's Days; but now he makes Woods where there is not a Tree; and mentions Seats, where there are now hardly Walls.

IDON? T say this out of any Prejudice to the Author, whose Name I do not know, but to do Justice, and to put him on amending these Mistakes, when he makes a Second Impression: For in his Preface, he says, that the List of Offices, Civil and Military, hath not been inserted from common Rumour, or the Accounts of News-Papers, but each List has been corrected by the Officers belonging to the respective Branches of the Royal Revenue.

I H A V E finish'd this Third Volume with the greatest Exactness, and and with more Pains than both the other Two, and hope it will give the Nobility and Gentry the same Pleasure I had in seeing the Places I have describ'd; and perhaps by the Encouragement this meets with, I shall try a Journey to Ireland next Summer.



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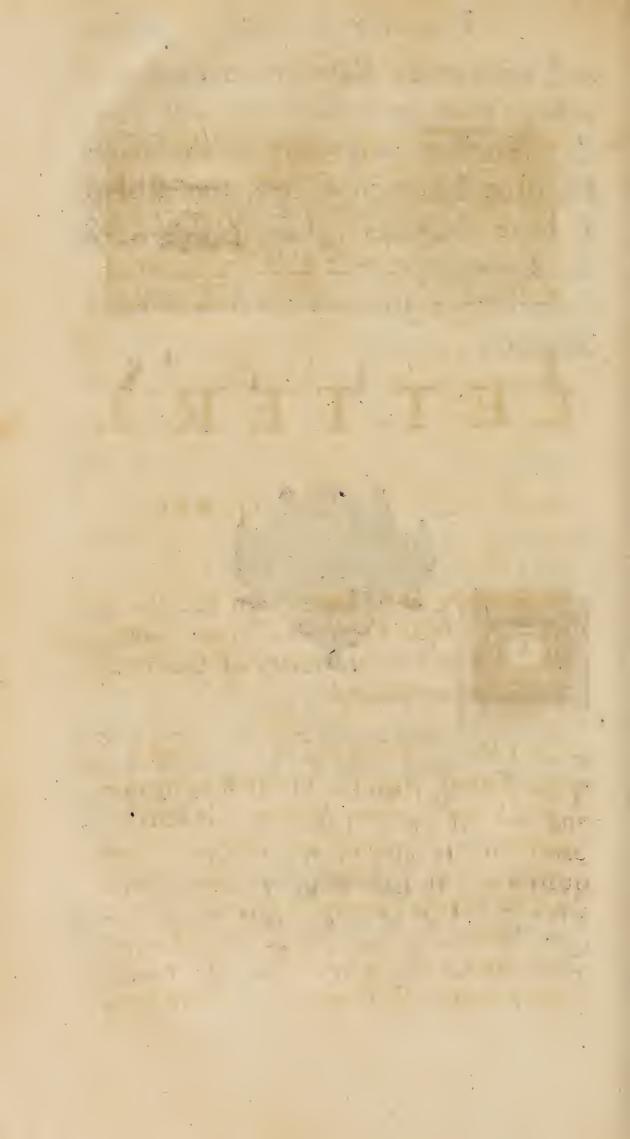
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N five Hours from the Isle of Man I arrived at Kircudbright, in the Stewartry of Galloway in Scotland.

KIRCUD BRIGHT is an ancient Town, with the prettiest navigable River I have seen in Britain. It runs as smooth as Medway at Chatham; and there is depth of Water and room enough to hold all the Fleet of England, so that the Britannia may throw her Anchor into the Church-yard. It's also Landlock'd from all Winds; and there is an Island

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Island which shuts its Mouth with good fresh Water Springs in it, which, if fortified, would fecure the Fleet from all Attempts of an Enemy; but as this Harbour lies open only to England and Ireland, it was never worth a Government's while to make use of it. The Situation of the Town is a perfect Amphitheatre, like the Town of Trent on the Confines of Italy, and like it not surrounded with high Mountains, but a rocky stony Crust, which in this Country they call Crags; for they make a distinction here between Mountains, Hills and Crags. The Mountains are very high, rocky, and cover'd with Heath, or Heather: The Hills are high, not rocky, and cover'd with Grass, which makes the finest Pasture for Sheep and small black Cattle: The Crags are hard stony Rocks, not high, and thinly cover'd with Grass, through which the Rocks appear like a Scab. In the middle of this craggy Country lies this little Town, which consists of a tolerable Street, the Houses all built with Stone, but not at all after the Manner of England, even the Manners, Dress and Countenance of the People, differ very much from the English. The common People wear all Bonnets instead of Hats; in with the service and

and though some of the Townsmen have Hats, they wear them only on Sundays; and extraordinary Occasions. There is nothing of the Gaiety of the English, but a sedate Gravity in every Face, without the Stiffness of the Spaniards; and I take. this to be owing to their Praying and frequent long Graces, which gives their Looks a religious Cast. Taciturnity and Dulness gains the Character of a discreet Man, and a Gentleman of Wit is call'd a sharp Man. I arriv'd here on Saturday Night, at a good Inn; but the Room where I lay, I believe, had not been washed in a hundred Years. Next Day I expected, as in England, a piece of good Beef or a Pudding to Dinner; but my Landlord told me, that they never dress Dinner on a Sunday, so that I must either take up with Bread and Butter, a fresh Egg, or fast till after the Evening Sermon, when they never fail of a hot Supper. Certainly no Nation on Earth obferves the Sabbath with that Strictness of Devotion and Refignation to the Will of God: They all pray in their Families before they go to Church, and between Sermons they fast; after Sermon every Body retires to his own Home, and reads some Book of Devotion till Supper, (which A 2

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(which is generally very good on Sundays); after which they sing Psalms till

they go to Bed.

THIS, with the adjacent Shire of Galloway, is reckon'd one of the coarfest Parts of Scotland; yet is no part of what's called the Highlands, although a high Country, and are in Clans or Tribes as there. The Macdweles, Mackys, Macqbys, Maclurgs, Maclellans and Maxwells, are the common Names here; but Gentlemen are never called by their Names here, but, as in France, by their Estate: And indeed where so many Gentlemen of the same Name and Sirname live in the same County, it would make Confusion in Business if they were not distinguish'd by their Designations. As for Example; I know six Gentlemen each called John Maxwell in this Stewartry: When you ask for any, you never name him, but his Lairdship, as they call it. A Lairdship is a Tract of Land with a Mansion House upon it, where a Gentleman hath his Residence, and the Name of that House he is distinguish'd by. If you meet a Man in the Streets, and ask for Maxwell of Gribton, you ask for the Laird of Gribton; but if it is a Knight, you mention both Name and Designation:

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tion: Did you see Sir George Maxwell of Orchardton?

I am the more particular in this; because as this is general through the whole Kingdom, I may not be putting you after to the Trouble of Explanations. There are Lairds here of 500 Pounds a Year, and of 15 only; a Galloway Laird of 20 or 30 Pounds a Year is a frequent thing, and all Gentlemen, as in Wales.

King Charles I. erected this ancient Borough into a Barony, for Mr. Maclellan, a Gentleman of his Bedchamber, by the Title of Lord Kircudbright; but his Estate was so exhausted in the Service of his Royal Master during the civil Wars, that at the Restoration none of the Family would take the Title; till this last Parliament of King George, in 1722, there was such a Struggle for the electing the fixteen Peers, that a poor Man, who kept an Alehouse in the Neighbourhood, and was lineal Heir to the Title, was perswaded to put in his Claim, and accordingly voted, and is now upon the Parliament Rolls as Lord Kircudbright. There is in the Town a good old Castle in tolerable good Repair, with large Gardens, which belonged to the Family, but belongs now to the Maxwells.

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THERE is a Monument of Freestone, with a Statue as big as the Life, in the Abbey Church of Dundrannon, near this Town, with this Inscription in great Roman Capitals:

HIC JACET VIR HONORABILIS DOMINUS PATRICIUS
MACLOLANUS DOMINUS DE
WIGTON ET VICECOMES
GALLAVIDIÆ QUI OBIJT
ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO
QUADRAGENTESIMO QUINQUAGESIMO SECUNDO CUJUS ANIMA REQUIESCAT
IN PACE M'CLELLAN.

THERE is fine Salmon-fishing in this River, and no Place can be finer fituate for a white Fish-fishing on the Bank of Solway and the North Coast of Ireland; but the Inhabitants neglect both, there being never a Ship, and scarcely any Boat belonging to the whole Town. But the Union having encouraged both English and Scots to improve the Fishing on the Coasts and in the Rivers of Scotland, it's to be hoped that this well situated Town for that Trade may in time come to flourish.

FROM Kircudbright in 24 Miles, on the best Road I ever knew, being spacious and hard under Foot, through this Stewartry of Galloway I arriv'd at Dumfries. There is neither Hedge nor Ditch by the Road's side, as in England; but wherever you see a Body of Trees, there is certainly a Laird's House; most of them old Towers of Stone, built strong, to prevent a Surprize from Inroads, which were frequent between the two Nations before the Kings of Scotland came to the Crown of England. And three Miles off Dumfries I saw Terragle, the paternal Seat of the unhappy Maxwell Earl of Nithsdale, who was taken Prisoner at Preston, and made his escape out of the Tower. It consists of a large oval Court, in which are very stately Apartments and large Gardens, suitable to the Grandeur of so noble a Family. Also within a Mile I visited New-Abbey, founded by the famous Dernagilla, whose Picture we saw in Baliol College in Oxford, for the Bury-ing-place of her Husband John Baliol King of Scotland, whose Heart is intomb'd here; and she called the Monastery Dulce Cor, on which Winton, an old Scots Poet, made the following Inscription: When A 4

When Baliol, that was her Lord Spousit, as you heard Record, His Saul send to his Creator, Or he was laid in Sepulture, She gart apyne his Body tyte, And gart take his Heart out quite: With Spicery right well Savourand, And of kind wele Floworand, That ilk Heart, as Men said, She balmyt, and gart be laid In a Coffore of Ebore, That she gart be made therefore Enamylit and perfectly Dight, Locket and bunden with Silver bright She foundit into Galloway Of Cestertians Order an Abby; Dulce Cor she gart thame all, That is sweet Heart that Abby call, But now the Men of Galloway Call that Steid New-Abby.

This Dernagilla was Daughter to Dawid Earl of Huntington, Brother to King William the Lion, and married to John Baliol of Bernard-Castle in Yorkshire; and by her Right her Son disputed the Crown with Robert Bruce Earl of Huntington.

I PASSED the River Nith from Galloway to Dumfries over a fair Stone Bridge of thirteen

Britain next to London and Rochester. There is a Street that leads from the Bridge by an easy Ascent to the Castle, which is on the East of the Town, and hath a commanding Prospect of the Town and adjacent Country. This Castle belong'd also to the Earl of Nithstale; and from it the high Street runs by an easy Descent to the Church at half a Mile's distance. This high Street is spacious, with good Stone Buildings on each side; those on the North side having their hanging Gardens to the River side.

The Exchange and Town-house are about the middle of the Street towards the South; and besides this great Street, Lockmaben-street hath very good Houses. This is a very thriving Town, and hath a good Face of Trade, yet their Shipping don't come up within two Miles of the Town.

This Town hath been famous for being firmly zealous to the Protestant Interest ever since the Reformation; and that Firmness contributed very much to the Lords Nithsdale, Carnwath and Kenmure's throwing away themselves at Premure's

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ston in England: If they could have been Masters of Dumsries, they had

play'd a securer Game.

The Country round this Town is very pleasant, and strewed with Gentlemen's Seats, all finely planted with Trees, the great Ornament of Seats here. Carlavrock Castle, all of free Stone, and a fine Piece of Architecture, on the Banks of Solway, in full View of England, and the Capital of the Earls of Nithsdale, hath been a noble Seat by its Vestiges, which are not so decay'd, but they give a full Idea of what it was

in its Glory.

This Family is very ancient, and for many Ages confiderable: For it stands recorded, that King Robert Bruce, Contemporary with the English King Edward the First, gave to Sir Eustace Maxwell of Carlavrock twenty two Pounds Sterling, for having of his own accord demolish'd to the Ground his Castle of Carlavrock, that it might not be made a Garrison by the English, whence they might have annoy'd the Country. We find also a Robert Lord Maxwell sent to France in King James the Fifth's Days, and married by Proxy, for the King, Mary of Lorrain, Daughter to the Duke

of Guise: He was Lord of the Bed-Chamber, Colonel of the King's Guards, and Warden of the Marches. And if we may believe Sir Ralph Sadler., Embassador from Henry the Eighth, this Lord Maxwell was the chief Person Henry the Eighth depended upon, for bringing of Scotland under the Subjection of England after James the Fifth's Death. It is remarkable, that this very Lord Maxwell, to convince King Henry of the Power he had in the Kingdom, brought in a Bill, and carried it in Parliament, for printing and publishing the Bible in the English Tongue, notwithstanding the Opposition of the Queen Dowager and Clergy; and yet the Family was then, and hath ever since been Roman Catholicks.

In King Charles the First's Reign we find Robert Earl of Nithsdale a great Negotiator in foreign Courts; and the Earl, who made his escape from the Tower, was allied to all the great Families of the two Kingdoms.

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UMFRIES stands in the Province of Nithsdale, or the Valley of the River Nith: For it's the Custom over all the South of Scotland to call

the Country of each side of a River Dale; as that on the Tweed, Tweedale; that on the Annan, Annandale; that on the Clyde, Cliddisale; that on the Tiviot, Tiviotsdale; although these are not the proper Names of the Shires on the Rolls of Parliament. Annandale is within the Shire of Dumsries, adjoining to Nithsdale: It's but a coarse moorish Country, chiefly inhabited by the Name of Johnston, of which the Marquiss of Annandale is chief: His chief Seat in this Country is Lockhead, near the samous Wells

of Moffat, that purge like those of Scarborough, and are much frequented; but here is no Raffling, Walking and Dancing, as at Bath and Tunbridge: An universal Quietness reigns in the Place.

AFTER I had made this little Excursion into Annandale, I proceeded up the Banks of the Nith, through a most beautiful Country of about four Miles broad on each side of the River, and in twelve Miles riding arriv'd at the Palace of Drumlanrig, the ancient paternal Seat of

the Dukes of Queensbury.

THE Gusto Grande is what is often mention'd by the Italian Architects: They tell you that Lewis the Fourteenth King of France had it; since, having so many good natural Situations in his Kingdom to build a Palace, he neglected them all; and by building the finest Palace in the World, in the barrennest Part of his Dominions, Versailles, and bringing Rivers over Mountains to supply it with Water, shew'd the Greatness of his Tast: The great Duke of Devon-Shire, in the Situation of his Seat at Chatsworth, the same. And the first Duke of Queensbury, who built this noble Palace in the Reign of Charles the Second, may feem to have had the oddest Tast in the World

World in the Situation of it; for it stands on a Rock, environ'd with high Mountains on every side. The Palace is a square Building of fine free Stone, with a spacious Court in the middle, and a Turret, and great Stone Stairs in each Corner: The Gallery and chief Apartments are adorn'd with Family Pictures, and most richly furnished: The Offices below are very noble; and the hanging Gardens cut out of the Rock down to the River side, with Water-works and Grotto's, do every way answer the great Genius of William Duke of Queensbury, its first Founder. At the Church of Desdier, hard by, is a noble Monument of James the last Duke in Marble, as big as the Life, in his Garter Robes, with his Dutchess by him, a Sister of the Earl of Burlington. There is a vast Plantation of Trees round the Palace, and the Surprize of seeing so fine a Building in so coarse a Country adds to its Beauty.

The first of this noble Branch of the Douglasses was William Douglas, Son to James Earl of Douglas, who by a Deed, which I have seen, gave to him in Portion the Barony of Drumlanrig in the Shire of Dumsries, about the Year 1400. The Witnesses to this Donation are Archibald

Douglas Lord of Galloway, James Douglas Lord of Dalkeith, James Lindsey Lord Crawford, William Lord Lindsey, Robert Lord Colvil, and William Lord Borthwick, cum multis alijs. After this Donation he was fent Embassador to England to release King James the First, then Prisoner in London, from whom he obtain'd a Charter, all writ by that King's own Hand on Vellum, curiously done, confirming the Earl Douglas's Donation of the Lands of Drumlanrig, Hauyke and Selkirk, signed and sealed at Croydon in Surrey the last Day of November, 1412. We find this Sir William a great Sharer in all the publick Transactions during that King's Absence, and was kill'd at the Battle of Agincourt in France in 1427. We find this Family eminent through the whole Race of the Stewarts. down to Charles the First, who created the Lord Drumlanrig Earl of Queensbury, and Charles the Second created the Grandson, first, Marquiss, and then Duke. He was esteemed in this Kingdom as a very great Man, possessed of a vast Estate, loved Grandeur, and liv'd up to the great Posts he enjoy'd in the Kingdom, and hath a fine Monument erected over him at Desdier, the Burial-place

of the Family. His Son James (the late Duke) was one of the politest, well bred Noblemen of the Courts of King James, King William and Queen Anne: He join'd early at the Revolution, was one of the Lords of the Bed-Chamber to King William, commanded the Scots Troop of Horse Guards, and was Lord High Commissioner to several Scots Parliaments, both in the Reign of King William and Queen Anne, and presided in that which concluded the Union of the two Kingdoms. The present Duke is Lord high Admiral of Scotland, but resides mostly at London.

FROM Drumlanrig I ascended a famous. Pass cut out on the side of a Rock call'd Entrokin Path. This Path or Pass is: near a Mile to the top, and is very steep. There cannot above two go a-breast; and the Precipice is much more dreadful. than Penmanmawr in Wales. This Path brought me into the wildest, poorest Country I ever saw, worse by far than the Peak at Darby; and yet there is a tolerable good House in it, belonging to the Earl of Hopton, call'd the Leadbills, where he hath very large Mines of Lead, which bring him in a good Revenue. I made hast out of this Defart, and in three Hours

A Journey thro' Scotland. 17 Hours riding I got to Need-Path in the County of Tweedale, the Seat of Douglas Earl of March. The first Earl was second Son to the first Duke of Queensbury, and created by King William. The House is a large convenient Seat, situated on a Precipice, and hath a commanding Prospect over the Hills of Tweeddale, which very much resemble the Downs of Sussex. They are all green; and it's hardly credible the number of Sheep one sees upon them. In the bottom, below Need-Path, one sees the Foundation of a prodigious House, laid by the Earl of Morton, Regent of Scotland; but it was never finished. Murray of Stanbope hath a handsome Seat opposite to this Path or Precipice; for I must tell you, that all steep Roads here are call'd Paths. Murray of Stanhope's House makes me observe to you; that in every County I have yet pass'd thro', I have met with a Murray of above 500 Pounds Sterling a Year Rent, viz. Murray of Broughton near Kircudbright, and Member of Parliament for that Stewartry; Murray of Stormond in Nithsdale, and Murray of Stanhope here: And so I am told it will continue through most Counties of the Kingdom.

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FROM Need-Path in a few Miles I arriv'd at Peebles, the Capital of the Shire, a small Town, pleasantly seated on the Banks of the River Tweed, over which it hath a fair Stone Bridge: There is one good Street, and some by Lanes, with tolerable Stone Buildings; and continuing the Course of the River, I arriv'd in a few Miles at the Palace of Traquair. This Palace, built by the great Earl of Traquair, who was Lord High Treasurer and Vice-Roy of Scotland in the Reign of Charles the First, a great Favourite of Archbishop Laud, and Promoter of his Schemes, is a very large, noble Pile of Building of free Stone, situated in a Valley on the Banks of the Tweed in the middle of a Wood, through which are cut fine Avenues: The Gardens are also very spacious, and indeed the whole is a fine Plantation. The present Earl is a Roman Catholick; but itis very remarkable, that in King James's Reign he never would accept of any publick Employment, and in King William and Queen Anne's was never concerned in any of the Plots or Insurrections of those Times, nor in the late Rebellion: He hath always conténted himself with being a good Country Gentle-

Gentleman, an admirable Neighbour, reconciling all Differences in his County, of which he is the general Referry. The first of this Family was James Stewart, Earl of Buchan, Uterine Brother to King James the Second, and Lord High Chamberlain of Scotland in the Reign of James the Third, who gave to his Son by a second Marriage the Barony of Traquair, which was confirm'd to him under the great Seal of James the Fourth,

May 18, 1492.

The great Earl of Traquair beforemention'd liv'd, like his Contemporary the great Sir Francis Bacon, to want Bread before he died; for being look'd upon to be Promoter of all King Charles's arbitrary Schemes, he was generally hated, and even his own Party did not pity him: His Estate being sequester'd, he linger'd out a miserable Life in the greatest Penury, till the very Year before the Restoration that he died. He became so mean, that he would take an Alms, though not publickly ask for it: And there are some still alive at Peebles, that have seen him dine upon a salt Herring and an Onion.

FROM Traquair, continuing still the Course of the Tweed, in a few Miles I

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got to the celebrated ancient Monastery of Melross, whose Monks were so famous for handing down from Generation to Generation the History of their Times. The Monastery hath been a glorious Place, consisting of two spacious Courts; and the Building is by the Vestiges very elegant. The great Window over the great Gate, which is still entire, gives one an Idea of what this hath been: It's larger than the great Window of the Minster at York; and round the top are the Statues of our Saviour and the twelve Apostles. There are also a great many Statues still left in the Niches, where the Mob could not reach; for all they could lay their Hands on went to pot at the Reformation, according to the Maxim of Knox; If you pull down the Nest, the Birds will not build again. The Quire of their Church hath been very large; for there are seven large Windows still left, with a Statue a-top between every Window: And the Pillars of the Cloysters that are left, shew that it hath been one of the most magnificent Buildings in the World. It's also noted for the Sepulchral Monuments of many of the great Family of Douglas, and particularly James called the

Wounds at the Battle of Otterburne. But the furious Zeal of the first Reformers have left us only the Ruins to guess by. The Revenues of this Monastery were very great, and their Sheep-walk, on the prettiest green Downs in the World, extended four Miles. This Monastery was granted by James the Sixth to Hamilton Lord Binny, afterwards Earl of Hadington, and is now sold to the Dut-

chess of Buccleugh.

WHEN I left Peebles, I left to the South of me a sad Piece of a Country call'd Minchmoor, and the Forest, and from Melross enter'd the pleasant Country of Tiviot dale or Shire of Roxborough, which is very much strewed with Gentlemen's Seats, and well planted with Trees. This Country belongs chiefly to the Duke of Roxborough, who hath several good Seats here: The chief are the Floors, and the Friars on the Tweed. His Grace is making great Improvements at the Floors, Wings, and other Additions to the House, and a side of a Country planting with Trees, laid out in Visto's and Walks, which, when finished, will be very noble, as its great Master, who is the Honour of his Country Abroad, B 3 and

and the Ornament of the Court at Home; a Prince of great Learning as well as a fine Gentleman; was Secretary of State, when very young, to Queen Anne, and continues the same to King Grorge. The first of this ancient and noble Family, that was advanc'd to the Peerage, was Sir Robert Kerr of Cesford, Gentleman of the Bed-Chamber to King James the Sixth, by the Title of Lord Kerr of Cesford; and next Year after King James went into England, got a Grant of the dissolv'd Monastery of Kelso, and on the 19th of Sept. 1616, was created Earl of Roxborough, and Duke by Queen Anne. His Brother Colonel William is one of the finest Gentlemen of the Court, and first Groom or Gentleman of the Bedchamber to King George.

This Village of Kelso hath a fine Market Place, with some good Streets, and is equal to some of the Royal Boroughs I have seen. Here are the Ruins of an ancient Monastery, founded by King David for the Cestertian Monks, an Order instituted about the Year 1000 in Burgundy. It hath been very large, and part of it now serves for the Parish

Church.

This Village is just by England; and on the opposite Bank of the River are several very sine Plantations, besides those of the Duke of Roxborough; and the River Tiviot, which gives Name to Tiviot-dale, falls into the Tweed at this Place. What adds to the Trade of this Place, is its being a great Thorough-sare from Edinburgh to London. And in a few Hours more I arriv'd here, and hope my next Letter will be near Edinburgh.





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INHERASK near to Edinburgh.

ERWICK is the Gate of Scotland, of which England hath for many Ages kept the Key: It stands on the Scots side of the River Tweed, over

which you come to it from England by a fine Stone Bridge of 15 Arches: It hath been for many Ages strongly fortitify'd, as the Barrier between the two Nations; but now, since the Union, it's become the Center of the Dominions. King George since his Accession to the Throne, to ease the Inhabitants of this Town from quartering of Soldiers,

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hath built a fine Barrack here, confifting of a square spacious Court of free Stone: At the upper end is the Magazine, on each fide the Soldiers Apartments, in the Angles the Officers Apartments, and at the Entry the Court de Guard. These are the first Barracks erected in Great Britain; and it would be a vast Ease to the Inhabitants in most great Towns if they had them every where; but English Liberty will never consent to what will seem a Nest for a Standing Army. There is also a very fine House, with good Gardens, built here for the Governor, who is always a considerable Person in the Army.

The Town is also a Sea-Port for small Ships, and hath a good Trade in exporting of Corn. From Berwick I passed by Aymouth, a little Sea-Port Town, famous for giving the first Title of Peerage to the great Duke of Marlborough, when he was with the Duke of York in Scotland; and in two Hours arriv'd at the ancient Borough of Dunbar, a famous Sea-Port at the Mouth of the Frith of Forth. It hath formerly held out many a Siege from the English, and its Castle reckoned of that Consequence, that the French demanded it as a Pledge for

for the Troops they sent to Scotland in Queen Mary's Time; but it's now entirely demolish'd. The upper part of this Town and the Church stand very pleafantly; and by the Sea-side are several good Houses and a Peer; but their Trade confists chiefly in the Herring-fishing. I must say, that Dunbar stands in as delicious a Spot of Country as you can imagine; and joining to Dunbar is another delicious Seat of the Duke of Roxborough call'd Broxmouth: It consists of a Body and two Wings, and a fine pav'd Court between the Wings, with a good Avenue coming up to it; and a spacious Parterre adorn'd with Statues behind it; the whole in the middle of a fine Park, prodigiously planted with Trees in great Thickets between it and the Sea. And a little further is the Castle of Tinning bam, a noble old Seat of the Earls of Hadingtoun, with great Additions and Improvements made by this present Earl. Many Millions of Trees bath be planted in a fandy Down or Links, as they call them here, between his House and the Sea, and they thrive mightily. He hath also laid out several Avenues through his Park, which, when full grown, will be as noble as any in Britain. The Apart-~ ~

Apartments of the House are nobly furnish'd, and the Offices, and every thing, answer the Grandeur of the great Ma-

THE Earls of Hadingtown are an ancient Branch of the Family of Hamilton: The first Earl had been Lord Advocate, Lord Register, President of the Session, Secretary of State, Lord Privy Seal, and a great Favourite of James the Sixth and First of England: The Family have always been great Asserters of the Protestant Interest; and the present Earl is a fine Gentleman, one of the fixteen Peers to the Parliament of Great Britain, and Knight of the most noble Order of the Thistle, or S. Andrew.

NEAR Dunbar, the famous Island of Bass being but a few Miles into the Sea, I took a Boat and went up to it; and as exactly as I can, with the help of my Guides, I give you the Description, and on my Return I will proceed As well a

to Yester.

THE Bass is a little Island, about a Mile distant from the South Shore; the Prospects of it sufficiently tell you how difficult the Access to it is.

Upon the top there is a Spring, which sufficiently furnishes the Garrison with

with Water; and there is a Pastorage for twenty or thirty Sheep: 'Tis also famous for the great Flocks of Fowls which resort thither in the Months of May and June, the Surface of it being almost cover'd with Nests, Eggs and young Birds: The most delicious amongst these different Sorts of wild Fowl is the Solan Goose, and the Kittie Waicke. There is only one more Island in the West of Scotland, call'd Ailsey, where these Geese do breed; and from these two Places the Country is furnish'd with them during the Months of July and August. This Island, the Bass, was an old Possession of the Family of Lauder, and in King Charles the Second's Reign it was bought and annex'd to the Crown. It was fortify'd when bought by the Crown, and had a Garrison, with a Governor. Though the Place be of it self impregnable, it was furpriz'd by some of the late King James's Party after the Revolution, and was the last Place of the three Nations that held out for him, but surrender'd at last. 'Tis on every side a steep, inaccessible Rock, except on the South-west, and there only for one at a time, and that not without the Access or Help of a Cable or Crane.

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At the top of that Passage there was a Fort mounted with Cannon; but it has been neglected since the Revolution, it being of no Use, except for a Prison of State, as it was made for the Presbyterians in the Reign of King Charles and King James the Second. It might be of Use in securing the best Effects of the neighbouring Country; in case of an Invasion. When the Solan Geese are coming hither, they fend some before to fix their Mansions, which for that reason are called Scouts: The Inhabitants are careful not to disturb them till they have built their Nests, and then they are not to be disturb'd by what Noise soever: They lay but one Egg in a Year, and fix it so dexterously to the Rock by one end, that if it be remov'd, 'tis impossible to fix it again. They hatch it with their Foot, and scarce. leave it till it be hatch'd. They are fatter than any other Fowl, and tast much like Herring, upon which they feed: The Fish catch'd by the old ones does many times ferve the Inhabitants with Food, and the Sticks they bring to make their Nests serve them for Fuel. They make great Profit of the young ones, which are taken from their Nests

by one let down the Rock by a Cable. When they come to be as big as ordinary Geese, they are very good Meat, and yield great Prosit by their Flesh and Feathers: They are of an ash Colour; but the old ones are all white. They stuff Beds with their Feathers. They leave this Island in September, and where they retire in Winter is not known. 'Tis faid they cannot fly if they be out of the Sight of the Sea. They have a Crane's Neck, and a strong sharp Bill, about the length of one's middle Finger, with which they strike through their Prey with fuch violence, that it often sticks in a Board, baited with a Herring, so as they cannot pull it out again, and are catch'd by the Inhabitants. The Island is a Mile round: 'Tis reckon'd to belong to Fife, though it lies nearer the Coast of Lothain: Though the Family of Lauder had ample Possessions elsewhere, they chose the Bass for Title. There's a small Warren for Rabbits in it; it rises a great height above the Sea in Form of a Cone; the Force of the Tide has worn a Hole in the bottom almost from one fide to the other.

THE Palace of Yester, the capital Seat of Hay, Marquis of Tweedale, stands in

the middle of the best planted Park I ever faw: The Park Walls are about eight Miles in Circumference; and I dare venture to say, there is a Million of full grown Trees in it. In short, it's larger, as well walled, and more regularly planted than Richmond in Surrey. The Palace stands about half a Mile from the Park Gate, to which you go by a pav'd Coach-way, through a Thicket: It is of Free-stone, curiously wrought, of 120 Foot Front, and 60 Foot deep; and on each Side of the Fore-front are two Pavilions, by the way of Wings, where the Lady Marchioness and her Son the Marquis reside, till the Body of the House is finished. The Offices under Ground are very noble, and vaulted with pav'd Galleries of Communication. You enter the Body of the House up six or eight Steps into a large Hall thirty-fix Foot high, and behind it a Salon fronting the Garden of the same Height, and at top is a Gallery for Musick, which opens into both, exactly as at Bleinheim-House in Woodstock. The Rooms of State, that run on each Side of this Salon fronting the Garden, are very stately, and of an exact Symmetry; and those from the Hall have a Communication with the Apartments

ments in the two Pavilions. There is a mathematical Stone Stair, ballustraded with Iron, which leads you up to the Apartments above; but they are not yet so much as floored, although the House is entirely covered at top. No doubt but these Apartments will answer those below.

THE Parterre and Garden behind the House is very spacious and fine, rising up by an easy Ascent into the Park, as those of my Lord Rochester's does near Richmond. There is a handsome Basin, with a jett d'eau in the middle of the Parterre, with four good Statues upon Pedestals at each Corner. There are abundance of Evergreens, and green Slopes, regularly disposed; and to the West of the Garden, on an artificial Mount, is a pleasant Summer-House. At the upper end of the Garden, fronting the Salon, are a Pair of Iron Gates, which open into the Park. The Green-house joins the Pavilion to the West, as does a Laundry to the East. The great Area before the Gate is not laid out yet; but according to the Disposition designed, it will be very noble, with Visto's from it cut through the Wood, and Statues at the end of every Visto to terminate the View.

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THERE is a pretty rapid Stream runs by the House, and by its rustling through the Trees as it runs through the Park, makes the whole very rural. There is a pretty Bowling-green by this River Side; and the Stables, Hen-house, and Coach-houses, are at a Distance in the Park, as is the Custom in all the great Houses I have yet seen in Scotland. Every Nobleman's House hath what they call the Mains, where their Land-Labourers, Grooms, and every body belonging to

the Stable, and Poultry, reside.

This noble Family of Yester is very ancient; for in the Reign of William the Lion there is mention made of John de Haye Miles, Brother to William de Haye, Dominus de Arroll. We find also Sir Gilbert de Haye of this Family in the Train of King Robert Bruce; and Sir William de Haye of Yester we find one of the Commissioners appointed to treat about the Ransom of King David taken at the Battle of Durham; and his Son was one of the Hostages given for the Ransom, Anno 1357. Sir Thomas Haye of Yester was one of the Barons Hostages for the Ransom of King James I. of Scotland; and William Lord Yester was one of those Peers who joined with the utmost

Zeal for the Reformation in the Reign of Queen Mary; and John, who oppos'd all the Innovations in Religion in King Charles I.'s Time, was however created Earl of Tweedale in 1646. His Son John was much in Fayour with King Charles, King James, and King William, being employ'd in great Trusts by all of them, and was Lord-Chancellor of the Kingdom, and created a Marquis in 1694. John his Son was also Lord-High-Chan-cellor to Queen Anne, and Lord-High-Commissioner to that Parliament that pass'd the Act of Security. His Son Charles was elected one of the fixteen Scots Peers to the first Parliament of King George; and his Son the present Marquis is also elected, and is a Youth of very promising Parts.

A B O U T two little Miles from Yester

Larriv'd at Lethington, the ancient Seat of the Maitlands, Earls of Lauderdale. It's an old Tower, full of very good Conveniencies, and one good Apartment made by the Duke of Lauderdale in the Reign of King Charles II. who also inclosed the Park with a Stone Wall. There are some beautiful Avenues in this Park, and a great deal of old planting round the House: But the Duke having no Sons

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of his own, and being a little Wiferidden, lest this fine Seat to Talmash, his Lady's Son by a former Marriage, leaving the Castle of Lauder in Lauderdale to his Brother, to support the Title of Earl, the Dukedom falling without Heirs Male. I find this Family Lord of Lethington by a Charter from King Da-vid II in 1346, designed then Sir Robert Maitland of Thirlston. His Grandson's Estate was forseited for holding out the Castle of Dunbar for his Uncle the Earl of March against the King, for marrying the Prince to the Earl Douglas's Daughter, after he was contracted and affianced to Elizabeth Dunbar Daughter to the Earl of March; but Sir George Mackenzie, in his Baronage of Scotland, says, he was in his Life-time restored. But what is worth observing of this Family, and a thing very rare, that four of the Family succeeding one another were as great Men as ever the Kingdom produced, and succeeded to one another's Learning, Wit and good Sense, as well as to the Honours and Estate.

THE first was Senator of the College of Justice in 1561, and Lord-Privy Seal till 1567, that he had Leave to surrender it to his second Son.

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THE second was the famous Maitland of Lethington, Secretary of State to Queen Mary, and had a most difficult Course to steer during those troublesome Times. When the Civil Wars broke out in 1567, Lethington's Wisdom and Reputation was such, that both Parties courted him; but he fell in with none, but as they tended in his Judgment for the Good of the Country, and was for that Reason often in England, where he was much esteemed by the Lord Burleigh, and stood always upon his own Bottom, without the Prop of Parties: For which Reason George Buchanan calls him the Cameleon, because they never knew where to have him; and George was a violent Party Man.

The third was Lord Lethington, Lord-High-Chancellor in 1586; and lastly, the Duke of Lauderdale, who was sole Secretary of State, Lord-High-Commissioner, Lord of the Bed-chamber, and Knight of the Garter under

Charles II.

FROM Lethington in a Mile's riding I arriv'd at Hadington, a pretty Market-Town, the Capital of the Shire. There are some very good Houses here, and the Streets well paved: The Posthouse is

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the best Inn I have seen in Scotland, and inserior to none on the London Road. The Church hath been a sine old Church; but, according to their wonted Zeal, they have pulled down the Quire, Roof and all. There is a Vault in the Quire, where are some sine Monuments of the Maitlands. That of the Chancellor hath an Epitaph on it made by King James VI. himself, too tedious to trouble you with the expressent the great Loss it is to him and his Kingdom, the Death of so wise a Man. On another there is a long Epitaph, which begins thus:

Of those rare Worthies who adorn'd our North,

And shin'd like Constellations, Thou alone Remainedst last, great Maitland, charg'd with Worth,

Second in Virtue's Theatre to none.

FROM Hadington I went a little out of my Road to Clerkington and Ormeston, two Seats belonging to the Name of Cockburn, an ancient and good Family in this County, though never noble. Ormeston is a perfect English Plantation, curiously hedged and ditched, with a fine old Seat, where they have, for many Centuries, made a

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very considerable Figure, being always chosen Members of Parliament for their County. This Family hath also been very remarkable for their Zeal at the Reformation, and their supporting the Purity of it ever since. Adam Cockburn of Ormeston came zealously into the Mea-fures of the Revolution, was much trus-ted and employ'd by that discerning Prince King William, being made an Officer of State, and one of the Senators of the College of Justice. He was most zealous for the Protestant Succession at all Times, and in Time of Danger went over to Hanover to affist his Majesty with his Advice. He is now Lord-Chief-Justice for Life, called there Lord-Justice Clerk, and is indeed Governor of the Kingdom, there being no other Minister of State residing in it. His eldest Son, who is Knight of the Shire for this County, is also one of the Lords of the Admiralty at London. There are few noble Families but they are allied to, and they deserve very well to be ranked amongst them for their Antiquity, their Firmness and Zeal. I came into the Road again in a few Miles riding, and arriv'd at Seaton, the ancient Seat of the Seatons, Earls of Winton. 17 18 19

THE Palace of Seaton stands in the. middle of a large Plantation of Trees, of at least 12 Acres, with a large Garden to the South, and another to the North. The House consists of three large Fronts of Free-stone, and in the middle is a triangular Court: The Front to the South-east hath a very noble Apartment of a Hall, a Drawing-room, a handsome Parlour, Bed-chamber, Dreffing Room and Closet. This Apartment feems to have been built in the Reign of Mary Queen of Scots: For on the Cieling of the great Hall are plaistered the Arms of Scotland, with the Arms of France on one hand, and those of Francis the Second, then Dauphin, with his Confort Queen Mary, in one Escutcheon on the other; the Arms of Hamilton Duke of Chateauherault, with feveral other Noblemen's Arms and Supporters, with the French Order of St. Michael round them.

THE Front to the North feems to be a much older Building than this. The Apartments of State are on the second Story, and very spacious; three great Rooms, at least forty Foot high, which they say were finely furnish'd ever since Mary Queen of Scots on her Return from 2 7 2 1

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France kept her Court there: Also two large Galleries, that were fill'd with Pictures; but on my Lord Winton's Forfeiture, all these were fold by the Commissioners of Inquiry, or stolen by the Servants; and now there is not a whole Window on that side of the House. The third Front is full of good lodging Rooms, but all out of Order: At every Angle of the House, and on each side of the Gate, are handsome Towers.

THERE are a great many Offices in the outer Courts, and a handsome Church or Chapel, where are fome old Marble Monuments. The Situation of this Palace is very fine, in the middle of an Estate of 5000 Pounds Sterling a Year, and the three Towns of Cockeny, Tranent, and Long Nidry, where the Tenants live; each within half a Mile of his Seat; and the whole Estate he could see from his Windows; yet this Earl would throw himself into the Rebellion, and forfeit all.

ABOUT two Miles from Seaton is another Palace call'd Winton, a more modern and fashionable Building, yet entirely out of Repair; though the Gardens, which are very spacious, are very well kept; the York Buildings Com-E COURTS -

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pany, who purchased the forseited Estates, having lett them to a Gardiner; but the House is too big for any Family, and must fall down.

This Family of the Seatons is one of the noblest Families in the Kingdom; there being few Families of any Antiquity, but are either come of them, or are allied to them. They were great Opposers of the Reformation, and all Revolutions since. They always lean on the Popish side, although most of them profess'd themselves Protestant: They are

also very ancient.

Shakespear in his Tragedy of Macbeth brings in the Lord Seaton; but that I take to be no Authority: But upon the Records there is a Charter granted by King William the First, Alexandro Filio Philippi de Seaton terras que fuere Patris sui, viz. Seaton, Winto & Wisburgh. The famous Sir Christopher Seaton, who married King Robert Bruce's Sister, and was kill'd near Dumfries, had by his Wife Sir Alexander, the first Lord Seaton, King Robert his Uncle having erected his Lands of Seaton into a Barony. There is one thing very memorable recorded of this Sir Alexander, which I cannot omit telling you. In 1332 King

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Edward came before Berwick when this Sir Alexander was Governor; and fummoning him to surrender; threaten'd to hang his two Sons, whom he had amongst his Hostages, if he delay'd. The Gallows was cerected, and the young Men led forth under the Town Wall. His Tenderness for his Children began to move him, when his Lady came up and told him, They were young enough to have more Children; but if he surrender'd, they could never recover their Honour. On which he refus'd, and stood and law his two Sons hang'd. She, who was of the Name of Cheyns, was as good as her Word; for the brought him forth two Sons afterwards.

WE find George Lord Seaton Governor of Edinburgh during the Regency of Mary of Lorain, and in 1558 was one of the Commissioners appointed to treat of a Marriage between Mary and the Dauphin of France. We find the same Lord sent Embassador to France from King James the Sixth in 1583 His Son Robert was created the first Earl of Winton in 1600; and his Son treated King Charles the First, and all his Court, when he made a Progress to Scotland in 1633, at his Palace of Seaton. The fine Furni-HIOVE

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ture, of Crimson Velvet lac'd with Gold in the great Apartments, was sold by the Commissioners of Inquiry but the other Day. The great Grandson to that Earl was try'd and condemn'd at London for the Rebellion at Presson, and forseited Honours and Estate.

FROM Seaton to Musselburgh along the Coast side are little Towns for sull two Miles, as Port Seaton, Cockeny, Prestonpans and Preston, all well built, and full of Pans for making Salt. This

Coast is also full of good Coal.

Musselburgh is famous for the Battle fought by Seymour Duke of Somerset, when he came to force the Scots into the projected Marriage of their Queen Mary with his Grandson Edward the Sixth. A very coarse way of wooing, for there was a great Slaughter of the

Scots, and yet it would not do.

Musselburgh, Inherask and Fisherrow, three Towns that join together, with the River Ask running through them, are a good Mile in Circumference, and have some handsome Streets and good Houses, especially at that Corner call'd Inherask, which the samous Doctor Pitcairn call'd the Montpelier of Scottland, for its good Air. There is a fine

Tavern there, with a Bowling-green, and two fine Prospects; the one of the Shire of Fife, cross the Firth, at nine Miles distance; the other to Dalkeith and Southward.



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was so long, that I had not room to put in the Palace of Pinkey joining to Musselbrough, built by Chancellor Seaton, Earl of Dunfermling, in the Reign of King James the Sixth, and now belonging to the Marquiss of Tweedale, a most noble Seat.

In the Court before the House is a large Stone Well, cover'd with an Imperial Crown of Stone, supported by Pillars of the Ionick Order.

THE great Hall on the right, as you enter, is adorn'd with Views of the great Cities of Italy; and in a Drawing-Room off of it is a Billiard Table, both pav'd with Stone.

THE great Stair-case on the left, as you enter, is ballustraded with Iron, and

crowded with Pictures.

Dining-Room, Drawing-Room and Bed-Chamber, very spacious, and curiously wainscoted with Oak, and all three hung with the Seasons in Tapestry of the small Figures and finest fort. The Bed is of Crimson Velvet in an Alcove, neatly supported with Pillars. The Chimneys are of Marble, and above that of the Dining-Room is a Picture, the finest Inside of a Church I ever saw.

THE great Gallery is very long and spacious, the Cieling full of Latin Inscriptions, suitable to the several Paintings. This Gallery is crowded with Picings.

tures, some of them pretty good.

Seaton, with his four Sons and Daughters, curiously done by Hans Holbin; Mr. Henderson, the famous Preacher, by Vandike; and the whole Length of King Charles

Charles the First, and the Earl of Dun-

fermling in his Robes, by the same.

The first Marquis of Tweedale, with his eight Sons and seven Daughters, all in one Picture, as big as the Life, takes up almost one end of the Room. There are also several Church Pieces very good, that have been sav'd out of Monasteries at the Reformation; a King and Queen of Denmark at full Length; a good Picture of the famous Earl of Strafford and Duke Lauderdale; with a Crowd of Family Pictures of the Hays and Seatons.

THERE is also in this Gallery, well preserv'd, the Tree of the Family of Tweedales, from 970 to this Day, the

Giffards and Frasers.

The Parterre behind the Palace is very large, and nobly adorn'd with Evergreens, and on each fide of it spacious Gardens; the whole in a well-planted Park of the Circumference of three Miles, walled round, and within four Miles of Edinburgh. I must own, if I were Owner of Pinkey, I should hardly have built Yester. Pinkey stands nobly, and hath a commanding Prospect, not only over the adjacent Country, but also the whole Coast of Fise, over the Sea, at nine Miles distance; whereas Yester lies in a bottom,

and all its Views bounded within itself: Besides, Musselburgh, a fine Market Town and Sea-Port, almost joins to Pinkey. I am now near to Edinburgh, but design to ride two Miles out of my way to take in Dalkeith, the samous Seat of the Douglasses Earls of Morton, and now belonging to the Dutchess of Buccleugh, and in a Mile arriv'd at Smeaton, a Seat lately built by the Dutchess as a Jointure House to her other Palace.

Smeaton House is situated on the River Ask, as Ham House is on the River Thames. The House is new built by the Dutchess of Buccleugh, and is as large as Ham, and stands in as large a Plantation of Trees. The Front confifts of a Body of Free-stone, and two Wings; and the Front of the Garden about 120 Foot broad. You enter the House by a noble hanging Stairs on the Outside, as at the Lord Castlemain's. There is a Suite of seven Rooms, finely furnish'd; as they are also on the Stories above the Parterre. Behind the House is as spacious as that at Ham, and adorn'd with Evergreens, and Rows of Trees sent from London; and at the end of the middle gravel Walk are a Pair of Iron Gates, which gives you a View of the Country, bounded

bounded by Pentlant Hills, some Miles West of Edinburgh; and to the West of this Parterre is a very spacious Garden. The Park Wall reaches for a Mile together, till it joins that of her Palace of Dalkeith; and with this Junction the Park, all inclos'd with a Stone Wall, well wooded, and well stock'd with Deer, makes the Circumference of four Miles: There's an Avenue to be cut through an Oak Wood, in a direct Line East and West, between her Grace's Palace of Dalkeith, and her Seat of Smeaton, which will front both: And what adds to the Beauty of this Park is, that the River Northesk running by the North Side of it, and the Southesk by the South, join together at the East, and make the Park a Peninsula.

The Castle of Dalkeith is a noble Palace, built by the present Dutchess upon the Foundation of the old one, belonging then to the great Earl of Morton, Regent of Scotland, in the Minority of James VI. of Scotland, who was afterwards beheaded by that Prince. He was the first Inventor of the Engine, call'd the Maiden, for beheading, which he brought from Hallifax in England, and was the first that suffer'd by it. This Palace is

the very Model of King William's Palace at Loo in Guelderland; only that is of Brick, and this of Stone. It consists of a Front adorn'd with Columns of the Corinthian Order, and a double Wing on each end, as the Palace of Winchester. The great Court between the Palace and the Park is very spacious, inviron'd with Ballustrades of Iron, between Pillars of Free-stone: And from the Gate of this Court is to be an Avenue through the Park, directly South, of a Mile long; and round the Palace a Terrace, which on the North, where the Front of the Palace is 120 Foot wide, over-looks a Precipice to the River, as at Windsor. On the East Side there's a natural Amphitheatre; in the Bottom of which are to be Water-works, and a Flower-Garden, and round the Sides green Slopes, and Evergreens. You enter the Palace by a great Hall, pav'd with Stone. The Dutchess's own Apartment is in the Wings from this Hall to the East, from whence she hath a Balcony, that overlooks the Amphitheatre before-mention'd. I am told her Grace's Apartments are finely furnish'd; but she being at London, had given strict Orders. to shew them to no body. To the left of

of the Hall is the great Stair-case; supported by Pillars of Marble, and every Step curiously inlaid with Walnut-trees At the Top of this Stair-case is a noble Room 40 Foot long, 30 Foot high and broad; in which are the Pictures of all the Beauties of the Age in whole Lengths in Pannels. King William's Queen Mary is at one end, and Queen Anne at the other; the Duke of Marlborough's four Daughters, the Rochester Family, and other Ladies of Court. There are also two fine full Lengths of King James VI: and his Queen Anne, to be set up in another Room. There is also a great Room to the North of the Hall; in which is the Duke of Monmouth on Horseback, by Sir Peter Leley, and the other Lords of the Court. But this Room was also lock'd up, that I could not fee it.

THE Offices join the Town of Dalkeith, which is larger and better built than many royal Boroughs I have seen. They have a good Market here, and kill generally two thousand Sheep a

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This noble Family of the Name of Scot is very ancient, and were great on the Borders; tho' the first Nobleman

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was created only by James VI. to countenance his fignal Merit under the great Prince Maurice of Orange in 1606. His Son Walter, who also commanded a Regiment under the States of Holland, was created Earl of Buccleugh in 1619; and in 1672 the present Dutchess of Buccleugh, by marrying James Duke of Monmouth, Son to King Charles II. was by Letters Patent created Dutchess. We find this Family often Wardens of the Borders towards England in the Reigns of Alexander III. and Robert I. And Mr. Rymer, in his Fædera, tells you that Sir Walter Scot of Buccleugh was frequently employ'd in the Negotiations of Peace between the two Nations, in the Reign of James II. of Scotland; as was also his Son David under King Fames III. and his Grandson Sir Walter was Warden of the West Marches at the famous Battle of Solway. About a Mile higher on the East lies the pleasant Village of New-Battel, belonging to Ker, Marquis of Lothian. This noble Seat lies in a Bottom, in the middle of a Wood, in a Park encompass'd with a Stone Wall of about three Miles Circumference; the Entry to the Palace is as magnificent as can be imagin'd. In the

the Area, between the Avenue and the outer Gate, is the Statue of a Gladiator; and on each Side of the Gate there is a large Stone Pavilion; and through four square green Courts you come to the Palace, each of the three first Courts having Rows of Statues on each Side, as big as the Life; and in the fourth: Court the biggest Holley Trees I ever faw. You ascend to the Apartments by a great double Stair on the Outside of the House: The great Hall is fill'd with the greatest Collection of whole Lengths and Heads I ever faw; there's a Charles the First on Horseback, by Vandyke, at one end of the Room, and the same fitting, with his Son leaning on his Knee. One Side of the Room hath a Row of whole Lengths of the Family of Argyle, with the Busto's of all the Kings of Scotland; above and below them are also the Heads of all the Dukes of Burgundy and Brabant, with their Consorts, Emperors of the Turks, Popes, Cardinals, and first Reformers, at least five hundred Pictures: And the upper end of this spacious Room being Looking-glass, shews the whole double. Joining to this Hall is a Lobby, in which are some very fine Antique Statues; and from this D 3 Lobby

Lobby you enter a Salon full of Pictures of the Beauties and Courtiers of the Court of France in the Reign of Queen Mother.

UNDERNEATH the great Stairs you enter a pay'd Court, which makes the Center of the House, and carries you into the Gardens.

Mark Ker, a younger Son of the House of Cesford, now Dukes of Roxbourgh. He was Abbat of New Battle at the Reformation; and turning Protestant, kept his Abbacy, and took to Wife a Daughter of the Earl of Rothes, by whom he had Mark the first Earl of Lothian, created by James VI. in 1606.

This Branch of the Kers being nobilitated before the elder Branch, disputed Precedency with them in several Parliaments: But the elder Branch being now Dukes of Roxbourgh, and the other but Marquesses of Lothian, ends the Dispute.

FROM New Battle I pais'd by the old Castle of Dalhousie, belonging to the Ramfays, Earls of Dalhousie, a Soldierly Family, and very ancient; and went to see that curious Piece of Architecture the Chapel of Roslin, that would pass for a Beauty

at Rome, and is the only thing of its kind that escaped the Fury of the first Reformers. It's a Gothick Building; on the Outside each Buttress being adorned with Statues as big as the Life in the Niches; and of each Side of the Windows, which are very spacious. This Chapel lies in Mid-Lothian, four Miles from Edinburgh, and is one of the most curious Pieces of Workmanship in Europe. The Foundation of this rare Building was laid Anno 1440, by William St. Clair, Prince of Orkney, Duke of Holdenbourg, &c. a Man as considerable for the publick Works which he erected, and for the Lands which he possess'd, as the Honours which were confer'd on him by several of the greatest Princes of Europe. It is remarkable in all this Work that there are not two Cuts of one Sort. The most curious Part of this Building is the Vault of the Quire, and that which is called the Princess's Pillar, so much talk'd of. This Chapel was possess'd by a Provost, and seven Canons Regular, who were endow'd with several considerable Revenues through the Liberality of the Lords of Roslin.

HERE lies buried George Earl of Caithness, who lived about the Beginning of the Reformation; Alexander Earl of Sutherland, great Grandchild to King Robert de Bruce; the Earls of Orkney,

and nine Barons of Roslin.

THE last lay in a Vault so dry, that their Bodies have been found entire after fourscore Years, and as fresh as when they were first buried. There goes a Tradition, that before any of the Family of Roslin dies, this Chapel

appears to be all on a Fire.

THIS Place is remarkable according to Buchanan, Lesley, and other Scots Historians, for three Victories obtain'd over the English in one Day in the Neighbourhood by John Cuming, Governour of the Kingdom; and John, as others fay, Simon Frasier, with 8000 Men, over three desperate Bodies of the English, consisting of ten thousand each, the latter end of February 1302 The first of the state of the s

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OR giving you the Description of Edinburgh, I will begin at the East End, where stands the Royal Palace, and go up Hill to the West, where stands the

THE Palace of Holy Rood was formerly a Monastery of Canons Regular; but being all burnt down, except the Church, it was afterwards, by reason of its Nearnels to Edinburgh, converted into a Royal Palace.

You enter into the outer Court of the Palace under a large Arch (or Pend in Scots) a-top of which is the Apart-ment of the Porter or House-keeper, consisting of eight good Rooms, and where the Dukes of Hamilton, Heredi-

tary Keepers of this Palace, us'd to refide before the Union of the Crowns; but now they have an Apartment in the Palace.

Meuse in London, and Coach-houses and Stables dispos'd round it as there. On the North side of this Bass Court is a fine Garden, still well kept, and since the Kings went to live in London, converted into a Physick Garden, with an Allowance of sifty Pounds a Year to the Keeper. I am no Botanist, so will not pretend to give you any Account of the Herbs in this Garden; but there is a fine Dial erected by Mary Queen of Scots, and repair'd by King Charles the First when he was here.

On the South side of this Court is another larger Garden, which Duke Hamilton as House-keeper lets out to Gardiners in several Branches.

King Charles the Second pull'd down the old Palace, except two double Towers, which were built by King James the Fifth on the South and North side of the Entry into the Palace; and by that great Architect Sir William Bruce built this new one all of free Stone in the Form of a Square, supported

ted by Pillars, as the Royal Exchange at London, and adorn'd with the several Orders of Architecture. It consists of two noble Stories, besides Garrets a-top and Offices below.

You enter this Palace from the outer Court between the four Towers I formerly mention'd under a Cupola in the Form of an Imperial Crown, ballustraded on each side of the Cupola a-top, and supported with Pillars below.

You turn to the right to mount to the Royal Apartments, as at St. James's at London, and the Stair-case and Rooms of State run exactly as there, only the Guard Room here is near twice as big as that at St. James's; the Drawing-Room, the Presence, Anti-Chamber, and other Rooms of State both higher and larger; and in a Suite from the West through the South and East side of the Palace you go to the Gallery, which taketh up intirely the North side of the Palace, and is adorn'd with all the Pictures of the Kings of Scotland, from Fergus their first King, 320 Years before the Birth of Christ, down to the Revolution. Those Kings that were eminent, and all the Race of the Stewarts, 1 message

are whole Lengths, the others are but Bustos.

You must not imagine, my Friend, that these are all Original Pictures: Buchanan, I believe, drew the Originals in his History, and the Painter gives the Likeness according to their Passions and Inclinations; but those of the Family of Stewarts, whom I have seen, are extreme like, especially James the Seventh.

DUKE Hamilton's Apartment is in the double Tower to the North, and the great Council-Chamber in the Tower to the South. The Earl of Perth, when Chancellor of Scotland in King James the Seventh's Reign, converted this noble Room into a Popish Chapel, and gave the Chancellor's Apartment behind it to the Jesuits to keep School; which being demolished at the Revolution, this noble Room hath lain neglected ever fince. It would make a fine Theatre for Plays or Conforts, and would be fitter for the Election of the fixteen Peers, than the Presence-Chamber, where they now choose. Chimneys of this Royal Palace are all of Marble, and the Apartments two pair of Stairs for the Officers of State are very

very well kept, being lent to many of the Nobility, who now live in them.

BEHIND this Palace, the Church or Chapel makes a Wing to the North, and the Laundry another Wing to the South, and between them is a Bowling-

green wall'd in.

St. Anne's Yards to the East of the Palace was design'd to be branch'd out into Gravel Walks, adorn'd with Statues: But the Revolution coming on, attended with a long and expensive War, and since that an Union with England, hath put an end to these things.

THE Church or Chapel is very neat, with the highest Roof I have seen, and the Pillars as exquisite as St. George's Chapel at Windsor, with two Rows of

Stone Galleries above.

Man G James the Seventh erected a magnificent Throne here for the Sovereign, and twelve Stalls for the twelve Knights Companions of the Order of the Thistle or St. Andrew, all of Oak, and the finest Masters in carv'd Work all over Europe employ'd in it. The Floor was finely pav'd with Marble, a fine Organ was also erected; but the Mobat the Revolution pull'd it all to pieces, thinking that it smelt too rank of Po-

pery, not leaving so much as a Stone of the Pavement, but what they pull'd up

and carried away.

THE Park belonging to this Palace is about four Miles in Circumference; but what is very comical, there is neither Deer nor Tree in it: It is wall'd round with a Stone Wall, and yet there is nothing in it but high Mountains cover'd with Grass. King Arthur's Seat is the highest, and is near half a Mile to the top. They tell you, that Arthur the British King was here, and us'd to view the Country from thence, and ever since it's call'd his Seat.

This Palace and Park is the best Sanctuary for Debtors in the World; for nothing but the King's express Order can take a Man out there. You know, that within the Verge of the Court in England, the Board of Green Cloth will give leave to arrest a Man; but here there's no such thing, except I should carry off another Man's Goods and take Sanctuary with them. Here the Lords of the Session may exert their Authority as they say; but there is no Example.

THE Suburb, which leads from hence in a direct Line to the City Gate, is call'd the Canon Gate, or the Street

of the Canons Regular, who first founded the Abbey; but since the Abbey was converted into a Royal Palace, the prime Nobility built their Palaces in this Street, and those that were oblig'd to attend the Court, took their Lodgings here; so that nothing can be supposed to have suffer'd so much by the Union as this Street.

On the South side, just without the Pend, George Herriot, Founder of Herriot's Hospital, built a Square of Free-stone, with a good Garden behind it, for the Nobility of the Court to live in, which is still in good Repair, and was often in-

habited by the Earl of Finlater.

A little higher, on the South side, is the Palace of the Duke of Queensbury, still in good Repair; consisting of a Front and two Wings, with good Offices and a handsome Garden behind. Overagainst that, on the North side, is the Palace of the Earls of Winton, torn to pieces by the Mob, and now purchased by York Buildings.

A little higher, on the South, is the Palace of the Duke of Roxborough, on a large Spot of Ground, with a large Garden behind, but much neglected: And on the North, the Palace of the

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Earl of Penmure, in excellent good Order, and very fine Gardens. A little higher to the North is the Tolbooth, or Prison, where a Court de Guard was always kept of regular Troops, when the Court was at the Palace: And on the South, a little higher, is the fine Palace of the Earls of Murray of free Stone, with a pav'd Court in the middle. The Apartment fronting the Street consists of three noble Rooms of State, and a large Iron Balcony, the only one I have seen in Scotland.

There is a very large Parterre or Flower Garden behind, with four hanging Walks or Terraces to the bottom, where there is a Bowling-green, and a handsome Pavilion or Pleasure-house; and above the back Entry a Stone Balcony, which gives a full View of the Park. A little higher you enter the City by a Gate, called the Netherbow; and this Suburb from the Palace hither makes half an English Mile.

THE Netherbow is a Gate finer than Ludgate in London, having Towers on each Side of the Gate, and a Spire a-top. It is called the Netherbow, because there is an upper Bow or Descent that goeth from the Castle-Hill to the Grass-Mar-

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ket. There are but fix Gates by which you can enter this City, this and the Cowe gate Port or Gate to the East, two to the South, one to the West, and one to the North. At the East end of the Lake there runs an old Roman Wall, kept in good Repair, quite round the City, except on the North, which is guarded by a Lake or Loch.

THE High-Street of Edinburgh, running by an easy Ascent from the Netherbow to the Castle, a good half Mile, is doubtless the stateliest Street in the World, being broad enough for five Coaches to drive up a-breast; and the Houses on each Side are proportionably high to the Broadness of the Street; all of them six or seven Story high, and those mostly of free Stone, makes this Street very august.

Half way up this Street stands St. Giles's Church, the ancient Cathedral of this City, in the Form of a Cross, but since the Resormation it is turned into sour convenient Churches, by Partitions, called the High Kirk, the Old Kirk, the Tolbooth Kirk, and Haddock's Hole. A-top of this Church is erected a large open Cupola, in the Shape of an imperial Crown, that is a great Ornament to

the City, and seen at a great Distance. King David erected a Copy after this over St. Nicholas's Church in Newcastle, but does not near come up to it. Besides these four Churches of St. Giles's, there is in the same Street a little lower the Trone Church built after the Model of Inigo Jones's St. Paul's Covent-Garden; a very handsome Church at the East end of the Lake, called the collegiate Church, built by Mary of Gelder, Queen to James the Second; a Church built by a Lady Yester, a handsome new Church in the middle of the Canon-Gate, and two good Churches under the same Roof at the Grey-Friars. There are also some Chapels; but they are converted into Halls for Trades.

To the South of St. Giles's Church is a fine Square, with an Equestrian Statue of King Charles the Second in the middle. In this Square stands the Parliament-House, where their Parliaments were kept: Also the Council and Treasury, and all the other publick Offices. It's a fine modern Building of free Stone, finished by Charles the First in 1636. Underneath this Building is kept the Lawyers Library, where there is a fine Collection of Books, of Medals, and of ancient

ancient Coins, the largest of English and Scots Coins I ever saw. I could not perceive that the Scots bore the Lion Rampant in a Tressor of Flower-de-Luces on their Coins, till the Stewarts.

Joining to this Library is the Register, where are kept all the Deeds and Securities of the Nation, as a common Bank. Here is also a very good Bank for Money, whose Notes go current all over the Nation. There is also a fine Room in this Square for the meeting of the Royal Boroughs, adorned with Pictures.

In this great Street are several Stone Fountains of Water, brought in Pipes at three Miles Distance, disposed at convenient Distances to supply the whole City with Water; and on each Side of this Street are Lanes, or Wynds as they are called here, that run down to the bottom.

This made an English Gentleman, that was here with the Duke of York, merrily compare it to a double wooden Comb, the great Street the Wood in the middle, and the Teeth of each Side the Lanes.

THESE Lanes lead you to a Street below, called the Cowgate, which runs the whole Length East and West of the other, but is neither half so broad nor

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well built. The High-Street is also the best pav'd Street I ever saw. I will not except Florence. One would think the Stones inlaid; they are not half a Foot square; and notwithstanding the Coaches and Carts, there is not the least Crack in it.

South from the Cowgate lies the High-School for Latin, and in its Yard is kept a fine Bagnio, in a handsome neat House, built for the Company of Surgeons; and in their Hall is the Picture of the late Duke Hamilton, Earl Finlater in his Chancellor's Robes, and of all the eminent Surgeons of the Town, to the Number of about forty, all Originals, by Sir John Medina. There is also a pretty Garden before and behind the House. Directly North from this, on the other Side of the Cowgate, is the Physicians Hall and Garden, where they have a noble Museum, founded by Sir Andrew Balfour, Physician. The learned and industrious Sir Robert Sebald has very much augmented it. It contains a Treasure of Curiofities of Art and Nature, foreign and domestick, as appears by Sir Robert's Account printed in four Books 1697.

A little further to the South of the Cowgate is the University, which consists Wall of the same

only of one College: The Magistrates of Edinburgh are Governors of it; it hath a Principal or Warden, and four Philosophy Regents or Professors. There is also a Professor of Divinity, of Civil Law, of History, Mathematicks and Hebrew.

In studying sour Years at this College you commence Master of Arts: The Scholars are not in Commons, and kept to strict Rules as in the Colleges in England, nor wear Gowns; they lodge and diet in the Town, as at the Colleges in Holland, and are required to attend at their several Classes from eight in the Morning till twelve, and from two to sour. I wonder how a College in a Town, used to so much Business and Diversion to take off from the Study of Youth, should ever produce a good Scholar.

Courts, and one upper one, tolerably well built; the upper Court, to which you ascend by Steps of Stairs, is larger than the other two. On the left of that Court is the Library, a long spacious Room, and the Books neatly kept, and cloister'd with Doors of Wire, that none can open but the Keeper, more com-

modious than the Multitude of Chains used in the English Libraries. The several Benefactions are kept in distinct Apartments, with the Donor's Name over them in gold Letters; and over these Cases of Books are Pictures of most of the Kings of Scotland, and of all the Reformers both at home and abroad. Here is kept Buchanan's Scull, and the original Bohemian Protest against the Council of Constance for burning John Huss, and Jeremy of Prague, 1417, with 105 Seals of the great Men of Bohemia and Moravia appended to it.

FROM this Library there's a Pair of Stairs, which leads you to a great Room above the common Hall, where there are some natural Curiosities, and in that Hall are made the publick Exercises and Orations. This College was sounded

only in the Year 1580.

Joining to the College is a neat Hospital for Girls, with a pretty Garden, and Bowling-green; and a little further is the Church-yard of the Grey-Friars, the Burial-place of all the eminent Burghers in the City; for they don't affect so much as the English to be bury'd in Churches; that they think smells too much of the Popish Stamp. Round this

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Church-yard, which may contain fix Acres, are abundance of fine Monuments of free Stone, but some of them defaced by Oliver Cromwel's Soldiers. Sir George Mackenzie built a fine Mausoleum for his Family, still entire; as is a fine Monument of the Family, Descendants of Fowlis of Collington, from whom the Fowlis of Ingoldsby in Yorkshire are descended, the Trotters, and abundance of others.

To the Westward of this Churchyard stands the most celebrated Hospital of George Herriot, Jeweller to James the Sixth, for the bringing up of 130 poor Boys, Children of decay'd Merchants and Tradesmen of this City. Building exceeds any thing of the Kind in Europe. Sutton's Hospital, called the Charter-house at London, is a noble Foundation; but the House neither of that, Christ-Church, nor any thing of the Kind at Rome or Venice, comes up to the Magnificence of this Building, which I suppose is owing to Dr. Balcanqual, his Executor, who was a great Architect, was Dean of Rochester, and help'd King Fames the Sixth to write his Basilicon Dovon, and was left in full Power by Mr. Herriot to build this Hospital, which E 4

he hath done more like a princely Palace than a Habitation for necessitous Children.

THE House is an exact Square, piazzed within like the Exchange at London, all built of free Stone, but too much embellish'd with carved Work over the Windows and Doors for an Hospital. Over the Gate is a high Tower, with a Clock and Bells; and on each Corner of the Building a square Tower, floored with Lead, and little Turrets of Stone covered with Lead at each Corner of every Tower, which gives you so many different Views of the City and adjacent Country. There is a fine Well in the middle of the inner Court, and George Herriot's Effigies is in a Nich over the Inside of the Gate, as big as the Life, in his Cloak, cut in Stone, with a Jewel in his Hand. There is a handsome Chapel and Hall for the Boys to eat in. The Towers on each Corner are four Stories high, and the Body of the House three; and in each of the four Corners, in the Inside, is a fine Turnpike, or winding Stairs, which leads up to the Apartments above. There is a fine Parlour, floored with Marble, where the Magistrates of Edinburgh meet, who are

for ever Guardians of the Hospital. Such of the Scholars as take to Learning are fent to the College at the Expence of the Hospital; and those that choose Trades are put Apprentice, and the Masters receive 13l. 10s. in Money with them. The Gardens are very well kept, confisting of a Flower Garden, an Orchard, and Kitchen Garden. As Dr. Balcanqual was an elegant Man, and contemporary with Sir Inigo Jones, I know not but he erected this Building to shew his Skill in Architecture; for its Entry, by an easy Ascent through three spacious Courts, looks more like an Avenue to a royal Palace than an Hospital. The House and Gardens contain between nine and ten Acres of Ground, on a rising Ground, a much finer Situation than the Palace of Holy-Rood-House.

To the North of Herriot's Work, from whence its fine Avenue ascends, and to the West of the Cowgate, is the Grass-Market, like the Smithfield of London, where they sell their Horses, Corn and Hay, and is as spacious as Smithfield is; and from it is the West Port or Gate, out of which is a large Suburb, as is at most of the others. The City of Edinburgh

is a good English Mile from the Palace to the Castle in a direct Line; and taking in the Suburbs call'd the West-Port, Bristol, Paterrow, Pleasants, Canongate, and Calton, may be four Miles in Circumference.

This Grass Market, or Smithfield, lies directly under the Castle, which is built on a high Rock at the West end of the City, and over-looks and commands it. The Rock on which this Castle is built is inaccessible on all sides, except just the Front from the Town, which rises by an easy Ascent on the Ridge of the Hill all the way from the Palace: However, this Front is secured by a half Moon, at least 200 Foot perpendicularly high, well stored with Artillery; besides other lower Works towards the Gate, that makes it impregnable. There is also a Royal Palace in this Castle, finely built of Free-stone, with very noble Apartments; in one of which, King James the Sixth of Scotland, and First of England, was born. You may imagine the Prospect very delicious and unbounded from fuch a Height as this; for you not only see all Edinburgh under you, but the whole Course of the Firth from the Bass the se

Bass to Stirling; the Coasts of Fife on the other side of the Sea, and many score Miles into the Country. This Castle was call'd the Maiden Castle; and the Kings and Noblemens Daughters were kept here till they were married: But this I take to be a common Mistake of the Scots Authors; for Maiden signifies in the Highland Language a Castle on a Rock. Other Historians call it a winged Castle, as if it had Fortifications as Wings to it: But when one sees it, they will find that impossible. The Wings mention'd by the Ancients, I suppose, are meant to the Rock or Situation, and not to the Castle; for there are two Mountains on each fide of the Canongate below it; that to the South call'd Salisbury Crags, and that to the North call'd Neals or the Caulton Crags, which from the top of the Castle look like Wings, but never had House or Fortisication upon them; so that Castrum Allatum feems to be without Foundation.

In a Mile from Edinburgh is its Sea-Port, call'd Leith, which is also under its Jurisdiction. This Town is divided into two, by a River running through its middle, which composes the Harbour, which

which will in a little time be one of the finest in the World; they having carried out their Peer Heads, all of substantial Free-stone, to Low Water Mark, and composed a Mole bigger than either that of Genoa or Leghorn, with dry and wet Docks for the Conveniency of all Ships, either Men of War, or Merchant Men, that shall come in there.

This City of Edinburgh, with its Dependencies, is govern'd by a Lord-Provost (whose Office is much the same with that of the Lord Mayor at London) and four Bailiffs; who, besides the Power common to Aldermen, have that of Sheriffs. They have also a Common-Council, which consists of twenty-five Persons. All these are chosen annually, and the Provost, Dean of Guild and Treafurer are to be Merchants. Or if any Tradesman is to be chosen to any of those Offices, for his Qualifications he is to leave off Trade, and not return to it without Leave of the Magistrates and Town-Council; and no Man is to be chosen Provost, Bailiff, Dean of Guild, or Treasurer, without having been a Year or two a Member of the Common-Council. Person is to continue in that Council above two Years at a time, except he be

be a Member of it by Vertue of a superior Office. The Bailiffs are to be chosen indifferently out of twelve Candidates propos'd, and none to be elected Deacon of the fourteen incorporated Trades, unless he has been Master of his Trade two Years; and none is to continue Deacon above two Years at a time. The said fourteen incorporated Trades are Surgeons, Goldsmiths, Skinners, Furriers, Hammermen, Wrights or Carpenters, Masons, Taylors, Bakers, Burchers, Cordwainers, Weavers, Fullers,

and Bonnet or Cap-makers.

THE Magistrates are chosen annually on Tuesday after Michaelmas by thirty-eight Citizens, whereof twenty are to be Merchants, and eighteen Tradesmen: They are to chuse such as in their Conscience they think to be best qualify'd; and the said Magistrates, with the Town Council, are to have the Administration of the Government, except in such reserv'd Cases, as the Election of Magistrates, Dean of Guild, and Treasurer, and letting of Fews or Leases, giving Bounties or Places, and other publick Matters; in which Cases they are to take the Council of the fourteen Dea-

cons of Trades. None of the Merchants or Trades are to have any particular Conventions, or to make any By-Laws amongst themselves, without the Confent of the Magistrates and Town Council, except it be to chuse their own Deacons at the time appointed, to make Persons free of their Trade, or to try their Work; and one of the Commissioners for Parliament was always to be chosen out of the Tradesmen, and another out of the Merchants. The Auditors of the Accounts are to be chosen by equal Number of Merchants and Tradesmen: The Lord Provost, Dean of Guild, and Treasurer, are not to continue above two Years at a time, and the Bailiff is to be but one Year Bailiff, one Year old Bailiff, and one Year free of Office. The Lord Provost, for the council. The Train'd Bands of the City consist of sixteen Companies; besides which they have a standing Company of Town Guards. There are many
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be seen by that called the Set or Decret Ar-

Arbiterale of King James the Sixth, for deciding Differences between the Merchants and Tradesmen, and about the Government of the City, which was ratify'd by Parliament. This was printed in 1683, together with several Acts of the Town Council relating to these Affairs.





LETTER VI.

St. ANDREWS.

ROM Leith I cross'd the Firth of Forth to Fife. This Firth is a Bay of the Sea, which runs from East to West into the Country near forty Miles,

that the River Forth falls into it: Its Mouth at the Island of Bass, which reaches from East Loudon to Fife, is about 18 English Miles over; and from Leith, which I cross'd, about seven; and it diminishes in its Breadth proportionably to its Bottom. There are four Islands in this Firth within the View of Edinburgh, which have good Fountains of Water, and Grazing for Sheep, but have no Inhabitants: They are called

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A Journey thro' Scotland. 81 here Inches; as Inch-Colme, Inch-Kieth, &c.

Burnt Island, the first of the Towns upon the Coast of Fise, hath a very good Harbour, with 20 Foot Water at high Water, and Room enough for a hundred Sail of Ships Land-lock'd. The Town hath a good Appearance at a distance, like an old Lady in Decay; but when you come into it, those large Stone white Houses, which seem like Palaces afar off, prove to be Heaps of Decay when you approach them, as indeed are all the Royal Boroughs, which are very numerous from this Town to the Mouth of the Firth.

Kingborn, the next Royal Borough,

is well built, but decay'd like this.

Kircaldy is a Town of a better Air than the other two: From the East Bridge to the West it is a good English Mile long, and hath one very handsome Street, with very good Houses, and consists of two Parishes, and seems to be a Place of good Trade.

Dyzart, the next Royal Borough, each about a Mile's distance from one another, hath been by its Buildings a celebrated Town, but now like Pisa in Italy: The Structures remain, but hardly a

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Glass Window, or any Furniture in any of the Houses, and so on to all the Royal Boroughs on that Coast to the Mouth of the Firth. A Ship that comes up the Firth, and never goes a-shore, must have a fine Idea of these Towns at a distance, by reason of the stately Appearance on each side of the Firth; but when he comes a-shore, there is nothing but Poverty in Palaces; however, their Streets

are all pav'd with Stone.

About a Mile from Dyzart, still on the Sea Coast, is the Castle of Weems, the Seat of that ancient Family, that is built upon an Eminence, and with awful Look hath a commanding Prospect over the Firth, into East Louthian, to the South; to the Bass; to the East; and to Edinburgh, West Louthian, and the Bottom of the Firth, to the West: Its Gardens and spacious Park run to the North. This Palace is above 200 Foot Front to the South, with a Terrace on the top of the Rock, as at Windsor; and, like it, being of Free-stone and white, is seen at a very great distance. It hath two Wings to the North, and a great Area between the Castle and the Gardens, which is the Entry into the House. This noble Lord. hath four considerable Sea Ports, about 911/2 half

half a Mile distance from one anothers on the Coast under this Castle, where he makes his Salt, and exports his Coal, which both bring him in a great Reve-

This Family was nobilitated only by Charles the First in 1633; but they were an ancient Family of Gentlemen long before; for the first John Baron of Weems was a younger Branch of Macduff, Thane of Fife. And we find by the Records, Sir David de Weems of Weems was sent to Norway in the Year 1290 by the Regency of Scotland, to bring over their young Queen Margaret, who dying at the Orkneys, occasion'd the fatal Competition between the Bruce and Baliol: And we find a lineal Succession of the Family in great Trust in most Reigns ever since.

PASSING by the old Royal Boroughs of Petenweem and Craile, decay'd as the rest, I arriv'd at the Metropolitan City of St. Andrews.

St. Andrews at three Miles distance makes a very august Appearance, being situated on an easy Eminence on the Coast of the German Ocean. It appears much like Bruges in Flanders at a distance, its Colleges and five Steeples ma-

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king a goodly Appearance. You enter the City by a Gate, which, through a spacious Street of a quarter of a Mile long, leads in a direct Line to the Cathedral. This Street is broad and well pav'd; but the Buildings on each side, which have been pretty magnificent, are much in decay.

THE Cathedral by its Vestiges hath been longer than St Paul's at London, and built like that of the Cathedral at Canterbury, in the Form of a Cross, with a Spire on each side of the Entry to the West; a high Tower in the middle of the Cross, and a Spire to the East of

each side as at the West.

This Church was built over a Limb of the Apostle St. Andrew, which, according to those Superstitious Times, was made a Present to them by a Pope, which brought such Shoals of Pilgrims from all the Corners of Europe, as made it a rich and populous Place: But this brought down the Fury of the first Reformers so much upon them, that at the Resormation they not only tore up the Shrine which occasion'd the Superstition, but pull'd down the Church.

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This City was also erected into a University in the Reign of James the First; for in the Year 1411, the Schools were erected by that Prince here. The University consists of three Colleges; St. Salvadore, or the old College; St. Leonard's College; and St. Mary's or the new College.

St. Salvadore was founded by James Kennedy, Grandson to Robert the Third, King of Scotland, by his Daughter Mary, married to the Lord Kennedy: He was Chancellor of Scotland, and Arch-bishop of St. Andrews, in the Reign of King Fames the Second; it was founded in the

Year 1456.

This College confifts of two spacious Courts: Over the Gate is a very fine Stone Spire; and to the Right, as in the Colleges at Oxford, is a handsome Church or Chapel, in which is an ancient noble Monument of the Founder; and behind it, which makes one fide of the Court, a neat Cloister well pay'd and supported with Pillars; but neither it, nor the Church, so well preserv'd as in the Colleges of England, but seem rather entirely neglected: On the Ground Floor of the other side of the other Court are the common Schools, very

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spacious; and over these Schools a Hall, full 50 Foot long, and 30 Foot wide and high. There are in this Court very good Apartments for the Masters and Scholars, all built of Free-stone, but unaccountably out of Repair, they being hardly at the Pains of keeping out Rain, or mend-

ing their Windows.

This second Court is more spacious than the sirst, but not quite sinished, and worse kept. In short, if ever a College wanted a Visitation, this does; a Happiness which the Colleges in England enjoy; for upon a Representation from the Visitors, that the Revenues of a College does not support it, there are always Funds to supply that Want, and a severe Enquiry in case of Mismanagement.

THERE are three Silver Maces in this College, as old as its Foundation; one of them gilt, and of the finest Workmanship I ever saw, which weighs seventeen Pound weight: It hath, under a carv'd Spire, or Canopy, the Figures of our Saviour and his twelve Apostles, about the length of one's Finger; and below, the Figures of several Saints, excellently done at Paris, as by a Pendal chain'd to this Mace, by Order of Archbishop Kennedy the Founder.

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These Maces, to the Number of nine, were found in the Arch-bishop's Tomb, in the Reign of King Charles the Second. It's not to be imagin'd they were buried with him; but, I suppose, at the Violence of the Reformation, when they pull'd down every thing of Silver, Gold, or Stone, that had Images upon it, the Masters of the College, fearing the Fate of the Maces, hid them in this Tomb; and they being also driven from their Colleges, they lay conceal'd. But this, my dear Friend, being all of my own Conjecture, I hope you'll think a reasonable one. The other six Maces they sent to the other Colleges in Scotland.

St. Leonard's College hath a better Revenue, and is more frequented than that of St. Salvadore. It was anciently a Monastery of Benedictine Monks, and was converted into a College by the Earl of Lenox, whose Arms are fresh over the Gate, and Scot of Scots Tarbet endow'd it with additional Revenue. It consists of one spacious Square: On the South side are still the old Cells of the Monks, consisting of two Stories, just as the Monasteries are abroad: On the North is the Chapel, and to the West

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is a goodly Pile of Building, but all out of Repair. From the Chapeloto these Buildings they are now erecting some new good Apartments: The Gardens behind the South Apartments are very spacious, and well-kept. Here is a Library consisting of several Donations, and a Cupboard containing a very fine one from Francis Earl of Buccleugh of ancient Folio Books, finely bound in Leather, and gilt with the Arms of the Family. Here is also kept a Silver Arrow, which is shot for by Bows and Arrows by the Students every Year, to keep up that noble ancient Exercise of Archery, and he that wins it appends to it his Coat of Arms on a Silver Plate. This was brought to such a height by the Emulation of the Scholars, that some Plates are as large as Salvers; which difcouraging the poorer fort, who, altho' good Archers, durst not shoot their best for fear of winning, and so exposing their Poverty, the University suppress'd this ponderous Arrow, and set up another, with a Rule, that no Plate appended to it should exceed an Ounce.

St. Mary's College, commonly call'd the new College, hath on the Left as you go in a spacious Room, where King

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Charles the First held a Parliament. There are three Rows of Seats above one another round the Room, which will contain four hundred Persons, besides the Area, in which is a Table for Clerks and other Officers. There is also a Pulpit for Prayers. This Room is now sometimes made use of for Publick Exercises: Above this Parliament Room is the publick Library, a very spacious Room, full of old Books, but no curious Manuscripts. Mr. Hutcheson hath sent down his Book of Computations to all these Libraries.

This College is the best kept of the three; but here are no Scholars; only those, who have pass'd their Course at the other Colleges of Philosophy, may study Divinity, Hebrew, or Mathematicks here. There is a fine Observatory built of Free-stone at the bottom of the Garden; but it is neither finish'd, nor ever made use of, which is a Pity, considering the Expence the Building cost.

THE Archbishops of St. Andrews were always Chancellors of this University; but on the Establishment of Presbytery at the Revolution, King William sent them his Conge d'Eslire, to chuse the Duke of grand starting a marchine was a work and on Athol

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Athol their Chancellor, who continues fo. The Vice-Chancellor or Rector of the University is chose from amongst themselves, and each College is govern'd

by a Provost or Principal.

THEY have the same Professors in all Faculties as at Edinburgh; and the great Duke of Chandos, out of his inimitable Generosity, hath given a thousand Pounds Sterling to be laid out at Interest for a Professor in Medicine for ever.

THE City of St. Andrews consists of three spacious Streets, all of an equal Length, from East to West, with some little Lanes of Communication between each. In the middle of those Streets stands the Church of St. Michael, now Parochial: It's a very spacious handsome Church, with a good Steeple at top; and in it is a good Marble Monument of Archbishop Sharp, who was murder'd coming from Edinburgh in his Coach and six in the latter end of King Charles the Second's Reign; the Manner of which is finely engraved in Bass-Relief on the Tomb, with his Statue at top, kneeling, as big as the Life. This Murder occasion'd the Rebellion at Bothwell-Bridge.

Bridge, which the unfortunate Duke of Monmouth was sent by his Father King Charles the Second to suppress.

I AM sure you will not think it any Digression to give you an Account of the Occasion of this Murder.

DR. Sharp was one of the four Commissioners appointed by the Kirk of Scotland to go to London, on King Charles the Second's Restoration, to obtain the Continuation and Establishment of their Church on the Foot it was then; but King Charles being resolv'd to establish Episcopacy, and finding Mr. Sharp an ingenious Man, tempted him with the Archbishoprick of St. Andrews, which he not only accepted of, but brought in his other Brother Commissioners to accept of Bishopricks also, and came down to Scotland with a Spirit of perfecuting them that employ'd him. Several of the Ministers were hang'd for not complying with the Episcopal Ordination, and their preaching on the Mountains in Defiance of the parliamentary Establishment. This brought some of the Sufferers to perpetrate this Murder; and yet the Murderers all escap'd except one, Hackston of Rathellet, who held the Horses while

while the others kill'd him, who was

hang'd at Edinburgh.

On the North Side stands the ancient Castle, which was demolished by Oliver Cromwel. By the Front Apartment, which still remains, one can see it hath been a noble Palace, much embellished by Cardinal Beaton in the Reign of King James the Fifth of Scotland. The Apartment where he was murdered by Norman Leslie, Brother to the Earl of Rothes, for his great Persecution of the Protestants at the Reformation, and the Window he threw his Body out at, is still remaining, as a Monument of that Action.

This Cardinal was another Wolfey of England: He was Legate a Latere from the Pope, and had a Bishoprick in France; one that Henry the Eighth dreaded more than all the rest in Scotland; for at the Head of a numerous Clergy he prevented that Interview, which was fo much defired by King Henry with his Nephew James the Fifth, and would, in all Probability, have brought on the Reformation sooner; and continu'd violently opposing it in Queen Mary's Reign, till he was cut off; and then it spread itself all over the Nation, his Murder animating rigord them

them to pull down Churches, Monasteries, and every thing that sayour'd of

Popery.

Patrick Habourn, Prior of the Benedictine Monastery, now St. Leonard's College, begun a great Work at his own Expence, of walling in this City with Watch Towers at proper Distances, which he carry'd on round two Parts of the three of this City: But the Reformation hinder'd his finishing it. The Wall and Towers are still in good Repair, with his Arms in many Places upon it. I must say, it's the best Wall I have seen in Britain.

THERE'S a Harbour, but no great Trade in this City: It's the best Situation I have feen for an University, being out of all common Roads, and fine Downs, or Links as they call them here, for ex-

ercifing the Scholars.

This Town, before the Limb of St. Andrew was brought to it, was called Fanum Regulæ, or the Temple of St. Rule, which is the neatest and compleatest Piece of Building, still standing, with a beautiful square Tower. They tell you that it's fourteen hundred Years old; but as I have no Authority but Hearsay, I won't vouch for it; for it looks

looks as fresh as Churches built but

yesterday.

From St. Andrews I pass'd by the Palace of Leuchers, formerly belonging to the Earls of Southesk, but forfeited in the late Rebellion, and purchas'd by the York-Buildings Company. There is one Apartment of fix Rooms, with Marble Chimney Pieces, and wainscoted with Oak, curiously done, may serve any Nobleman. The Gardens are also large, and the whole moted round, and would make a very good Barrack for Soldiers. From hence, in two Miles riding, I came to the Ferry of the River Tay, which is two Miles broad, to Dundee.



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of Angus, on the Banks of the River Tay, about two Miles from its Mouth; and the Ri-

ver is here two Miles broad, where they have Boats that cross constantly between the Shire of Fife and it, as the Boats do between Leith and the South Part of

Fife over the Firth.

The Harbour of Dundee is rather a Mole than a Harbour, having no back Water to clean it, which it wants very much; for the Freshes of the River Tay choak it with a soft Clay, or Slike, and their Revenue will not afford the carrying it off by flat bottom'd Boats as in Helland.

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There are three Entrances into this Harbour, which may contain a hundred Sail of Ships, but not of any great Burthen: And from this Harbour up to the Town is a pleasant Walk, pav'd with Flagfones, and Rows of Trees on each side, which serves for an Exchange to the Merchants and Masters of Ships; and on one side of it are large Store-houses for Goods, and Granaries for Corn.

The Town is the best built of any I have yet seen, except Edinburgh, and hath a great Face of Trade: It is good two Miles in Circumserence; its Market Place is almost as spacious as that of Nottingham, and the Town-house, a stately venerable Pile of Free-stone, is a great Ornament of the Market: The City runs in sour large Streets, each from this

Market Place.

THE Collegiate Church here, which is an exact Cross, is larger than that of St. Giles at Edinburgh. The West End next the Steeple was beat down by Oliver Cromwell's Army: The other three Parts are now divided into three separate Churches. The Steeple has a fine Tower like Wrexham in Wales, and higher than that of the Brill in Holland. The Church-yard is out of Town, and fill'd with

with fine Monuments round the Walls, as at the Gray-Friers at Edinburgh. On the West of this Town is a handsome Hospital for decay'd Burghers, where they have a good Maintenance, and Gardens running down to the River fide. In the Hall there are Lists of good Benefactions'; amongst whom, Sir William Davison, Conful in the Low Countries, was a very considerable one, and one Alexander Johnson from London sent them a Thoufand Pounds Sterling. They have also a Chaplain who fays Prayers to them Morning and Evening. Joining to this Hospital is a good House and Gardening, where the Chevalier St. George kept his Court when he was here.

Joining to Dundee is the Palace of Diddup, a noble ancient Pile, confisting of a square Court, with a Tower at each Corner, in the middle of the Park, extreamly well planted with old Trees. This was the ancient Seat of the Scrimgeors, Earls and Constables of Dundee, and Hereditary Standard Bearers of Scotland; who, after a long Succession, extinguished at the Restoration for want of Heirs Male, and the King succeeded as ultimus Hares. King James the Seventh of Scotland, and Second of

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England, gave this Estate, Constablary, and Title of Dundee, to a Branch of the Graham's, who commanding an Army for that Prince at the Revolution, was kill'd at the samous Battle of Gillecranky, when he obtain'd the Victory, but lost his Life. He was a fine Gentleman: Doctor Pitcairn made an elegant Epitaph on him in Latin, which Mr. Dryden the Poet Englisheth thus.

O last and best of Scots! who didst maintain

Thy Country's Freedom from a foreign Reign.

New People fill the Land now thou art gone,

New Gods the Temples, and new Kings the Throne.

Scotland and thou did each in th' other live,

Thou could'st not her, nor could she thee survive.

Farewelthou, living, that didst support the State,

And could'st not fall but by thy Country's Fate.

On this Lord's Death, the Constablary and Estate were given to the Duke of Dou-

Douglas, who as Earl of Angus hath very great Superiorities in this Shire; few of the Nobility but are his Vassals: But I shall say more of this most ancient and most noble Family when I come to his Castle of Douglas.

FROM Dundee in fix Miles I arriv'd at the Palace of Pennure, in the middle of a great Wood. You go up to the House thro' an Avenue, cut thro' the Wood, of half a Mile in length, and 150 Foot broad, which gives you a View of the House at once: And on each side of this Avenue is a fine Hedge which reaches the Branches of the Trees of the Wood.

At the end of this Avenue is a large circular outer Court for Coaches to turn in, and the inner Court is ballustraded with Iron on each side, which gives you a View of the delicious Gardens, which go quite round the House, and are very well kept, with a great Variety of Evergreens and Grass-plats, cover'd Walks and Labyrinths. From these Gardens there are eight or nine Visto's cut thro' the Wood, with Ballustrades of Iron at every Visto, and all the Doors of Iron. The House is a square Building, of Foot Front, with a Pavilion at each

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end, as at Yester. The Apartments are very good, but all unfurnish'd at the Rebellion. The Offices without Doors are very neat, and as well dispos'd as any I saw in England. The Multitude of Trees in the Park, the Deer, and the fine Views even cross the Sea, from whence it's not above a Mile distance,

makes it a delightful Habitation.

THIS Place belonged to the Mauls, Earls of Penmure, a very ancient Family in this County: For we find them in the Annals one of those Barons who did Homage to Edward the First of England in 1292 for the Lands of Penmure. The last Earl was unfortunately drawn into the late Rebellion by his Nephew the Earl of Marr, commanded a Regiment at the Battle of Sheremore, and was wounded there; for which he forfeited this fine Seat, and a great Estate, to the Publick, which hath been fince fold by Act of Parliament to the York Buildings Company; whose Agent receives the Rents: But the present Countes, Sister to the late Duke Hamilton, is allow'd the Use of the House and Gardens, paying a hundred Pounds Sterling a Year for Rent. From Penmure in six Miles more I arriv'd at the ancient Town of Arbroth,

in which are the Ruins of a very large Monastery, even larger than that of Melross, but more ruinous; and in eight Miles more to the Town of Montross. This is a pretty Sea Port Town, and one Street very good; the Houses well built, and the Street well pav'd: The Inhabitants here, as at Dundee, are very genteel, and have more of the Air of Gentlemen than Merchants: And indeed by North Tay the Inhabitants are more courteous, familiar and affable, than in the Southern Parts of Scotland, and seem to be another People. This Town gives Title of Duke to the ancient and noble Family of Graham, of whom I shall give you a more distinct Account when I come to his Grace's Palace at Glascow. Near this Town are two considerable Families of the Name of Carneagy, Earls of Southesk, and Northesk. The former had an ancient Paternal Seat at Kinard, with fine Gardens and Parks, and a great Estate; but the present Earl running into the Rebellion forfeited all, and is purchased by the York Buildings. The Earl of Northesk was wifer, staid at home, and join'd with neither Party. I saw abundance of Gentlemen's Seats in this Road, with G 3 Planta-

Plantations of Trees round their Houses; for the Gentry of Angus are very numerous, and universal Enemies to the Union with England, and not so much Presby-

terian as in the Southern Parts.

THIS Shire of Angus is a good Country all along the Coast; but it's narrow; for in some Places it's not five Miles broad, till you come to the Hills, which run in a Row to the West and North, and are inhabited with Highlanders. From Montross, in a few Miles, I enter'd the Shire of Kincardin, commonly called the Mairnes, and came to Dinnoter Caftle, a Peninsula on the German Ocean: It's inaccessible, but from a streight Pasfage, which is well fortify'd, and wouldbe a Pass of great Importance if it lay on any Road; but as it is, is only a good Prison, and hath been often made use of as fuch in feveral Reigns: It belongs to Keith, Earl Marshal of Scotland, whose capital Seat of Faterassey is near it; as is a Borough Town, call'd Stonehive, belonging also to that noble Family, who have been hereditary Marshals of Scotland since Malcoline the Second's Reign, before the Year 1000: And in the Contests between the Bruces and Baliols for the Throne, in the Reign of Edward the First

First of England, we find this Family one of the most conspicuous of the Kingdom: And in the Reigns of the Stewarts the Earl Marshal was one of the Hostages for the Ransom of King James the First of Scotland. The Family was also very zealous for the Reformation; and if we may believe Sir Ralph Saddler, Ambassador for Henry the Eighth, was one of the Lords the most courted by the English at that time. They had also a vast Estate, which induced George Earl Marshal at his own Charge to go to Denmark, to espouse Anne, the Daughter of the King of Denmark, for King Fames the First of England, and Sixth of Scotland. This noble Lord also founded the College of Aberdeen, and did other great Acts of Munificence: He never would accept any Employment whilst the King liv'd in Scotland; but when his Sovereign came to be King of England, he reprefented his Person in the Parliament called in 1609. The Family were firm Adherers to King Charles the First in his Adversity, and very much exhausted their Estate by it; and the last Earl going into the Rebellion with the Earl of Marr, his Estate was forfeited, and his Honours extinguish'd. He is now in G 4 the

the Service of King Philip of Spain, and is reckon'd a very fine Gentleman. From Stonebive, in eight Miles of a very stony bad Road, I arriv'd at the fine City of Aberdeen. This City hath not only a great Air of Trade, but the People are very polite: The Ladies are more converfable, dress better, and of easier Access, than in most of the other Towns; they have their Conforts of Musick, where Strangers are always well receiv'd. The Market-place here is much larger than at Dundee, and may be as large as that at Nottingham in England; but the Streets are up Hill and down, as at Newcastle.

This City gives Title of Earl to an ancient Branch-of the Family of Gordon, who were old Barons of Haddo. This Earl's Grandfather was beheaded at Edinburgh in 1644, for holding out his Castle of Haddo for the King against the Parliament's Army; and his Father was created by King Charles the Second Earl of Aberdeen, and constituted Lord-High-Chancellor of Scotland; and he himself is one of the fixteen Peers to

the Parliament of Great-Britain.

OLD Aberdeen is situated a Mile to the North of the new Town, common-

ly call'd Bonaccord; it has its Name from its Situation, being placed on the Mouth of the Water Dun. The Name of the River sufficiently shews that the PiEts, who inhabited this Part of the Country, were of a Scythian Descent; for the River, which is call'd by the Latins Danubius, by the Germans is call'd Dunave, by the Polonians Danaum, by the Turks Tuna, being of the very same Name with our Dun.

THE River is remarkable for the Multitude of Salmon and Perches which are taken up in it. About half a Mile from Old Aberdeen it hath a Bridge of one fingular Arch, which is both large and stately; it is made up for the most part of hewn Stone, both the Ends of it being six'd on Rocks. The River by its crooked winding breaks the Force of the Stream so, that Nature it self seems to have made way for its Situation. A little below it Dun enters into the Sea.

Two Miles above the Bridge is a Heap of Stone, artificially cast in the Mouth of the Channel, for the easier catching of the Salmon; it was the Bishop's Seat, and hath a Cathedral Church, commonly call'd St. Machars, of a large and stately Structure, being built of

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hewn Stone by the several Bishops of that See: It anciently consisted of two Rows of Stone Pillars, another cross the Church, and three Turrets, the greatest of which was the Steeple, which was set upon four Pillars of vaulted Works. In the Church likewise was a Library; but about the Year 1560 it was almost wholly destroy d, so that the Ruins do now

only remain.

Bur the chief Ornaments of this Town is the King's College, placed on the South side of the Town, conspicuous beyond the rest of the Houses for the Neatness and Stateliness of its Structure: 'Tis inferior to no College in Scotland; one Side of it is cover'd with Slate, the rest with Lead; the Church and Turret, or Steeple, are of hewn Stone. The Windows were of old remarkable for painted Glass; and some Relicks of their old Splendor do yet remain. Here is a fine Monument of Bishop Elphingston. The Steeple, besides others, have two Bells of an extraordinary Bigness: The Top of it is vaulted with a double cross Arch; above which is a King's Crown, having eight Cornets, upheld by as many Pillars of Stone, a round Globe of Stone, with two gilded Crosses closing the Crown.

Crown. In the Year 1631 it was overturn'd by a Storm, but shortly after was built in a more stately Manner; it was begun by Bishop Forbes, continued by William Gordon, Doctor of Physick, and helped on by feveral Nobility and Gentlemen of that Country. Close to the Church there is a Library provided with Books, much enrich'd by those which Dr. Henry Scougall, Professor of Divinity there, and the Rt. Revd. Dr. Patrick Scougall, Bishop of Aberdeen, his Father, did lately bequeath to it. This College was founded by Bishop Elphinston, An. Dom. 1500, and the greatest Part of the Work was likewise built by him; but King James the Fourth assumed the Patronage of it to himself, from whence it was call'd the King's College: In it there is a Primar or Princpial, a Professor of Theology, three of the Laws, thirteen of Philosophy, an Organist, and five singing Boys, who were Students of Hu-manity. There are since added three more Professors of Philosophy, a Professor of the Oriental Tongues, and one for the Mathematicks. While Episcopacy lasted, the Bishop of Aberdeen was always Chancellor, and had the Power of conferring Doctor of Divinity; the Official

Official or Commissary was Vice-Chancellor, and they chose a Rector yearly, who, with four Assessors, was to enquire into Abuses, and make a Return of them to the Chancellor for a Reformation. King James the Sixth bestow'd upon this College the Rents of the Carmelite Friers of Bamf, and two Chaplinaries. King Charles the First gave it out of the vacant Revenues of the Bishoprick an Endowment for eight Burfers, from whence it is call'd the Coraline University: And King Charles the Second, by Advice in Parliament, in 1672, gave the Benefices of vacant Churches in several Dioceses for seven Years. There are many other Benefactors, whom we have not room to mention. The Election of the Rector, Dean of Faculty, Professor of the Oriental Languages, Professors of Philosophy, Janitors, Gc. is by the major Part of the Masters; but the Principal, and the rest of the Prebendaries, are chosen not only by the major Part, but also by four Procuratores Nationum; but the Principal in all Elections has a fort of negative Voice: The Procuratores Nationum are four, and derive their Power of voting in Elections from the Scholars of the four Provinces, which

which are, I. Provincia Aberdonensis, containing the Shires of Aberdeen and Bams; 2. Provincia Moravinensis, including all the Countries to the North of Spey; 3. Provincia Angusiensis, containing Angus and Merns; and 4. Provincia Laudoniensis, comprehending, besides Louthian, all the rest of Scotland. A Professor of the Civil Law, a Professor of Physick, a Sub-principal, who is also a Professor of Philosophy, three other Philosophy Professors, and a Professor of the Languages. This College, and that in the new Town, make up one University, call'd the University of King Charles.

In the Reign of King Alexander the Second, there was a Studium Generale in Collegio Canonicorum here, where there were Professors, and Doctors of Divinity, and of the Canon and Civil Laws; so that many learned Men were bred in this Place, before it was an University, which was A. C. 1494, when King James the Fourth and William Elphing-ston Bishop of Aberdeen procur'd from Pope Alexander the Sixth a Bull for erecting an University in this Place, with as ample Privileges as any in Christendom, and particularly as those of Paris and Bononia. These Privileges were afterwards

wards confirm'd by succeeding Popes and Kings: And because King James the Fourth did assume the Patronage of it to himself and his Successors, it was call'd the King's College. He bestow'd upon it the Rents of the Hospital of St. Germains in Louthian: Bishop Elphingston, who built most of the Fabrick, furnish'd the great Steeple with ten Bells, and gave many costly Ornaments, Hangings, Books, &c. to the College.

The first Endowments were for a Doctor of Divinity, who was Principal; a Doctor of the Canon Law, a Doctor of the Civil Law, and a Doctor of Physick. The other Endowments were for a Professor of Humanity, to teach Latin and Greek; a Sub-principal, to teach Philosophy; a Cantor, a Sacrist, six Students

of Divinity.

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Aberdeen, as I have said, is twofold, the new Town and the old; they are distant the one from the other about a Mile. Aberdeen seems to be the same which Ptolomy calls the City Devena, placed in the Province call'd Texale, upon the Mouth of the River Dee; for Aber in the old British Tongue signifies or denotes the Mouth of a River, and De-

va or Dee is the Name of the River upon whose Mouth the River is situated; but New Aberdeen is the Capital of the Sheriffdom of Aberdeen, and the Seat of the Sheriff for Trial of Causes; it is placed at the Eastern Corner of the Shire, where it is wash'd with the German Sea. This City very much exceeds the rest of the Cities of the North of Scotland in Bignels, Greatnels of Traffick, and Beauty: It enjoys a wholsome Air, and abounds with well bred Inhabitants, and has a great Revenue for the Salmon Fishery. The old City seems to have been placed upon a Bank of the Sea; because it is the common Opinion, that the Monastery of the Holy Trinity, which is thought to have been formerly the Palace of King William, is situate in the very Creek of the Sea; and not far from it are the Ruins of an old Pratorium. In tract of Time the Inhabitants seem'd to have fill'd several neighbouring little Hills with Houses; and now the City is chiefly built upon three of those little Hills, and the greatest part upon the highest: It hath Ascent every way; the exteriour Parts thereof are spread out upon the Place, as Suburbs, in many Places.

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THAT there was a Mint formerly in the City, appears by Silver Coins stampt with this Inscription, Urbs Aberdonea, which are yet preserved in the

Closets of the Curious.

THE Streets are pav'd with Flint, or a very hard Stone resembling Flint; the Houses beautiful both within and without: They are four Stories high, or more, and have for the most part Gardens or Orchards belonging to them, so that the whole City, to those that approach it, seems the Resemblance of a Wood.

Ar the West-end of the City, a little round Hill adjoining offers it self to Sight, from the Foot of which Hill breaks forth a Fountain of clear Water; and in the middle of the same, another Spring, flowing down to the Foot of the Hill, bubbles out and fends forth a Stream as rapid as a Torrent; but the Spring it self is easily distinguish'd both in Colour and Taste from the Torrent. It is call'd the Aberdonian Spaw, because both in Taste and Quality it comes near the Spaw Water in the Bishoprick of Liege. This Water is cold to the Touch. Doctor William Barclay, a Physician, has written a Treatife concerning it.

In the high Street there is a Church of the Franciscans, worthy to be taken notice of, built of Free-stone; a Work begun by Doctor William Elphingston, then Bishop; and finish'd at the Charge of Gavinus Dunbar, Bishop of Aberdeen, about the Year of Christ 1500.

The said Bishop Gavinus Dunbar hath also got himself immortal Honour by a samous Bridge of Seven Arches laid over the River Dee, about a Mile from the City, built very sirm and durable of Free-stone, which, in more Places than one, by Inscription testifies its Author;

or Builder.

But the great Ornament of this City is its College, called the Marshallian Academy, as founded by Earl Marshal, George Keith, in the Year 1593, which the City of Aberdeen hath adorn'd with several additional Buildings: It has besides a Primary Professor, who is call'd Principal, four Professors of Philosophy, a Professor of Theology, and a Professor of the Mathematicks. There is also a famous Library, founded by the City of Aberdeen, supplied by the Gift of Learned Men, and furnish'd with divers Mathematical Instruments.

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ADD to these the School-house, sounded by Dr. Dune, which has one Head Master and three Ushers under him: There is also a School for Musick.

THE Cathedral Church, nominated from St. Nicholas, its Patron, is built of Free-stone; and covered with Lead; has a Steeple resembling a Pyramid, and cover'd likewise with Sheets of Lead to a considerable Height. It was divided formerly into three Churches; the biggest was call'd the Old Church, the other the New Church, and the third the Arched, named the Arch of the Lady of Mercy. This Cathedral is propt with Pillars of Free-stone, and has three Bells of a vast Weight, which by their quick and continual Sounds divide the half Hours: The Body of this Church is adorn'd with Tower and Pinnacle Steeple. Here is kept the Court for the publick Tryals of the Townsmen, and the County Courts, where are also a Prison and a Work-house: Besides these there is an Alms-house for the Maintainance of the old People of Aberdeen that are come to Decay, with Hospitals founded by feveral Persons; and adjoining to the Custom-house lies the Port or Wharf.

THE Marshal College here was originally a Franciscan Monastery, and when turn'd to a College had so small a Revenue, that it must have sunk, had it not been for the Liberality of the Benefactors. The first was the said Earl, who gave for Maintainance of the Professors some Lands near Aberdeen, and at Bervy in the Merns. Most of the Edifice was built by the City. Sir Alexander Irwin of Drum gave 1000 l. Sterling toward the Maintainance of poor Scholars; and in 1641 King Charles the First gave part of the Revenues of the vacant Bishoprick of Aberdeen to this College. A Professor of Physick is lately added to it.





LETTER VIII.

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HE Shire of Aberdeen is divided into two Districts, Mar and Buchan; and altho' mountainous and stony, yet there's abundance of Gentry in it. Kildremmy, the ancient Seat of the Earls of Mar, makes a noble Appearance above the River Don; but as that Family have chosen their Residence at Alloway near Sterling for some Generations, I shall say nothing of it till I come thither. Forbes's are also in many Branches in this Shire, of which two of them are Peers, the Lord Forbes, the first Baron of Scotland, and the Lord Pitsligo. The Lord Forbes had a Grant of the Lands of Forbes in the Reign of Alexander the Second,

Second, and were great Men ever since, but not Peers till James the 3d was Gentleman of the Bed-Chamber to James the Fifth, and a General under Gustavus Adolphus in the Reign of King Charles the First. William, the last Lord, was zealous for the Revolution, and his Son the present Lord is a very fine Gentleman. The Lord Pitsligo was nobilitated only by K. Charles the First. Here is also a good Family of the Frasers Lord Fraser, of whom Sir Alexander Fraser, Physician. to King Charles II. was a Branch. Keith, Earl of Kintyre, hath also a good old Seat here. He was Brother to an Earl Marshal, Privy Councellor and Treasurer Depute to Charles the Second; And the Earl of Aboyne, Uncle to the late Duke of Gordon, had his Residence here; as hath his Grand-... fon the present Earl, with several other Branches of that ancient and noble Family. Here also resides Crichton Viscount Friendright, descended from the Lord Crichton, Chancellor to James the Second. In this Shire is also the usual Residence of Hay Earl of Arrol, Lord High Constable of Scotland, and who are often Sheriffs of the Shire.

ALL Historians agree that this Family had its Rise in the Reign of Kenneth the H 3 Third,

Third, Anno 980, on a Victory obtain'd over the Danes in the Reign of King Malcolme IV. William de Hay is Witness to that King's Charter to the Abby of Scoone, as Baron Arrol; and Sir Gilbert Hay of Arrol was constituted by Robert the Bruce Lord High Constable of Scotland, to him and his Heirs for ever, by a Charter dated Nov. 12. 1315. They were created Earls of Arrol by James II. Anno 1452, and have continued great Men in every Reign since. The last Earl enter'd the following Protest on the concluding of the Union between the two Kingdoms.

I Charles, Earl of Arrol, Lord High Conftable of Scotland, do hereby protest, that the Office of High Constable of Scotland, with all the Rights and Privileges of the same, belonging to me Heritably, and depending upon the Monarchy, Sovereignty, and ancient Constitution of this Kingdom, may not be weaken'd nor prejudiced by the Conclusion of the Treaty of Union between Scotland and England, nor any Article, Clause or Condition thereof; but that the said Heritable Office, with all the Rights and Privileges thereof, may continue and remain to me, and my Successors, entire and unhurt by any Votes or Acts

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of Parliament, or other Proceedings whatsoever relating to the said Union. And I crave this my Protestation may be admitted and recorded in the Registers

and Rolls of Parliament.

The other Division of Aberdeen-shire is called Buchan, which gives Title of Earl to an ancient Branch of the Name of Erskin, and the present Earl is one of the Sixteen Peers of the British Parliament. There is neither fine Architecture nor Gardening in this large Shire, but abundance of good Chear and good Neighbourhood, and the City of Aberdeen furnishes them with good Wine, and all other Foreign Commodities: The Rivers Dee and Don afford Salmon in the greatest plenty that can be imagin'd, to that degree, that in some of the Summer Months the Servants won't eat them but twice a Week, they are so fat and fulsome; it's almost incredible how they spread; in Autumn they engender, and in shallow Pools of the River they cast their Spawn, and cover it with Sand, and then they are so poor and lean that they are only Skin and Bone; of that Spawn in the Spring comes a Fry of tender little Fishes, who make directly to the Sea, and growing to their full Bigness return to the River where they were spawned: H4. And

And it's surprizing to see how they will jump over Stones, and every thing that lies in their way, with a Jerk of their Tail, till they arrive at the very Place they were spawn'd in, and there they stay till they breed; during which Time, which is from the Assumption of our Lady to St. Andrew's Day, they are by Law not to be caught.

Buchanan, in his History of Scotland, says, that near Stangs Castle, on the Banks of the River Ratra in this County, there is a Cave, where the Water distilling in Drops, as they fail, turn into pyramidical Stones; but I did not see it, and therefore

will not vouch for it.

FROM Buchan I entered a better Country, called the Shire of Bamff, and pass'd thro' a pleasant little Vale call'd Strathbogy, where the Duke of Gordon hath an ancient Seat, as hath Ogilvy Earl of Finlator, the Lord Bamff, Lord Salton, and several Gentlemen of the Names of Gordon, Ogilvy and Fraser; and near the River Spey arrived at Castle Gordon, the Capital Seat of the Duke of Gordon, a very great and powerful Family in this Country, and all by North it.

THE Palace is one of the largest I have seen in Scotland, and very high: The

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Apartments are large, noble and well furnished, fine Gardens, and a very spacious Dear Park. This noble Family is also very ancient; for they had the Lordship of Stratbbogy from Robert Bruce, were created Earls of Huntley by King Fames II. Anno 1449, were often Lord High Chancellors, and in 1549 created Marquesses of Huntley, and by King Charles II. Dukes of Gordon: But the Family continuing always Roman Catholicks, they were not in any Place of Trust, till King James the Seventh, dispencing with a Breach of Law, by his absolute Power and Prerogative Royal gave the Command of Edinburgh Castle to the Duke of Gordon, and which he at the Revolution held out, till King William under the Great Seal pardoned him, and confirmed to him his Estate. The present Duke joined the Earl of Mar; but before the Rebellion was over, made his Peace, and submitted to King George.

There are many Branches of this Noble Family, the Earls of Aboyne and Abordeen, the Viscount Kenmure, and many Baronets: The last Earl of Sutherland also carried the Sirname of Gordon, and quartered their Arms; but this Earl hath lest off both, and keeps the Sirname of Sutherland.

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THE Ogilvies, Earls of Finlator, are very ancient Gentlemen in this County, though not Nobilitated till the Reign of King Charles the First. There is another Family of the same Name Earls of Airley, who pretend to be the oldest; but as that is disputed, it's none of my Business to decide it: I will only tell you, that the present Earl of Finlator was Secretary of State to King William, and in his Father's Life-time created Earl of Seafield: He was also Lord High Chancellor, and again Secretary of State to Queen Anne, Knight of the Noble Order of St. Andrew, and Lord High Chancellor at the making of the Union: He is now one of the Sixteen Peers to the Parliament of Great-Britain.

FROM Bamff I crossed the River Spey, and came into one of the beautifullest Countries I had seen in Britain, which very much surprized me, called the Shire of Murray: The Vale of Esham, on the Banks of Severn, is not comparable to it for Fertility nor Evenness of Ground; for in twenty four Miles, from Elgin to Inverness, it is all a Bowling-Green.

Eugin, the Capital of this charming Country, is the Richmond of Scotland; Its Cathedral hath been very August and Noble, but, like the rest of the fine Chur-

ches of Scotland, the best part of it in Ruins; but there is still left entire a part call'd the Prentices Isle, which surpasses in Architecture Westminster Abbey. In Elgin many of the neighbouring Gentry have their Winter Habitations, and make an agreeable Society. The Castle of Rothes, of which Listie is Earl, stands on the Banks of the Spey, a Noble Family, of which I shall give you an Account when I arrive at his Palace in Fife. Here are some Commoners of the best Estates in Scotland; Duff of Breco reckoned at 5000 Pounds Sterling a year, Gordon of Gordinston at 2000, a Family of the Dunbars, Hereditary Sheriffs, who, with their Branches, have their handsome Seats strewed all over the Country.

At the end of this County is the pretty Town of Inverness, situated at the Mouth of the River Ness, which runs from a Lake of that Name full twenty three Miles long. There are two very good Streets in this Town, and the People are more polite than in most Towns in Scotland: They speak as good English here as at London, and with an English Accent; and ever since Oliver Cromwel was here, they are in their Manners and Dress entirely English. Here are Cossee houses and Taverns, as in England: Here

are the Ruins of an old Castle; and indeed this Place deserves to be well fortified; for it is one of the most considerable Passes between the Low Country and the Highlands. You cross the Ness over a Stone Bridge to enter the North Highlands, which consists of the Shires of Ross, Cromarty, Sutherland, Cathness, Strathnaver and Lochaber, of which I shall give you an Account as they lie in my Way; and of the other Parts of the Highlands, when I come to Dunbarton, the other great Pass of the West.

THE Shires of Ross and Cromarty extend themselves from the West Ocean to the East or German Ocean, being a vast Tract of a very mountainous Country, chiefly inhabited by the Clan or Tribe of Mackenzy. This Tribe derived their Origin from Colin Fitzgerald, a Son of the Earl of Kildair in Ireland, who with a few Voluntiers came from that Kingdom to the Assistance of Alexander the Third, King of Scotland, against the Norwegians and Danes, and who behaved so well at the Battle of Larges in the Year 1263, that the King by his Charter, dated at Kincardin in January 1266, gave him the Barony of Kintail in the Shire of Ross, in which Charter he is called Colino Hibernico. His Son Kenneth having

having a numerous Off-spring, they were call'd after the Highland Manner Mackenneths, and by the English since Mackenzie: They were successively Barons of Kintail till the Year 1623, that they were created by James the Sixth Earls of Seaforth. King Charles the Second Nobilitated another Branch by the Title of Viscount Tarbet, who was created Earl of Cromarty by Queen Anne. This Country is very mountainous, cover'd in most Places with Wood, and abounds with Cattle, Stags, Roebucks, Fallow Deer and Wild Fowl. It was on the Western Shore of this Shire where the Spaniards landed with the Lord Seaforth to support the Interest of the Pretender, at the time that the Duke of Ormand design'd for England, and were here taken Prisoners. On the German Ocean of this Shire is a Harbour like Porto Specie in the Mediterranean, between Genoa and Legborn, call'd Gromarty Forth, which will contain all the Fleets of Europe Landlockt, and may be of great Advantage to the United Kingdom of Great Britain, if ever they have a War with any of the Princes in the Baltick, in victualling and cleaning their Ships there. THE CAME AND A STATE OF

To the West of Lochness, which emps ties itself into the Eastern Ocean, there is another Loch or Lake call'd Lutha, which by a Branch of the Sea, call'd the Aber, emptieth itself into the Western Ocean; and the Mountainous Country round it is call'd Lochaber. This being the Centre between the North and West Highlands, K. William III. of Britain built a regular Fort at Inverlocky, the Mouth of the Aber, call'd Fort William, which serves as a Bridle to keep the Inhabitants in Awe, who on all Revolutions or Entergences of Government have been very unruly. They differ as much in their Drefs, Manners and Language, from the Low Country, as the Indians in Mexico do from the Spaniards. I told you from Wales, that although the Welch have preserv'd their Language, yet they write in a Roman Character, and have entirely lost their ancient one; but here they have preserv'd their Language in its Native Purity, and the Character, which hath a greater Resemblance of the Greek or Hebrew than the Roman. The universal Dress here is a striped Plad, which serves them as a Covering by Night, and a Cloak by Day. The Gentry wear Trousings, which are Breeches and Stockings of one piece of the

the same striped Stuff; and the common People have a short Hose, which reaches to the Calf of the Leg, and all above is bare. They lie very coarsly, and yet worse than we did in Westphalia, where we had clean Straw: As for the Nature of the People, I will give you the Words of that samous Antiquary Sir James Dalrimple, Uncle to the present Earl of Stair, in his Observations on Camden's Description of Britain.

THE Inhabitants of these Regions are a kind of rude, warlike, quarrelsome and mischievous People, who being the unmixed Progeny of the ancient Scots, speak Irish, and call themselves Albanick: Their Bodies are firmly and compactly made, withal strong and nimble of Foot, high minded, bred in warlike Exercises, and inured to Robberies on their Neighbours, and, upon a Hatred, most desperately forward to take Revenge. They live by Hunting, Fishing, Fowling and Stealing; and like the Spaniards wear their long Hair: They are divided into Kindreds and Families, which they call Clans, and are so united to the Cause of their Clan, that there is an Act of Parliament, that if any of a Clan does a Mischief, the whole Clan is answerable

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for it; and they must either deliver up the Aggressor, or the first Man that is apprehended of the Clan suffers for it, and the whole Clan bears Feud for Hurt receiv'd by any one Member of it, even although they suffer justly. Many Gentlemen in the Highlands shun one another's Company, lest they should revive a Quarrel that happen'd between their Forefathers perhaps 300 Years ago. They are also as warm in their Friendships; for if they meet with one of the Name in Amity with their own Clan, be it in any Country of the World, there is immediately the most intimate Friendship. The Macdonalds are by much the most powerful of all the Clans: They are divided into four Classes, and inhabit distinct Countries: Upon the Lochness, the Macdonalds of Glengary inhabit; in Lochaber and Isle of Skey, the Macdonalds of Slate; towards Argile-Shire, the Capt. of Clan Ronald, and Macdonald of Keppoch, and those of Kintyre. The other Clans, Clan Katin, Clan Cameron, the Macleans, and almost innumerable other Macs, although independent one of another, yet are entirely guided by the Macdonalds, who have been so powerful as often to assume the Name of Kings of the Isles: And

one of them entred into a League with Edward the Fourth of England as such in 1460, according to Mr. Rimer's Fadera Anglia, against the King of Scotland. They have taken a mighty Fit of Loyalty upon them since the Revolution, and have taken up Arms on any Invasion for the Invaders, which shews that their Resentments were not so much against the Family of the Stewarts as against the Establish'd Government of Scotland, which in all Reigns they have endeavour'd to disturb. Robert the First of the Stewarts, King of Scotland, married his Daughter Margaret to Mc. Donald, Lord of the Isles, to secure him in his Interest but all would not do! They were the common Disturbers of the Nation, till-King James the Fifth privately, with a Body of Men, took shipping and landed in every Clan and Island, and brought them in Person to his Obedience, making them give Hostages for their good Behaviour. I can compare them to nothing liker than the Arabs, who are divided into Tribes as they, and have their Chiefs. They are very good Subjects to the Grand Seignior, while the Port fends them their annual Allowance; but when-

ever that is wanting, they make bold with the Caravans and the Pilgrimages to Mecca, to make Reprisals, and so make their Revenue from the Port absolutely

necessary.

There is one Clan in this Shire of Ross, call'd the Frasers, that never joins with the rest, and are mostly compos'd of Gentlemen on Horseback. Sir James Dalrimple gives a good Reason for their not joining with the other Highlanders; for the Clan Ronald cut off once the whole Clan: So that if eighty Gentlemen of them had not left their Wives with Child, who all brought forth Sons, the Clan had been extinguished. There are three Peers of this Clan, the Lords Lovat, Salton and Frazer, of which Lovat is the chief. This noble Family hath been great ever since Malcolme the Fourth. In Robert Bruce's Reign they were Lord High Chamberlains of Scotland, and married Lady Mary Bruce the King's Sister, and Widow to Sir Nicholas Campbell of Lochow, Predecessor to the Duke of Argile: And in 1369 King David Bruce created Sir Alexander Frazer, his Nephew, Thane of Dores in the Shire of Kincardin, and Robert the first Stewart, Lord Lovat.

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Thirs Shire hath Mountains fo high, that they are cover'd with Snow all the Year round. From Ross you enter the Shire of Sutherland, very hilly, but not fo mountainous as Ross. The Castle of Dun Robin, the ancient Seat of the Earls of Sutherland, and built by Robert Earl about the Year 1100, is a noble Seat, call'd after his own Name the Hall of Robin. Its Antiquity will tell you, that it is not built according to the exactest Rules of Architecture, but very strong, as the Incursions of the Danes required. This Family were Thanes of Sutberland, before Earls and Lords were known, and when King Malcolme Kenmore first introduced those Titles, were amongst the first created Earls. King David Bruce married his Sister to the Earl of Sutherland; and on some Disgust to the Stewart, who married the other Sister, obliged the Nobility, after his Release from his Imprisonment at Durham, to acknowledge his Nephew Earl of Sutherland for his Successor to the Throne; but that Earl dying unmarried, the Dispute was ended, and the Stewart succeeded. This Family was always Popish till 1616, that John Earl of Sutherland joined strenuoufly

ously in opposing the Innovations that King Charles the First was introducing into the Church of Scotland, and was by the Party constituted Lord Privy Seal. His Son George continued the same Zeal for the Protestant Interest in the Reigns of King Charles the Second, King James, and King William: And his Son John the present Earl hath at all Times strongly and loudly maintain'd the Protestant Succession in the House of Hanover, for which His Majesty honoured him with the Order of St. Andrew, or the Thistle, and appointed him Lord Lieutenant of all the Northern Shires of Inverness, Elgin, Nairn, Cromarty, Ross, Sutherland, Cathness, and the Isles of Orkney and Zetland.

In the Northermost Part of this Shire is a large Mountainous Country call'd Strathnaver, full of wild Deer and Cattle, and inhabited by the Clan of the Mackeys, anciently Barons of Far, but created Lord Reay by King Charles the First. This Clan hath produced many gallant Officers. Donald Mackey of Far carried over an entire Regiment of his Clan to the Service of Gustavus Adolphus King of Sweden into Germany. Hugh Mac-

Mackey of Scoury behav'd himself gallantly in the Service of the Venetians at the Siege of Candia, was afterwards a Captain in the French Service, a Colonel in the Dutch, and came over a Major General with King William at the Revolution. He took the Town of Athlone in Ireland Sword in Hand, was made a Lieutenant General, and Commander in Chief of the Forces in Scotland, where he had not so good Success at the Head of a Lowland Army against his Countrymen the Clans; for they beat him at Gillecranky; and it was with Reluctancy that he took that Command: He was afterwards kill'd at Stenkirk in Flanders. This Gentleman, when he was in the French Service, put an a between the k and the y in his Name, to give it the greater Sound, calling himself Mackay, which is imitated by all the younger People of the Clan, and those in Kintyre: But the Branches in Fife, the Cars of Sterling and Galloway, still write it after the old way, Macky, as does the Lord Reay.

COLONEL Æneas and Robert Mackys had both Regiments under King William, and died of their Wounds: They were

were Soldiers from their Cradles, and Sons of the Lord Reay. This Country lieth in 59 Degrees and 40 m. so that it's prodigiously cold in Winter, and the Sun seldom sets in Summer. From Dunsby Head in this Country to the Mule of Kintyre towards Ireland, which is the Length of the Highlands, is above six degrees distance all along the West Ocean; and to the East of Strathnaver lieth the Country of Cathness, more fertile than the other, and inhabited by the Name of St. Clare, whose Chief is Earl of Cathness.

THE Highlands, which make a good third of Scotland, are divided into the following Districts, who all speak Irish, Dunbriton, Lenox, Bute, Argyle, Cantyre, Lorn, Braid Albin, Lochaber, Athol, Marr, Buchan, Ross, Sutherland, Strath-

naver, Cathness, and the Islands.

I return'd back through a very mountainous Country for four Days, and crossed the famous Kerny Mount, a Mountain which from its bottom on the one side, to the Town of Fettereasso, its bottom on the other side, is full seven Miles of a very stony Country; from whence I got to the ancient Town of Brechin.

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Its Castle, which belong'd to the Earl of Penmure, is situated exactly like Warwick Castle in England, and is very well kept, with its Terrace Walks cut out of the Rock down to the River, where there is a fine Salmon - fishing, which you see them catch from the Windows of the Castle. This Palace hath a greater Air of Grandeur than Penmure, and belongs to the York Buildings.

Here I enter the Country of Strathmore, a Valley that runs from Brechin all the way by Perth to Sterling, full forty Miles, with Ridges of Hills on each fide. I told you, that in the South of Scotland a Valley was call'd a Dale; but in the North they are call'd Straths, of which there are vast Numbers between the Mountains, all with their proper Denomina-

tions, as Strathern, Strathallen, &c.

In the entring Strathmore, I arriv'd at the Noble Palace of Glames, belonging to Lion Earl of Strathmore: This Palace, as you approach it, strikes you with Awe and Admiration, by the many Turrets and gilded Ballustrades at top: It stands in the middle of a well planted Park, with Avenues cut through every way to the House. The great Avenue, thickly planted on each

Side, at the Entrance of which is a great Stone Gate, with Offices on each side of Free-stone, like a little Town, leads you in half a Mile to the outer Court, which has a Statue on each fide on the Top of the Gate as big as the Life. On the great Gate of the inner Court are Ballustrades of Stone, finely adorn'd with Statues, and in the Court are four Brazen Statues, bigger than the Life, on Pedestals: The one of James the Sixth and First of England in his Stole: the other of Charles the First in his Boots, Spurs and Sword, as he is sometimes painted by Vandike; Charles the Second in a Roman Dress, as on the Exchange at London; and James the Second in the same Dress he is in at Whitehall.

FROM this Court, by Ballustrades of Iron, you have a full Prospect of the Gardens on each side, cut out into Grass-plats, and adorn'd with Ever-greens, which are very well kept. The House is the highest I ever saw, consisting of a high Tower in the middle, with two Wings and a Tower at each end, the whole above 200 Foot broad: The Stairs from the Entry to the top of the House consist of 143 Steps, of which the great Stairs, where sive People can mount abreast, are 86, each of one Stone.

In the first Floor are 38 Fire Rooms? The Hall is adorn'd with Family Pictures, and behind the Hall is a handsome Chappel, with an Organ for the Church of Engaland Service: On the Altar is a good Picture of the last Supper, and on the Cieling an Ascension done by one Dewit a Dutchman, whom Earl Patrick, this Earl's Grandsather, brought from Holland, and who has painted the Cielings of most of the Rooms.

In the drawing Room next to the Hall is the best Picture I ever saw of Queen Mary of Modena, the Pretender's Mother, the Duke of Lauderdale in his Robes by Sir Peter Liley, and the late Lord Dundee, with a Crowd of half Lengths of the Nobility of Scotland; and over a Chimney a curious Italian Piece of our Saviour disputing with the Doctors in the Temple.

When the Pretender lay here, they made 88 Beds within the House for him, and his Rétinue; besides the Inferior Servants, who lay in the Offices out of Doors. The present Earl's Elder Brother sav'd the Estate from being sorfeited, by being kill'd at the Head of his Regiment on

Sheremore.

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Robert the Second married him to his own Daughter Jane, and created him Lord of this Glames in 1374, and constituted him Lord High Chamberlain of Scotland: And we find several of the Family Chancellors in the succeeding Reigns: In 1606 they were created Earls of Kingorn, and afterterwards changed that Title by the King's Consent to Strathmore.

FROM Glames I crossed the Country towards the River Tay, and in eight Miles riding enter'd the Carse of Gowry at the Cassle of Gray. This Carse of Gowry is the beautifullest Spot of Ground in Scotland, being fourteen Miles long, and from four to two Miles broad on the North side of the River Tay, from Dundee to Perth, and

is all a perfect Garden.

The House of Gray is but just building, consisting of a Front and two Wings, in the middle of three Avenues of well grown Trees; and, when finished, will be one of the prettiest Seats in Scotland: But althouthe Symmetry of the Apartments are exactly just, I am afraid the House will be too big for the Estate. This Family are an ancient Branch of the Grays of Chilingham, and Werk in Northumberland: Their

first coming to Scotland was with King Robert Bruce, who gave a Son of that Family, who followed his Fortunes, the Lands of Browfield in Tiviotdale; and a Successor of his, Andrew Lord Gray, Justice General in the Reign of James the Third, exchanged them for the Castle of Broughty, and this House now called Gray, which have continued in the Family ever since; and we find them very con-

spicuous in most Reigns.

THREE Miles further in this Carle is Castle-Lyon, another Seat of the Earl of Strathmore, in the middle of a vast Plantation of Trees, with Avenues above a Mile long on all Sides. This is generally the Earl's Summer Dwelling, and the Jointure House of the Ladies: It is a high Tower House like Glames, but no Wings to it, and is compleatly furnish'd like Glames: The great Avenue to this House is very stately, having two Pyramids of Freestone at the Entry, with a Gate on each side of each Pyramid, like Triumphal: Arches; and one is surprised, when he enters them, to find the House at so great a distance at the other end of the Avenue.

A BOUT Two Miles from Castle-Lyon I passed by Dremmy, the present Seat of

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the Lord Kinnaird, an ancient Gentleman's Family in this Country, taking their Name from the Castle of Kinnaird about two Miles distance, and now in Possession of the York-Buildings. They were Nobilitated by King Charles II. in 1682; and continuing my Road to the end of this Carse, I serried over the Tay, and arriv'd at Perth.



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LETTER IX.

DUMFERLING.

Sir,

in a spacious Plain, on the West Banks of the River Tay, Twenty Miles from the Sea, and navigable to this Town;

it is a compact little Town, consisting of Two principal Streets from East to West, and several cross Lanes from North to South, the Houses so thickly built, that it quarter'd with Ease Four Thousand Men, when the Earl of Mar made it his Head Quarters during the Rebellion; at which Time it grew so Rich, by the Expence of

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the Nobility that flock'd hither on that Occasion, and the Expence of the Dutch Troops afterwards, that they have built themselves a very fine Guild-Hall, a hand-some Piece of Architecture, and several other publick and private Buildings. The Church of St. John, from whence it is sometimes called St. John's Town, stands in the middle of the Town, and is now divided into Two neat Churches.

HERE is a vast Trade for Linnen, and it is the Capital of Perthshire, the largest County in Scotland: Here is an old Palace, which devolv'd to the Crown by the Conspiracy of the Goury's, a Story that hath made so great a Noise all over Europe, and to this Day is so little understood, that I'm sure you'll thank me to give you the Particulars impartially, as I cou'd learn them.

PATRICK Lord Ruthen, who was very active in the Reformation, and forward in the Murther of David Rizzio, was so powerful, his Son was created Earl of Goury, and Lord High-Treasurer of Scotland; who endeavouring to Seize the King's Person from another Party (for you must know, that during the Minority of fames the VIth, whatever Party had his Person, had the Power,) was attainted

of

of Treason, and Beheaded; however, the Honour and Estate were restor'd to his Sons the Year after.

His Two Sons were then travelling in France, and on the Restoration of the Homours, return'd by the way of England, where Queen Elizabeth was particularly Civil to them; their Mother being Daughter to Stuart, Lord Methuen, married to her Aunt Margaret, Daughter to Henry the VIIth of England, and Dowager to

Fames the IVth of Scotland.

On their Arrival in Scotland, they retir'd to their Seat in this Town; where they led a private Life for some Time; when the King, who kept his Court at Falkland, Twelve Miles off, Hunting in that Neighbourhood, on the 5th of August, 1600, was either invited by them to Dinner, or sent Word that he would dine with them; but while the Dinner was making ready, the King desiring to see the House, as they pass'd through the Rooms, Mr. Askin and Mr. Ramsey, Two of the Gentlemen of the King's Bedchamber, jump'd in at a Window, upon the King's calling out Treason, and kill'd the Two Brothers, which was all of that Family. So the greatest Estate in Scotland came to the Crown.

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THE great Mackenzy hath writ some Treatises to shew the Blackness of this Conspiracy: I must also add, that it was a very foolish one in Two Boys, without any Assistance, to murther their Sovereign, whilst he had so numerous a Court round him. Yet the Town of Perth being alarm'd at the Death of their Provost the Lord Goury, arose in a Tumult, and had cut the Courtiers to Pieces, if William Earl of Tullibarn had not been providentially in the Town that Day, who, with his Followers, carried the King off, for which Service he obtain'd a special Grant of Sheriff-ship of Perthshire to his Heirs for ever. And Mr. Askin was made Earl of Celly, and Ramsey Earl of Holderness, for this Ser-

Mr. Crawford, the Historiographer of Scotland, in his History of the Family of the Stuarts, doubts whether the Earl Goury's Mother was Daughter by Queen Margaret, but by a succeeding Wife, to take off the Suspicion of their being cut off, because of their being equally related to the Crown of England with the King; but this is impossible, for the Earl of Angus, that was also marry'd to her, marry'd the Daughter of the Lord Maxwell afterwards: So that both Husbands cou'd not survive her.

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ABOUT a Mile above Perth, on the other Side of the River, lies the Palace of Scoon, where the Kings of Scotland used to be crown'd, and from whence King Edward the First of England carried the Chair in which the Kings of England are now crown'd in Westminster-Abbey. The Scots were almost as much griev'd at the Loss of this Stone, as they would be now at the Loss of their Crown, which is close lock'd up in Edinburgh Castle.

This Palace consists of Two Square Courts of Free Stone, besides Two spacious Outer Courts: The Front towards the Chapel is Two Hundred Foot; there are Two very good Apartments, the one call'd Royal, where the Pretender lodg'd, and the other for my Lord Stormont, House-

keeper.

THE Royal Apartment is very magnificent, confisting of a Dining-Room Forty Foot long, and Thirty wide and high, a Bed-chamber, Drawing-Room, and Closet, all neatly Wainscotted with Oak, the Chimney Pieces of Marble, finer than those at Milton or Burley, being rais'd as Chimney Pieces to the Ceiling: There are abundance of very good Pictures, amongst others Queen Mary of Modena, by an Italian, when she was affianced by the Earl of

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Peterborough for the Duke of York: There is also a very good half Length of a Lord Stormont, by Vandike; there is a Gallery of Communication from this Apartment, One Hundred and Seventy Five Foot long, the Cieling painted by some Flanderkin, Two Hundred Years ago, in which is express'd in several Pannels, all the manners of Hunting, Hawking, Setting, and

Fishing.

The Hereditary Keeper of this Palace, is Murray, Viscount Stormont, a younger Branch of the House of Tullibardine; the first was Sir David Murray, bred up with King Fames the VIth, and was first Cupbearer, then Master of the Horse, and Captain of the Guards to that Prince, and created Lord Scoon, and Viscount Scormont; on whom there is a noble Marble Monument, done at Rome in his Life-time, one of the poblest and finest I ever saw. The present Viscount was Prisoner in Edinburgh Castle when the Pretender was here, and so savid his Estate, though his Second Son was Secretary to the Pretender, and is now with him at Rome. The Pretender liv'd Three Weeks here, in all the Grandeur of an English King; he din'd and supp'd alone, being serv'd on the Knee by his Lord of the Bedchamber in Waiting,

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and admitted every body to come into the Room, whilst at Table; his constant Course was Eight Dishes of Meat; a Course of Milks, and a Dessert; he was never known to drink a Glass of Wine, but at Meals all the Time he was here, but would sometimes drink Coffee in the Afternoon; he writ all his Dispatches with his own Hand, and went out every Morning to see the Guards reliev'd; and the kord of his Bedchamber in Waiting always lay in a Lobby joining to his Bedchamber; he kept a very sumptuous Table for his Nobility, and a Board of Green-Cloath for all the Country Gentlemen that came to wait on him, but never would go into the Town of Perth, till the very Day he was going away from Scoon.

Tay, I went to Dunkeld, a Pass on this Side towards the Highlands, as Inverness is on the other Side: The Duke of Athol hath here a very noble Seat, with large Gardens; but his general Residence is at the Castle of Blair, in Athol, several Miles above this, where he lives like a Sovereign Prince, keeps a great Table, whether Company or no, and hath his Degrees of Gentlemen about him, as a Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, or the Dukes of Somerset or Chandois in England.

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This Family of the Murray are ancient Lords of Tullibarn, as appears by a Charter dated in 1282; and was so considerable in the Reign of Edward the First of England, that he was summoned by that Prince on the Part of John Baliol, to Berwick. But what made them most considerable was, that William Earl of Tullibarn, marry'd in the Reign of James the VIth of Scotland, Dorothy Stuart, Heiress to the Earl of Athol; and his Son fucceeded to the Title, Dignity, and Precedency of that noble Family, and became thereby related to the Crown; however, they still retain the Surname of Murray, though they quarter the Stuart's Arms with theirs; and give this Motto of that Family of Athol, which I desire all the Heralds of Europe to explain, Furth Fortune, and file the Fetters. King Charles the Second created the last Earl Marquis of Athol in 21676, and he was made Knight of the Order of St. Andrew by King James the Seventh, and his eldest Son was created Duke by Queen Anne, in 1703, and made Knight of the Order of St. Andrew, in 1704.

RETURNING to Strathern, I pass'd by Huntingtower, another good Seat of the Duke of Athol, in a spacious Park, well planted with Trees, and in Three Miles arrived

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arrived at Duplin, the Seat of the Earls of Kinnowl, situated near the Banks of the River Airn, the Park finely wall'd round, and is the best wooded I ever saw; the Trees are not so full grown as at Tester, but there are more of them, and I think too much crowded.

THE Entry to the House is by Two spacious Courts, with a Pavilion at each Corner of them; on the Right of the Inner Court are just built Offices, consisting of Kitchen, Cellars, Laundry, Buttery, &c. with a fine pav'd Gallery from one End to the other, and a-top of them and another Gallery, are Lodging Rooms for the Servants belonging to these Offices. The Kitchen having Two Rows of Windows atop of one another, is the largest and highest I ever saw; they design the like of the other Side, but the Foundation is not yet laid: Mr. Smith, the Architect, lives there till he finishes it; and by his Plan, the whole will be very Grand. The Gardens of each fide the Courts, and behind the House, are laid out, but hardly begun; they are filling up a deep Precipice between Two Hills, to make them regular; and the great Avenue fronting the Outer Court, through the middle of the Park, is very long,

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THE House is a good double House, of free Stone. Behind the Hall, on the Ground Floor, is a very handsome Apartment, sill'd with Family Pictures; and on the Chimney-Piece of the Bedchamber of this Apartment, is a Picture of King Charles the First, delivering a Letter to his Son, the Duke of York, to carry to France; there is also in the Parlour a Rubens by Vandike, a Prince Rupert by Sir Peter Lilley, and the Regent Morton, finely done

by Antonio Moro.

On the first Floor there's a handsome Apartment of Six Rooms, extreamly well furnished, and Wainscotted with Oak, adorn'd with carv'd Work; the Dining Room is very spacious, and full of good Pictures; there is an Italian Piece of Three Figures, in half Length, for which the Family hath been offer'd Eight Hundred Pounds Sterling; there is a whole Length of that Earl of Kinnowl, who was Chancellor of Scotland in the Reign of Fames the Sixth; a good half Length of Oliver Cromwell, and General Monk, when they were here, with a Crowd of other Noblemens Pictures; there is also a great deal of Rich Furniture, as Velvet Beds, fine Tapistry Hangings; and what I had almost forgot to tell you, there is at the upper end of the Dining Room,

Room, an Equestrian Statue of K. Charles the Second, on a fine Pedestal of Oak, adorn'd with other Brazen Figures, and a Picture of Vandike and his Wife, said to be

done by himself.

THIS Family of Kinnowl proceeds from a Branch of the Ancient and Noble Family of Hay, Earls of Errol, and Lord High Constables of Scotland. George Hay, after having improv'd himself abroad, came to London, to visit his Kinsman, James Hay, Earl of Carlisle, the great Favourite of King James the First of England; who introduc'd him at Court, and quickly got him to be one of the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Bed-Chamber: In which Office he gain'd so much of the King's Affections, that he was sent down in 1616 Lord Register of Scotland, and in 1622 was made Lord High Chancellor; in which Post he continued in K. Charles the First's Reign, who created him in 1633 Earl of Kinnowl, and continued him Chancellor to his Death. On his Tomb, is the following Epitaph.

The great and grave Dictator of our Time, To whose Desert the Sacred Sisters owe As much as e're of old they did bestow

Of their Pyrean Treasure, to give Fame
To painful Curius, or great Cato's Name.
Hadst thou, brave fudge, liv'd in such golden
Days,

Thy Head e're now had long been crown'd with Bays:

But Wisdom now is richly prized by none,
Nor Virtue Guardian finds, till she be gone.
Six Hundred Years ago, how happy I
That Day, when thy brave Ancestor did dye
His Face with Danick Blood; he did bequeath
Life to his Country, at the Doors of Death:
Yet this brave Act was clos'd with one fair.

But thou did st still for many Years display The Ensigns of thy Virtues, and sierce fars, Intestine Broils, worse than the worst of Wars.

Did'st quell Combustions; safe did keep from Harm

Chaste Piety, and raging Wrath disarm.

This Chancellor had a fine Gentleman to his Son, who was Captain of the Yeomen of the Guards to King Charles the First, and one of the Lords of the Privy-Council: But his Successors turning Roman-Catholicks, and marrying and living always in England, they made no great Figure, till the Honour and Estate devolved

on Thomas Hay of Balbousey, Great Grandson to the Chancellor's Brother, who was one of the Sixteen Peers of the Parliament of Great Britain in the last of Queen Anne; and his Son, the present Earl, was created a Peer of England, by the Title of Lord Hay.

I SHOULD have told you, that the Seat Balbousey joins to the Town of Perth, and has a good Stone House, and a fine

Plantation of Trees round it.

FROM Duplin, I continued the Course of the River Airne till it falls into the Tay, that I might see the other Parts of Fife, that were not in my way to Dundee, before I go to Sterling and the Western Parts

of the Kingdom.

stratharn is a fine Valley from the Lake of Airn in the Highlands, from whence the River proceeds; which, to its Entry into the Tay, is above Thirty Miles, and the Valley about Four Miles broad, from Mountains to Mountains. It's extreamly fertile, and strow'd with Gentlemens Seats, on the Declension of the Hills, with Plantations of Trees, which makes the Valley the more agreeable. Kinkardine, the ancient paternal Estate of the Grahams, Dukes of Montross, is on this Strath, and by its Vestiges hath been very large

large and strong; some of its remaining Walls being Fifteen Foot thick. It was ruin'd by the Parliament's Army, when the great Marquis of Montrofs was in Arms for King Charles, and hath never been repair'd fince. The Castle of Drummond is also on this Strath, a most noble ancient Seat belonging to the Drummonds, Earls of Perth: But as that Family follow'd King James the VIIth's and IId's Fortunes into France, it lies much neglected. This Family is so ancient, that we find John Earl of Carrick, afterwards King of Scotland, and the Second of the Stuarts, marry'd to Annabella, Daughter to the Lord Drummond; by whom all the Kings of the Race of Stuart are descended of that Family, and the Houses of Au-stria and Burgundy, that marry'd the Kings Daughters, by that Marriage ally'd to them. We find the Earl of Perth fent Ambassador with Charles Earl of Nottingham, Lord High Admiral of England, to Philip the Third of Spain, to take that King's Oath on the Ratification of the Articles of Peace concluded between Great Britain and Spain in 1603. And the last Earl was Lord High Chancellor of Scotland at the Revolution, and follow'd King Fames; who created him a Duke, made him Knight of 4.

the Garter, and Governor to the Pretender; in which Station he continued to his Death. His eldest Son, the Lord Drummond, dy'd at St. Germain's, Master of the Horse to the Queen Dowager; and the other Sons are in the Service of the Pretender.

In crossing the Bridge of Airn to return into Fife, I pass'd by a neat little Seat belonging to Sir Thomas Moncreif, built of Free Stone after the Manner of the Country-Seats in the Villages about London, with a Glass Cupola or Lanthorn at Top, and very neatly wainscoted and furnish'd within. It stands on the Declension of a Hill, in a well wooded Park; and, what's rare in this Country, in the Middle of Two Thousand Pounds Sterling a Year.

FROM the Bridge of Airn, thro' the ancient Town of Abernethy, in Two Hours I arriv'd at the Palace of Melvil, the Seat of a very ancient Family of that Name. This Palace was built by the late Earl, and confifts of a Body and Two short Wings of each side, like an H: You ascend to it, as at Penmure, by a long Avenue the sull Breadth of the House, with a spacious Wood of each side of the Avenue, and more Fir-trees than ever I saw any where.

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The Wood of *Tester* very much surpriz'd me, so did *Panmure*; and *Duplin* more than both: But when the Trees here come to be full grown, this will very far exceed the others.

In the outer Court are very convenient Stablings, and other Offices, with a handsome Pavilion on each side; and from the inner Court, of each side and behind the House, are to be the Gardens, as at Penmure; which tho' they are laid out, are not yet finish'd. The great Stair-Case is very noble; and in each Wing there is a good Stone Stair, which leads up to the

Apartments above.

Ar the Head of the great Stairs, as at Dalkeith, is a spacious Room, sull Forty Foot long, and Thirty broad and high, sill'd with the Pictures of the Family, all done by Sir John Medina, whom the late Earl brought from London on purpose. There are Two Apartments on each side of this great Room, of a Drawing-Room, Bed-Chamber, Dressing-Room, and Closet each, all wainscoted with Oak; the Chimney-Pieces of different colour'd Marble, and adorn'd with carv'd Work in Wood, and the Apartment of State as well surnish'd as in any of the Royal Palaces. The Bed of State is very noble, of Crimson Velvet.

Velvet, richly lin'd and adorn'd; the Chairs of the same, with the finest small-sigur'd Tapistry I have seen. The Tapistry of the

Dreffing-Room is also very rich.

Up Two Pair of Stairs are Abundance of handsome Lodging-Rooms; and the Apartments on the Ground-Floor are pretty good. In the whole, it's a very delightful Seat.

THIS Family, by the Name, seems to be French; but they say they are Hungarian, and came in with Queen Margaret,
Wife to King Malcolm Kenmore: However, they are pretty ancient in this Country; for we find Sir John de Melvil, of
the County of Fife, one of the Barons
that swore Fealty to King Edward the First
of England, in the Year 1296. This Family were amongst the first Reformers of or mily were amongst the first Reformers; for Sir John Melvil was beheaded in 1549, by the implacable Malice of Cardinal Beaton and Bishop Hamilton, and his numerous Family dispers'd. Sir Robert, his Son, who after being some time in the Service of Henry the Second of France, returning to his native Country, grew in great Esteem, and was a faithful Servant to the distress'd Queen Mary, and was her Minister at the Court of Queen Elizabeth; for which, after that unhappy Princess was beheaded,

her Son, King James, made Sir Robert Treasurer-Depute, Vice-Chancellor of Scotland, and a Lord of the Sessions, and at lest, in 1516, a Peer, by the Title of Lord Melvil. George, this Lord's Grandson, being a zealous Asserter of the Reform'd Re-ligion, in Opposition to the Encroachments of Episcopacy, at the Restoration of King Charles the Second, was obliged to take shelter in Holland till the Revolution, and then came over with King William; who made him Secretary of State, Lord High Commissioner to the Parliament, and created him Earl of Melvil: But his Eldest Son dying childless before himself, this Estate sell to his second Son; who inheriting the Honours of Leven by Right of his Mother, is obliged to take the Name and Arms of Leslie. This Earl of Leven hath been often Commander in chief of the Forces, and a Privy-Counsellor, both in the Reigns of King William and Queen Anne, and continued so, till by the Union that Employment remain'd no longer fix'd.

FROM Melvil, in Four Miles I got to the Royal Palace of Falkland, built by King James the Fifth. This Palace, by its Ruins, hath been very large and noble; and Two Sides that still stand in the inner Square,

Square, shew the beautifullest Piece of Architecture in Britain. It consists of Two Stories, with Rows of round Marble Pillars of the Corintbian Order, set in Sockets of Stone between every Window; of each side of the Window, a Busto in Bassrelief of the Emperors and Empresses, and at the Top of each Pillar a Statue as big as the Life. There are Twenty two Busto's, and Twelve Pillars, still remaining. The other two Parts of the Quadrangle were burnt down by Oliver Cromwell's Army. You enter this Palace, as you do that of Holyrood-House, by Two stately Towers, and on the Right, a Chapel still well preferv'd, with Statues as big as the Life in the Nitches on the Outside. Here were spacious Gardens, with a Park, well planted with Oak, and well stock'd with Deer, pal'd round for Eight Miles; but

Nunc Seges est ubique Troja fuit :

The Oaks were all cut down by Oliver, to build his Citadel at Perth, and the Barracks; the Park plough'd up, and only here and there some of the Pales left; and the Steward made an Estate out of what was left, pretending that the English had destroy'd the whole.

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THE Hereditary Keeping of this Palace and Park belongs to the Duke of Athol, who lets out the Gardens and Park.

I WENT through Fifteen of the finest Vaults for Cellaring, with Two large Kitchens under Ground, and a spacious Gallery of Communication, and well pavd with

Flag Stones.

KING James the Fifth, the politest Gentleman that ever sat on the Scottish Throne, delighted in this Place for the Conveniency of Sport; and, I suppose, when he went to France, to marry King Francis the First's Daughter, brought the Model of this Palace from thence with him; as he did that of Linlithgow, where he revived and embellish'd his Order of St. Andrew after the Manner of St. Michael in France. The French Historians are full of the Praises of this Prince; and I have seen some Pieces in Italian, by Eye witnesses to his Gallantry and Address at that Court. He was a severe Justiciary, and generally fat Judge in all criminal Causes himself; and would go from one Extremity of his Kingdom to the other, to try Thieves, especially Cows and Horse-stealers; and went round all the Highlands, and Islands by Sea in Person, bring-

bringing the Highlanders to a stricter Subjection than ever they had been before: For they knew little of any other King than Macdonald; Lord of the Isles; and he us'd to say, He would make the Rush-bush keep the Cow.

HE was also a Prince of a lively Wit, and a Poet: He compos'd several merry Songs, still extant; and us'd to go difguis'd to the Country Weddings, and dance whole Nights among them, without ever discovering himself. He would also often go to the Country Fairs, dress'd like a Farmer, and buy and fell Cattle, and that way inform himself of the State of the Country, or the Oppressions of his Ministry. Being Son-in-Law to the French King, and Nephew and next Heir-Male to K. Henry the Eighth at the Reformation, great Pains were taken by these Courts to have him: King Henry sollicited hard for an Interview, offering to make him his Lieutenant of the Kingdom of England, if he would come into his Meafures; but France and the Popish Clergy fearing the Reformation, hinder'd him: Yet he was no Bigot Prince, but did not like the Methods by which his Uncle brought it about. He dy'd in the Prime of his M 3 Years

Years at this Palace, of Grief for the Loss of the Battel of Selway, and the Death of his Two Sons.

King fames the Sixth resided also here sometimes, and was here when Carey brought him the News of Queen Elizabeth's Death; for which he created him Viscount Falkland; and on his Departure for England, gave away some Courts of the Palace, with a Garden, to the Lord Stormond, Keeper of the Palace of Scoon; which still belongs to the Family.

KING Charles the First was also here, and model'd the Chapel according to the Form then used in the Church of Eng-

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THE Town of Falkland is a most clean little Town, its Market-Place well pav'd, and not unlike Woodstock in Oxfordsbire. It's also a Borough Corporate, of which the King is always Provost; and they chuse Aldermen out of their own Town-Council. The Town is oddly situated on the North-East Foot of the Lomond Hill, a Mountain not rocky, which is a full English Mile to the Top, all cover'd with the finest Pasturage for Sheep. On the Top of this Hill is a most

most extensive Prospect of the Country all round; the Shire of Fife, of which it's in the Middle, you see from end to end; the Firth at Seven Miles Distance looks like an ordinary River; and beyond it Edinburgh, and the Lowdians. You see very plain, almost to Berwick, Northward Perthshire, and Angus, with the Strath of Airn; and to the Westward, as far as the

Hills by Sterling.

FROM Falkland, in Four Miles, I went to Balgony, another Seat of the Earl of Leven's, whose Gardens and Parks are very spacious, all wall'd round, and well stock'd with Deer; this being the Paternal Seat of General Lesly, a General of Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, who commanded sometimes the King's, and sometimes the Parliament's Army, during the Civil Wars, was created by King Charles the First Earl of Leven; and the present Earl, a Son of the Earl Melvin, succeeds to it by the Right of his Mother: He came over with King William at the Revolution, and hath been a firm Adherer to the Protestant Interest ever fince; and as I told you from Melvin, hath been often Commander in Chief of the Forces in this Kingdom.

FROM Balgony, in Three Miles, I arriv'd at the noble Palace of Lesly, the Ancient Paternal Seat of the Leslies, Earls of Rothes. This Seat, after the finishing of Holyrood-House for the King, was built by that great Architect, Sir William Bruce, then Master of the Works for Scotland, for his Grace the Duke of Rothes, Governor, and Lord High Chancellor of Scotland, during all the Reign of Charles the Second. It stands in the middle of a Park, surrounded with a Stone Wall, of Six Miles in Circumference, on a point of Land, where Two Rivers washeth it on each Side, and join in one at the end of the Gardens: It is extreamly well planted with full grown Trees, that at a Distance seem to be a large Wood; there's a noble Parterre to the East, cut out into Green Slopes, adorn'd with Ever-Greens, that reacheth to the Point where these Two Rivers meet: And from this Parterre on the South of the House, is a long Terras Walk, and under it Five several Terrases, to which you descend by stately Stairs, to another Square Garden by the River Side, with a Waterwork in the middle, and round which the present Earl designs to carry the River.

You enter the Palace by Two spacious Courts, with a Pavilion at each end of the first Court; the House is a large Square, with a paved Court in the middle: You enter it by a Vastibule, Ballustraded with Marble, into a large Hall, pav'd with Black and White Marble, with a spacious Parlour to the Right and Left: My Lord's own Apartment on the Ground Floor to the South is very Noble, as is the great Staircase which leads to the Apartments of State above. This Apartment, where King James lodged when he was Duke of York, confists of a spacious Dining-Room, Antichamber, Drawing-Room, Bedcham-ber, Dressing-Room and Closet, with a Gallery, the longest I ever saw, fill'd from one end to the other with Family Pictures; the Offices of this Noble Palace are also very well disposed, with noble Stables, and a Kitchen Garden on the North Side of the River. Here is also a very good Market Town about half a Mile from the Palace.

This Family is of great Antiquity in this Kingdom; for I saw a Charter granted by Robert Bruce, confirming the Baronies of Rothes and Banbrich, to Sir Andrew Lesly, Son of Sir Norman Lesly, who was

also one of the Barons who signed that Memorable Letter to the Pope, in 1320, asserting the Independency of Scotland. In 1449, they were created Earls of Rothes by James the Second of Scotland: They were zealous at the Reformation, and have constantly made the greatest

Figure in their Country ever fince.

JOHN Earl of Rothes, in 1637, was the principal governing Person of the Nation; and at the Treaty of Rippon, first Commissioner. My Lord Clarendon says, in his History, that the King expected, by the Help and Interest of the Earl of Rothes, such a Party in Scotland, as wou'd have been more tender of his Honour, if the Earl had been present in that Kingdom; and that his Death at London was reckon'd by his Majesty an irreparable Loss.

His Son John was Lord High Commissioner to the Second Session of the First Parliament of King Charles the Second; Lord High Treasurer, and Lord High Chancellor during his Life, and created a Duke. His Grandson was zealous at the Revolution, and went through all the great Offices of the Kingdom, both in the Reigns of Queen Anne, and King George; and

and at his Death, was Lord High Admiral of Scotland, Governor of Sterling-Castle, and Lord Lieutenant of the Counties of Fife and Aberdeen. His Son, the present Earl, is endow'd with all the shining good Qualities of the Family, and is an Honour to his Country, both at Court and Camp.

FROM Lashly, in Six Miles, I arriv'd at the famous Lake of Lockleven, of about Eleven Miles in Circumference; and in the middle of which is an old Castle, which hath often serv'd for a State Prison; and particularly to Mary Queen of Scots, who made her Escape from hence, by the Means of one of the Governor's Sons, when she took Refuge in England.

The Douglasses, Earls of Morton,

have been Governors and Proprietors of this Lake and Castle, from the Year 1353; till the Reign of King Charles the Second; that it was purchas'd by that great Architect, Sir William Bruce, who built a noble Palace on the Banks of this Lake, and joining to the Town of Kinross. This is by much the finest Seat I have yet seen in Scotland, and Melvil is it in Miniature; it is built of Free Stone, adorn'd with Columns of the Corintbian Order; the Offices

fices under Ground all Vaulted, and Galleries of Communication paved with Stone, are the noblest I have seen any where: The great Stair Case is the same as at Melvil, but the great Salloon that goes from it, is Two Story High, with a Lanthorn at top, as at Montague House at London; and the Apartments of State on each Side, as at Melvil: The great Salloon is crowded with Pictures, and there are Two good whole Lengths of King Charles the First, and his Queen.

of Kinrofs, is the noblest you can imagine. You enter it by a Pair of stately Stone Gates, and in a quarter of a Mile you reach the Outer Court, with a Pavilion, Stables and Coach-Houses on each Corner; the Inner Court is beautiful, adorn'd with Green Grass-Plats; and on each Side of this Court, and behind the House, are the Gardens; there are other Two Avenues from the Outer Court, that run to the Lake on one Side, and through a Wood on the other; there are also some curious Viscos cut through this Wood: This Lake is full of Fish, particularly the finest Trouts in the World; and the Town of Kinrofs adjoining, is a good Market Town.

This Sir William Bruce, was a younger Brother of the Family of Bruces in

this Kingdom, and a Relation of the Earl of Ailfbury in England.

From Kinrofs, in Eight Miles more, I arriv'd at the Royal Palace of Dunferling. This was the Habitation of King Fames the Sixth, before he came to the Crown of England: It was here that Prince Have King Charles the Eight and Prince Henry, King Charles the First, and the Princess Elizabeth, Queen of Bobemia, were Born. It was also the Jointure-House of Queen Anne of Denmark, who built an Apartment for her self, at top of the Entry or pen'd, with a Gallery of Communication with the Royal Apartments. This Palace consists of Two Courts, the Upper and Lower; the Lower was a Meuse as large as that at London, for Stables, Hawks and Hounds, and the Officers belonging to them; the Upper Court makes the Palace, the Royal Apartments are to the South and West, Queen Anne's Jointure-House to the North, and the Church and Remnants of the ancient Monastery to the East.

THE Church was above Three Hundred Foot long; it was built after the manner of that at Litchfield, with a Steple

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between Two Spires on the West, and Two Spires more on each Side of the middle of the Church; but this Church being entirely demolished at the Reformation, King James the Sixth repair'd and Buttressed the West End of it, for a Protestant Parochial Church; the Body of the Church and Choir, where feveral Kings of Scotland lye buried, continuing still a Heap of Rubbish; their Tombs are still preserv'd in the open Air; and particularly that of St. Margaret, in Black Alabaster, the Daughter of Edward the Confessor, and Queen to King Malcolm Kenmure. This Queen is famous, both in the Histories of England and Scotland, for many virtuous good Actions, and rectifying many barbarous Customs amongst the Scots; particularly the taking off that Custom, of the Lord of the Mannor's having the first Night of the Bride of all his Vassals; and procuring a Law, that for paying a Mark, the Bridegroom should have the Bride to himself.

ANOTHER Institution of hers, was the Grace Drink; that every Gentleman that staid till Grace was said, should have a full Glass; thereby bringing them to have a Sense of Religion, for the Sake of the Liquor.

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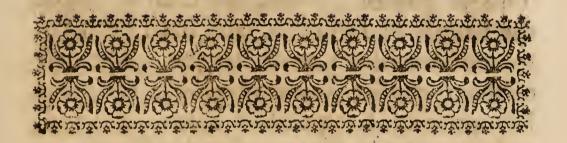
FROM this Church to the Refectory, or Frater-Hall, as they call it here, was a noble Cloyster, turn'd into a Tennis-Court after the Reformation.

THE Refectory was a Noble Room, Fifty Foot Long, Forty High, and Thirty Broad; in it are Nine Windows to the South, Twelve Foot High, and Three Broad, from whence one hath a most delicious Prospect of the Frith, at Four Miles Distance; all the Shire of West Lowden, on the other Side of the Frith, and a full View of Edinburgh, and the Country adjacent, at Twelve Miles Distance. This Hall is erected upon Two several Vaults, supported by Pillars, like the Foundation of some of the Cathedrals in England; the lowermost Vault, as I suppose, was a Burying-Place there, but what Use the Second vaulted Story was I cannot imagine. The Roof of this Hall, as also of the Royal Appartments, is all down, and Jack-Daws build now in the Room where King Charles the First was Born. I believe this was a Royal Palace, before the Reformation, for the Arms of Fames the Fifth, with his Queen, of the House of Guise, are still fresh upon the Apartments; as are those of the Lord Hamil-

Hamilton, Governor of Scotland, in the Minority of Queen Mary. The Gardens, as by the Walls still standing, have been very spacious, with a Rivulet running through them: The Marquis of Tweedale is Hereditary Keeper of this Palace, and hath a good Revenue from it.



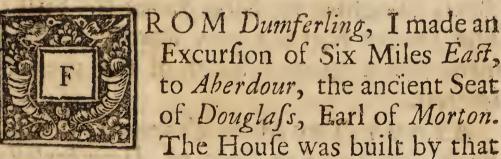
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LETTER X.

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Earl, who was Regent of Scotland, during the Minority of King James the Sixth, and First of England, and was beheaded Twenty Years after, for being privy to the Murther of the Lord Darnaley, the King's Father, although he had

no Hand in it: It's a fine old Seat, with Terras Walks to the Frith, almost opposite to Edinburgh, at Seven Miles Distance. This is one of the ancientest Branches of the Family of Douglass, and hath been very considerable in most Reigns. The first of them was Sir Fame's Douglass, the great Favourite of King Robert Bruce, in 1306, and carry'd his Heart, after his Death, to be buried in the Sepulchre at Ferusalem, in the Holy-Land; his Servant who kept it, being original of the Lockbarts, a good Family in Cliddisdale.

In 1402, Fames Lord Dalkeith, and Aberdour, married a Daughter of King Robert the Third, and the Second Stuart; and his Grandson, James, was created Earl of Morton, by his Cousin, King James the Second, in Anno 1457, and married Jane, Daughter to King James the First: The present Earl is a very worthy Nobleman, and a great Asserter of the present

Interest.

ABOUT Two Miles Westward, on the Firth, lies the fine Seat of Dinnibersell, belonging to the Noble Family of Stuart, Earl of Murray.

DINNIBERSELL was built by

that Earl of Murray, who was Regent of Scotland during the Minority of King

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Fames the Sixth; both for the Fineness of its Situation, and its Nearness to Edinburgh; but the present Earl hath much enlarged it, by Two Wings, join'd to the old Body, and a long Parterre betwixt the Two Wings, with Terras Walks down to the Sea Side. The Furniture of this Palace is very Rich, and one can hardly see better old Tapistry at Brussels, than here.

The First Earl of Murray, of the Name of Stuart, was a Natural Son of King James the Fifth, who became a zealous Reformer from Popery, and was chosen Regent of the Kingdom, during the Minority of King James the Sixth, and First of England; he had only a Daughter, whom he married to the Lord Down, one of the ancientest Branches of the Stewarts, and the Title continues to the eldest Son of the Earl of Murray, to this Day. The present Earl of Murray lives up to the Splendor of the ancient Nobility, as much as any Peer of the Three Kingdoms. He was bred at Court under his Father, who was Secretary of State to King Charles the Second, and Lord High Commissioner to King James the Seventh.

FROM Dinniberfell, in Two Miles, lies the Borough of Innerkilthin, a pretty Sea-

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Port, with a good Harbour, if it were kept clean; and near it, St. Margaret's Bay, so called, from her landing there, when the married King Malcolm Kenmure. From the Point of this Bay, there is a constant Ferry cross the Firth, about Two Miles broad only, and which serves at all Times of Tide, and is the furest way from all Parts of the North, to Edinburgh, being but Seven Miles distant by Land; it's called the Queen's-Ferry, from the afore-faid Queen Margaret; and there is a very large, good Borough Town, for the Conveniency of Passengers.

CONTINUING my Course Westwards by the Frith Banks, I arrived in Four Miles at Culross, a most noble ancient Seat of the Bruces, Earls of Kincairn; it stands on an Eminence, as that of Weems does, and hath a noble Prospect cross the Frith of the County of Westlothian up the Frith to the Mountains above Sterling, and down below Edinburgh. One cannot imagine a nobler Palace. It's built all of Free-Stone; "the Front, to the South, is above Two Hundred Foot, with a Tower, Three Stories High, at each Corner; and under this Front is a Terras, as long and as broad as that at Windsor, with a Pavilion at each End; and below the Terras, 2

run hanging Gardens for half a Mile, down to the Frith: The Design of these Gardens was vast; but as they are, you can only judge of what they were to be, and might be. When my Lord Mar was laying out his fine Gardens at Allaway, I am told, that when he saw these, he thanked God that Culross was not his, for the Expence of keeping it up would ruin him. The House is well furnished, and in the great Stair-case, are some very good Pictures of Knights of the Golden-Flece, Cardinals, Bishops, Abbots, and other eminent Men of the Name of Bruce. This Branch of the Bruces, is sprung from that of Blair-Hall, as that of Ailsbury in England is; and all of them from Bruce of Clackmanan, in this Neighbourhood: They are a very ancient Clan, and very great in this Neighbourhood.

CULROSS is also a good Market Town, and there hath been a large old Monastery, whose Ruins join the Outer Court of the Lord Kincairn's Palace

FROM Culrofs, in Six Miles, I arrived at the Fine Village of Alloway, belonging to Erskin, Earls of Mar. The Plantation round the House of Alloway, is the largest, and the finest, laid out by the unhappy Earl that commanded in the Rebellion, of - 5

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any in Britain; it far exceeds either Hampton-Court, or Kensington; the Gardens consisting of Two and Forty Acres; and the Wood, with Vistoes cut through it, of One Hundred and Fisty Acres. The Entry from the Town is from the West, by a Pair of Fine Stone Gates, through a spacious Avenue, which leads you to an Area fronting the House on that Side, in the middle of which is a Gladiator, after the manner of that at Hampton-Court; and on the Right Hand of this Area, is a spacious Garden, with a fine Terras, and Bowling-Green; adorn'd with the largest Ever-Greens you can see any where.

To the South of the House is the Par-

terre, spacious and smely adorn'd with Statues and Vases; and from this Parterre to the River Forth, runs a fine Terras, or Avenue; from whence, and from the Parterre, you have Thirty Two different Vistocs, each ending on some remarkable Seat or Mountain, at some Miles Distance; one of them shews you Sterling-Castle, at Four Miles Distance; another the Palace of Elphinston, on the other Side of the River; a Third the Castle of Clasmaning; and so the rest: In the middle of this long Terras, is a Bason of Water, like that of the Duke of Chandois, at Cannons, in the

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middle of which, is the Statue of Cain flaying of Abel; and at the End, to the River, are a Pair of Pyramidical Gates, where a Ship of Three Hundred Tuns may Unload. The Avenue to the East, through the Wood, is prodigiously long and large; and between each Visto, from the Parterre, are Wildernesses of Trees for Birds, and little Grottoes: The House was not yet quite finished; but by the great Stair-cases from every Front, one can guess at its Grandeur. It will be an additional Honour to the Duke of Argyle, that when he was with his Army at Sterling, and the Lord of this House at the Head of the Army against him, he gave strict Orders for the Preservation of this Place, and the Government still keeps it in good Or-

THE Town of Alloway is larger and better built, though a Village, than most Borough Towns. There is one Street that runs down to the Harbour, the broadest, and best pavid, of any I have seen, next to Edinburgh, with Rows of Lime-Trees down to the River, as at Dundee, and in the Towns of Holland. The River is as broad here, as at London-Bridge, and as Navigable for large Ships, though Thirty Miles from the Sea, it being here that the River

River Forth falls into that Arm of the Sea call'd the Frith: The Town hath a great Face of Business. There's a Rope-walk for making Cables, and other Ropes for Ships; a Manufactory for Sale-Cloath, and

Two Mills for fawing of Deals.

THIS Noble Family of Erskin is very Ancient; for we find them eminent in the Reign of Alexander the Second, in 1226. One of the Family was also a firm Adherer to King Robert de Bruce, and to King David; and was one of those Commissioners sent to redeem that Prince, when he was taken at the Battel of Durbam, 1346, and which he effected in 1357, for One Hundred Thousand Marks Sterling; for which Service he was made Lord High Chamberlain of Scotland, and Governor of the Castles of Edinburgh, Sterling, and Dunbarton, by which Means he brought Robert, the First Stuart, peaceably to the Throne.

They have always been Governors to the King's Children, since the Stuarts came to the Throne. One of them was flain with King James the Fourth, at the Battel of Flowden; and his Son had the Tuition of James the Fifth, in Sterling-Castle; and when his Prince came at Age, went to France, and procured a Match

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between Magdalen, the French King's Daughter, and his Master, and afterwards accompany'd the King thither: He had also the keeping of Mary Queen of Scots, in his Castle of Sterling; and notwithstanding all the Endeavours of Henry the Eighth, to get her out of his Hands, carry'd her to France in 1548. It was now that his Title to the Earldom of Mar was confirm'd by the Parliament, though they had been Lord Erskins for many Years before. And it is remarkable, that when Queen Mary was brought to Bed of James the Sixth, she immediately committed the Infant to the Care of the Earl of Mar, in the Castle of Edinburgh; from whence all the Endeavours of the Queen, and the Earl Bothwell, cou'd never get him, till he fet the Crown upon the young Infant's Head. He was also Regent of the Kingdom during that Prince's Minority, in the Year 1593. When King James the Sixth had Prince Henry, he committed him immediately to the Care of the Earl of Mar, by the following Letter, writ by his Majesty's own Hand. of the state of the state of the state of

My Lord of MAR,

Consistes in the Security of my Son, consistes my Security, I have concredid to you the Charge of his Keeping, upon the Trust I have in your Honesty. This I command you out of my own Mouth, being in the Company of those I like, otherwise from any Charge that can come from me, you shall not deliver him: And in Case God call me at any Time, see, that neither for the Queen, nor Estates, their Pleasure, you deliver him, till he be Eighteen Years of Age, and then he commands you himself.

On the King's Accession to the Throne of England, this Noble Lord was made Knight of the Garter, and Privy Countellor of England, and Lord High-Treasurer of Scotland. The present unhappy Earl, was early in the Administration in the Reign of Queen Anne; but being at the Head of the satal Rebellion to this Nation, is now in Exile in France.

FROM Alloway, in Four Miles, I arriv'd at Sterling.

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This is the great Pass between the Northern and the Southern Parts in Scotland, the River Forth being only passa-

ble here by a Bridge of Four Arches.

STIRLING is situated much like Edinburgh, with its Castle on an Eminence to the West, and the Town running down the Descent of the Hill to the East. Besides the natural Strength of this Castle, on a high Iron Rock, it is also fortify'd with Batteries and Ramparts on every side. King Fames the Fifth also built a noble Palace here, adorn'd without with Pillars finely engrav'd, and Statues as big as the Life at the Top and Bottom. In this Palace, is one Apartment of Six Rooms of State, the noblest I ever saw in Europe, both for Heighth, Length and Breadth: And for the Fineness of the Carv'd Work, in Wainscot and on the Cieling, there's no Apartment in Windsor or Hampton-Court that comes near it. And at the Top of this Royal Apartment, the late Earl of Mar, when he was Governor, made a very convenient Apartment of a Dozen Rooms of a Floor, for the Governors to lodge in.

Joining to the Royal Apartments aforemention'd, is the Great Hall of Audience, roof'd at the Top with Irish Oak,

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like that of Westminster-Hall at London: And in the Roof of the Presence-Chamber, are carv'd the Heads of the Kings and Queens of Scotland. Under the Castle, to the South, were very fine Gardens, as under the Terrass at Windsor; the Vessiges of which are still very plain; and round the whole a spacious Park wall'd round. There is also in the Castle a spacious Chapel, its Roof being supported without Pillars. Architecture must certainly have been in great Persection in King James the Fifth's Reign in this Kingdom, and that Prince must have had a good Taste that way.

THAT Earl of Mar, who was a Clergyman in the Reign of King James the Fifth, and on the Death of his Two Brothers quitted the Church, and marry'd; built a fine Palace on the Top of the Hill, fronting the great Market-Place of Stirling, which is still a fine old Building of hew'n Stone, adorn'd with Pillars, and many Statues at top and bottom, after the manner of the Palace in the Castle. He put several Inscriptions on the Doors of this Palace, still extant.

On the Gate of the Tower, on the Right as you enter, is,

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The more I stand in open Height, My Faults more subject are to Sight.

And over the great Gate, on the Inside of the Court,

Speak furth, and spare nocht; Consider well, I care nocht.

I suppose, alluding to the Censures of the Times, on his building this Palace out of the Stones of the dissolv'd Abbey of Cumbethskennet, of which he had been Prior when a Clergyman.

This Palace, however, hath been seldom inhabited by any of the succeeding Earls of Mar; they being Hereditary Governors of the Castle, always resided there when in Stirling, their usual Residence be-

ing at Aloway.

THE Market-Place is spacious, with a handsome Town-House in it: And from the Earl of Mar's House, to the Bottom of the Town, may be about Half an English Mile, all upon a Descent, with good Houses.

THE Duke of Argyle hath also a fine Seat near the Castle, which his Grand-father purchas'd from the Family of Alexander,

lexander, Earls of Stirling, and added Two Wings to it. It consists of a pav'd Court, between the Body of the House and the Two Wings, with a very noble Gate and Ballustrades of Stone, which forms the Square. Although I shall not go to Inverary, his Capital Seat in Argyleshire, nor to Campbel-Town in Kintire, I know you will expect that I should say something of that Noble Family somewhere, and therefore I will take the Liberty of doing it here.

THE Origin of the Ancient and Noble Family of Argyle is not to be trac'd from History, or Tradition. The Bards, in their ancient Songs, mention them in the Reign of Fergus the Second, in the Year 404: In the Reign of King Malcolm Kenmure, was Duncan Campbel Lord of Lockow, and was then call'd by the Irish, Mackcallan More.

WHEN King Edward the First of England came to Berwick, in 1292, to decide the Dispute between the Bruces and the Baliols; Sir Neal Campbel of Lockow, was one of the Barons summon'd on the Part of Robert Bruce; and was one of those that enter'd into an Association, to defend King Robert's Right against all Mortals.

tals. And in the Reign of King Fames the Second, in 1457, one of his Successors was created Earl of Argyle. They were successively Lord High Chancellors of the Kingdom, in the Reigns of Fames the Third, Fourth, and Fifth; and by the last, Hereditary Master of the Houshold; and were the first of their Quality who embrac'd the Protestant Religion at the Beginning of the Reformation, and have firmly adher'd to it ever fince. Archibald Earl of Argyle was created a Marquis by King Charles the First, in the Year 1641; but being a zealous Asserter of the Presbyterian Church-Government, and joining with Oliver Cromwell, he was found guilty of Treason, by the first Parliament after the Restoration of King Charles the Second, and beheaded at Edinburgh on the 27th of May, 1661. However, King Charles the Second restor'd his Son Archibald to the Estate and Title of Earl; but he sirmly adhering to the Protestant Interest when the Duke of York was in Scotland, was also beheaded at Edinburgh, on the 30th Day of June, 1685; leaving this Epitaph to be put upon his Tomb-stone. -st of marrial as page

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Thou, Passenger, that shalt have so much To view my Grave, and ask what was my

No Stain of Error, no black Vices Brand, Did me compel to leave my native Land: Love to my Country, Truth condemn'd to dye, Did force my Hands forgotten Arms to try. More from Friends Fraud my Fall proceeded

Than Foes; tho thrice they did attempt my

On my Design the Providence did frown, Tet God at last will surely raise his own: Another Hand, with more successful Speed, Shall raise the Remnant, bruise the Serpent's

His Son came over with King William, and was created a Duke. The prefent Duke, his Son, was Colonel of a Regiment of Foot when but Seventeen Years old: You knew him lead on the English at the Battel of Malplaquet. He was Lord High Commissioner to the Parliament in Scotland, when but Twenty three Years of Age.

HE is now Knight of the Garter, Duke of Greenwich in England; reduc'd the Re-

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bellion in Scotland, and was lately Lord High Steward to his Majesty's Houshold.

FROM the Castle of Stirling is a very beautiful Prospect, of much more Variety than that from Windsor: The Windings of the River Frith from Stirling to Alloway, which is Eighteen Miles by Water, and Four by Land, makes a beautiful Part of the Prospect; as does the Frith to the Ocean at Thirty Miles Distance, and the Castle of Edinburgh at Twenty four. The Prospect to the West is also very extensive through the Country of Monteith, to the Mountains of Argyleshire and Dumbartonshire. The Duke of Montross is Sheriff of this Shire, and also Hereditary Sheriff of Dumbartonshire, and hath a great Power and Interest all over the neighbouring Countries of Monteith and Lenox. About Half a Mile from Stirling, lies the ancient Monastery of Cambuskenet; where I saw the Grave of King James the Third, under a Hawthorn-Tree: It's now a Heap of Ruins; the Stones being carry'd away by that Earl of Mar who turn'd Protestant at the Reformation, to build his fine Palace at Stirling; and the superstitious People give that for the Reason, why that Palace hath never had the Luck to be inhabited.

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THE Highland Fair of Criff happening when I was at Stirling, I had the Curiofity to go see it. There were at least Thirty Thousand Cattle sold there, most of them to English Drovers; who paid down above Thirty Thousand Guineas in ready Money to the Highlanders; a Sum they had never seen before, and proves one good Effect of the Union. The Highland Gentlemen were mighty civil, dress'd in their slash'd short Wastcoats, a Trousing, (which is, Breeches and Stockings of one Piece of strip'd Stuff) with a Plaid for a Cloak, and a blue Bonnet. They have a Ponyard Knife and Fork in one Sheath, hanging at one side of their Belt, their Pistol at the other, and their Snuff-Mill before; with a great broad Sword by their side. Their Attendance were very numerous, all in belted Plaids, girt like Womens Petticoats down to the Knee; their Thighs and Half of the Leg all bare. They had also each their broad Sword and Ponyard, and spake all Irish, an unintelligible Language to the English. However, these poor Creatures hir'd themselves out for a Shilling a Day, to drive the Cattle to England, and to return home at their own Charge. There was no leaving any Thing loofe here, but it would have been stollen.

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I RETURN'D by Sheriff-Moor, where the Battel was fought between the Duke of Argyle and the Earl of Mar, (a strange Piece of Ground to draw up an Army in) and took the little pleasant Town of Dumblain in my way: It's a perfect Amphitheatre, in a pleasant Bottom, surrounded with Hills; and was a Bishoprick, in the

Time of Episcopacy.

MR. Callendar hath built a very neat Seat at Crocsforth, on the Declention of a Mountain, on which he hath made a fine Plantation of Trees, with a spacious Avenue of near Half a Mile down to the River: From hence one hath a fine Prospect to the Castle of Down, through a fine Valley to the West, and all Stirling-Castle and Town to the East. But the best Prospect of Stirling is from the Abby of Cambuskennet, where may be seen every House in Stirling.

Joining to the Castle, is a Mountain call'd Ballingith; from whence K. James the Fifth took the Title, when he made his Nocturnal Excursions; being call'd by his Followers, among the Country People, Good-Man of Ballingith; Good-Man being the same as Yeoman in England: And it is by this Title, that the facobites Q. 2.~

drink the Pretender's Health among Strangers.

THERE is a very good Church in Stirling, divided now into two, with a large Churchyard fill'd with Monuments, as in

the other great Towns of Scotland.

Joining to this Church, on the Top of the Hill, is a very neat Hospital for decay'd Merchants, after the manner of that at Dundee. It was founded by fames Cowen, Merchant, and very richly endow'd. His Statue, as big as the Life, is at the Top of the Gate, with an Inscription from the 25th of St. Matthew, the 35th Verse. And in the Garden of this Hospital is a pleasant Bowling-Green, for the Use of the Gentlemen and Merchants.

Town into an Earldom, in Favour of a Gentleman of the Name of Alexander, a great Projector for the Plantations in America; who obtain'd the Order of Baronets to be instituted for Nova Scotia, to encourage the Scotch Gentry to settle there; as the Baronets of England were for the Reduction of Ulster in Ireland. This Family hath no Estate in Scotland, having transplanted themselves during the Civil War to Nova Scotia in America; from whence they

they were driven by the French. There is still a Representative of them in England, who sends his Proxy to Scotland at the Election of the Sixteen Peers to sit in the Parliament of Great Britain.

THERE are several beautiful Seats in the Neighbourhood, and particularly that of Sir John Erskine of Alva, with fine Avenues and Visto's cut through his Wood. He was in the Rebellion, but sav'd his Estate by discovering to the Government a Silver Mine in his Lands, which produces a great deal of Silver.

I MUST not forget the ancient Seat of Elphinston, a very noble old Pile, standing on an Eminence in the Middle of a flat fine Country, by the Banks of the River Firth, in full View of Stirling, belonging

to the Lord Elphinston.

This Family is very ancient as well as noble; for we find Sir William Elphinston, of Elphinston, slain in the Battel of Pinparden, in 1436. They were created Lords Elphinston by King James the Fourth; and one of them was Lord High Treasurer of Scotland in the Reign of K. James the Sixth, in 1599.

THE present Lord commanded a Company in Flanders, and in Ireland; and is a very industrious worthy Nobleman, carry-

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ing on his Coal-Works, and other Improve-

ments, to great Advantage.

THERE was a Consort of Musick when I was at Stirling, where the Ladies from the Neighbourhood made a very good Appearance. The young Gentlemen, in every Thing, imitate the French; and have a Hauteur, which makes good the French Saying, fier comme une Ecossais: Their Education being in France, and the Title of Laird (like Marquis in France) being their general Appellation, gives them these French Airs.



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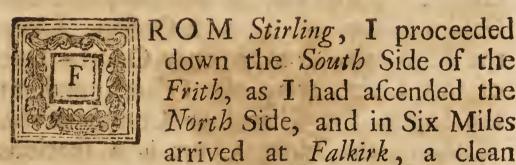
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EDINBURGH.

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Market Town belonging to the Livingfrons, Earls of Lithgow. On my Road,
near a Village, called St. Ringin, remains
the Stone, in which King Robert Bruce's
Standard was fixed, at the famous Battel
of Banockburn, when the English, after
many Scuffles, were entirely drove out of
Scotland, in the beginning of Edward the
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Second, of England. This Parish of St. Ringins, is the largest I have heard of, containing above Ten Thousand Inhabitants; and at a Sacrament, will have Seven Thousand Communicants. A few Miles beyond Falkirk, is the ancient Seat of Callendar, belonging to the Earl of Lithgow; which being forfeited in the late Rebellion, now belongs to the York-Ruildings Company. In Two Miles more, I arrived at the ancient Town of Lithgow, where the Kings of Scotland have a sumptuous and Noble Palace. This Palace confists of Two Courts; on the Gate of the Outer Court, are the Arms of Scotland, incircled with the Four Orders of the Garter, St. Andrew, St. Michael, and the Golden-Fleece; of all which Orders, James the Fifth was Companion. On the Left of this Court, were the Offices, and on the Right, the Chapel or Church of St. Michael; the Inner Court is a spacious Square, larger than the Inner Court at Hampton-Court, with a fine Tower at each of the Four Corners, and in the Middle the beautifulest Fountain in the World; it's after the Shape of an Imperial Crown, adorned with Statues, and other fine Carved Work; each Statue pouring forth Water into a Cistern below them. This feems

feems to have been the Work of King fames the Fifth; for the Arms of Scotland and France, in one Escutcheon, are upon the Fountain.

THE Apartment to the South of this Square, is a large Guard-Chamber, and Hall of Audience, which joins to the Parliament-Hall, which makes the whole Front to the East; and on the North and West, were the Royal Apartments. These were rebuilt by King James the Sixth, and First of England; and there are still a Dozen Rooms to the North, in good Repair; where the Earl of Lithgow, as Hereditary Keeper, used to Reside. Behind these Apartments, are sine Green Walks, which reach down to the Lake, which gives a Noble Beauty to the Palace, and runs the whole Length of the Town.

It was in this Palace that King James the Fifth, in Imitation of the Kings of England and France, called a Chapter of the Worthiest amongst his Nobility, and added a Collar of Time and Rue, to his Order of St. Andrew, ordering the Thisse to be wore on their Mantles, in the Centre of the Cross; and changed the Motto, from En Defance, to Nemo me Impune Lacessit; and ordered a Throne, and Twelve Stalls, to be erected in St. Michael's

Church, for the Sovereign, and Twelve Knights of his Order; where their Banners were to be hung up, as in France and England: But that King's sudden Death, after the Battel of Solway, and the Troubles that followed after, put an End to his Noble Views, and indeed to the Order; till James the Seventh revived it in a Blue Ribbon, and Queen Anne restored it to the Green; but the Knights have as yet no Chapel or Hall for their Banners.

THE Town of Lithgow is above half a Mile long, confisting of one good Street, well built; and in the Market-Place is a Fountain, in Imitation of that in the Palace; and runs in so many different Places, that a Dozen may be served at once. The Town House adjoining, is a very beautiful Piece of Modern Architecture; and the whole Town hath a good Face of Bu-

fineis.

This Town gives the Title of Earl to the ancient Family of Living ston. We find Thurstanus, Lord of Liviston, in the Reign of David the First: And in the Seventeenth of King-David the Second, Sir William Living ston had a Grant of the Barony of Callendar; he was also one of the Commissioners appointed to treat with England, for the Redemption of that King David.

David, taken at the Battel of Durham; which having effected on the 3d of October, 1357, for One Hundred Thousand Marks Sterling, he deliver'd his Son for one of the Hostages for Payment. Alexander, his Son, was also one of the Hostages for the Ransom of King James the First, in 1423; and by the Three Estates of Parliament appointed Governor of the Young King James the Second. This Family hath continued, in all succeeding Kings Reigns, in great Power, both at Court and Country. Alexander, Lord Living ston, had the Honour of Educating the Princess Elizabeth, Grandmother to our present King George; and carried that Princess from Linkithgow, to London, with a Retinue suitable to her Birth and Dignity, at his own Charges; and was created, in 1600, Earl of Linlithgow; and his Brother, Sir Fames, Earl of Callendar. The Earl of Linkithgow was Commander in Chief of the Forces, in the Reign of King Charles the Second, and Lord Justice General; and his Son Captain of the Horse-Guards, in the Reign of King James the Seventh. The late Earl, now Abroad with the Pretender, was one of the Sixteen Peers to the Parliament of Great Britain, in Queen Anne's Reign; was

was with my Lord Mar in the Rebellion; his Estate was bought by the York-Buildings Company, and the keeping of the Palace of Linlithgow, given to the Duke

of Montross.

FROM Linlithgow, in Two little Miles, I came to Kinniel, a Seat belonging to the Duke of Hamilton; it's finely Wooded, and its Gardens pretty well kept; but being the Jointure-House of the present Dutchess, who resides generally about London, it is not quite in so good Order, as otherwise it might. Joining to it, is the Town of Boroughflouness, belonging alto the Duke. This Town confifts of one good Street, and long, like Kircaldy, in Fife; it was the Town of greatest Trade with Holland before the Union, of any Town in Scotland; but now this Kingdom being supplied with all these Commodities, without paying any Duty, directly from England, this Town is much decayed in Trade, although they have still a good Export in Coals and Salt.

Two little Miles further, is the Castle of Blackness, a State Prison, being a Peninsula, and built exactly like a great Ship unrigg'd: It's a safe Prison, but could not

hold out long against Cannon.

AND in Two Miles further I arrived at Hopton, the fine Seat of the Earl of Hopton. This Palace was built some Years ago of fine Free-Stone, exactly after the Model of the House of Kinross; but my Lord is now adding Two Semicircular Wings, of Four Stories High to the Front, adorned with Pillars and Pilasters; which when finished, will be by much the finest Seat in Britain. You enter it from a Vestibule, supported with Pillars, into a large Hall, Floored with Marble, from whence runs of each Side to the Front, a Drawing-Room, Dining-Room, Bedchamber, and Closet. And behind this Hall, fronting the Garden, is a spacious Salloon, with the same Site of Rooms. The Stair-Case is in the Middle, between the Hall and Salloon, and is finely adorned with the History of the Heathen Gods, done at Antwerp, and put into Pannels from top to Bottom. In the great Dining-Room are a great many Family Pictures; and over the Chimney, Noah, and his Family, offering up Sacrifice for their Deliverance in the Ark; a fine Picture done at Rome, by Joseppo Chiari.

THE Court-Yard is Collonaded, and adorned with Statues and Vases; but since the Building the Two Wings, the Court is

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to be extended to the Breadth of them,

and proportionably longer.

THE Parterre fronting the Salloon, is longer than that at Cannons; and like it, hath a large Bason of Water at Bottom: It's also adorned with a Multitude of Statues on Pedestals, as at Cannons; but the Views here are prodigiously more extenfive. From the Terras, to the North of this Parterre, is the finest View I ever saw any where; far beyond Frescati, near Rome, or St. Michael del Bosco, near Bolognia, for Variety. Looking to the East, you see all the Islands of the Frith, to its Mouth; all the Towns on the Coasts of Fife and Lothian, as far as St. Andrews one way, and North Berwick the other; looking to the West, you see all the rest of the Frith, Stirling, and its Castle, with the Mountains of Perthshire, and Argyleshire; and looking North, you have Dumferling, and all the Country round it, full in View; the Frith lying under you, like a Pond, which is here about Two Miles Broad. There are also several Visto's from each of the many Walks that run from this Parterre; some of them ending in a Parish-Church, some in an old Tower. And through the great Avenue fronting the Palace, your View terminates on North-Berwick,

Berwick Law, near the Bass, at Thirty Miles Distance, appearing like a Sugar-Loaf.

This fine Palace and Garden, lies in the middle of a spacious Park, well stock'd with Deer, and environ'd with a Stone-Wall.

To the South of the great Avenue, lies the Kitchen-Garden; and joining to it a House and Walk for Pheasants, and a Plantation for other Fowls, and Beasts; and under his great Terras there is a Bed of Oysters, from whence his Kitchen is supplied all the Year round, in the greatest Quantities. This Family of Hopton, was very considerable in the Law, in King fames the First, and King Charles the First's Reign. The present Lord's Father was drowned in the Glocester-Frigat, accompanying the Duke of Tork to Scotland, and the Son was created Earl by Queen Anne.

A MILE beyond Hopton, lies a good Town, called the Queen's-Ferry, from Queen Margaret, and Queen Magdalen's Landing there. And in a Mile further, I got to Craggy-Hall, a neat Seat of John-ston, Marquis of Annandale; It's Kinross House in Miniature, and would be a fine Seat, if it was not so near to Hopton; as Haytrop

Haytrop in Oxfordshire, if it were not so near Blenheim. There is a vast deal of regular planting round it, with very good Gardens.

This Family of Johnston, are very ancient in Annandale, and very powerful in the Borders, of which they have been often Wardens. They were called to the Peerage by King Charles the First, on the 20th of June, 1633; and in 1643, created Earls of Hatsield, which Title they changed for Annandale at the Restoration; and by King William was created a Marquis, had the Order of St. Andrew from Queen Anne, and was one of the Sixteen Peers in the First Parliament of King George, and Keeper of the Great-Seal. The present Marquis is a hopeful Nobleman, just returned from his Travels.

A MILE further lies the fine Seat of Barnton, belonging to Hamilton, Earl of Raglin, Brother to the late Duke Hamilton, and to the Earls of Orkney and Selkirk; and between Barnton and the Sea, and Barnton and Edinburgh, are very many pretty little Seats, particularly Barnbugle, furrounded with the Sea, as Blacknefs; and furnished with a fine Collection of Pictures, by Primrose Earl of Rosebury, who was Gentleman of the Bedchamber to Prince

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George of Denmark, and one of the Sixteen Peers in the Reign of Queen Anne; he is a Bon Vivant, and a fine Gentleman. And now I am returned from the North of Scotland, you will expect, before I proceed Westward, that I should give you some Account of the Government and Policy of this Kingdom, and wherein it differs from England, being in the Metropolis, where the chief Courts of Justice are kept.

Know then, that in Scotland, besides the Two Hereditary Officers of the Crown, the Earl of Arrol, Lord High-Constable, and the Earl Marshal, Lord High-Marshal, there were Eight Officers of State, who by their Offices were Members of Parliament, and Privy-Council, whether Peers,

or not. The Four Principal were,

The Lord High-Chancellor.
Lord High-Treasurer.
Lord Privy-Seal;
And the Lord Secretary.

The Inferior were,

Lord Register, or Keeper of the Records, who was also Clerk of the Crown in Parliament.

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Lord Advocate, or Attorney-General.

Lord Treasurer Depute, or Chancellor of the Exchequer.

And Lord Justice-Clerk, or Justiciarius Clerici, who judges Criminal

Causes.

Since the Union, the Offices of High-Treasurer, and Treasurer-Depute, are suppress'd; and in their Room, a Chief-Baron, and other Barons of the Exchequer, established after the manner of England, before whom all Causes between the Crown and the Subject, in relation to the Reve-

nue, are tried.

The Chief Court of Judicature now in Scotland, for all Civil Matters, is the College of Justice, or Lords of the Session; they consist of a President, and Fourteen Judges; first established by King James the Fisth, on his Return from France, in Imitation of the Parliament of Paris; and they wear, when on the Bench, Purple and Scarlet Gowns: They sit on a Bench, in a Cemicircle, with their President in the Middle, and Seven on each Hand of him. The King usually adds Three to their Number, out of the Young Nobility, to instruct them in the Laws of their Country, who are called extraordinary Lords.

and who also have Votes in the Determination of all Causes, by an Act of Parlia-ment made in the Reign of King fames the Fifth, Anno 1532. This Court hath also Six Clerks, who are also called Clerks of Session: They sit from the first of November, to the last of February; and from the first of June, to the last of July. These Judges are not Peers, yet have the Appellation of Lords; they give Judgment according to the Acts of Parliament: Municipal Laws and where they are defective by the Civil Law. There is also a Court for Criminal Causes, called the Justiciary, where the Lord Justice Clerk presides; to whom is joined Five Lords of the Sefsion, named by the King, who are call'd Lords of the Justiciary, and go their Circuits round the Shires of the Country, as in England. In this Court, the Defendants are allow'd Council to plead for them.

In the Outer House there is a Beach, where one of the Senators sits a Week, (and all of them, except the President, have their Turns in it;) who hears all Causes originally, and where the Case is clear, gives Sentence: But if it be difficult, or either Party desires it, he reports it to the other Senators, who either send

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out their Answer by him, or order it to be heard at their Bar in the Inner House. This is a Court of great Dispatch; but besides the Judge upon the Bench, there is a Side-Bar, where a Judge weekly receives and answers all Bills and Petitions.

In England, the Sheriffs of Shires are appointed by the King, and are only the Executioners of the Law; but here the Sheriffs of Shires are generally Hereditary Offices in Great Families, who by their Deputies hold Courts, and are Judges in all Causes in their Shire, but appealable to the Lords of the Session; as also from that Court to the House of Peers of Great Britain, who are now the dernier Resort of the Dominion of Great Britain.

Instead of the English Doctors-Commons, they have here Commissary-Courts for Consirmation and Proving of Wills and Testaments, and of Divorces, and other Ecclesiastical Causes; which Courts are in all the Counties of the Kingdom. There are also Courts of Regalty and Barony, within several Lords Lands, from whence, however, one may appeal to the House of Peers.

THE Degrees of Nobility are the same with England; only the Eldest Son of a Baron is called Master of the same Title

with his Father; and the Baronets are of Nova Scotia, as those of England are of Ulster. In England, every Shoemaker, or Taylor, is called Master before his Christian Name; but here none are so, but such as have been graduated Master of Arts of the University; of which there are so many, that Mr. John, or Mr. James, is as contemptible here, as a common Curate of a Cathedral is in Italy.

The Names of the Hundred and Fourteen Kings of Scotland.

Feritharis.
Meinus.
Dornadilla.
Nothatus.
Rutherus.
Reutha.
Thereus.
Joima.
Finnanus.
Durftus.
Evenus I.
Gillus Nothus.
Evenus II.
Ederus.

Ewenus III. Metellanus. Caractacus. Corbredus I. Dardanus. Corbredus Galdus II. Luctacus. Moggaldus. Conarus. Ethodius I. Satrael. Donald I. Ethodius II. Athirco. Natholocus. P 3 Findoch.

Findoch. Donald II. Donald III. Crathilinthus. Fincormach. Romachus. Angus, or Æneas. Fethelmachus. Eugene I. Fergus II. Eugene II. Dongardus. Constantine I. Congallus I. Coranus. Eugene III. Congallus II. Kinnatallus. Lidanus. Kenneth. Eugene IV. Ferchard I. Donald IV. Ferchard II. Malduin. Eugene V. Eugene VI. Amberkelethus. Eugene VII. Murdoch. Etfinus.

Eugene VIII. Fergus, III. Solvathius. Acajus. Congallus. Dongallus. Alpin. Kenneth II. Donald V. Constantine II. Ethus. Gregory. Donald VI. Constantine III. Malcolm I. Indolph. Duff. Colin. Kenneth III. Constantine IV. Greme. Malcolm II. Duncan I. Macbeth. Malcolm III. Donald Bane. Duncan II. Edgar. Alexander I. David I. Malcolm IV.

William I. Alexander II. Alexander III. John Balliol. Robert Bruce. David Bruce. Edward Balliol. Robert Stewart. Robert III. or John William and Mary. Farnyear. Tames I. James II.

James III. Tames IV. Tames V. Mary. Tames VI. Charles I. Charles II. James VII. Anne. George

The Nobility of Scotland. with the Tirles of their Eldest Sons.

DUKES 10.

Amilton, Duke of Hamilton. Lenox, Duke of Lenox. Dowglas, Duke of Earl of Drumlanrig. Queen bury.

Eldest SONS.

Earl of Arran.

Earl of March.

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Gordon, Duke of | * Marquis of Hunt-Gordon.

Campbel, Duke of Lord Lorn. Argyle.

Scot, Duke of Buck- Earl of Dalkeith. leugh.

Athol.

Douglass, Duke of Earl of Angus. Douglass.

Graham, Duke of Marquis Graham. Montross.

Ker, Duke of Rox- Marquis Beaumont. borough.

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Murray, Duke of * Marquis of Tullibardin.

MARQUISSES 3.

Hay, Marquis of Lord Testar. Twedale.

Ker, Marquis of Lo- Lord Fedburgh. thian.

Johnston, Marquis of Lord Johnston. Anandale.

EARLS.

Hay, Earl of Errol, | Lord Hay. Constable.

* Keith, Earl Mar- Lord Keith. shal.

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Sutherland, Earl of | Lord Strathnaver. Sutherland.

Lindsey, Earl of Lord Lindsay. Crawford.

* Areskin, Earl of Lord Areskin. Mar.

Lesty, Earl of Rothes. Lord Lesty.

Douglass, Earl of Lord Aberdour. Morton.

Areskin, Earl of Bu- Lord Achterhouse. chan.

Cunningham, Earl of Lord Kilmure. Ilencairn.

Montgomery, Earl of Lord Montgomery. Eglington.

Kennedy, Earl of Lord Kennedy. Carsils.

Sinclair, Earl of Lord Barrondale. Carthness:

Stuart, Earl of Mur- Lord Down. ray.

* Maxwell, Earl of Lord Maxwell. Nithsdale.

* Seaton, Earl of Lord Seaton. Winton.

* Livingston, Earl of Lord Livingston. Lithgow.

Home, Earl of Hume. Lord Dunglass.

* Drummond, Earl of Lord Drummond. Perth.

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Fleming, Earl of Lord Fleming. Wigton.

* Lyon , Strathmore.

Hamilton, Earl of Lord Pasty. Abercorn.

Ereskin, Earl of Lord Pettenween. Kelly.

Hamilton, Earl of Lord Benney. Hadinton.

Stuart, Earl of Gal- Lord Garleifs. loway.

Mackensy, Earl of Lord Kentaile. Seaforth.

Maitland, Earl of Lord Maitland. Lawderdale.

Hay, Earl of Kin- Lord Duplin. noul.

Cambel, Earl of Lou- Lord Macklin. den.

Crichton, Earl of Lord Crichton. Dumfries.

Alexander, Earl of Lord Alexander. Sterling.

Bruce, Earl of El- Lord Kenloss. gin.

* Kerneagy, Earl of Lord Kerneagy. Southesk.

Stuart, Earl of Tra- Lord Linton. quire.

Earl of Lord Glames.

Weems

Weems, Earl of Lord Elcho. Weems.

Ramsay, Earl of Dal- Lord Ramsay. housie.

* Ogilvy, Earl of Lord Ogilvy. Airly.

Ogilvy, Earl of Fin- Lord Desford. later.

* Dalziel, Earl of Lord Dalziel. Carnwath.

Lesly, Earl of Leven. Lord Balgony.

Murray, Earl of Dy- Lord Huntingtower. Sart.

* Mall, Earl of Pen- Lord Brechin. minre.

Hamilton, Earl of Selkirk.

Carnegy, Earl of Nor- | Lord Ruschill. thesk.

* Bruce, Earl of Kin- Lord Bruce. cairn.

Lindsey, Earl of Bal- Lord Cummerland. carras.

* Middleton, Earl of Lord Clermont. Middleton.

Gordon, Earl of Aboyn. Lord Glenliver. Boid, Earl of Kil- Lord Boid. marnock.

Cochran, Earl of Dun- Lord Cochran, donald.

Lord Dair.

Doza-

Douglass, Earl of Lord Etrick. Dumbarton.

* Keith, Earl of Kin- Lord Inverary. tore.

Campbel, Earl of Bre- Lord Glenorchy. dalbin.

Gordon, Earl of Aber- Lord Haddo. deen.

* Drummond, Earl of Lord Forth. Melfort.

Murray, Earl of Dun- Lord Blair. more.

Melvill, Earl of Mel- Lord Raith. will.

Mackensey, Earl of Lord Tarbet. Cromarty.

Hume, Earl of March- Lord Polworth. mont.

Campbell, Earl of Lord Ila.

Dalrimple, Earl of Lord Dalrimple. Stair.

Hamilton, Earl of Lord Shetland. Orkney.

Carmichell, Earl of Lord Carmichell. Hindford.

Hamilton, Earl of Lord Barnton. Rugland.

Primrose, Earl Rosebury.

of Lord Dalmeny.

Colyer,

Collyer, Earl of Port- | Lord Melsington. Hope, Earl of Hopton. Lord Hope. Scot, Earl of Delorain.

VISCOUNTS.

Cary, V. Falkland. Constable, V. Dunbar.

Murray, V. Stormont. * Gordon, V. Kenmure.

Arbuthnot, V. Arbuthnot.

Crichton, V. Frendraught.

Seton, V. Kingston.

Mc Gill, V. Oxenford.

Ingram, V. Irwin.

* Living ston, V. Kil-Syth.

Osborn, V. Dumblain. Graham, V. Preston.

Cheyne, V. Newhaven.

Drummond, V. Strathallan.

LORDS, or BARONS.

Forbes, L. Forbes. Fraser, L. Salton. Gray, L. Gray. Cathcar1, L.Cathcart. Sinclair, L. Sinclair. Douglas, L. Mordington.

Semple, L. Semple. Elphingston, L. Elphingston. Oliphant, L.Oliphant. Frazer, L. Lovat.

Ross, L. Ross.

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Sandilands, L. Torphichen.

Leslie, L. Landover.

Elphinston, L. Balmerino.

Stewart, L. Blantyre.

Cranston, L. Cranston.

Balfour, L. Burleigh.

Ker, L. fedburgh.

Napier, L. Napier.

Fairfax, L. Cameron.

Richardson, L. Cramond.

Mackey, L. Reay.

Forester, L. Forester.

Forbes, L. Pitsligon.

Mº Cleland, L. Kir-

cudbright.

Frazer, L. Frazer.

Hamilton, L. Barga-

Ogilvy, L. Bamf. Murray, L. Elibank.

Hamilton, L. Belhaven.

Sandilands, L. Aborcromby.

* Sutherland, L. Duf-

fus.

* Rollo, L. Rollo.

Colvil, L. Colvil.

Ruthven, L. Ruth-

Bellandine, L. Bellan-

dine.

Rutherford, L. Rutherford.

Leslie, L. Newark.

* Nairn, L. Nairn.

Kinard, L. Kinard.

This Peerage is now represented in the British Parliament by the following Sixteen.

Duke of Montross.
Duke of Roxburgh.
Marq. of Tweedale.
Earl of Sutberland.
Earl of Buchan.
Earl of Hadington.
Earl of Loudon.
Earl of Ilay.

Earl of Finlater.
Earl of Orkney.
Earl of Selkirk.
Earl of Delorain.
Earl of Stair.
Earl of Bute.
Earl of Hopton.
Earl of Aberdeen.

THE Scots have been very zealous Affertors of whatever Religion they profess'd. In Times of Popery, besides Two Archbishops, and Twelve Suffragan Bishops, there were no less than One and Thirty Abbacies, and Thirty Seven Priories, whose Abbots and Priors had Seats in Parliament.

At the Reformation, they run into the same Zeal for the Calvinistical Doctrine from Geneva, and pull'd down all those Abbies and Priories, and every Thing that savour'd of Superstition, and establish'd a Church-Government of Provincial Assemblies; which being divided into Presbyteries, is the present Government of the Church of Scotland. There are Fisteen Provincial Assemblies; each of which consists of Six or Eight Presbyteries; and the Presbyteries also consist of so many Parishes.

King James and King Charles the First, with much ado, established Episcopacy again in Scotland, and it continued all the Reign of King Charles the Second; but at the Revolution, Presbytery took place again. There are Twenty two Commissary-Courts belonging to these Presbyteries.

Churches, but I perceiv'd, the Poor only suffer'd by them: For a Piece of Money will save a Man here from the Stool of Repentance, as much as in England. Most of those I saw expos'd in the Churches, were for lying together before Marriage, which the Minister of Dumferling said, was become an universal Custom. And indeed, he was severer upon the poor Man and his Wife, than upon one that stood at the same Time for notorious Adultery.

ALTHO' Presbytery is the Establish'd Religion of the Country, yet the Gentry are not generally of that Principle, especially on the North of the River Tay: And at Edinburgh there are more Episcopal Meetings than Churches; the Gentry of this Nation having more extended Notions of Religion, than to be confined within the narrow Bounds of Presbytery. However, the Clergy are better respected than the Inserior Clergy in England, even in those Counties where the Gentry don't go

hear them.

THE Heralds-Office is kept with a great deal of Regularity at Edinburgh. There is an exact Register, where every Gentleman

tleman may go to be inform'd of his Family and Arms: And according to the ancient Rules of Chivalry, no Gentleman's Person can be seiz'd, even for Debt, but by an Officer from this Office.

THE King at Arms for Scotland is Lion, as Garter is for England; and is call'd Lord Lion, and weareth the Arms of Scotland on a Medal hung to a Chain, as the Badge of his Office. Under him, are Heralds Pursuivants, by whom all publick Proclamations are made; and Messengers, who execute all Warrants for Debt.

THE Heralds Designations are, Ross, Albany, Rothsay, Ilay, Snowdon, March-mont.

And those of the Pursuivants are, Dingwall, Unicorn, Carrick, Bute, Ormond, Kintyre.

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The Blazoning of the Ensigns Armorial of the Kingdom of Scotland, and of the Coats of Arms of the Nobility; as they are illustrate upon the Cards Armorial.

HE Kingdom of Scotland

Bears for Ensigns Armorial, Or, A Lion rampant Gules, armed and languid Azure, within a double Tressure, slower'd, and counter-slower'd of the second: All within the Order of St. Andrew, or Scotland.

DUKES in SCOTLAND,

Hamilton Duke of Hamilton,

Bears for his Grace's Atchievement, and Coat Armorial, Two Coats quarterly quarter'd. First quarter'd, first Gules, Three Cinque Foils Ermine. Second Argent, a Ship with her Sails truss'd up sable. Third as the second, and fourth as the first. Second

cond Coat, Argent an Heart Gules, crown'd with an Imperial Crown Or, on a chief Azure, Three Stars of the first. Third as the second; Fourth as the first: All within the Order of the Garter.

Lenos Duke of Lenox,

Bears the Royal Arms of the Four Kingdoms, as above blazon'd within a Bordure, componed Argent and Gules. The first charged with Roses of the last: All within the Order of the Garter.

Scot Dutchess of Buccleugh,

Bears Or, on a bend Azure; a Star bestwixt Two Crescents of the first.

Gordon Duke of Gordon,

Bears Four Coats quarterly. First Azure, Three Boars Heads coup'd Or. Second Or, Three Lions Heads eras'd Gules, languid Azure. Third Or, Three Crescents, within a double Tressure, counter-flower'd Gules. Fourth Azure, Three Frazes argent.

Douglas

Douglas Duke of Queensberry,

Bears Two Coats quarterly. First, Argent an Heart Gules, crown'd with an Imperial Crown Or; on a chief Azure, Three Stars of the first. Second, Azure a Bend betwixt Six cross Crossets sitch'd Or. Third as the second, and Fourth as the first; all within a Bordure Or, charg'd with a double Tressure, counter-slower'd Gules.

Douglas Duke of Douglas,

Bears Four Courts quarterly. First, Azure a Lion rampant, argent, crowned Or. Second, Or, a Lion rampant Gules, surmounted of a Ribbon sable. Third, Argent Three Piles Gules. Fourth, Or, a Fess Cheque argent and azure, surmounted of a Bend sable, charg'd with Three Buckles of the first. Over all, in a Shield argent, a Heart Gules, crown'd Or; on a chief Azure, Three Stars of the first.

Graham Duke of Montross,

Bears Two Coats quarterly. First, Or, on a chief Sable, Three Escallops of the first.

first. Second, Argent Three Roses Gules. Third as the second, and Fourth as the first.

Murray Duke of Athol,

Bears quarterly, First, Azure Three Mullets argent, within a double Tressure, counterflower'd Or. Second quarterly; First, Pallè of Six Sable and Or. Second, Or, a Fess Cheque azure and argent. Third as the second, and Fourth as the first: Third Quarter as second, and Fourth as first: All within the Order of Scotland.

Campbel Duke of Argyle;

Bears Two Coats quarterly. First, Gyronee of Eight Pieces Sable and Or: Second, Ar. a Galley with her Oars in Action Sa. Third as second, and Fourth as first. All within the Order of the Garter.

Ker Duke of Roxburgh,

Bears Two Coats quarterly. First, Vert on a Chevron betwixt Three Unicorns Heads erased ar.; as many Stars sa. Second, G. Three Mascles Or. Third as second, and Fourth as first. All within the Order of the Garter.

MAR

MARQUISSES.

Ker Marquis of Lothian,

Bears Two Coats quarterly. First, Az. the Sun radiant, or in Splendor. Second, Parte per Fess G. and V. on a Chevron ar. Three Mullets of the first, betwixt Three Mascles in chief Or, and an Unicorn's Head eras'd in Base of the Third. Third as second, and Fourth as first.

Hay Marquis of Tweedale,

Bears Two Coats quarterly. First, Ar. Three Frazes ar. Second, G. Three Bars Ermine. Third as second, Fourth as first. Over all, in a Shield of Pretence ar. Three Shields G.

Fohnston Marquis of Annandale,

Bears ar. a Saltyre sa. on a Chief G. Three Cushions O.

EARLS.

Lindsay Earl of Crawford,

Bears Two Coats quarterly. First, G. a Fess Cheque ar. and az. Second, Or, a Lion rampant G. surmounted of a Bendlet sa. Third as second, and Fourth as first.

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Hay Earl of Errol,

Bears ar. Three Inescutcheons G.

Keith Earl Mareschal,

Bears ar. on a chief G. Three Pallets Or.

Sutherland Earl of Sutherland,

Bore quarterly quarter'd, First, G. Three Stars Or: Second, the Arms of Huntley quarter'd, as in the Atchievement of the Duke of Gordon. Third as the second, Fourth as the first. But this Earl bears only the Stars, and hath left out the Gordons, by a Warrant from K. George, in a double Treffure.

Areskine Earl of Mar,

Bears Two Coats quarterly. First, Azure a Bend betwixt Six cross Croslets sitch'd Or. Second, Ar. a pale Sa. Third as second, Fourth as sirst.

Graham Earl of Monteith,

Bears Two Coats quarterly. First, Or, on a chief Sa. Three Escallops of the first. Second, Or, a Fess Cheque ar. and az. a Chevron

Chevron in chief G. Third as second, Fourth as first.

Leslie Earl of Rothes,

Bears Two Coats quarterly. First, Ar. on a Bend az. Three Buckles Or. Second, Or, a Lion rampant G. surmounted of a Ribbon sa. Third as second, Fourth as first.

Douglas Earl of Morton, o on !! Stone Or The soud, that the second will be

Bears Two Coats quarterly. First, Ar. a Heart G. crown'd with an Imperial Crown Or; on a chief az. Three Stars of the first. Second Ar a Chief and Three Piles G. on the Chief, Two Stars of the first. Third as second, Fourth as first.

Areskine Earl of Buchan,

Bears Four Coats quarterly. First, Az. Three Garbs Or. Second, Or, a Fess Cheque ar. and az. Third, the same with the second, within a Bordure G. charg'd with Eight Buckles Or. Fourth, Ar. Three Piles G.; on a Chief of the second, Three Stars of the first. Over all, in an Escutcheon, the Arms of the Earl of Mar.

Cunningham Earl of Glencainn,

Bears ar. a wake Fork fa.

Montgomery Earl of Eglintoun,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First, Ar. Three Flower de Luce's Or. Second, G. Three Annulets O. stoned az. Third as second, and Fourth as sirst: All within a Bordure O. charged with a double Tressure counter-flowred G.

Kennedy Earl of Cassils,

Bears ar. a Chevron G. betwixt Three cross Croslets sitched. sa. within a double. Tressure counter-slowed of the Second.

Sinclair Earl of Caithness,

Bears Three Coats quarterly: First az. a Ship at Anchor, her Oars erected in saltyre within a double Tressure, counterflowred O. Second O. a Lion Rampana G. Third as Second, Fourth az. a Ship under sail O. over all dividing the Coats a Crossingrailed sa.

Stewart

Stewart Earl of Murray,

Bears Three Coats quarterly: First O. a Lion Rampant G. within a bordure componed az. and ar. a double Tressure counterflowred G. Second O. a Fess cheque az. and ar. Third O. Three Cushions within a double Tressure, counterflowred G. Fourth as First; all within the Order of Scotland.

Maxwel Earl of Nithsdale,

Bears ar. a double Eagle displayed sabeiked and membred G. surmounted of a Shield of the First, charged with a Saltyre of the Second, surcharged with an Hedgehog O.

Secton Earl of Winton,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First O. Three Crescents within a double Tressure, counterflowred G. Second az. Three Garbs O. Third as Second, Fourth as First.

Livingston Earl of Linlithgow,

Bears Two Coats quarterly; First ar. Three Gillislowers G. within a double Tressure counter-slowred vert second sa. a bend betwixt Six billets O. Third as Second, and Fourth as First; over all in a shield az. an Oak Tree O. within a bordure ar. charged with eight Gilly-slowers G.

Home Earl of Home,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First vert a Lion rampant ar. Second ar. Three Pepingo's vert, beeked and membred G. Third as Second, Fourth as First; over all in a shield O. an Orle az.

Drummond Earl of Perth,

Bears O. Three Bars waved G. within the Order of Scotland.

Seaton Earl of Dumferling,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First O. Three Crescents within a double Tressure, counter-

counter-flowred G. Second ar. on a Fess G. Three cinque Foils of the First, Third as Second, and Fourth as the First.

Fleeming Earl of Wigton,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First G. a Chevron within double Tressure, counter-slowred ar. Second az. Three Frazes O. Third as Second, Fourth as First.

Lion Earl of Strathmore,

Bears ar. a Lion Rampant az. armed and linguid G. within a double Tressure, counter-flowred of the Second.

Hamilton Earl of Abercorn,

Bears Two Coats quarterly, being the same with the First and Fourth Quarter of the Atchievement of the Duke of Hamilton, with a Label of Three points O. for difference.

Areskine Earl of Kellie,

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Bears Two Coats quarterly: First G. an Imperial Crown within a double Tressure, coun-

A Journey through Scotland. 237 counterflowred O. Second ar. A pale sa. Third as Second, Fourth as First.

Hamilton Earl of Hadington,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First G. on a Chevron betwixt Three Cinque Foils ar. a buckle az. with Two spots of Ermine all within a border O. charged with eight Thistles V. Second ar. a Fess Wave betwixt Three Roses G. Third as Second, and Fourth as First; all within the Order of St. Andrew.

Stewart Earl of Galloway,

Bears O. a Fess Cheque ar. and az. surmounted of a bend ingrailed within a double Tressure counter-slowred G.

Mackenzy, Earl of Seaforth,

Bears az. a Deer's head cabossed O. within the Order of Scotland.

Maitland Earl of Lauderdale,

Bears O. a Lion Rampant G. couped in all joints of the first, within a double Tressure, counterflowred of the Second.

Hay

Hay Earl of Kinnoul,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First az. a Lion Rampant ar. lingued and unguled G. within a bordure O. charged with eight Thistles of the Third: Second ar. Three Inescutcheons G. Third as Second, Fourth as First.

Campbel Earl of Lowdown,

Bears Gyronne of eight pieces Ermine and G. within the Order of St. Andrew.

Creichton Earl of Dumfreis,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First ar. a Lion Rampant az. armed and langued G. Second az. Three Water-budgets O. Third as Second, and Fourth as First.

Alexander Earl of Stirling,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First parted per Pale ar. and sa. a Chevron and in base a Crescent counter-changed: Second O. a Galley with her sails trussed up sa. betwixt Three cross Croslets sitched G. Third

A Journey through Scotland. 239 as Second, and Fourth as First, over all in a Shield of Pretence, the badge of Nova Scotia.

Bruce Earl of Eglin,

Bears O. a Saltyre and Chief G. in a Canton of the First; a Lion Rampant of the Second.

Carnegie Earl of Southesk,

Bears O. an Eagle Displayed az. armed membred G.

Stewart Earl of Traquair,

Bears Four Coats quarterly: First O. a Fess Cheque az. and ar. Second az. Three Garbs O. Third sa. a mollet ar. Fourth ar, an Orle G. and in Chief Three Martlets sa. becked of the Second.

Ker Earl of Antram,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First Ermine on a Chief G. a Lion passant ar. Second G. on a Chevron ar. Three Martlets of the First; Third as Second, Fourth as First.

Weems

Weems Earl of Weems,

Bears Two Coats quarterly; First O. a Lion rampant G. Second ar. a Lion Rampant sa. Third as Second, Fourth as First.

Ramsay Earl of Dalbousie,

Bears ar an Eagle displayed sa.

Ogilvy Earl of Airly,

Bears ar. a Lion passant gardant G. crowned with an Imperial Crown, and collared with another open Crown O.

Ogilvy Earl of Finlator,

Bears Two Coats quarterly; First ar. a Lion passant gardant G. Crowned O. Second ar. a Cross ingrailed sa. Third as Second, Fourth as First.

Delzel Earl of Carnwath,

Bears sa. a naked man with his arms expanded proper.

Living-

Livingston Earl of Callender,

Bears the same with the Earl of Linlithgow, without the Shield of Pretence.

Leslie Earl of Leven,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First az. a Thistle proper crowned O. Second are on a bend az. Three buckles O.

Murray Countess of Dysart,

Bears az. an Imperial Crown O. betwixt Three Mollets ar. within a double Tressure, counterflowred of the Second.

Maul Earl of Penmure,

Bears parted per Pale ar. and G. a bordure of eight Escalops counterchanged of the same.

Hamilton Earl of Selkirk;

Bears the same with the Duke of Hamilton, his Father, having a Crescent for Difference.

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Carnegy Earl of Northesk,

Bears Two Coats quarterly; First and Fourth as the Earl of Southesk; Second and Third ar. a pale G.

Bruce Earl of Kincardin,

Bears Two Coats quarterly; First ar. a Lion Rampant az. armed and laugued G. Second O, a Saltyre and Chief G. Third as Second, and Fourth as First.

Lindsay Earl of Balcarras,

Bears the same with the Earl of Crawford, within a bordure az. poudered with Fourteen Stars O.

Douglass Earl of Forfar,

Bears Two Coats quarterly; First ar. a Man's Heart G. crowned with an Imperial Crown O. on a chief az. Three Stars of the First: Second quarterly, the same with the Four Coats of the Marquis of Douglass, Third as Second, and Fourth as First.

Scot Earl of Tarras,

Bears the same as the Dutchess of Buccleugh, with a Rose G. in the Chief Dexter-Point.

Middleton Earl of Middleton,

Bears parted per Fess O. and G. a Lion Rampant within a double Tressure, counter-slowred and counter-changed of the same, armed and langued az.

Gordon Earl of Aboyne,

Bears az. a Chevron betwixt Three Boars Heads erazed within a double Treffure, flowred with Flower de Luce's within, and contra-crescents without O.

Livingston Earl of Newburgh,

Bears ar. on a bend, betwixt Three Gilly-flowers G. an Anchor of the First, all within a double Tressure counter-flowered V.

Boyd

Boyd Earl of Kilmarnock,

Bears az. a Fess cheque ar. and G.

Cochran Earl of Dundonnald,

Bears ar. a Chevron G. betwixt Three Boars Heads erazed az.

Douglass Earl of Dumbarton,

Bears the same with the Marquis of Douglass within a bordure quartered; First az. Three Flower de Luce's O. Second G. Three Lions passant O. Third as Second, Fourth as First, all within the Order of Scotland.

Keith Earl of Kintore,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First and last G. a Scepter and Sword crossing other saltyre-ways, with an Imperial Crown betwixt the upper Corners, all proper, with a bordure of eight Thistles O. Second and Third the same with the Earl of Marischal.

Campbel

Campbel Earl of Bradalbin,

Bears Three Coats quarterly; First Gyronne of eight Pieces sa. and O. Second ar. a Gally with her Oars in action sa. Third O. a Fess cheque ar, and az. Fourth as the First.

Gordon Earl of Aberdeen,

Bears az. Three Boars Heads, couped within a double Tressure, slowred and counter-slowred with Thistles, Roses, and Flower de Luce's O.

Drummond Earl of Melfort,

Bears Two Coats quarterly; First O. Three Bars wave G. Second O. a Lion Rampant G. armed and langued az. within a double Tressure flowred and counterflowred of the Second, and a bordure componed ar. and az. Third as the Second, Fourth as First, all within the Order of Scotland.

Murray Earl of Dunmore,

Bears the same with the Marquis of Athol, his Father, having a Crescent for Difference.

Melvill Earl of Melvill,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First ar. a Pale G. Second G. Three Crescents within a bordure ar. charged with eight Roses of the First. Third as Second, Fourth as First.

Dalrimple Earl of Stair,

Bears O. on a Saltyre az. Nine Lozenges of the First.

VISCOUNTS.

Carey Viscount of Falkland,

Bears ar. on a bend sa. Three cinque Foils of the First.

Constable Viscount of Dumbar,

Bears O. Three bars az.

Murray

Murray Viscount of Stormount,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First az. Three Mollets within a double Tressure counter-slowred O. Second G. Three Crosses patee ar. Third as Second, and Fourth as First.

Gordon Viscount of Kenmure,

Bears az. a bend betwixt Three Boars heads couped O.

Arbuthnet Viscount of Arbuthnet,

Bears az. a Crescent betwixt Three Stars ar.

Creichton Viscount of Frendraught,

Bears Two Coats quarterly; First ar. a Lion Rampant az. armed and langued G. Second ar. a Saltyre and chief az. over all in a Shield of the last Three Mollets, within a bordure of the First: Third as Second, and Fourth as First.

Seaton Viscount of Kingstoun,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First O. Three Crescents within a double Tressure counter-flowred G. Second ar. a Dragon V. spouting Fire; Third as Second, and Fourth as First.

Mogil Viscount of Oxonford,

Bears Gules Three Martlets Or.

Ingram Viscount of Irving,

Bears Ermine on a Fess G. Three Escalops O.

Livingston Viscount of Kilsyth,

Bears ar. Three Gilly-flowers slipped G. within a double Tressure counter-flow-red V.

Osburn Viscount of Dumblane,

Bears ar. a bend betwixt Two Lions Rampant sa. armed and langued G.

Graham

Graham Viscount of Preston,

Bears Six Coats: First O. in a Chief az. Three Escalops of the First, with the Arms of Ulster, which is in a Shield ar. a Man's Hand G. Second O. a Fess cheque az. and ar. in Chief and Chevron G. Third az. Six Annulets, 3. 2. and 1. ar. Fourth ar. on a bend sa. Three Martlets of the First. Fifth ar. a Cross Frettee G. Sixth ar. on a bend az. Six Flowers de Luce's Two and Two O.

Cheney Viscount of Newhaven,

Bears Four Coats quarterly: First a Fess Fretty G. and ar. betwixt Two Fess cheques ar. and az. Second O. a Lion Rampant sa. Third V. on an Inescutcheon ar. a Deers Head cabossed G. Fourth az. a Lion Rampant ar. crowned and powdered about with Flower de Luce's O.

Mackenzy Viscount of Tarbat,

Bears Four Coats quarterly: First O. a Mountain inflamed az. and G. Second az. a Deer's Head Cabossed O. Third ar. on a Pale

Pale sa. an Imperial Crown O. within a double Tressure counter-slowred G. Fourth G. Three Legs armed proper conjoined in Fess at the upper part of the Thigh slexed in a Triangle Garnished and Spurred O.

Spenser Viscount of Tevet,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First ar. Second G. a Fret O. (in Chief a Crescent counterchanged) Third as Second, Fourth as First; over all in a bend sa. Three Escalops O.

Drummond Viscount of Strathallan,

Bears Two Coats quarterly; First O. Three bars wave G. Second O. a Lion's Head erazed within a double Tressure counter-flowred G. Third as Second, and Fourth as First.

Graham Viscount of Dundee, 1 to

Bears O. Three Piles wave within a double Tressure counterflowred sa. on a Chief of the Second, Three Escallops of the First.

LORDS.

Forbes Lord Forbes,

Bears az. Three Boars Heads couped ar. muzzled G.

Frazer Lord Salton,

Bears Three Coats quarterly: First, az. Three Fraziers ar. Second G. a Lion rampant ar. Third ar. Three Piles G. Fourth as first.

Gray Lord Gray,

Bears G. a Lion rampant within a Bordure ingrailed ar. G.

Cathcart Lord Cathcart,

Bears az. Three cross Croslets fitch'd, issuing out of as many Crescents ar.

Stuart Lord Ochiltry,

Bears Three Coats quarterly. First O. a Lion rampant within a double Tressure, counter-

counterflower'd G. Second O. a Fess cheque az. and ar. In Chief a Label of Three Points G. Third a Saltyre ingrail'd betwixt Four Roses G. Fourth as the first. All within a Bordure componed ar. and az.

Saintclair Lord Saintclair,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First az. a Ship at Anchor, her Oars erected in Saltyre, within a double Tressure counterflower'd O. Second az. a Ship under sail O. Over all, in a Shield ar. a Saltyre ingrail'd sa. Third as second, and Fourth as first.

Douglas Lord Mordington,

Bears ar. a Heart crown'd with an Imperial Crown O. on a Chief az. Three Stars of the first, on the Sinister a Crefeent G.

Semple Lord Semple,

Bears ar. a Chevron cheque G. and of the first betwixt Three Bugles sa. garnish'd of the second.

Elphingston Lord Elphingston,

Bears ar. a Chevron sa. betwixt Three Boars Heads erased G. armed of the first.

Oliphant Lord Oliphant,

Bears G. Three Crescents ar.

Frazer Lord Lovat,

Bears Two Coats quarterly. First, Az. Three Fraziers ar. Second, G. Three antick Crowns O. Third as second, Fourth as first.

Borthwick Lord Borthwick,

Bears ar. Three Cinque Foils sa...

Ross Lord Ross,

Bears Two Coats quarterly. First, O. a Chevron cheque ar. and sa. betwixt Three Water-budgets of the third. Second, G. Three Crescents within a Bordure ar. charged with Eight Roses of the Field. Third as second, Fourth as first.

Sandi-

Sandilands Lord Torphichen,

Bears quarterly, First, Parte per Fess azand O. an Imperial Crown on a Thistle sinople flower'd G. Second quarter'd first and last ar. a Bend az. Second and Third ar. a Heart crown'd O. on a chief az. Three Stars of the first: Third as second, Fourth as first.

Lindsay Lord Spanzie,

Bears the same with the Earl of Crawford, having a Crescent in Chief for a Difference.

Leslie Lord Lindores,

Bears the same with the Earl of Rothes, with this Addition; over all, in a Shield of Pretence G. a Castle ar.

Elphingston Lord Balmerino,

Bears the same with the Lord Elphings fron, the Chevron being charg'd with Three Buckles of the Field.

Stuart

Stuart Lord Blantyre,

Bears O. a Fess cheque az. and ar. Over the same, a Bend ingrail'd betwixt Two Roses G.

Areskine Lord Cardross,

Bears these Coats quarterly as follow; viz. First and last G. an Eagle display'd O. arm'd and member'd az. looking towards the Sun in his Splendor, placed in the Dexter Chief, as his Coat of Augmentation. Second quarter'd first and last az. a Bend betwixt Six cross Croslets sitch'd O. Second and Third ar. a Pale sa. Third also quarter'd; viz. First and last a Fess cheque az. and ar. Second and Third az. Three Garbs O.

Cranston Lord Cranston,

Bears G. Three Cranes ar.

Balfour Lord Burleigh,

Bears ar. on a Chevron sa. an Otter's Head erazed of the first.

Ker

Ker Lord Fedburgh,

Bears G. on a Chevron ar. Three Mullets of the first.

Drummond Lord Maderty,

Bears O. Three Bars waved G. On a Canton of the first, a Lion's Head erazed, within a double Tressure counterflower'd of the second.

Elphingston Lord Coupar;

Bears ar. on a Chevron betwixt Three Boars Heads erazed sa. as many Hearts of the first.

Naper Lord Naper,

Bears ar. a Saltyre ingrail'd betwixt Four Roses G.

Fairfax Lord Cameron,

Bears Parte per Fess of Twelve ar. and G. a Lion rampant sa.

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Richardson Lord Cramond,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First ar. on a Chief az. Three Lions Heads erazed of the first. Second Ermine on a Canton az. a Saltyre ar. Third as second, and Fourth as first.

Mackay Lord Reay,

Bears ar. on a Chevron betwixt Three Boars Heads couped ar. muzzled G.; a Buck's Head betwixt Two Hands couped, each grasping a Dagger proper.

Forester Lord Forester,

Bears ar. a Fess betwixt Three Bugles sa.

Forbes Lord Pitsligo,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First ar. Three Boars Heads couped ar. muzzled G. Second az. Three Frazes ar. Third as second, and Fourth as first.

Mc Cleland Lord Kircudbright,

Bears O. Two Chevrons sa. on a Canton ar.; a Saltyre sa. charged with a Shield of the first, surcharged with a Lion rampant within a double Tressure, counterflower'd of the second.

Frazer Lord Frazer,

Bears az. Three Frazes ar.

Hamilton Lord Bergenny,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First Three Cinque Foils ar. Second ar. a Ship with her Sails truss'd up sa. Third as second, and Fourth as first: All within a Bordure componed ar. and az. The first being charged with Hearts G. and the last with Mullets of the first.

Ogilvy Lord Bamff,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First ar. a Lion passant guardant G. crown'd with an Imperial Crown O. Second ar. Three Martlets, two and one. Third as second, and Fourth as first.

Murray

Murray Lord Elibank,

Bears az. a Martlet O. betwixt Three Mullets; all within a double Tressure counterflower'd ar.

Galloway Lord Dunkell,

Bears ar. a Lion rampant az. armed and lingued G.

Falconer Lord Halkerton,

Bears az. a Falcon display'd, crown'd O. charg'd on the Breast with an Heart proper betwixt Three Stars ar.

Hamilton Lord Belbaven,

Bears G. a Sword in Pale proper hilted and pomelled O. betwixt Three Cinque Foils ar.

Sandilands Lord Abercromby,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First ar. a Bend az. Second ar. a Heart proper crown'd O. on a Chief az. Three Stars of the first. Third as second, and Fourth as first.

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Carmichel Lord Carmichel,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First az. a Heart proper, crown'd and powder'd with Sixteen Flowers de Luce's O. Second ar. a wreath az. and G. Third as second, and Fourth as sirst.

Sutherland Lord Duffus,

Bears G. a Boar's Head erazed betwixt Three Mullets, and as many cross Croslets fitch'd O.

Rollo Lord Rollo,

Bears O. a Chevron betwixt Three Boars Heads erazed az.

Colvil Lord Colvil,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First ar. a cross Moline sa. Second G. a Fess cheque az. and ar. Third as second, Fourth as first.

Macdonald Lord Macdonald,

Bears Four Coats quarterly: First O. a Lion rampant az. armed and lingued G. Second

Second O. a dexter Hand couped proper, holding a cross Croslet sitch'd sa. Third O. a Ship with her Sails trus'd up Saltyreways sa. Fourth V. a Salmon naiant proper, a Chief waved ar.

Ruthven Lord Ruthven,

Bears Palle of Six ar. and G.

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Rutherford Lord Rutherford,

Bears ar. an Orle G. and in Chief Three Martlets sa. all within a Bordure az. charged with Thistles, Roses, Flower de Luces, and Harps of the first.

Bellandine Lord Bellandine,

Bears G. an Hart's Head couped and attir'd with Ten Tines, betwixt Three cross Croslets sitch'd; all within a double Tressure, counterslower'd O.

Leslie Lord Newark,

Bears the same as Lindores, with a Crefeent for Difference.

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Nairn Lord Nairn,

Bears quarterly, First, Parte per Fess sa. and ar. on a Chaplet, Four Quarter Foils counterchanged. Second az. Three Mullets within a double Tressure, counterslower'd ar. Third quarterly, first and last Palle of Six O. and sa. Second and Third O. a Fess cheque az. and ar. Fourth as first.

Churchill Lord Eymouth,

Bears az. a Lion rampant ar. armed and lingued G. surmounted of a Cost sa.

Kinnaird Lord Kinnaird,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First O. a Fess waved betwixt Three Mullets G. Second G. a Saltyre betwixt Four Crescents O. Third as second, Fourth as first.

Abercromby Lord Glasford,

Bears Two Coats quarterly: First ar. a Chevron cheque sa. and ar. betwixt Three Bugles of the second. Second ar. a Chevron ingrail-

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Home Lord Polwart,

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Bears quarterly; First and last as the Earl of Home. Second ar. Three Piles conjoining in the top ingrailed G. Third ar. a Cross ingrailed az. over all in a Shield ar. an Orange proper crowned with an Imperial Crown O.

THERE is no Nation where the Title of Lord is so much prostituted as in Scotland.

In England, a Peer's Title, as well as Person is Sacred; even the Judges there are but Justices, and are called Mr. Justice, by Sirname; but here every Person that fits upon a Bench, is called my Lord.

THE Senators of the College of Justice, or Lords of Session, are not only Lords upon the Bench, but are called so in all Deeds and Society, not by their Names,

but their Titles as a Peer is.

I MET a Gentleman in the Street of Edinburgh, that I had known Abroad by the Name of Calderwood, and asking if that was not Mr. Calderwood, they faid no; it was my Lord Polton: I asked how

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he came to be a Peer; they said he was a Lord of the Sessions, who are all designed by their Mansion-Houses.

EVERY Provost, or Mayor of a Borough, is also my Lord Provost, during his Mayoralty, which I take to be a Difhonour to the Peerage.

was the same of th I Know you will be surprized if I should leave Edinburgh, and give you no Account of the Regalia; but I must tell you, that the Crown, Scepter, and Sword of State of Scotland, are not to be seen as the Regalia of England are in the Tower of London.

THESE are kept in a vaulted Room in the Castle of Edinburgh, into which even Bombs cannot penetrate; under Six Locks and Keys, kept by the High-Constable, the High-Marshal, and the other Officers of the Crown. But as these are dispers'd, and some of them with the Pre-101 tender, there is no coming to the Sight of in these Regalia; and it's a Pity, considering that the Kingdoms of Scotland and di England are now Indented into that rofo A Great Britain, that such Ensigns of Grandeur and Antiquity should lie buried in a Vault, and not make a Part of that Noble Solemnity, the Coronation of the Kings of Great Britain.

However, since I could not see them, I will give you their Description, as I had it from the Herald's Office, and from some Persons of Worth, who during the sitting of the Scots Parliaments, had them under their Care. For you must know, that fince the Kings of Scotland came to the Throne of England, although the King could not be personally present in the Scotch Parliament; the Regalia were always brought thither, and lay upon a Crimson Velvet Cushion on the Table, where the Lord Register, and other Clerks sat; and every Act of Parliament, before it went into a Law, was touched by the Royal Sceptre:

THE first Crown they had in Scotland, was a Circle of Gold given by the Pope to King Caractacus, for his Zeal for the Christian Religion, in Imitation of the Circle bore by the ancient Roman Emperors. Charles le Mayne, added another with Flower de Luce's to King Achaius, as a Token that France would always support the Scotch Nation. But it was not till the Reign of that fine Prince, King Fames the Fifth, that in Imitation of France and England, it was closed with a Globe, and

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Cross a Top.

As it now is, take the following De-

scription.

The Imperial Crown of Scotland is of pure Gold, enriched with many precious Stones, Diamonds, Pearls, and curious Enamellings. The Form of it is thus: First, it is composed of a large broad Circle, or Fillet, (which goes round the Head) adorn'd with Twenty Two large precious Stones, viz. Topazes, Amethysts, Garnets, Emeralds, Rubies, Hyacinths, in Collets of Gold of various Forms, with curious Enamellings; and betwixt each of these Collets and Stones, are placed great Oriental Pearls, one of which is wanting.

Secondly, ABOVE the great Circle there is another small one form'd with Twenty Points, adorn'd with the like Number of Diamonds and Saphires alternately, and on each Point there is a great

Pearl.
Thirdly, The upper Circle is heightned with Ten Crosses Floree; each being adorn'd in the Center with a great Diamond, betwixt Four large Pearls put crosswife, but some of the Pearls are wanting; and the Number extant upon the upper Part of the Crown, besides what are in the under Circle, and in the Cross-Patee,

are Fifty One; and those Crosses-Floree, are interchanged with Ten high Flower de Luce's alternately betwixt the great Pearls below, on the Points of the Second Circle.

THIS is said to have been the Form of the Crown of Scotland, fince the League made betwixt Achaius of Scotland, and Charles the Great of France: It differs from other Imperial Crowns, in that it is heighten'd with Crosses-Floree, alternately with Flower de Luce's. Whereas the Crown of France is heighten'd only with Flower de Luce's, and that of England with Crosses-Patee, alternatively with Flower de Luce's. The Scotch Crown, fince King James the Sixth went to England, has been ignorantly represented by Herald-Painters, Engravers, and others, after the Form of the Crown of England, with Crosses-Patee: Whereas there is not one Cross-Patee, save that on the top of the Globe; for all the rest are Crosses-Floree, fuch as we see on our old Coins, -Bland Churches. Those Crowns were not anciently arched or close. Charles the Eighth is said to be the First King of France who wore a close Crown; as appears by his Medals coined in the Year 1495, wherein he is call'd Imperator Orientis.

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entises Edward the Fifth of England, in the Year 1483, is observed by Selden, to have carried a close Crown at the

Fourthly, THE Scotch Crown is thus closed: From the upper Circle proceed Four Arches, adorned with enamelled Figures, which meet, and close at the top, furmounted with a Celestial Globe of Gold, enamell'd with Blue Semee, or powder'd with Stars, cross'd and enamell'd with a large Cross-Patee on the top, adorn'd in the Extremities with great Pearls, (fuch a Cross tops the Church of Holyrood-House) and canton'd with other

Four in the Angles.

In the Center of the Cross-Patee, on the fore Part of the Crown, there is a Square Amethyst, and on the other Side of the Cross there is a great Pearl, and below it on the Foot of the Polar Part of the Cross are these Letters, J. R. V. by which it would appear, that King James the Fifth was the first that closed the Crown with Arches, and topp'd it with a Globe and Cross-Patee. Yet it is evident, that the Money and Medals coin din the Reigns of King James the Third and Fourth, have a close Crown. And it is no less clear, that the Arches of the Crown were not put there from the beginning, or at the ma-

king of the Crown; because first they are joined with Tacks of Gold, to the ancient Crown: And Secondly, the Workmanship of the Arch is not so good: And there is a small Distinction in the Fineness betwixt the first and last; the latter being superfine Gold, and the other not so exactly to that Standard; whereof Trial has been made.

Fifthly, The Tiara, or Bonnet of the Crown, was of Purple Velvet; but in the Year 1685, there was put in a Cap of Crimson Velvet, adorned, as before, with Four Plates of Gold, richly wrought and enamell'd, and on each of them a great Pearl, half an Inch in Diameter, which appears between the Four Arches, and the

Cap is faced with Ermin.

Up on the lowest Circle of the Crown, immediately above the Ermin, there are Eight small Holes, Two and Two together, in the Four quarters of the Crown, in the middle Space betwixt the Arches, to which there are tied Two Diamonds, and precious Stones. The Crown is Nine Inches Diameter, being Twenty Seven Inches about; and in Highth from the under Circle, to the top of the Cross-Patee, Six Inches and a Half. It always stands on a Square Cushion of Crimson Velvet, adorn'd

adorn'd with Fringes, and Four Tossels of Gold Thread hanging down at each Corner.

The SCEPTER.

THE Stem or Stalk of the Scepter being Silver double Overgilt, is Two Foot long, of a Hexagon Form, with Three Buttons, or Nobs of the same: Betwixt the First Button and Second, is the Handle of a Hexagon Form, furling on the Middle and Plain; betwixt the Second Button and Third, there are Three Sides engraven; upon that under the Virgin Mary, (one of the Statues on the top of the Stem) there's the Letter f; upon the Second Side under St. James, the Letter R. and on the Third under St. Andrew, the Figure Five, On the Side betwixt the J. and the R. there are engraven Fourteen Flower de Luce's; and on the Side betwixt the Figure 5. and Letter J. there are Ten Thistles continued from one Stem, from the Third Button to the Capital. The Three Sides under the Statues are Plain, and on the other Three there are antique Engravings, viz. Sacramental Cups, antique Medusa's Heads, and Rullion Foliages. Upon the top of the Stem

there is an antique Capital of Leaves emboss'd, upon the Abacus of which there arise round the Stem Three Statues; First, that of the Blessed Virgin, crown'd with an open Crown, holding in her Right Arm our Blessed Saviour, and in her Left Hand a Globe with a Cross; next to her on her Right Hand, stands the Statue of St. Andrew, in an Apostolical Garment; and on his Head a Scotch Bonnet, holding in his Right Hand a Cross, or Saltire, (part of which is broke off) and in his Left Hand raised up, there's an open Book. On the Blessed Virgin's Lest Hand, and St. Andrew's Right, there's another Statue, which seems to represent St. Fames with the like Apostolical Garment, with a hanging Neck superadded, and upon his Head a little Hat, like the Roman Pilium; in his Right Hand, half extended, a Book open, and in his Left a Pastoral Staff (the Head broke off) and above each Statue, being Two Inches and a Half, (except the Virgin Mary's, which is a little less) the finishing of a Gotbick Nich. Betwixt each Statue arise a Rullion, in Form of a Dolphin, very distinct, in Length Four Inches, with Foliage along the Body, their Heads upwards, and fronted inwards; and the turning of their Tail ending in a Rose,

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or Cinquesoil outward. Above these Rullions and Statues, stands another Haxagon, Button or Nob, with Oak-leaves under every Corner; and above it a Crystal Globe, of Two Inches, and a Fourth Part of an Inch Diameter, within Three Bars, jointed above, where it is surmounted with Six Rullions, and here again with an Oval Globe, topp'd with an Oriental Pearl, of half an Inch Diameter. The whole Scepter, in Length, is Thirty Four Inches.

The SWORD.

THE Sword is Five Foot Long; the Handle and Pummel are of Silver Gilt, in Length Fifteen Inches: The Pummel is Round, and somewhat flat on the Two Sides; on the Middle of each, there is a Garland of embossed Work, and in the Center there have been Two enamelled Plates, which are broke off. The Traverse, or Cross of the Sword is Silver Gilt, Seventeen and a half Inches long. The Form of it like Two Dolphins, their Heads joining, and their Tails ending in Acorns. The Shell hangs down towards the Point of the Sword, form'd like an Escallop flourish'd, (or rather like a Green Oak-

Oak-Leaf) on the Blade of the Sword there's indented with Gold Julius II. P. The Scabbard is of Crimson-Velvet, covered with Silver Gilt, and wrought in. Filagreen Work into Branches of Oak, with Leaves and Acorns. On the Scabbard there are Four round Plates of Silver Gilt; Two of them, near the Chape, are enamell'd Blue; and thereon in Golden Characters, Julius II. Pon. MAX. N. At. the Mouth of the Scabbard, opposite to the Hook, there's a large Square Plate of Silver, enamell'd Purple, in a Cartouch Azure, an Oak-Tree eradicate and fructivate Or. and above the Cartouch the Papal Ensign; viz. Two Keys in Saltyre addresse, (Three Bowls form'd like Roses, or Cinquesoils) tied with Trappings, and hanging down at each Side of the Cartouch. Tiara, environed with Three Crowns, and Two Labels turn'd up with Crosses.

THERE is no Nation where a Man hath fairer Play for his Liberty, than in Scotland: Here are no Sheriffs Officers, and Marshal's Men, that will whip you off the Street at London, and run you into a Spunging-House at once; but here if you owe Money, you are summon'd to the x

shew. Cause why you don't pay it; which if you don't do, you have Six Days allow'd you before a Caption comes out against your Person; which is executed by these Messengers only, who are all put in by the Lord Lion, and wear a Greyhound on a green Ribbon, as a Badge, when they are in the Execution of their Office.

THE Ladies dress as in England, with this Difference, that when they go abroad, from the highest to the lowest, they wear a Plaid, which covers Half of the Face, and all their Body. In Spain, Flanders, and Holland, you know the Women go all to Church, and Market, with a black Mantle over their Heads and Body: But these in Scotland are all strip'd with Green, Scarlet, and other Colours, and most of them lin'd with Silk; which in the Middle of a Church, on a Sunday, looks like a Parterre de Fleurs.

I HAVE been at several Consorts of Musick, and must say, that I never saw in any Nation an Assembly of greater Beauties, than those I have seen at Edinburgh. The Ladies are particular in a stately, sirm way of walking, with their Joints extended, and their Toes out: But I cannot say, that the common People are

near so clean or handsome as the Engilish. The young Ladies are all bred good Housewives; and the Servant-Maids are always kept at some Work here: The Spinning-Wheels, both for Woollen and Linnen, are always going in most Houses; and a Gentleman of a good Estate is not asham'd to wear a Suit of Cloaths of his Lady's and Servants spinning. They make a great deal of Linnen all over the Kingdom, not only for their own Use, but export it to England, and to the Plantations. In short, the Women are all kept employ'd, from the highest to the lowest of them.

Bur the Men here are not so usefully employ'd as in Engand: There the Production of every County is improv'd by Joint-Stocks amongst the Inhabitants of the several Counties. Iron-Works, Lead-Works, Manuactories, and every Thing else that may conduce to the common Welfare of the Nation, are set on foot, and carryd on. But here, altho' their Rivers plantifully abound with Salmon for Exponation, their Coasts with white Fish and Herrings, more than any other in Europs; yet the Gentry, or Landed Men; never concern themselves about it, as a Thing below them; and leave those Im-T 2 prove

provements to Burghers of Towns, who, for want of a sufficient Stock, are not able

to carry it on.

INDEED, the Nobility have of late run into Parking, Planting, and Gardening, which are great Improvements of their Etlates; but what is this to the Bulk of a Nation, which (if encourag'd) hath as many natural Commodities for Exportation as any whatsoever, and more than South Britain? But a finer Education than what is necessary for Trade, hath been, in Imitation of the French, the Missortune of this Kingdom; but perhaps the Union with England may open their Eyes to their own Interest.

The Language of the Low-Countries of Scotland, is the same with that which is spoken all over England; only an Englishman will understand a Scotchman better by his writing, than speaking; for the Difference in the Pronunciation of the Vowels, which are the same in writing, makes a great Alteration in speaking.

THE Scots pronounce the Five Vowels, a, e, i, o, u, just as the French, Germans, and Italians do; and the English, according to that Pronunciation, make them a, i, y, o, u. This Difference of

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THE Highlanders have a Language of their own, which the Irish own to be the purest of that Irish which they spake in the Province of Ulster in Ireland; which is also spoken in the greatest Purity in the Western Islands that lye between Scotland and Ireland: They being an unmix'd People, have preserved that Language and the Dress better than the Irish have done, who have been over-run with Danes, English, &c.



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LETTER XII.

GLASGOW.

SIR,



N my Progress to the West, I would not go the direct Road, because I had taken Linlithgow, and a great Part of it, in my Return from Stirling:

I therefore went by the Skirts of that wild Country, call'd Crawford-Moor, where I faw the ancient Castle of Crawford, which gives the Title of Earl to the Noble Family of Lindesay; tho' their Residence hath been at the Struthers in Fife for many Centuries; and where, and in Angus and Perthshire, are many Eminent Branches

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The first was Sir James Lindesay, Son by a Daughter of Walter, Great Steward of Scotland; who was created Earl of Crawford by his Uncle Robert, the first Stuart King of Scotland: And they have been Great Men in all Reigns since. One of them was Hostage for King James the First; others, Master of the Houshold, and Lord Chamberlain to King James the Second and Third; kill'd at the Battel of Flowden, with K. James the Fourth; Zealous for the Reformation; Lord High Treasurer at the Restoration of King Charles the Second; President to the Convention of Estates, and President of the Council at the Revolution.

NEAR these Parts, lye also the Seats of the Lords Somerville and Carnwath; the former an ancient Norman Family, who have been long considerable in Scotland: For William de Somerville is a Witness to a Grant of King David the First to the Monks of Melross. The Lord Carnwath's Estate was forfeited in the late Rebellion. And on the Banks of the River Douglas is a pretty Spot, call'd Douglas Dale, where stands the ancient Paternal Seat of the old Family of Douglas, Dukes

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of Douglas. This Family is certainly the most renown'd of any Subject's Family in Europe; where there is not a Kingdom, but their Name is known, and some of their great Actions recorded. They have often marry'd the Daughters of their Kings; and were sometimes too great for Subjects, by the vast Number of their Vassals, and often suffer'd for it: Yet the Kings had that Regard for the Family, that it was never extinguish'd. They have enjoy'd this Country of Douglas Dale, without Interruption, ever fince the Year 770. Sir James Douglas was the constant Companion of K. Robert Bruce in all his Atchievements: And that King having made a Vow to visit the Holy Land, but Death seizing him; he engag'd his Friend, the Lord Douglas, to carry his Heart to Feru-Salem; which accordingly he did: And his Servant who carry'd the Box, was call'd-Lock-heart; a good Family in this Country to this Day, who give for their Arms a Heart within a Padlock; as does the Duke of Douglas, a Heart with an Imperial Crown.

To give you the particular History of this Noble Family, would be too long for a Letter; but there is a Folio History of this Family, written by Mr. Hume of Gods-Craft,

Craft, to which I refer you. I will only add, that about the Reign of King David the Second, there were Six Earls of the Name of Douglass, viz. Douglass, Angus, Ormond, Wigtoun, Murray, and Morton; and there are now the Duke of Douglass, Duke of Queensbury, the Earls of Morton, Dumbarton, and March, and Lords Mordington; the worthy unhappy Earl of Forfar, the Second Branch of the Family, being kill'd at the Battel of Sheriffmure; who, if he had liv'd, had equald any of his great Duagant are

his great Progenitors.

This Gentleman you knew in Flanders, Lieutenant-Colonel to the Black Scotch Regiment of Dragoons, and afterwards Colonel to an Old Regiment of Foot, in the Reign of Queen Anne; he was declared Envoy-Extraordinary to the King of Prussia by King George; when the Rebellion breaking out in his Native Country, he desired Leave to go down and serve there, although his Regiment was in England; and commanding as Brigadier, at the Head of Morison's Regiment, the Colonel being absent, he was, after being taken Prisoner, stabb'd by the Highlanders in Nineteen several Places, because he was a Douglass; for the Family, although they have often suffer'd by the Stuarts, never fuffer'd

fuffer'd for them; he carried in his Crest a Hand holding a Scimiter, with this Motto, Manus bac Inimica Tirannis; and it's remarkable, that in all the numerous Family of Douglass, never one was engaged in all the Plots for the Pretender. The present Duke appears very hearty on all Occasions for the Protestant Interest, and was a Volunteer at the Battel of Sheriffmure, but hath too great a Spirit to court Ministries.

THE Castle of Douglass being built many Hundred Years ago, and having receiv'd frequent Additions, cannot be suppos'd to be very Regular; but as it is, is a very August Noble Pile, with its large Park and Gardens. Yet I think the House of Diddep, near Dundee, of which I gave you an Account from thence, is a much finer Situation, and belongs to his Grace. A little way from this is the Town of Lanerk, the Capital of the Shire of Cliddes desidale, which being an Inland Town, is of no great Signification; and in Eight Miles further I arriv'd at Hamilton.

THE Palace of Hamilton lieth in a Fertile Fine Plain, between a great Park of Six or Seven Miles in Circumference, Walled round, and a lesser Park behind the Gardens, both well Wooded and Watered;

the great Park having a River running through its Middle, and extreamly well stock'd with Deer.

The great Court-yard before the House is spacious, and to be ballustraded with Iron, between Pillars of Stone, as that of Dalkeith is; and behind is a Noble Parterre, adorned with Statues; and lower, spacious Bounds for a Canal and Fishponds, with large Gardens on each Side, and at the bottom a fine Park.

THE Palace is defigned to be a Roman H. but the Two Wings to the Front are only finished, those to the Garden are left till the Duke is of Age. The Body of the Front is very handsome, being adorned. with Pillars and Pilasters of the Corinthian Order; but it is not near Eighty Foot Broad, while the Wings are One Hundred and Fifty Long. This I thought very preposterous, and makes it look like Greenwich Hospital; but when the other Part of the House is finished, it will not appear so. It is built of the whitest Free-Stone I ever saw; it looks like Marble. The Royal Apartments in this Palace, confisting of a Dining-Room, Drawing-Room, Bedchamber, Dreffing-Room, and Closet, are extreamly well finished, with Marble Chimney-

Chimney-Pieces, and Carv'd-work: In the Drawing-Room are the Pictures of Duke William Hamilton, and his Dutchess, with their Six Sons; viz. the late Earl of Arran, the Earl of Selkirk, the Earl of Orkney, the Earl of Ruglen, Lord Basil, and Lord Archibald Hamilton, in half Lengths, done by Sir Godfrey Kneller; and in the Closet are a vast Quantity of very good Pictures of the Court of King Charles the First.

On the Great Stair-Case joining to this Apartment, is a long and spacious Gallery, finely lin'd with Oak, and filled with an incomparable Collection of Pictures; Daniel in the Lion's Den, by Vandike, is a masterly Piece, and takes up one end of the Room; the Marriage of Canaa, by Tentoret, which contains more Figures than that Celebrated one of Paul Veronese, in St. George's at Venice, is also a Masterly Piece: There is a fine whole Length of Fielding, Earl of Denbigh, going a Shooting, with a Blackamore-Boy shewing him his Game; done by Vandike: As also a whole Length of Duke Fames Hamilton, that was beheaded; and of the Marquis of Hamilton, who was Steward of the Houshold, by the same Hand as it is at Hampy

Hampton-Court. There are a great many other good Pictures, and not one bad one.

THE Offices of this Palace join the Town, which is the neatest and best pav'd I have seen; the Houses being built of Free-Stone, supported by Pillars, and is larger than most of your Boroughs Royal. Joining to the great Park, is a very Romantick Garden, call'd Baroncleugh, which consists of Seven hanging Terras-Walks, down to a River Side, with a wild Wood full of Birds on the opposite Side of the River: In some of those Walks, are Banquetting-Houses, with Walks and Grottoes, and all of them fill'd with large Ever-Greens, in the Shapes of Beasts and Birds.

This Noble Family though the first in the Kingdom for Rank, hath not been in Scotland above Four Hundred Years; when an English Gentleman of the Name of Hamilton, sted to King Robert Bruce, who bestow'd upon him the Lands of Cadeow, in this County. In 1445, this Family was Nobilitated by the Title of Lord Hamilton, and married to King James the Third's Sister; by which they came to be declard in Parliament, on the Death

Death of James the Fifth, that in Case of the Death of Mary Queen of Scots, they should be next Heir to the Crown, and are regarded as a Branch of the Royal Family ever fince. They were created Duke of Chatalrow in France, on the carrying Mary Queen of Scots thither; were made Dukes of Hamilton in Scotland, by King Charles the First; and Duke of Brandon in England, by Queen Anne. I cannot forbear doing the Honour to this Family, of giving you a Speech of the Lord Hamilton, Governor of Scotland, during the Minority of Queen Mary, after the famous Battel of Pinkey, at a Time when it was in his Power to have married the Princess to his own Son, and so have secured the Succession of the Crown to his own Family.

Doubt not but that many of you, 'My Lords, and more of the Vulgar, (whose forward preposterous Understandings seldom judge of Things, but by the various Events they are liable to) may be apt to disapprove a War, that has been attended with Consequences so fatal to most of us. I own, that I advis d'you to undertake it: And as then, so I am

am still of Opinion, that 'tis one of those Evils, the Glory and Liberty of the Na-tion do not allow us to avoid. I know 'not but you may have other Sentiments 'at this Time; and have therefore called 'you together, to congratulate your Mag'nanimity, if you remain unshaken, as 'I am, in your Resolution to repulse the Encroachments made upon us; and if 'you are other Ways disposed, as I hope 'you are not, to upbraid your Fear, the in-'glorious Enemy of Reason and Courage. 'When I took the Command of our Ar-' mies upon me, you unanimously preserr'd an Honourable War, to a Peace you 'thought equally unsafe and disgraceful; and shall we be so mean as to yield to the 'fignal Injustice of Fortune? No, I am ' persuaded, that, as grating as our Misfortunes at Pinkey must needs be to you 'all, you'll nevertheless chuse to pursue a noble Revenge, rather than sit down with the Affront, or submit to the threa-'ten'd Slavery. Come on it what will, I "am fix'd in my first Opinion. And I had 'rather preserve the Monarchy at any Rate, I mean, though at the Expence of fuch of the Subjects Fortunes and 'Bloods, as have been, or may yet chance

to be wasted, than to spare the Estates and Lives of private Men, though never fo great and deserving, with the Loss of our common Country. Let us labour by all Means, to save the Ship, that saves all. And to this Effect, let us not grudge to cut down the Mast, nor to see our 'own Shares of the Loading cut down and thrown Over-board. If the Foundation of an Edifice stands firm, it is no great Matter if the Ceiling and the Furniture be down. Our private Losses are so ma-'ny Sacrifices that are due to the Publick. 'They weaken the State, I own it; but ' the Ruin of the State it self, must needs 'involve us all'in universal irretrieveable 'Miseries. Consider, My Lords, with what an Enemy we have to do, and on what Terms we may purchase a Peace. Our Enemy, is he not the same old in-'veterate one, whose Avarice has, by un-'just Laws, so often attempted to devour our Existence? And is not this present War alone, sussicient to make us tremble 'at the very Thoughts of falling under the Power of Tyrants, so unconsciona-'bly Implacable? We cannot descend to the Terms they propose, without stoop-ing under the imperious Yoke of a Peo-' ple that thirst for our Blood, and whose

'Insolence is whetted with Fury. Cast your Eyes, on the other Hand, on your 'Ancient unalterable Allies, the French; 'they never yet failed us in our greatest Exigencies; and will not, in the present Juncture of our Affairs. Neither do we want Friends in Italy. Nay, there are ' few Potentates in Europe, that will un-' concernedly look on, and behold our De-'struction. Resolve, in fine, whether we 'had best desend our Liberties, or give them up; whether 'tis most expedient to die, if it must be so, free and independent, or to live eternal Slaves to our greatest Foes. Tis true, they offer us lair Things; our Laws and Rights are, 'by the Treaty, to remain untouch'd: But ' pray who is Guarantee for this. And if the English shall, in an Aster-Game, either break, or encroach upon the Articles agreed to, Who will redress our Grievances? To what Tribunal shall we appeal? Tis a Jest to offer to set up for eight of the Liberty Property of the Property of the Control o 'ther Liberty or Property, when in Effect' we shall have given them away: We must begin, by surrendring our Mistress to a Husband; that is, to a Master which done, I don't see why he may not, as such, subject her Crown to his own; or rather unite and confound them

'in one: And thus Scotland must inevitably become a County or Province in England. 'Tis impossible to reflect on the ambitious Project without Horror and Detestation; and how can we chuse, but to have the meanest Sentiments of, and greatest Contempt imaginable for 'such of our Countrymen as shall shew 'themselves Villians enough to comply. The uncertain Events, and Length of the War, may perhaps intimidate some of us. But is it the first Time that Scotland has seen her self expos'd to Dangers of that 'Kind? When reduc'd to the like Extremities, did ever our Ancestors hesitate to preser their Honour to Life? And are we 'so far degenerated, as to render our felves and their Off-spring, unworthy of the inestimable Treasure they purchas'd with so much Valour, and transmitted to us with so much Glory? Had the malign 'Influence of our Birth involv'd us in Sla-' very, how far we had been oblig'd to endeavour the Recovery of that Freedom we had never enjoy'd, I shall not determine. But since we were born Free, 'tis e plain that our Posterity can never pardon our Cowardice, if we become willing to resign the Independency our own Birth, 'and Forefathers Courage, have entituled to and the same of the same of the

us to. If but a Part of our Estates 'and Honours were invaded, we might 'plead some Pretence or Excuse for dispenfing with it: But the Body of the 'Nation is attack'd; our Country, nothing 'less than our Country, is at Stake; its ancient Laws, and fundamental Constitution, are on the Point of being subverted. ' cannot disown, but that it's hard to tell what Success it shall please the Almighty. to give to our Arms. It's not only in these our Days, that the Scotch Nation, equal to the Romans in this Point, have 'sfrood firm in the midst of Danger, and have conquered their hard Fate, by the Steadiness of their Courage. Let us not affront the Memory of those Heroes that gave us a Being. The more Vigor we shew, the more we shall encourage our Friends Abroad. One Thing we are sure of, that our Firmness will gain us Praises from Posterity, whereas tamely ' submitting will render us Infamous.

This Speech had its designed Effect; for to prevent the English from getting Possession of their Queen by Force, they sent her to France, which put an End to that War.

BUCHANAN, and some other Scotch Authors, make this Family of Hamilton original Dependers on the Family of Douglas, and that they became great by be-traying that Family to King James the Se-cond, who murder'd the Earl of Douglas with his own Hands in Stirling-Castle, altho' he had a Safeguard; and that Hamilton marry'd afterwards the Princess Mary, that King's Daughter; whose Brother, King Fames the Third, forc'd her to abandon her Husband, Boyd Earl of Arran, and to marry the Lord Hamilton. But I am apt to believe this to be invidious in Buchanan, to please his Patron the Earl of Murray, a great Enemy to the Hamiltons: For I have now before me the History of Scotland of Hector Boetius, translated into English by Mr. John Bellandine, Archdeacon of Murray, and Canon of Ross, printed in 1536; who in his Twelfth Book, Chapter the 5th, saith, The first Daughter of K. James the Second was marry'd to the Lord Boyd; of whom was begotten a Son, whilk was slain by the Lord Montgomery; and a Daughter marry'd to the Earl of Casfills; and after the Death of the Lord Boyd, this Daughter of K. James the Second was marry'd to the Lord Hamilton; and

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and that way the House of Hamilton is de-

corit in the Kings Blood.

This Mr. Bellandine being contemporary with the Lady, and in Being when the Match was made, I think may be believed better than Mr. Buchanan, who did not write till a Century after. And as for their Dependance on the House of Douglas, Mr. Hamilton of Wishaw, in his Account of the Family of Hamilton, explodes that; but he being a Cadet of the Family, may be supposed to be a Party-Writer by the other side. However, Mr. Rymer, in his Fædera Angliæ (ad Annum 1423) shews, they were so considerable Barons then, as to be one of the Hostages for the Ransom of K. James the First.

I HAVE dwelt the longer on this Story, because most Foreigners who have writ of the Assairs of Scotland, found the Greatness of the Hamilton Family on Ingratitude

and Adultery.

My Lord Clarendon and Bishop Burnet have told you so much of the Two Brothers, Duke fames and Duke William, during the Civil War, that I need only tell you, that fames was beheaded at London, and Duke William kill'd at the Battel of Worcester. But he that hath most aggrandized this Family, was the Lord William

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Douglas, Earl of Selkirk; who marrying the Daughter and Heiress of Duke James, hath by her added to the Family Four Hereditary Peers, their Sons, and mix'd the Blood and Arms of the Douglasses with the Hamiltons.

THERE are of the Peerage in this Family, Duke Hamilton, the Earls of Abercorn, Haddington, Selkirk, Orkney, Ruglen; and the Lords Belbaven and Bergenny; and many considerable Branches in Ireland.

FROM the Palace of Hamilton, there runs a spacious Avenue a full Mile long, well pav'd and ditch'd on each side, with Triple and Quadruple Rows of Trees, in a direct Line to Bothwell-Bridge; where I pass'd the River Clyde; and where, in K. Charles the Second's Reign, there was a Rebellion, which the Duke of Monmouth was sent down into Scotland to suppress. It's a very advantageous Pass, but they had neither Artillery nor Officers to defend it, and so were soon reduced. Near this Bridge stands the ancient Castle of Bothwell, often the Residence and Burial-Place of the Earls of Douglas. It's a prodigious great Pile, out of Part of which the good Lord Forfar built a pretty neat Box

Box at a little Distance, and is there interr'd.

This Castle hath often given the Title of Earl, but never lasted long in a Family; and hath been generally unfortunate, so that no one now enjoys that Title. In Six Miles more, thro' a fine Country, I arriv'd at this famous City of Glasgow; of which I shall now give you the Description.

GLASGOW is the beautifullest little City I have seen in Britain; it stands deliciously on the Banks of the River Clyde, over which there is a fair Stone Bridge of

Eight Arches.

THE City consists of Four principal Streets, in the Form of a Cross, with the Town-House and Market-Place in the Middle; where, as you walk, you see the whole Town at once. The Houses are of Free Stone, of an equal Height, and supported with Pillars; and the Streets being spacious, and well pav'd, add to the Beauty of the Place. Here is also an University, founded by Bishop Turnbull, in the Year 1454. The College consists of Two spacious Courts of Free Stone; and the Scholars wear Scarlet Gowns, as at St. Andrew's. Here are Professors in all Sciences, as there, and at Edinburgh; and the U 4 Duke

Duke of Montross (who, as I told you from Stirling, hath a great Power in the ad-

jacent Counties) is their Chancellor.

THE Cathedral, which stands on an E-minence at the End of one of the Streets, is now divided into Three Churches; and there are Five other very good ones in this

City.

NEAR this Cathedral, stands the Palace of the Duke of Montross; which, when finish'd according to the Disposition of the Offices already built, will be very noble; having a commanding Prospect of the whole City, and adjacent Country; and, on the Declension of the Hill to the River-side, Room enough for what Gar-

dens he pleases.

THE ancient and noble Family of Grabam, Dukes of Montross, hath been considerable ever since Graham govern'd Scotland, in the Minority of Eugene the Second: And we find William de Graham, one of the Witnesses to the Foundation of the Abby of Holyrood-House, by King David the First, in the Year 1125. And under the Great Seal of Alexander the Third, we find Three Sir David Grahams successively ratify'd in their Lands, and High-Sherisss of the County of Stirling, under the same King, in 1284.

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SIR David Graham was one of those Barons, who, in 1300, sign'd that samous Letter to the Pope, asserting the Independency of Scotland, and extolling King Robert Bruce, as the Preserver of the Liberties of the People; and Sir John Graham, the samous Companion of William Wallace, so much celebrated by the ancient Scotch Bards.

W E find Sir Patrick de Graham one of the Hostages for King David, when he was taken Prisoner at the Battel of Dur-

bam, in the Year 1346.

We find also the Lord Graham, Governor of the Kingdom in the Minority of K. Fames the Second; a great Favourite of K. Fames the Third; and created Earl of Montross by K. Fames the Fourth, with whom he was slain at Flowden.

In the Reign of K. James the Sixth, they were Lord High Treasurer, Lord High Chancellor, and Viceroy of the Kingdom: And in the Reign of King Charles the First, the Behaviour of James Marquis of Montross is so well known, that I need not repeat it: And indeed, saying any Thing of him, without giving you his whole History, would be doing Injustice to his Memory; and to do that, would be too long for a Letter. Both Parties

Parties own, he was one of the greatest Men of his Time. My Lord Clarendon says of him, that he was in his Nature fearless of Danger, and never declin'd any Enterprize, for the Dissiculty of going thro' with it; but exceedingly affected those which seem'd desperate to others; and did believe somewhat to be in himself above other Men, which made him live easier with those inserior to him, than with his Superiors or Equals. He was not without Vanity; but his Virtues were much superior, and well deserve to have his Memory preserv'd and celebrated amongst the most illustrious Persons of the Age he liv'd in.

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His Son, after the Restoration, led a private Life; but his Grandson, James Marquis of Montross, was, while very young, made Captain of the Horse-Guards, and President of the Privy-Council; and would have been the greatest Man in Scotland of his Age, but he was snatch'd away in 1684, leaving behind him a Son, the present Duke; who inherits the Honour and Virtue of his Family, and is one of the Gems that adorn the British Crown.

This City of Glasgow is a Place of the greatest Trade in the Kingdom, especially to the Plantations; from whence

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they have Twenty or Thirty Sail of Ships every Year, laden with Tobacco and Sugar; an Advantage this Kingdom never enjoy'd till the Union. They are purchasing a Harbour on the Frith, near Alloway, to which they have but Twelve Miles by Land; and then they can re-ship their Sugars and Tobacco, for Holland, Germany, and the Baltick Sea, without being at the Trouble of sailing round England or Scotland. Ships of Burden do not come up to the City, but lye at Port Glasgow, where the Custom-House is kept, and from whence they bring their Goods in Lighters to the City.

This City is strictly Presbyterian, and the best affected to this Government of any

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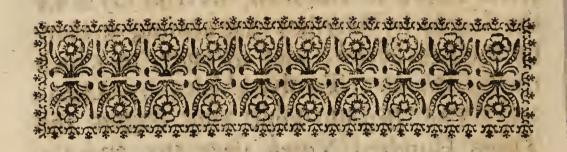


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SIR,



ROM Glasgow, I took a Boat down the River Clyde, leaving the Mountainous Country of Lenox on the North, and the Barony of

Renfreu to the South; and in few Hours arrived at the ancient Town of Dumbarton, situated on the Point where the River Leven runs into Clyde; and is one of the great Strengths and Passes between the Low-Country and the Highlands, and the

Gate of the Western Highlands. Its Castle stands on a Rock, as those of Edinburgh and Stirling do. It's environed by the River Leven to the West, by the Clyde to the South, by Marshes that are overflowed by the Sea every Tide, to the East; and to the North the Rock is Perpendicular. The Britons kept this Castle for Three Hundred Years after the Romans left the Island. And Bede says, it was the best fortified City of the Britons in his Days. Since the Scotch held it, it hath done them many great Services at a Pinch. It held out long against Edward the First of England. And when David the Second was beat, he fled for Refuge to Sir Malcolm Fleming, Governor of Dumbarton Castle, who conveyed him safe to France. It was also from this Castle, that Mary Queen of Scots, was shipped off for France, when the English Army came as far as Edinburgh, to demand her for their Edward the Sixth.

This Country of Lenox, gave the Title of Earl, and Duke, to a Branch of the Family of Stuart, before they came to the Crown of Scotland. The First was Allen, Second Son to Walter, the Stuart, or Seneschal of Scotland, who in some Charters is also called Dapifer Scotia, and

was Uncle to him, who by marrying King Robert Bruce's Daughter, came to be King. From this Office of High-Steward, they took the Sirname of Stuart, which is now branched out into many Families, who all give the Arms the Family bore before they were Kings, which is a Blue and White Chequer.

This Family continued in great Honour and Splendor for many Generations. The Lord Darnly, a Son of the Family, married Mary Queen of Scots, and was Father to Fames the Sixth of Scotland, and First of England. Till the Year 1672, the last Duke of the Family died Ambassador to Denmark, without Issue. King Charles the Second being his next Heir, bestowed the Title on one of his Natural Sons by the Dutchess of Portsmouth; but the Lands, Regalities, and Superiority, belong to the Duke of Montross, who is also Hereditary Sheriff of the Shire.

A LITTLE beyond Dumbarton, is

the famous Lake Lock-Lomond, Twenty Miles Long, and Eight Broad, with some Islands in it; of which the Poet

Nichmere,

With Rivers Scotland is enrich'd,
And Lomond there a Lake,
So cold of Nature is, that Sticks
It quickly Stones doth make.

This Town gave Title of Earl to a Son of the House of Douglass; the present Earl hath a Command in the Army.

BEHIND Lock-Lomond, to the Northwest, and West, lies the great County of Argyleshire; which with the Countries of Lorn, Kintire, and Bredalbin, adjoining, is inhabited by the Clan of the Campbels, the only ballancing Power to the Mackdonalds in the Highlands; and the whole under the Power and Jurisdicton of the Duke of Argyle; who is not only Hereditary Sheriff, but Hereditary Justice-General, and Superior of these Countries, and the adjacent Islands. I gave you an Account of this Noble Family from Stirling; and as for the Country, it's very Moun-tainous, full of Black Cattle, and Deer; as the other Parts of the Highlands. Lorn is something better, and affords Corn; as does also Kintire, which is a Limb that runs out into the Irish Sea, Thirty Miles long, as the Lands-End does in England, and from whence you see Ireland very plainly. 4

plainly. Bredalbin, or the Heart of the Highlands, is amongst the Grampean-Hills, and is the highest Part of the Kingdom. The Inhabitants all wear the Highland Dress, and speak Irish, and are as wild as they can be represented. The Duke of Argyle hath a Noble Seat at Inverary, the Capital of the Shire, and another at Campbel-town. A Branch of this Noble Family of Campbel, is also Earl of Bredalbin. Besides this large Country of Argyle, the Duke hath also the Superiority and Jurisdiction over the adjacent Isles of Ila, Tiry, Jura, Wyst, Coll, Lismore and Mall; which last Island was the Inheritance of the Clan of Macklean, where they still inhabit, but under the Power and Jurisdiction of the Duke of Argyle.

FROM Dumbarton, I took Boat down the River Clyde, and in Six Miles Rowing, got to Greenock at the Mouth of the River, where it empties it self into the Frith of Clyde; which, like that of the Frith of Forth, extends it self for Forty Miles, till it salls into the Irish Sea; and at its Mouth, as the other, hath a Mountain in the Sea, called Ilsay, where the Solon Geese inhabit, as in the Bass. This Frith hath Kintire on one Side, and the Coasts of Cunningham, Keyl, and Carreck on the others

other, and is several Miles Broad. About the middle of this Frith lyeth the Island of Arran, belonging to the Duke of Hamilton, and gives the Title of Earl to his Eldest Son. It is about a Dozen Miles in Circumference, is very Mountainous and Boggy, but hath a good Harbour for Ships in Distress, called Lamlash. Nearer to the bottom of this Frith, joining to the Barony of Renfrew, is another large Island, called Bute, a Part of the Patrimony of the Family of Stuarts, before they were Kings of Scotland; and which Robert, the Second King of the Family, gave to his Brother John, as appears by the following Charter, which I have feen.

Robertus Dei Gratia Rex Scotorum, Sciatis nos dedisse & boc presenti charta nostra confirmasse dilecto fratri nostro Johanni Senescallo de Bute, officium Vice Comitatus de Bute, & Arran; datum II. Novembr. 1400.

THIS John Stuart of Bute, must have been born before his Father was King, for he carrieth the plain Coat of the Stuarts, in a Tresour of Flower de Luce's, without the Royal Escutcheon. They were. Gentlemen of the Bedchamber to X most

most of the succeeding Kings; and Queen Anne called always Stuart of Bute Coufin when she spoke to him, and created him Earl of Bute. The present Earl is Lord of the Bedchamber to King George, and one of the Sixteen Peers to the Parliament of Great Britain.

In this Island is also the Castle of Rothsay, which gives Title of Duke to the Prince of Wales, and is always the Title of the King's eldest Son.

In the Church of Rothsay is this Memorable Epitaph, upon the Monument of

the last Earl of Bute.

Per multos Proavos Regali stemmate cretus, Qui fuerant sidi Regibus usque suis; Pulchra fuit cui Mens habitans in corpore pulchro,

Cuique genus geniusque Ingeniique Vigor.
Ornarunt animum, virtusque scientia juris,
Et Regum, & patria, & religionis amor;
Illa & apostolico Clero, tot fluctibus acto,
Vivens & Moriens grande Levamen erat.

This Town of Greenock is much embellished by its Proprietor, Sir John Shaw, one of the richest Commoners in Scotland, with a very fine Harbour; and is in the Shire of Renfrew the ancient Inheritance of

of the Stuarts, before they were Kings; they were Barons of Renfrew, but Robert coming to be King, made it a Shire; however, Baron of Renfrew is still one of the Royal Titles, and the first Roberts generally kept their Court here. What the Stuarts were originally, no Historian can tell; but that when they were Barons of Renfrew, they were also Treasurers to the King's Houshold, and Stewards of the Kingdom, from which Office the Clantook the Sirname, all agree. The best Account of them is given by Sir James Dalrymple, from undoubted Authorities, which is as follows:

THEIR Barony was the Shires of Renfrew and Bute, and the Stewartry of Kyle. The first of that Family I find mentioned in Charters and Records, is Walter, the Son of Allan, Dapifer Regis, Founder of the Monastery of Passey, who in the Register Book of Charters of the Abbacy of Passey, now in the Custody of the Earl of Dundonald, Proprietor of these Lands, and where he hath his Chief Residence, is mentioned as the Founder, and Son of Allan; and particularly in a Discharge granted by himself to the Monks, of Two Chaldrons of Meal, payable out of the Mill.

Mill, he is designed Walter, the Son of Allan; and in Confirmation by Pope Alex-ander, of the Abbacy of Pasley, to Alexander Stuart of Scotland, he is designed Heir by Progress, to Walter the Founder. There are also Charters extant, granted by this Walter, designing himself the Son of Allan, and Dapifer Regis. The Chronicles of Melross and Fordon, do design him Walter the Son of Allan, Dapifer Regis Scotia, qui fundavit Passetum, and that he died in the Year 1177, by the former, and 1178 by the latter, which was in the Twelfth or Thirteenth Year of the Reign of King William. And frequently in King William's Charters in the said Register of Passey, Allan Dapifer is mentioned, and also in the foresaid Confirmation by the Pope, he is designed Allan the Son of Walter the Founder, he died in the Year 1204. To him succeeded Walter his Son, designed Senescallus Scotia. Fordon relates, that King Alexander the Second, at the Feast on his Birth-Day, in the Year 1231, made Walter, the Son of Allan, Steward of Scotland, Justiciar of Scotland. A Manuscript of Andreas Wintonius, Prior of the Inch in Lochlevin, who wrote in the Time of the Government of Robert First Duke of Albany, and Uncle to King

James the First, dedicated to Sir John Weems, Predecessor to the Earl of Weems, agrees with Fordon, that at St. Andrews, King Alexander made Walter (Allan's Son) Steward of Scotland, the King's Justiciary, The Manuscript contains many Things useful to the History, and is in the Hands of the Reverend Mr. Fames Kirktown, one of the Ministers of Edinburgh, a Person well known in Scotish Antiquities. This Walter is an ordinary Witness in King Alexander the Second's Charters, under the Designation of Senescallus & Justitiarius Scotia. And, as the same Winton mentions, Walter (Steward and Justiciary of Scotland) was, in the Year 1238, sent over to France, to bring Mary, Daughter to Ingram de Coucy, to be Queen to King Alexander. Anno 1241, obiit Walterus, Filius Allani junioris.

To Walter succeeded his Son Alexander, Steward of Scotland, frequently so designed in his own and other Charters, recorded in the Register of Passey. Fordon mentions him to be kill'd in the Battel of the Largis in Cunningham, which he places in the Year 1263, (Chron. de Melross, 1262.) where the Norwegians were deseated, and ever since banish'd from any Possession of the Isles. He is designed Alexander

child to the first Walter Stuart, and Grandfather of the noble Walter, who married King Robert Bruce's Daughter. Beside the Records of Pasley, many of his Charters are extant; and I have seen one by this Alexander, confirming the Donation which Walter the Father gave to the Church of St. Andrew's of Brombolm, of Twenty Shillings yearly, to be taken out of the Burgh of Renfrew, with the Seal entire; himself on Horseback on the one side, and the Chequer on the other for his Arms, which the Sirname of Stuart do still bear.

To him succeeded fames, Great Steward of Scotland, his Son, who was one of the Wardens of Scotland after the Death of Alexander the Third, and one of those who treated with K. Edward the First of England, in relation to the Marriage betwixt the Maid of Norway and King Edward's Son, and in the Competition concerning the Crown, betwixt Bruce, Baliol, and others. As also, after Baliol was defeated, and resign'd the Crown, he is amongst those whom Prynne's History bears to have given Allegiance to Edward Long-shanks, and designed fames Seneschall de Scoce

Scoce saluz, &c. A little after, 15 die Maij. apud Rokesburgh, venit Dominus Foannes quondam Seneschallus, pradicti Domini Jacobi Germanus, Miles. And I have a Charter of James Stuart of Scotland, designing himself Son to Alexander Stuart of Scotland, and confirming the Charter formerly mention'd, granted by Alexander Stuart of Scotland, his Father, and Walter his Grandfather: His Seal appended is also

entire. He died in the Year 1309.

AT the Battel of Falkirk, 1298, Sir John Stuart, designed of Bute, who contended with John Cummins for leading the Vanguard of the Army, was kill'd: It seems, he was the same Person, who (in the Year 1296) in Prynne's History is call'd Frater Germanus Domini Jacobi; and, in the Absence or Restraint of his Elder Brother, the Steward of Scotland, acted as Steward for him. This probably hath been the Mistake, why our Historians omitted James Stuart of Scotland, Predecessor and Godfather to all the King James's; and insert John Stuart to be Father to Walter Stuart of Scotland; who is well known to have been Husband to Margery Bruce, the King's Daughter; and, by her, Father to Robert Stuart, who (in the Absence of King David Bruce his Uncle, and in De-

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fence of his Title against Edward Baliol) did many brave Actions, from the Year 1335, to the Year 1338, when he was chosen Governor of the Kingdom; which he freed from the English and Baliol's Claim, and restored it to King David Bruce at his Return from France. This King being afterward taken Prisoner at the Battel of Durham, (commonly placed in the Year 1348) was again Governor till the King return'd from England, (in the Year 1359) by the help of his Two eldest Sons, John (then Lord Kyle, designed Seneschallus de Kyle, asterward King) and Robert (designed Seneschallus de Monteith) asterward Duke of Albany.

MAURICE MURRAY, Lord of Bothwell and Clyddesdale, and Earl of Strathern, being killed in the Battel of Durbam, Robert Stuart of Scotland was created Earl of Strathern. At the same Battel, John Ranulph (Earl of Murray) being killed, the Steward of Scotland marry'd his Relict, Eupham Ross, Daughter to Hugh Earl of Ross; as appears by a Charter granted by Robert, Steward of Stotland, Earl of Strathern, and Eupham his Spouse, Countess of Murray, to John Maxwel, Predecessor to Sir John Maxwel of Netherpollock, of certain Lands within

the Earldom of Strathern, which have of a long Time belong'd to the Lairds of Glenagies: John Hadden (now of Glenagies) hath the Charter and Lands; an ancient Baron, nobly descended. There is a Charter to the same Person of the same Lands; but then designed Sir John Maxwel by David Earl of Strathern, who was eldest Son of the Second Marriage by the said Countess Eupham, and who got from his Father, (the said Robert) when he became King of Scotland, the Earldom of Stratbern; it being then usual to renew the Investiture or Infeoffment, upon the Change of the Superior, as well as upon the Change of the Vassal. The Charter is dated at Edinburgh, May 10. 1372. Coram his Testibus, nobilibus Viris & potentibus, Domino Joanne, Domini nostri, &c. Regis Scotiæ primogenito, Comite de Carrick, & Seneschallo Scotia, Roberto Comite de Fyse & Monteith, Fratribus nostris charifsimis.

King Robert confirm'd, on the 25th of April, in the Third Year of his Reign, the said Charter, by his Son, David Earl of Stratbern, whom he designed dilectus Filius: And amongst the Witnesses to the Charter, is, Joannes Comes de Carrick primogenitus, & Robertus Comes de Fyse &

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Monteith, Filius noster dilectus. This is a clear Acknowledgment, both by the King the Father, and by the Earl of Strathern himself, (the eldest Son of Eupham Ross) that the Earls of Carrick and Monteith were his elder Brethren. But of this, Sir George Mackenzie hath already said very much, and more Proofs do daily occur, to rectify this universal Mistake of our Historians; which, together with the Description of that ancient Family, and the Family of Darnly and Lenox, and other great Branches descended thereof, deserve a particular Treatise.

Ishall only repeat, that Fordon, in his Chronicle, Lib. 14. pag. 73. inserts a Charter of Confirmation of the Pope's Bull, granted by King David Bruce to the Bishops, with the Consent of Robert Earl of Strathern his Nephew, giving Power to Bishops to dispose in Testament upon their own Moveables: In which Charter, the Witnesses are, Robertus Seneschallus Comes de Strathern, Nepos noster; Foannes Seneschallus Comes de Carrick, Filius suus primogenitus & Hares, &c. before all the other Earls; which is an Attestation of the Grand Uncle, King David, owning the Earl of Carrick to be his Father's Eldest

Son,

Son, in this Matter of Importance. And there are Two Declarations in Parliament concerning the Succession of the Crown, (whereof one of them is extant with the Seals of the Nobility) by Robert Earl of Strathern, after he was King; the one in the First, and the orher in the Third Year of his Reign; afferting the Earl of Carrick to be his eldest Son, and to succeed him in the Kingdom. For proving that this Robert Stuart (the first King) was Grandchild to James Stuart of Scotland, there is a Charter recorded in the Publick Register of Charters, by the same King Robert, in the first Year of his Reign, to Sir Adam Fullertoun, of the Lands of Fullertoun and others; confirming the Charters granted by himself, when Steward of Scotland, and by his Grandfather James, Steward of Scotland, to Sir Adam Fullertoun. This Sir Adam Fullertoun was Predecessor to William Fullertoun, now of that Ilk in Kyle-Stuart, of these Lands.



LETTER XIV.

WIGTON.

SIR,



HIS Barony of Renfrew, altho' small, hath many Noblemens Seats in it. The Castle of Dundonald, the ancient Seat of the Stuarts before they were

Kings, gives now Title of Earl to the Family of Cochran: And the celebrated Abbey of Pasley was, at the Reformation, turn'd into a Lordship, in Favour of the Lord Claud Hamilton, a younger Son of the Duke of Chateau Herault, who was created Earl of Abercorn, and Lord Pasley: But that Family afterwards settling in Ireland,

land, the Abbey and Lands were purchas'd by the Earls of Dundonald, who now keep their Residence there; which is so pleasant, that the Dutchess of Beaufort, after the Death of both her Husbands, altho' an English Woman, chose it for her Residence, and dy'd there.

HERE is also the Castle of Areskin, which gave Name to the Family of Mar, and of which they were long Lords, be-

fore they came to be Earls of Mar.

THE ancient Family of the Lord Semple hath also their Seat here. This Family were Bailiss to the Stuarts for this Barony, and remained so after the Stuarts came to the Throne; but continuing (till of late) Roman-Catholicks, they have made no great Figure since the Reformation.

Here is also Halkhead, the ancient Seat of the Lord Ross's Family; who were originally Ross of Wark in Northumberland, but follow'd the Fortune of King Robert Bruce, and have been settled here ever since. The present Lord was one of the Sixteen Peers in the last Parliament; and his Brother, General Ross, a leading Man in the House of Commons.

BOTLE of Kelburn, created Earl of Glasgow by Queen Anne, hath also his Seat here: As hath likewise Cuningham,

Earl

Earl of Glencairn, a very ancient and noble Family, created Earls by King James the Second. They have been Chancellors of Scotland formerly; and the present Earl is Governor of Dumbarton-Castle.

FROM this County of Renfrew, I enter'd the beautiful Country of Cuningham, all inclosed as England, and extends for Thirty Miles along the Banks of the Frith of Clyde, to the River of Air. There are several Branches of the Name of Cuningbam very considerable here. Sir Fames Dalrymple says, that the first of this Family was an English Gentleman, who being concern'd in the Murder of Thomas à Becket, fled hither; and gives for Reason, that they carry a Bishop's Pall for their Arms; I suppose, he means a Crosser, or Saltyre: But, with Submission, I believe it is a Pitch-Fork; for the Lord Glencairn's Motto is, Over, Fork, over: And the Name answers to Husbandry; for, in the High-Dutch and Saxon Language, Conigham is a Kingly Situation; and the Name, as well as Arms, fuit both the Plenty and Beauty of the Country.

This Country was early inhabited by the Saxons, and never by the Highland Scots; yet the famous Sir William Wallace, that had so many Exploits against the Eng-

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lish, in King Edward the First's Reign, was a Native of Cuningham, and his Posterity are a considerable Family in that Country

to this Day.

In a few Miles riding in this beautiful Country, I arriv'd at the Castle of Eglinton, the Capital Seat of Montgomery, Earl of Eglinton, a most ancient and noble Family, who have been above Three Hundred Years Earls. He was a Branch of this Family, that Count de Montgomery, Captain of the Scotch Band in France, establish'd by Charles the Fifth, for the Defence of his own Person and his Posterity; who, in a Tournament, kill'd King Henry the Second of France, by the splenting of his Spear at a Tilt, entring his Helmet at the Eye, and pierc'd his Brain. This Gentleman, being a Son of Montgomery of Givan, took part afterwards with the French Protestants in the Time of the League, and being apprehended, was beheaded. The Family have been zealously Protestant since the Reformation; and the present Earl was one of the Sixteen Peers in the last Parliament of Queen Anne. He hath a great Estate, and is a vast Improver; but none of his Seats come up to the Dignity of his Rank. They seem to be a French Family originally, for they give the same Coat

Coat of Arms with the Kings of France, in a double Tressure: And Mr. John Montgomery, of Givan, a Grandson of the Family of Eglinton, is now one of the Gentlemen of the Bed-Chamber to the Prince of Wales.

A LITTLE way from Eglinton, lies Kilwinning, a pretty large Village with some good Seats in it, and of which that Lord is Bailiff. In Two little Miles more, I got to Irwin, a tolerable Sea-Port, confisting of Two pretty good Streets, and the Houses well built; and upon the Key, a good Face of Business, especially the Coal-Trade to Dublin. This Town also gives the Title of Viscount to an English Family of the Name of Ingram; yet altho' it's the best Town in Cunningham, Kilmarnock (Six Miles further from the Sea) is reckon'd the chief, and gives Title of Earl to the Family of Boyd, a Family that flourish'd in the Reign of King James the Second, and was ruin'd by King James the Third. The Lord Boyd was so great a Favourite, that the King gave him his Daughter in Marriage, created him Earl of Arran, and conferr'd all the great Employments of the Nation on his Family: But that King's Son foon after he mily: But that King's Son, soon after he came

Denmark, to bring him a Queen; and during his Absence, stripp'd the Family of their all: Some Historians say, of his Wise too; but others affirm, that the Lord Hamilton did not marry her till the Lord Boyd's Death. King Charles the Second (the best natur'd Prince in the World) took pity of the Family, and rais'd them again by the Title of Earl of Kilmarnock. This Town is samous for all Kinds of Cutlers Ware.

On the rising Grounds that separate Cunningham from Clyddesdale, stands the Castle of Loudon, a very noble Seat, with a commanding Prospect over all this Country; the ancient Seat of a Branch of the Campbels, and Earls of Loudon: They are come of the Duke of Argyle's Family, and give the same Arms, but in different Colours; what is Sable and Or in the Duke's, is Argent and Gules in this. An Earl of Loudon was Chancellor of Scotaland in all the difficult Times of King land in all the difficult Times of King Charles the First. The Lord Clarendon, and other Historians of his Time, have said so much of him, that I will not trouble you with the Character of that very great Man, which I am sure you have read there. His Grandson, the present Y

Earl, was Secretary of State to Queen Anne, hath been one of the Sixteen Peers in the British Parliament ever since the Union, and is Knight Companion of the most Noble Order of St. Andrew, or the

Thistle.

It was his Brother, Colonel James Campbel, that you saw behave so well at the Battel of Malplaquet, at the Head of the Grey Dragoons, of whom he is now Colonel; and by marrying the only Daughter of Sir John Shaw of Greennock, will add a new Family to that Illustrious and Noble Tribe.

FROM Kilmarnock, in Eight Miles, I cross'd the River of Air, over a fair Stone Bridge, to the Town of Air; which looks like a fine Beauty in Decay. Here are the Ruins of an ancient Trading Town; the Market-Place and Two Streets shew what it hath been, but every Thing is now out of Order. It lies at the Mouth of the River, on the Frith of Clyde: But Irwin is, by much, a Town of more Business; altho' this was formerly the Fifth Town in Scotland. Here are the Remains of a Citadel built by Oliver Cromwell; who, in Imitation of King Edward the First, rode this Country in a Curb Bit, and built Citadele

tadels near all their great Towns, which were generally demolished at the Restoration.

A FEW Miles above Air, on the River-side, is the ancient Seat of the Lord Catheart, a Family that have been for many Hundred Years Barons: But the Glory of them, is your Acquaintance, Colonel Catheart, whom you knew in Flanders Major to the Grey Dragoons: He had an old Regiment of Foot on King George's Accession to the Throne; is one of the Gentlemen of the Bed-Chamber to the Prince of Wales, and the Eldest Son of this Noble Family.

This Country is call'd Kyle: It's more mountainous, but not near so beautiful as

Cunningham.

Here also is the old Castle of Stair, the Habitation of the Family of the Dalrymples; a Family that was never conspicuous till after the Restoration. Sir James Dalrymple of Stair, for his Knowledge in the Law, was appointed by King Charles the Second one of the Lords of Session, or Senators of the College of Justice, and in 1671, Lord President of the Session; in which Post he continued till the Duke of Tork came to Scotland; when opposing the arbitrary Measures then carrying on, and

and foreseeing the Misery that must attend his Country on that Prince's Accession to the Throne, he fled to Holland, where he led a private Life, till at the Revolution he came over with the Prince of Orange, was created Lord Viscount Stair, and restor'd to his Post of President of the Sesfion. But his highest Glory was, to see Four of his Sons the greatest Men in the Nation, not by Favour, but by Merit. The Eldest Son, John, was Secretary of State to King William, and created afterwards Earl of Stair: Hugh is now President of the College of Justice, or Session; the same Place which his Father had: Sir Fames, one of the finest Gentlemen of his Time, and a curious Antiquary, was made Clerk of the Parliament and Session; and Sir David, whom you have so often heard in the English House of Commons, Lord Advocate, or Attorney-General.

THE Grandchild to this first noted Dalrymple, I mean the present Earl of Stair, I need say nothing of, since all Europe have been fill'd with his prudent and vigilant Negotiations, when Ambassador in France: And he is now deservedly one of the Lords of the Bed-Chamber to the King, and Knight of the most Noble Order of St.

Andrew.

I ought, when I was at Edinburgh, to have taken notice of the President Dalrymple's sine Seat at North Berwick; but my going to the Bass, diverted me from it. Sir David hath also lest a very sine one, between Edinburgh and Musselburgh; and the Lord Stair hath another, call'd Newliston, a sew Miles from Edinburgh, where he is making a Canal, and several very grand Improvements: But they being not far advanc'd, I did not trouble you with them from thence, altho' I think

it not amiss to mention them here.

UPON my mentioning this Family to you, I cannot help making a Remark, which will hardly occur to you in the History of any other Nation; that the same Race should continue the Capacity and Learning in the Family, as well as the Honour and Estate, for several Generations. The Earls of Huntley were successively Lords Chancellors for Four Generations; all great Men in the Beginning of the Stuarts. The Maitlands, in the Reigns of King Fames the Fifth, Queen Mary, and King James the Sixth: And what a prodigious Favourite was Maitland, Duke of Lauderdale, to King Charles the Second? And yet all his Predecessors, up to Secretary Lethington, in Queen Mary's Reign, Y 3 were

were reckon'd greater Men than he; as likewise his Nephew, who translated Virgil, and died in France. This Family of the Dalrimples, is a Prodigee of the like Kind, and Colbert, a Scotchman in France, whose Two Sons, Monsieurs Colbert and Signally, and his Grandson, the present Marquis of Torcy, Secretary of State to Lewis the Fourteenth of France, are the same. can hardly give one Instance in England, of a Families carrying the great Capacity to the Third Generation, but the Finches, Earls of Nottingham, in which it's hard to distinguish whither the Earl's Father, that was Lord Chancellor, the Son, the present Lord Finch, the Earl himself, or his Brother, the Earl of Ailsford, were the greater Men.

This I know, Dear Sir, is a Digreffion from my Subject, but I am sure you will pardon it, because you desired not a bare Description of the Country, but of the Families so celebrated all over *Europe*, for their Antiquity.

In a few Miles from Air, I entred the Country of Carreck, which as Cunningham lies along the Banks of the Frith of Clyde, and the Three, Kyle, Cunningham and Carrick, compose on the Parliament Rolls the Shire of Air, though they are Three distinct

Jurisdictions, and have each their several Bailiss, who hold their Courts independant. This Country gave Title of Earl to Robert Bruce, before he was King of Scotland, by Martha, the Daughter of an Earl of Carrick, in 1270, who falling in Love with Robert Bruce, while her Father was upon an Expedition to the Holy-Land, in which he died, married him; and was Mother to that Robert that was afterwards King; the Stewart marrying his Daughter, got the Estate; which, with the Title, belongs now to the Prince of Wales, who hath great Superiorities, although no very great Revenue from this Country.

THE first good Seat I met with in Carrick, is Bargany, a good Modern Building, with pretty good Gardens, which gives Title of Lord to a Branch of the House of Hamilton. A few Miles further is the Castle of Cassals, the ancient Seat of the Kennedies, Earls of Cassils, an Irish Family; who being Page to King Robert the Third, got his Daughter with Child, and married her: His Son, by that Marriage, was created Lord Kennedy; and in James the Second's Reign, Earl of Cassils. There was a fine Gentleman of this Family, Lord Chancellor of Scotland, and Archbishop of St. Andrews, who, I told you from thence, Founded

Founded St. Salvadore's College there; and they carry their Arms in a Tressure,

as a Branch of the Royal Family.

MINNIBOL, the Capital of this Country, where all the Courts are kept, is a very indifferent Place, and no Sea-Port; and upon the River Girvant, is a beautiful little Vale for some Miles; and then I came to the Town of Stranrawer, a Royal Borough on Lockrian, but hardly a House Two Stories High, in the whole Town, and a most miserable Place. Don't take Lockrian, from its Name, to be a Lake of fresh Water, as Loch Leven, or Loch Lomond; no, it's an Arm of the Sea that lies between Two Points that run out, the one called the Mul of Galloway, and the other the Point of Corfebill; and running deep into Land, makes a Bay, where they have a good Herring-Fishing in the Season: The Country round this Bay, is called the Rinns of Galloway, where now I am returned. Near this I landed from the Isle of Man; and I cannot help faying, that it's the coursest Part of all the Kingdom, hardly excepting Lochaber and Ross; but Nature, you know, hath made the Extremities of all Countries Mountainous; the Alps, for Example, between France and Italy; the Pirraneans between France and Spain;

Spain; and the Mountains of Tirol, between Germany and Italy; and yet the People here live in as great Plenty as there, and in Galloway there is a numerous

Gentry.

FROM Stranrawer, in Four Miles of very bad Road, I got to Port-Patrick, a miserable Place, where the Packet-Boats pass between Scotland and Ireland, and makes but a short Passage, having a full View of the Coast of Ireland all the way; but the Boats are not so good, as those that pass the Frith of Forth, from Lieth

to Fife.

FROM Port-Patrick, I pass'd by the ancient Monastery of Whithorn, having Ireland, England, and the Isle of Man, in full View, and arrived here. This is a pretty good Sea-Port Town, but the Harbour not near so good as Kircudbright; it lies upon the same Sea, very commodious for the Plantation Trade. It is also a Royal Borough, and gives Title of Earl to Fleming, Earl of Wigton, a Family that came from Flanders, and have made a very good Figure in Scotland for above Four Hundred Years. There is another Branch in Ireland of an older Standing; but whether this Family came from thence, I could not learn. I saw his Seat, called

Cum-

Cummernald, at some Distance, in my way from Stirling to Lithgow; and I am told it is a very large one. Near Wigton is the Seat of Stuart, Earl of Galloway, a Branch of the Royal Family, and very powerful in

this Country.

SIR Fames Dalrymple, in his Account of Galloway, saith, that in former Times it had Princes and Lords of its own; of whom on Record is Fergus, in the Reign of Henry the First of England; who after many Troubles that he had stirred, was reduced by Malcolm, King of Scots, to quit his Country, and enter himself Canon in the Abby of Holyrood-House at Edinburgh. He had Two Sons, Actbred and Gilbert, who disputed for the Succession; but the younger had the better of his elder Brother in Battel, took him Prisoner, and pulled out his Eyes and Tongue: However, the elder Brother had a Son, Allan, Lord of Galloway, married to Margaret, eldest Daughter to David Earl of Huntington, by whom he had a Daughter, Dornagilda, who founded Baliol College at Oxford, and was Mother to John Baliol, King of Scots; he had another Daughter, Helena, married to Roger Quincy, Earl of Winchester, by whom Ferrers of Grosby came to be Lord of Galloway; but they

adhering to the English, the Scotch Kings gave the Inheritance to the Cummins, afterwards to the Douglasses, and now the Title is in the Stuarts; but the Earl Ferrers in England, is the lineal Descendant of the first Princes.

HERE are the Breed of little strong Pads, called from the Country, Galloways, which are very strong and hardy. The Country is said to take its Name from the Gauls, the first Inhabitants of this Country; but be that as it will, they seem to be a different Race of People from the

Highlanders.

In my way hither, I passed through the Foggy Road, night he Nick of the Ballock; a Road so Stony and Uneven, that I was obliged to alight, and, with much ado, led our Horses to the King's-Ford of Minnock; so called, from Robert the Bruce his passing this River at that Ford: And it was here that Lord Basil Hamilton, Brother to the Earl of Orkney, lost his Life, by endeavouring to save his Servant, whose Horse was carried down by the Stream; and nigh it stands the Mountain Mairock, Two Miles high; at the top of which is a fresh Water Spring, which affords Water enough to keep a Mill a-going; and at the bottom is a small Lake, call'd

call'd Locktwachtown, plentifully stock'd with Trouts; and at Lochenoch, a Mile further, are as fine Trouts as at Loch-levin.

THERE is one other Mountain adjacent, call'd Craignan, properly so call'd, for it is rather a Craig than a Mountain,

having no Grass upon it.

THERE are several other Mountains and Lakes, well stor'd with Fish, within the Barony of Esbuchan, and the Forest belonging to Alexander Mackye of Palgoun, who hath a very Commodious and Romantick Seat on the Lake Lochtrool, in a Valley, invironed with Mountains on the North and East, of a Mile high; he keeps, at least, Ten Thousand Sheep on these Mountains, besides an incredible Number of Black Cattle, and wild Horses, call'd Galloways, and is one of the greatest Grafiers in Britain, and has vast Parks and Inclosures.

Not far from this, is the famous Mountain of Carnsmure, full of Dear and wild Cattle. On the South of which, stands an ancient Seat belonging to Hugh Mackguffog of Ruscoe; and to the South-West a handsome Seat, call'd the Caily, belonging to Alexander Murray of Brouchton, with a large Park, which feeds One Thou-

A Fourney through Scotland. 333 fand Bullocks, that he fends once every Year to the Markets of England, who is now worthily the Representative for the Stewartry of Galloway, in the Parliament of Great Britain; and opposite to this, on the other Side of the River Fleet, stands a handsome Seat, call'd Cardinnes, belonging to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, with Parks and Inclosures also for feeding of Cattle.

Now, Sir, I have finish'd Scotland from Corner to Corner; I know that you will expect I should say something of those many Islands that lye round it, which you may expect, as I receiv'd them from Mr. Martin, a Native of those Islands.

M R. Martin, in his accurate Account of the Western and Northern Islands of Scotland, publish'd about Twenty Years ago, tells you, that the Island of Jura, belonging to the Duke of Argyle, is Twenty Four Miles long, and Seven Broad, hath good Pasturage for Cattle and Deer, and abounds with Rivers, and good Springs.

ILA, which gives Title of Earl to the Duke of Argyle's Brother, is Twenty Four Miles Long, and Twelve Broad, and also

feeds Plenty of Deer and Cattle.

GIGAI is Six Miles Long, and a Mile and a half Broad.

ORANSA Four Miles in Circum-

ference.

COLONSA is Four Miles Long, and a Mile Broad, all belonging to the

Duke of Argyle.

THE Isle of Mull is Twenty Four Miles Long, and as much Broad, the ancient Habitation of the Clan of Macklean, but now belongs to the Duke of Argyle: However, since the late Rebellion, the Government hath always kept a Garison in the Castle of Duart, the ancient Residence of the Chief of the Mackleans, to keep the Inhabitants in Awe. Flesh, Fowls, and Fish, is very plenty in this Island; and it is a Government very much courted by the English Officers for its Cheapness.

THE Island of St. Columbus is Two Miles Long, and above a Mile Broad; it was here that this famous Saint built his Two Monasteries, one for Men, and another for Women: Also St. Mary's Cathedral, in the Form of a Cross; the Body of the Church Twenty Yards Long, and the Choir Twenty more; the Two Cross Isles Ten Yards each, and the Cupolo Twenty One Foot Square; the Altar-Piece of very

fine

fine Marble, and the Gate and Windows neatly Carv'd. Here are the Burial Places, as by the Inscriptions, of the Kings of Scotland, the Kings of Ireland, and the Kings of Norway, who by reason of the Sanctity of the Place, order'd their Bodies to be buried here: There lies Forty Kings of Scotland, Four of Ireland, Four of Norway, and several of the Chiefs of the Macdonalds, of whom there remains still some good Monuments, with their Statues in Armour as big as the Life.

THE Island Tirey, another Branch of the Macklens, is Eight Miles Long, and Three Broad, and now belongs to the

Duke of Argyle.

THE Island of Coll is Twelve Miles

Long, and Six Broad.

THE Island of Rum is Sixteen Miles Long, and Six Broad. Half a Mile from Rum, lies the Island of Canney, Two Miles Long, and One Broad.

THE Island of Musk Four Miles in

Circumference.

THE Island of Egg is Three Miles Long, and a Mile and a half Broad.

In all these Islands, there are little Lakes and Rivers, which afford Plenty of Salmon, Trouts, and Eels, and round them

them the best Cod and Ling in the World; the Inhabitants all speak the Old Irish Language in its Purity, and wear the same Dress with the Highlanders, and are all under the Subjection of the Duke of Argyle. Further North, towards the North Highlands, is the Isle of Sky, Forty Two Miles Long, and above Twenty Broad, and belongs to a Tribe of the Macdonalds; there are Three little Islands round this, about Five Miles each in Circumference.

A B o u T Eighty Miles West from Sky, lies Nine Islands, some of them Seven Miles, and some of them more in Circumference; in which there are very good Harbours for Ships of any Burthen. Barra is call'd the Chief, and is inhabited by

the Mackneals.

NORTH of these Islands, lies North-Vest, Twenty One Miles Long, and Three or Four Miles Broad, and several other little Islands, whose Names would be too tedious. Here is the great Herring-Fishing of the Dutch, where sometimes they load Four Hundred Ships at a Time: Here is also the greatest Plenty of Cod and Ling, and a prodigious Variety of Sea-Fowl; and in the Month of October, they will kill you Three Hundred Seals at a Time, of which

which they make a good Trade of their Skins to the Trunk-Makers.

THE Island of Lewis is One Hundred Miles Long, and Fourteen Broad, and belonged to the Earls of Seaforth, but now to the Government, when they think fit to take Possession of it: But I believe Tork-Buildings would hardly give Two Years Purchase for it, though the Dutch would give any Money to have it for their Herring-Fishing. In the little Islands round Lewis, are also Solan-Geese in the Season; and a particular Fowl, not found elsewhere, call'd Colk, all cover'd with Down, of different Colours, with a Tuff on its Head, like that of a Peacock, and a Train longer than that of a House-Cock. There is one Harbour in this Island, call'd Scal-par, of a Mile and a half Long, and a Mile Broad, which will contain Ships of any Burthen.

I Must not pass by Mr. Martin's savourite Island of St. Kilda, Twenty
Leagues West from this; it's but Two
Miles Long, and one Broad; the Inhabitants, he says, are about Two Hundred,
well proportion'd, and comely; they are
zealous Protestants, as sar as their Knowledge extends, very regular and just in
their Conversation, and Strangers to
Luxury

Luxury and Excess: They have a Chapel, where they meet every Lord's-Day, to repeat the Lord's-Prayer, the Belief, and the Ten Commandments; and neither Work, nor allow any Stranger to Work on that Day: They have an Altar and Crucifix in their Chapel, on which they lay their Hands, when they take the Marriage Oath, or any other Oath.

THEIR Houses are of one Story of Stone, and cover'd with Tuff; they make their Beds in the Walls of the Houses, and Iye on Straw, although they have Plenty of Down and Feathers; and they live all together in a little Corner, to the East of the Island: The People all speak Irish, and are of the same Race with the Highlanders on the Continent.

BESIDES these Islands to the West, there are the Islands of Orkneys to the North, inhabited by an ancient Race of Danes, and Norwegians, and the common People still speak that Language, although they have been for some Ages under the Dominion of the Crown of Scotland.

THOSE Islands are divided from the main Land of Scotland by Pentland Firth, Twenty four Miles long, and Twelve Miles broad; and by reason of its cross Tides,

is a very difficult Passage to Strangers. They are Twenty eight Islands in Number; the chief, Polmona, is Twenty four Miles long, and from Nine to Six Miles broad. In this Island lies Kirkwall, the only Town in Orkney, confifting of one Street nigh a Mile long, the Houses of Stone, and cover'd with Slate; and is govern'd by a Provost, Four Bailists, and a Common Council, like the other Towns in Scotland. Its Cathedral, call'd St. Magmus, is built of Free Stone; its Roof supported by Fourteen Pillars on each fide, and the Steeple by Four large Wings in the Middle. There is also a Publick Grammar-School, with Two great Markets every Week, and an annual Fair.

STUART Earl of Orkney, in the Year

STUART Earl of Orkney, in the Year 1574, began a noble Palace here, which was never finished, the several of the Rooms

were curioully painted.

THOSE Islands give Title of Earl to George, Brother to the late Duke Hamilton, Lieutenant-General of the King's Armies, Governor of Edinburgh-Castle, Colonel of the Royal Scotch Regiment, and Knight of the most Noble Order of St. Andrew, or the Thistle.

FROM

FROM those Islands, Eighty Miles surther North, lye the Islands of Zetland, in all about Forty six: The chiefest of which, call'd the Main Land, is Sixty Miles long, and in some Places Sixteen broad. But as those Islands afford very little of Curiosity, (except the Fishing, which the Dutch enjoy there) I will conclude, having now, according to your Desire, sinish'd the whole; and am,

SIR,

Your Humble Servant:



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