

EXCERPTS FROM  
THE GENEALOGICAL COLLECTIONS OF  
MR. MARTIN OF CLERMONT.

ACCOUNT OF THE FAMILY OF BALFOUR vol. i. p. 99.<sup>1</sup>  
BETHUNE as I got it from The present  
LAIRD OF BALFOUR.

**BALFOUR.** The Origin and Etymon of The name Balfour See p. 27, at r.<sup>2</sup>  
is Bal, ane Irish Word which signifies a Tower or House, and  
Oar from The Water of Oar, near which Water The House  
stands. So The word signifies a Tower on (or at) Oar.

The Coat Armour of Balfour is a Cheveron charged with  
an Otter's Head erased. It is matriculate so in The Lyon's  
Books. But it should be a Selch's Head: For Tradition bears  
That One Balfour of The House of Balfour being at the Be-  
seiging or Beleagering of a Castle in Ireland the house was  
laddered, and this Balfour undertook first to advance up The  
Ladder; For The King had promised That whoever went first  
up and returned to witness and declare The State and Con-  
dition The House was in, whatever he brought to testify his  
being in The House, he should have The same for his  
Cognizance or Arms. So this Balfour brought with him at  
his Return from The House a Selch's Head erased, and this is  
The Arms of The antient Family of Balfour to this Day.

The House of Balfour is chief of The Surname carrying  
The Arms of Balfour quartered w<sup>t</sup> The Arms of Bethune; [page 2.]<sup>3</sup>  
For, failing Heirs Male, The Fortune fell to a Daughter who  
married Monsieur Bethune a French Gentleman who was de-  
scended of The House of The Count of Swillie, whose Surname

<sup>1</sup> The marginal reference here is to Mr. Martin's collection.

<sup>2</sup> This is Macfarlane's reference to his own manuscript.

<sup>3</sup> The notations within square brackets are inserted by the editor to mark the pagination of the manuscript.

is Bethune. This Gentleman should have changed his Surname and Arms from Bethune to Balfour. But, it not being ordinary in these Times, he only quartered his Paternal Coat of Armour with The Coat of Armour of Balfour as it is yet quartered, and Quartering of Coats was not much known then, and there were few Coats quartered before.

KING Malcolme Canmore (Malcolme The Third) began his Reign in Scotland Anno 1057, & about Nine Years after, to wit, 1066, William Duke of Normandy conquered England. At which Time there came out of England and Hungary sundry Surnames, and out of France came diverse others as Bruce, Balliol, Bethune, &c. See Bishop Leslie and Monepennie their Histories.

In the Year 1292 King Edward of England, surnamed Langshanks, being elected Judge in The Controversy betwixt The Bruce and Balliol upon The Failing of Heirs of King Alexander 3d. of Scotland, Robert Bethune was one of The Barons of Scotland named by King Edward who convened at Berwick for Hearing The Claims of The Bruce and Balliol to The Crown of Scotland. Sir George Mackenzie.

See p. 27, at 2. The old Evidents of The House of Balfour are not yet well perused & considered. Also there is a Precept of Seasine granted by Duke Murdake (Grand Child to K. Robert, 2d. Duke of Albany and Governour of Scotland) in Favours of Archibald Bethune of Balfour, son to John Bethune of Balfour, of The Lands of Holkettle in Fife, dated at Dundee

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vol. i. p. 100. The Day of March 1421, of this Tenor :

DOUBLE of a PRECEPT of SEASINE granted by  
DUKE MURDAKE to The LAIRD of BALFOUR.

MURDACUS DUX Albanie Comes de Fyff et Menteth ac Regni Scotie Gubernator Senascallo nostros et Ballivis suis de Fyffe Salutem. Sciatis quod concessimus dilecto Consanguineo nostro Archibaldo Bethun filio et heredi Johannis Bethun de Balfour omnes et singulas Terras de Newtown de Kettill cum Pertinent. jacen. infra Vicecomitatum nostrum de Fyffe. Quæ quidem Terræ cum Pertinent. fuerunt dicti Johannis Patris dicti Archibaldi hereditariè, et quas idem Johannes non vi aut metu ductus nec errore lapsus sed ex

suâ merâ et spontaneâ voluntate nobis per suos Procuratores ac per suas Literas patentes sub suo Sigillo confectas per fustim et baculum sursum reddidit. pure et simpliciter resignavit ac totum Jus ac Clameum quod in dictis Terris cum Pertinen. de Newtoun de Kettill habuit aut habere potuit pro se aut heredibus suis omnino quyl clamavit in perpetuum. Quare mandamus Vobis et præcipimus quatenus statum et Sasinam hereditariam dict. Terrarum de Newtoun de Kettill cum Pertinent. prædicto Archibaldo secundum tenorem Cartæ meæ quam inde habet habere faciatis instanter et sine dilatione salvo jure cujuslibet, et hoc nullo modo omittatis. Datum sub Sigillo nostro apud Dundie Die Martii Anno Dom. 1421.

JOHN BETHUN of Balfour who was three or four Generations after this Archibald (mentioned in The Precept) married Jean Stewart Daughter to Lord Innermay.

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JOHN BETHUN his son married Margaret Stirling Daughter to The Laird of Keir with whom he got The Lands of Kennoway in Tocher.

JOHN BETHUN his son married Marjory Boswall Daughter to the Laird of Balmowto in The Days of King James 4th. She bare to him these Six Sons John, David, Robert, Archibald, Andrew and Mr. James Bethuns and Five Daughters Janet, Margaret, Grissel, Isobel, and Elizabeth Bethuns. (Nota.—This Marjory Boswall Lady Balfour being Balmowto's Daughter had these Sisters

married to	Lundie of that Ilk,
married to	of Auchenleck,
married to	Ramsay of Balmunth,
married to	
married to	Douglas of Lochlevin,
married to	of Kippo,
married to	Inglis of Englishtarvet,
married to	Auchimowtie of that Ilk.)

JOHN BETHUN this John's eldest Son succeeded to his Father.

DAVID BETHUN his Second Son was The First Laird of Creich Bethun. See of him in The Title The Lairds of Creich. He was Thesaurer of Scotland, &c.

ROBERT BETHUN his Third son was First Abbot of Coupar in Angus, and after Abbot of Melros, Glenluss and Coupar.

See p. 27, at 3. ARCHIBALD BETHUN Fourth Son to The Laird of Balfour was Laird of Pitlochrie and Kapeldrae.

ANDREW BETHUN Fifth Son to The Laird of Balfour was Prior of St. Andrews. Other Notes call this Man Henry.

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MR. JAMES BETHUN Sixth Son to John Bethun of Balfour was made Arch-Bishop of St. Andrews, Chancellor of Scotland, Abbot of Dumfermline, Abbot of Arbroth, and had been Arch-Bishop of Glasgow, from which he was translated to St. Andrews upon The Death of Arch-Bishop Andrew Foreman in Anno 1524. He was a good, wise, godly and charitable Man, and promoted all his Brethren to Honourable Estates, Places and Offices in The Kingdom, and so great an Interest he had then in The Court that at his Death Anno 1539 he got his Nephew David Bethun (afterwards The Cardinal) secured to succeed him in The Abbacy of Arbroth and Arch-Bishoprick of St. Andrews and Robert Pitcairn his N to succeed to him in The Abbacy of Dumfermline. He builded many Bridges to The Number of Fourteen, viz., The Bridge of Dairsie, The Over and Nether Bridges of Oar, The Bridge of Lochtie, The Bridge of Camron, The Bridge of Kembark, The inner Bridge of Lewchars, The Two Bow Bridges of St. Andrews, and compleated The Guard Bridge. His Arms are upon them all and Six Times on The Guard Bridge. He built also The House of Monyméal (a Mensalkirk of The See of St. Andrews), The Wall about The Yard thereof, and planted The most Part of The Yard with Fruit Trees brought from France, and, when he had compleated it, he gave The same freely to King James 5th in his Minority for his more commodious Hunting in Edinsmoore. He also built The whole Fore-Work of The Castle of St. Andrews and several other Works there. He built The Church of Saint Serfe called Newburne. This Arch-Bishop his great Enemies were Archibald Earl of Angus (called Cheeping Archibald who married King James 4th his Queen Margaret after The Battle of Flowdown) and Sir George Douglas of Pittendreich his Brother whose Malice to him was great. But he after served them same shrewd Turns and cryed Quutts with them to

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Purpose at The Longrun. See The Memoirs of The Arch-Bishops of St. Andrews. G. M[artin's 'Divii Andrea,' 4to].<sup>1</sup>

ELIZABETH BETHUN The First Daughter was married to Alexander Kid Provost of Inverness.

JANET BETHUN The Second Daughter was married to The Laird of Durrie of that Ilk and bore Durrie The Laird and Andrew Durrie.

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MARGARET BETHUN The Third Daughter was married to Andrew Subbald of Lethelme or Lethem.

GRISSEL BETHUN The Fourth Daughter was married to James Hay of Foodie. She had a Daughter married to The Laird of Kynneir.

ISOBEL BETHUN The Fifth Daughter was married to John Ferret of that Ilk. She bore a Son who was Laird of .

JOHN BETHUN of Balfour Eldest Son to John Bethun of Balfour with Marjory Boswall his Lady succeeded to his Father and married Elizabeth Monepennie Daughter to Monepennie Laird of Kinkell. She bore these Seven Sons John, James, David, Walter, Thomas, Mr. George and James Bethuns and these Daughters Five Beatrix, Elizabeth, Catharine, Margaret and Janet Bethuns. John Bethun his Eldest Son succeeded him.

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JAMES BETHUN Second Son to this John Bethun Laird of Balfour was Laird of Balfarge. He married Helen Melvill Heretrix of a Part of Drummaird and had 5 Sons and 3 Daughters.

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JAMES BETHUN Son to James Bethun of Balfarge was Arch-Bishop of Glasgow at The Time of The Reformation and then or some Time thereafter he fled to France, and carried with him all The Writs and Evidents of The See of Glasgow with The Vessels and Ornaments of The Cathedral of Glasgow, The Image of our Saviour in beaten Gold and The Pictures of The Twelve Apostles in Silver, all which he consigned in The Hands of The Carthusian Monks at Paris, appointing The same to be redelivered how soon The See of Glasgow should become Catholick again. Under The Government of The Regents in King James 6th his Minority he was

<sup>1</sup> The bracketed words have been added in a later hand.

forefaulted and deprived of his Living. But after that Queen Mary established him her Resident Ambassador in these Parts, for her Affairs, which Office he enjoyed and faithfully discharged during her Life, and King James 6th at his Majority restored him to his Dignity, Honour and Living employing him likewise for his Ambassador in France. He was a Man Honourably disposed, faithfull to The Queen and to The King her Son, a Lover of his Countrey, and liberal according to his Means to all his Countrey-Men. In his Last Will he bequeathed all his Means to pious Uses, leaving 10,000 Crowns for The Education of poor Scholars being Scotch Men born, by founding a College at Paris. He died Anno 1603, being aged 66 years. He is justly termed that Hospital Bishop.

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DAVID BETHUN Third Son to John Bethun of Balfour and Elizabeth Monepennie was Arch-Bishop of St. Andrews, Bishop of Mirepoise in France and Cardinal de Monte Cælio, Legatus natus and Legatus a latere to The Pope, as was his Unce Mr. James. (Also see *more* of him in The Memoirs of The B.B. and Arch-Bishops of St. Andrews. G. M.<sup>1</sup>) He feued out The Lands of Kilrinnie to his Nephew John Bethun of Balfour and repaired The Hall of Balfour where his Name and Coat of Armour is, and is different from his Paternal Coat only in The Crest and Motto, The Crest being a Crosier and The Motto Intentio, whereas his Uncle Mr. James The Arch-Bishop his Motto is Misericordia. He was a great Man, did great Things, was Ambassador to King James 5th in France concerning his Marriages First and Last, as Histories do abundantly witness. He was serious and violent for his Religion knowing no better. For his Death it was never justified by any Rational Christian. In short fuit homo superbo ingenio natus, also there was never a good Account of any who was accessory to his Murder. He married by Dispensation, or, at Least, accompanied with Mareon alias Marjory Ogilvie Daughter to The Lord Ogilvie as his Concubine who bare to him Four Sons David, Mr. Archibald, Mr. James, and John Bethuns and these Three Daughters Margaret,

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<sup>1</sup> *i.e.* 'Martin.' Marginal note added later.

He was murdered in St. Andrews Castle 29th May 1545.

DAVID BETHUN Son to David Bethun The Cardinal was Laird of Melgun. He got a Charter from The Cardinal of the Kirklands of Aberlemno for £5 yearly. The Charter is dated 15th March 1545. He married First Margaret Lindesay Daughter to John Lord Lindesay who bore him

Bethun of Melgun and these Daughters  
Bethun married to Ogilvie of Poole (or Peele) and afterwards to Campbell of Croonon.  
2d. Bethun was married to Shipyde, Burgess of Montrose. 3d. Bethun married to Trail Clerk in Forfar. 4th. Bethun married to

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Petree Burgess of Montrose. Thereafter this David Bethun of Melgun married Bethun Daughter Robert Bethun The Fourth Laird of Creich who bare to him Bethun who was Physician to King Charles 1st, whose Son Theodore Bethun was well known in The Shire of Fife, a discreet Man. He died at Tangier, and these 4 Daughters Jean Bethun married to Wisheart of 2d. Elizabeth married to of Kirkinloch. 3d. Christian married to Keith of Craige of Garvock. 4th. Anna Bethun married to

MR. ARCHIBALD BETHUN Second Son to David Bethun The Cardinal married who bare to him Mr. James Bethun Doctor of Medicine who acquired The Lands of Little Tarvet whose Father The Doctor was Grand-Child to this Mr. Archibald Bethun The Cardinal's Second Son.

MR. JAMES BETHUN Third Son to Cardinal David Bethun and Mareon Ogilvie.

JOHN BETHUN The Cardinal his Fourth Son.

MARGARET BETHUN The Cardinal's Eldest Daughter was married to David Earl of Crawford whose Daughter Helen was married to David Lindesay of Edzell, and that Edzell's Daughter was married to David Earl of Southesk.

MARY BETHUN Second Daughter to The Cardinal was married to Ouchterlonie of Kellie and bore Sons and these Daughters. 1<sup>ma</sup> Margaret was married to Gordon of Gight. 2<sup>da</sup> to Guthrie of

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Kilbleckmond, and after Kellie's Death this Daughter of The Cardinal married again Gordon of Gight Elder, and bare to him a Daughter Catharine married to Sir George Hume afterwards Earl of Dumbar who bare to him Two Daughters. The one Anne married to Sir James Hum of Coldingknows, The other Elizabeth to Theophilus Earl of Suffolk in England.<sup>1</sup>

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**BETHUN** The Cardinal's Third Daughter married Lindsay of Vaine, and had 3 Sons and these Daughters Lindsay married to of Fettercairne. Lindsay The Second married Fotheringham Brother to Powrie Fotheringham. The Third Lindsay was married to Durhame Brother to Durhame Laird of Grange in Angus.

To conclude all that may be said of David Bethun The Cardinal his Posterity, which was great and numerous, it is to be remembered That The Great Duke of Lauderdale said of The same That there was more of his Blood running in the Veins of the Nobility of Scotland than of any One single Man since his Time. Which being true proves this Account of him but lame. See The Memoirs of The B.B. and Arch-Bishops of St. Andrews, G.M. SEE also, The Posterity of David Earl of Southesk.

**WALTER BETHUN** Fourth Son to John Bethun Laird of Balfour was Parson of

**THOMAS BETHUN** his Fifth Son.

**MR. GEORGE BETHUN** his Sixth Son was Parson of Govan.

**JAMES BETHUN** his Seventh Son was Laird of Melgun.

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**BEATRIX BETHUN** Eldest Daughter to this John Bethun Laird of Balfour married Moncur of Ballumbie.

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**ELIZABETH BETHUN** his Second Daughter married Sir John Wardlaw of Torrie. She bare 12 Sons and 4 Daughters.

**CATHARINE BETHUN** his Third Daughter married Sir William Grahame of Fintrie and bare some Sons and these Daughters. 1<sup>ma</sup> married to Andrew Moncur of that Ilk. 2<sup>da</sup> to Crightoun

<sup>1</sup> This sentence has been altered by interlining from 'The one married to The other to Lord Waldon in England.'



of Innernytie. 3<sup>rd</sup> to Ogilvie of Clova. 4<sup>th</sup> to Tyrie of Drumkilbo. 5<sup>th</sup> to Doctor Thomson Doctor of Medicine in Dundie.

MARGARET BETHUN his Fourth Daughter married John Grachame of Claverhouse and bare Sons and Two Daughters. 1<sup>st</sup> married to of . 2<sup>nd</sup> to Gibert Primerose Chirurgeon in Edinburgh whose Daughter First married Gourlay Burgess of Edinburgh and bare to him Gilbert, Mr. Robert and David Gourlays. Next She married Alexander Clerk Provost of Edinburgh.

JANET BETHUN his Fifth Daughter married John Cockburne of Treaton.

THIS John Bethun of Balfour and Elizabeth Monepennie his Lady their Pictures are to be seen to The Length in within The Church of Markinsh with this Inscription, Hic jacet Honorabilis Vir Joannes Bethun de Balfour et Elizabeth Monepennie Sponsæ quondam dicti Joannis qui obiit Anno Dom. 1504.

THERE is likewise in The same Church his Brother David The First Laird of Creich and his Lady in with this Inscription, Hic jacet David Bethun de Creich Filius Joannis Bethun de Balfour qui obiit Anno Dom. 1500. Orate pro animâ ejus.

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JOHN BETHUN of Balfour Eldest Son to John Bethun of Balfour and Elizabeth Monepennie succeeded to his Father. He married Christian Stewart Daughter to Stewart Laird of Rossyth. She bare to him Two Sons John and Andrew Bethuns and Two Daughters Catharine and Janet Bethuns. vol. i. p. 105.

JOHN BETHUN his Eldest Son succeeded to him.

ANDREW BETHUN his Second Son was Parson of Essie.

CATHARINE BETHUN his Eldest Daughter married John Borthwick of Balhousie or Gordonshall.

JANET BETHUN his Second Daughter married James Gairnes of Leyes and bare Two Sons.

The Eldest was Laird of Leyes.

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JOHN BETHUN of Balfour Eldest Son to John Bethun of Balfour and Christian Stewart succeeded to his Father.

He married Agnes Anstruther Daughter to Anstruther of that Ilk. She bare to him these 3 Sons and 4 Daughters John, Robert and Mr. James Bethuns and Christian, Margaret, Agnes and Catharine Bethuns.

JOHN BETHUN his Eldest Son succeeded to him ut infra.

ROBERT BETHUN his Second Son succeeded his Brother John.

MR. JAMES BETHUN his Third Son was Parson of Roxburgh by Disposition from Mr. James Bethun Parson thereof when he became Laird of Creich.

CHRISTIAN BETHUN his Eldest Daughter married John Melvill of Carnbie and bare Sir John Melvill The Laird and James Melvill.

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MARGARET BETHUN his Second Daughter married Mr. John Row Minister at St. Johnstoune.

AGNES BETHUN his Third Daughter married Robert Strang Portioner of Kilrinnie and bore John Strang and Agnes Strang married to Sympsone Burgess of Anstruther.

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CATHARINE BETHUN his Fourth Daughter married William Tweedie of Drumelziare and bare to him William and Walter Tweedies.

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JOHN BETHUN Eldest Son to John Bethun of Balfour and Agnes Anstruther succeeded to his Father. He married Elizabeth [or Isobella]<sup>1</sup> Pitcairne Daughter to Pitcairne Laird of Forthar or of that Ilk. He died without Issue.—[Ch. 351. Lib. 29. 22d Maii 1546.]<sup>2</sup>

ROBERT BETHUN Second Son to John Bethun and Agnes Anstruther succeeded to his Brother John who died sans Issue. He married Agnes Trail Daughter to Trail of Blebo who bore these Sons, David, James, Mr. Andrew, and Alexander Bethuns and these Daughters Agnes, Lucretia, Jean, and Elizabeth Bethuns. David his Eldest Son succeeded to him.

JAMES and MR. ANDREW BETHUNS Second and Third Sons to this Robert Bethun of Balfour were but Gentlemen in The King of France his Guard.

vol. i. p. 106. ; ALEXANDER BETHUN his Fourth Son was a Skipper in

<sup>1</sup> Interlined.

<sup>2</sup> Later addition to ms.

Anstruther. This Alexander Bethun married Grissel Whippo Sister to George Whippo of Treaton Writer to The Signet and did purchase from \_\_\_\_\_ of Kilbrakmonth The Lands of Langharmiestoun and Currie in Lothian as also from \_\_\_\_\_ Whippo The Lands of Treaton in Fife. [page 14.]

THIS Alexander Bethun Writer to The Signet married Marjory Kennedie Daughter to John Kennedie Burgess of Edinburgh. She bore several Children who all died except One Daughter Grissel Bethun who was married to William Macdougall Son to Sir James Macdougall of Garthland, and this William fell thereafter to be Laird of Garthland and got Alexander Bethun his whole Fortune of Langharmiestoun and Currie in Lothian and The Lands of Treaton in Fife with several Lodgings in Edinburgh.

AGNES BETHUN this Laird of Balfour his Eldest Daughter married James Hamiltone of Kilbrakmonth. She bore Two Sons George Hamiltone The Laird. See p. 29, at 5.

LUCRETIA BETHUN his Second Daughter married James Balfour of Tarrie.

JEAN BETHUN his Third Daughter married George Whippo of Treaton or Innerteile.

ELIZABETH BETHUN his Fourth Daughter married David Lindsay of Kirkforthar.

DAVID BETHUN of Balfour Eldest Son to Robert Bethun and Agnes Trail succeeded to his Father. He married Margaret Wardlaw Daughter to \_\_\_\_\_ Wardlaw of Torrie. She bare to him these Five Sons John, Robert, Mr. Henry, Andrew and David Bethuns and these Three Daughters Janet, Margaret, and Agnes Bethuns.

John his Eldest Son succeeded to him. Nota.—His Lady Margaret Wardlaw had other 3 Sisters Wardlaw married to the Laird of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Wardlaw married to \_\_\_\_\_ Bruce of Clakmannan and \_\_\_\_\_ Wardlaw married to Mr. Alexander Colvill of Blaire Justice Depute. [page 15.]

ROBERT BETHUN this Laird of Balfour his Second Son married Mareon Inglis Daughter to Thomas Inglis of Burgess of Edinburgh and bought The Lands of Banden in Anno 1633 and had these Seven Sons David, The Eldest

who succeeded to him and married Wardlaw.  
 2d. Mr. William Bethun Advocate at present Laird of Craigh-foolzie Easter who married Mary Bethun Daughter to Andrew Bethun of Blebo his own Cousin German who hath born to him many Children. 3d. John died young. 4th. James who yet lives. 5th. Robert. He died sans Issue. Also The 6th. John; and The 7th. Andrew and these Two Daughters Catharine married to Patrick Lindesay of Wormiestoun Commissary of St. Andrews to whom she bare many Children both Sons and Daughters. The Eldest Son is Mr. John Lindesay of Wormiestoun now Commissary of St. Andrews married to Margaret Halyburton only Daughter to George Bishop of Aberdeen. Robert Bethun of Banden his other Daughter was Janet who died unmarried.

MR. HENRY BETHUN this Laird of Balfour his Third Son died unmarried.

ANDREW BETHUN his Fourth Son was long a Factor abroad and came Home and in Anno 1649 purchased The Lands of Blebo and Myretoun. He married Margaret Broun Daughter to Mr. Nicol Brown Burgess of Edinburgh who bare to him 3 Sons Andrew, John and David Bethuns and 2 Daughters Margaret And Mary Bethuns. Andrew The Eldest and David The youngest died both unmarried. His Second Son John at Present possesses The Fortune. He married First Catharine Hume Daughter to The Laird of Wedderburne who bare to him Two Sons James and John Bethuns. Next he married Cheap Daughter to Mr. James Cheap of Rossie who is a virtuous Lady and hath born to him

MARGARET BETHUN Eldest Daughter to Andrew Bethun of Blebo married Mr. James Lundie of Clatto and hath Children to him Mr. John, James, Mary and

MARY BETHUN his youngest Daughter married Mr. William Bethun Advocate Son to Robert Bethun of Banden his Cousin German and hath born many Children to him ut supra.

DAVID BETHUN Fifth Son to David Bethun of Balfour and Margaret Wardlaw died at Sea without Issue.

JANET BETHUN Eldest Daughter to this Laird of Balfour married Gilbert Campbell of Kethick whose Daughter Agnes Campbell is at Present Lady Dowager of Pitcur and Spouse

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to George Halyburton Lord Bishop of Aberdeen her Second Husband. Her First Husband was David Halyburton of Pitcur to whom she bare Two Sons James who died sans Issue and David The late Laird of Pitcur married to Wedderburne Daughter to [Sir]<sup>1</sup> Peter Wedderburne of [Gosfoord]<sup>1</sup> Lord of Session. He died Honourably with John Viscount of Dundee at The Battle of Gillie Chrankie 27th July 1689. Also his Lady Dowager of Pitcur bare a Daughter Margaret to her First Husband who is at Present married to Sir George Mackenzie of Rosehaugh The King's Advocate.

MARGARET BETHUN Second Daughter to David Bethun of Balfour married Mr. Henry Wardlaw of Pitravie and bore to him Wardlaw Heretrix of Pitravie married to Sir Henry Wardlaw to whom she bore The present Sir Henry Wardlaw of Pitravie who is married to Skeen Eldest Daughter to Skeen of

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AGNES BETHUN this Laird of Balfour his Third Daughter married David Colvill Brother to The Lord Colvill of Cleish afterwards Lord Colvill whose Eldest Son Robert fell to be Lord Colvill after The Death of his Uncle.

JOHN BETHUN of Balfour Eldest Son to David Bethun of Balfour and Margaret Wardlaw succeeded to his Father. He married Catharine Halyburton Daughter to Sir James Halyburton of Pitcur who bore Six Sons James, Mr. David, Robert, William, Mr. Andrew and George Bethuns and Three Daughters Margaret, Agnes and Elizabeth Bethuns. This Catharine Halyburton had divers Sisters, married to Bruce of Clakmannan. married to John Earl of Grahame of Fintrie. married to of Mithie or Nevoy. married to James Lord Coupar in Angus. married to Drummond of Machanie. But these Last Two had no Children. James The Eldest Son succeeded to him.

MR. DAVID BETHUN Second Son to John Bethun of Balfour married Elizabeth Aytoun Daughter to Mr. James Aytoun of

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<sup>1</sup> Later additions.

Grange or Hilsyde who bore to him a Daughter Catharine who came to age and was married to Sir David Kinloch of that Ilk Knight Baronet and bore him a Son called

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ROBERT BETHUN Third Son to this Laird of Balfour married Margaret Elliot Daughter to Elliot of Stobbs sans Issue.

WILLIAM BETHUN his Fourth Son was a Captain & died at Stirling Anno 1651.

MR. ANDREW BETHUN his Fifth Son was an Advocate sans Issue.

GEORGE BETHUN The Sixth Son was a Lieutenant in The Blue Regiment commanded by Colonel Lockhart, and as yet he has no Issue.

MARGARET BETHUN his Eldest Daughter died unmarried.

AGNES BETHUN his Second Daughter married John Seaton of Lathrisk and bore to him Patrick Seaton of Lathrisk, Mr. James Seaton Minister at Creich and a Daughter called Seaton.

ELIZABETH BETHUN The Laird of Balfour his youngest Daughter married Doctor Andrew Bruce then Professor of Theology in The New College of St. Andrews thereafter Arch-Deacon of St. Andrews and Lord Bishop of Dunkeld and after of Orknay. Sans Issue.

JAMES BETHUN Eldest Son to John Bethun of Balfour and Catharine Halyburton succeeded to his Father and married twice. First, Anna Moncrief Daughter to Sir John Moncrief of that Ilk who bore to him Five Sons, but Two of them only came to any Age, to wit, John The Eldest who died without Issue unmarried and David Bethun The present Laird of Balfour. Next this Laird of Balfour married Catharine Moriesone Relict of Hume of Wedderburne

Daughter to Sir Alexander Moriesone of Prestongrange. Nota. David Bethun Last Laird of Creich having no Children of his own Body and having only One Brother Mr. William Bethun who had but One Daughter who was married to The Laird of Kilspindie did in Anno 1655 or thereby dispone to this James Bethun of Balfour his whole Estate about 80 Chalders Victual with The Burthen of 80,000 or 90,000 Merks

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or thereby reserving to himself The Liferent of The most Part thereof and his Lady's Liferent of 32 Chalders Victual. He died in Anno 1661, and his Lady married The Laird of Cromlix and died Anno 1670. The Reason why Creich disposed his Estate to this Laird of Balfour was because Balfour's Second Son then David who is now Laird of Balfour and Creich also was Heir of Tailzie their being no Heirs Male except his Brother Mr. William who had but One Daughter which would have put The Fortune out of The Name against The Purpose & Intent of all The former Lairds because of which Creich's Right to Balfour was redeemable by The said David his then Second Son from his Father for Payment of a certain Sum, & Creich judged his Brother Mr. William not so dutifull and kindly to him as he desired. But further The said David Bethun then Second Son to James Bethun of Balfour is nearest Heir to The Last Laird of Creich. For Creich's Eldest Sister Anna Bethun was married to Sir John Moncrief of that Ilk, and did bear to him only Two Daughters. The Eldest Anna Moncrief married to James Bethun of Balfour and was Mother to The said David Bethun who is now Laird and Elizabeth Moncrief who died unmarried. This James Bethun of Balfour died 27th February 1690.

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DAVID BETHUN only Son and Child to James Bethun of Balfour and Anna Moncrief succeeded to his Father. He married Rachel Hope Daughter to Sir James Hope of Hope-toun and Keith Daughter to Earl of Marshall his Second Lady now Lady Blackbaronie. She hath born to him Three Sons James, David and Charles Bethuns and these Five Daughters Catharine, Anna, Margaret, Elizabeth and Helen Bethuns all as yet but young.

In St. Jean d. Lateran is The Tomb of Jacob Bethun sacratus Roma 1552. Obit 24 Aprile 1603 ætatis suæ 86. Above The Tomb is Tuli et Vici and below these verses.

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Præsul et Orator fuerat qui maximus Orbis  
 Ætate hoc parvo Marmore contegitur.  
 Quinquaginta unum Præsul transegerat annos  
 Quadraginta duos Regia jussa obiit

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Sex vidit Reges Gallorum quumque secutus  
 Orator Patriæ præfuit usque suæ  
 Est voto fruitus Scotus Anglosque sub uno  
 [Unius Scoti Viderat Imperio,]<sup>1</sup>  
 Illud restabat voluit quod utrosque sub uno  
 Divinæ Legis mittier Imperium  
 Quodque suum voluit Regem venerarier et Mors  
 Fertur in hoc uno præcipitasse senem.  
 Ille Oratorum quos Scotia sola superbos  
 Misit ad Heroas ultimus extiterat.  
 Ultimus illorum quos Magna Britannia fovens  
 Secta exturbavit devia Præsul erat.

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### SOME NOTES concerning The Family of BETHUN of BALFOUR.

OUR Historians and Genealogists all agree That The Bethuns of Scotland were not of The antient Scottish Race, but came Originally from beyond Seas in some of The later Ages, but when or upon what Account has not been yet determined with any Certainty.

Mr. Peter Cayer Author of The Funeral Panegyrick on James Arch-Bishop of Glasgow A. 1603 tells us That amongst other considerable Gentlemen of Quality who came to Scotland Anno 1449 in The Retinue of Mary Princess of Gueldres then married to King James 2 was one Mr. Bethun for whom The King conceived a singular Fondness, and therefore to engage him to live in Scotland he married him to The Daughter and sole Heiress of The Baron of Balfour in Fife which gave Rise to The Family of Balfour Bethun and The Bethuns in Scotland.

THIS indefinite and uncircumstantiated Account Mr. Du Chesne Author of The Great Genealogy of The House of Bethun illustrates by endeavouring to determine The Name and Person of this Mr. Bethun who had The Happiness to please The King and enjoy The Heiress. From a great many Probabilities and Conjectures he concludes That it was

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<sup>1</sup> This line is added in pencil in the margin of the ms., with the reference 'Hay's Scotia Sacra,' p. 436.



James (Jacotin) de Bethun Fourth Son to John Bethun Lord of Baie &c. and Isabell D'Estoutteville his Wife and younger Brother of Robert Bethun Lord of Baie &c. after his Father & Predecessor of The present Duke de Sully in France.

ALL this fine Scheme is indeed plausible enough, but not a Word of it true or founded upon any solid Proof. We know not The least Ground Mr. Cayer could have for what he affirms. None of our antient Historians mention any of The Name of Bethun in The Princess of Gueldres Retinue, and, as to Mr. Du Chesne's Improvements and Conjectures though Jacotin de Bethun lived at that Time, there is not The least Evidence of his ever being in Scotland. Enquerran de Monstrelet a Contemporary Historian, who speaks at Large of him and others of his Kindred, mentions no such Thing no so much as of his ever leaving The Low Countries.

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BUT, really, Mr. Cayer The Orator and Mr. Du Chesne The Genealogist, however willing they were to do Justice to The House of Balfour Bethun being at such a Distance and having no Correspondence with this Countrey were not sufficiently acquainted either with The Beginning or antient History of that Family. The Bethuns were of considerable Note in Scotland many Generations before they fell in to The Estate of Balfour, and yet that happened long before The Princess of Gueldres or Jacotin de Bethun were born.

LESLEY and some other of our Historians tell us That The Bethuns came from France into Scotland in The Reign of Malcolm 3d., who began to reign 1057, and who died 1093. We know not now upon what Grounds they said so. However, The Thing though not absolutely certain is not at all unlikely; For we are sure That not long after this they made a good Figure in this Kingdom being Lairds of Westhall in Angus.

IN The Reign of King William who succeeded to The Crown A. 1165 but 72 years after The Death of King Malcolm 3d. Robert de Betun is Witness to a Charter of Rogerus de Quincy Earl of Winton to Seyerus de Seaton of an Annuity of The Mill Lands of Tranent.

DAVID DE BETUN and Joannes de Betun are Witnesses to a

Charter by King Alexander 2d. (who began to reign A. 1214 and died A. 1249) to The Abbacy of Aberbrothick de Terris in Territorio Kermuir.

[page 23.] BUT a stronger Evidence of The High Station of that Family in these early Times is That both Mr. Prynne and Mr. Rymer mentions Robert de Betun present with King Edward at The Discussing of The Plea for The Crown of Scotland betwixt John Balliol and Robert Bruce. This is confirmed beyond all Doubt by some of The Seals yet preserved that are appended to King Edward's Decision A. 1292 among which is that of Robert de Betune de Scotia. It is The Arms of The Bethun Family in Artois at that Time with a File of Three Pendants in Chief as a Mark of Cadency.

THIS Robert de Betune de Countie de Farfar and several others of that Name are mentioned by Prynne as swearing Allegiance to King Edward A.

DAVID DE BETUNE Miles and Alexander de Betune were at The Parliament of Cambuskenneth Anno 1314 and One of their Seals is appended to The Act of Forfaulture past in that Parliament, which is The same very Coat of Arms that is upon The forementioned Seal of Robert de Betune.

THIS Alexander continuing Loyal to The Royal Family of Bruce is particularly named by Hector Boyse as One of The Leading Men killed on that Side in The Great Battle of Duplin Anno 1332.

THE Family of Bethun of Westhall in Angus continued to subsist for several Generations. But Robert a younger Son of this Alexander married Janet Bafour Daughter of Michael de Balfour of that Ilk and Sister to John Balfour. This Family was likewise Brucean, and, accordingly, when King David Bruce was restored Anno 1342 this John being then after his Father's Death Laird of Balfour was made Vicecomes de Fyffe.

[page 24.] HE dying in a few years about A. 1346 without Children, his Estate fell to John Bethun his Nephew The Son of Robert Bethun and Janet Balfour. This John First of The Bethuns of Balfour acquired from Duncan Earl of Fyffe The Lands of Holkettle. The King's Charter of Confirmation of Earl Duncan's Disposition is still extant, and some little Time after

that Earl's Death which happened Anno 1353 by a Charter from his Daughter Isobell Countess of Fyffe he got The Lands of Tollybrecks pro bono et fideli Servitio.

HE married Catharine Stewart a Daughter of The Laird of Innermay. Her Original Seasine of Liferent is still extant Anno 1386.

HIS Son and Heir was John Bethun Second Laird of The Balfour Bethuns who married Stewart Daughter to The Lord Rosaith. There is extant a Service relating to him, and it was he that built The East Part of The House of Balfour which stands to this Day.

HE was succeeded by his Son Archibald Bethun Third Laird of this Family, whose Charter from Duke Murdoch The Governour Anno 1421 is still extant wherein he is designed dilecto nostro Consanguineo Archibaldo Betoun; For he was related to The Royal Family both by his Mother Rosaith's Daughter and Grand-Mother Innermay's Daughter.

Archibald Bethun was succeeded by his Son John The Fourth Laird. He married Catharine Stirling Daughter to The Laird of Keir and got in Tocher with her The Eighth Part of The Lands of Kennoway, which was The Beginning of their Interest there. The Papers relating to him are lost, but he is mentioned as Witness in several Writs of The Neighbourhood that are still preserved.

HE was succeeded by his Son John The Fifth Laird who marrying Marjory Boswall Daughter to The Laird of Balmuto had by her 6 Sons and 5 Daughters.

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To him succeeded John Bethun his Eldest Son The Sixth Laird. He married Elizabeth Daughter to The Lord Monipenny of Kinkell. Of which Marriage were 7 Sons and 5 Daughters. He died Anno 1514.

HIS Eldest Son John Bethun 7th Laird succeeded him. He married Christian Stewart Daughter to The Laird of Rosaith by whom he had 2 Sons and 2 Daughters.

JOHN BETHUN his Eldest Son The 8th Laird succeeded him, and was married to Agnes Anstruther Daughter to The Laird of Anstruther. Of which Marriage were 3 Sons and 4 Daughters.

To him succeeded his Eldest Son John 9th Laird who

married Elizabeth Pitcairn Daughter to The Laird of Pitcairn and Forthar, but dying without Issue was succeeded by

His next Brother Robert Bethun 10th Laird married to Agnes Trail Daughter to The Laird of Blebo. They had 4 Sons and 4 Daughters.

DAVID The Eldest Son 11th Laird succeeded & married Margaret Wardlaw Daughter to The Laird of Torry who bore to him 5 Sons and 3 Daughters.

JOHN BETHUN 12th Laird.

JAMES BETHUN 13th Laird.

DAVID 2d Son of James 14th Laird.

JAMES BETHUN 15th Laird died at Rheims Anno 1719.

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FROM An. 1346 to An. 1719. From Father to Son 14 Generations. Which is about 26½ years to a Generation.

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1. BETHUN bears Azure a Fesse betwixt Three Lozenges Or.

BETHUN of Balfour The same quartered w<sup>t</sup> The Coat of Balfour Argent on a Chevron Sable an Otter's Head erased of The

2. THERE is a Charter of Tollybrek's granted by Isobella Comitissa de Fyffe to John Beton which has been about or before The Year 1360. It seems this John Beton married Catharine Stewart a Daughter of Innermey Because there is also One Seasine of Liferent or Dowrie (as it is called) given by Ay Johnson Stewart of Fyffe as Procurator to John Beton of Balfour to Catharine Stewart Lady Balfour Sister to Sir John Stewart Laird of Innermey of The Lands of Balfour, Newtown of The Kettil and a of Land lying within The Earldom of Fyfe. The Seasine (not by of Instrument) is dated 28th February 1386 At Falkland.

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3. THIS Archibald Bethun Fourth Son to John Bethun of Balfour and Marjory Boswall married She bare to him One Son Archibald and a Daughter Bethuns.

ARCHIBALD BETHUN Son to Archibald Bethun of Pitlochrie and Kapeldrae married Janet Duddingstoun Daughter to Duddingstoun of Sandford who bare to him One Son John Bethun and these Seven Daughters. 1<sup>ma</sup> Janet Bethun married to James Hay of Mountainhall. 2<sup>da</sup> Margaret Bethun

married to John Forrester of Strahendrie. 3<sup>da</sup> Jean Bethun married to Robert Clerk Burgess of Dysert. 4<sup>ta</sup> Geils Bethun married to John Kyninmonth of Cawsall. 5<sup>ta</sup> Bethun married to Sympson Burgess of Dysert. 6<sup>ta</sup> Bethun married to Mr. Henry Balfour Advocate. 7<sup>ma</sup> Bethun married to John Arnot Burgess of Edinburgh.

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1. THIS Janet Bethun (besides The Two Sons born to The Laird of Durie her Husband, to wit, Durie The Laird and Mr. Andrew Durie) bore also these Three Daughters. 1<sup>ma</sup> Durie married to Ogilvie of Balfour in Angus. 2<sup>da</sup> Durie married to Pitcairne of Forther Ramsay who had a Daughter married to Inchdairnie whose Son was Mr. James Aytone of Balgohrie. 3<sup>ta</sup> Durie married to Monteith of Carse. Memorandum. That this Janet Bethun her Eldest Son The Laird of Durie had a Daughter Durie whom King James 5th. forced to marry Henry Kemp his Majesty's

2. THIS Helen Melvill bore to her Husband James Bethun of Balfarge Five Sons and Three Daughters, viz. James Bethun Arch-Bishop of Glasgow, de quo supra, also David, John, Andrew and Robert Bethuns. But they all died without Succession, also these Daughters Catharine Bethun who was a Nun, Margaret Bethun married to Strachan of Carmyllie who bore to him only One Daughter Jean Strachan who was married to of Rossie, and bore to him a Daughter who was married to David Balfour Brother to Balfour of Tarrie Burgess of Arbroth. Balfarge's Third Daughter was Janet Bethun married to Robert Lundie of Condlan. She bore to him a Daughter Lundie married to James Weyms of Balfarge.

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3. HER Eldest Son Wardlaw Laird of Tarrie married First Hume Daughter to Lord Hume who bore Wardlaw The Laird and a Daughter married to The Laird of Bonytoun in Angus. Thereafter Elizabeth Bethun's Son The Laird of Tarrie married Lundie Daughter to Lundie of Balgony who bore some Sons and these Daughters. 1<sup>ma</sup> married to Scrymgeour Constable of Dundee. 2<sup>da</sup> married to Cunyng-

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hame of Barns who bore a Daughter Cunynghame  
 married to Captain Wemys.

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1. HER Second Son James Gairnes was Laird of Dumbarrow. He married Lauder Daughter to Lauder of Omachie Brother to The Laird of Boss who bore Sons and Daughters.

2. AND James Melvill who married and had a Daughter married to William Melvill in Leith who had a Daughter called Mathilda Melvill Lady Carribe who had these Daughters Christian married to David of Whytehill and Catharine married to Mr. John Johnstoun Professor in The New College of St. Andrews and Mathilda married to James Trail.

3. JOHN STRANG married Margaret Barclay Daughter to Barclay of or Innergellie who bore George Strang The Heir, Mr. William Strang One of The Clerks of Exchequer and Two Daughters.

4. THIS William Tweedie was only her Second Husband, her First being of Drumeliare to whom she bore James The Laird, John of Robert of Walter and a Daughter married to

5. GEORGE HAMILTON of Kilbrakmonth who married Neaper Daughter to Neaper of Merchonystoun. He died sans Issue and John Hamilton of Clatto who married Grissel Aytoun Daughter to Mr. James Aytoun of Hilsyde<sup>1</sup> Advocate who bore to him Robert Hamilton now of Kilbrakmonth (He succeeded to his Uncle George) who married Margaret Carstairs Daughter to Sir John Carstairs of and a Daughter Elizabeth Hamilton married to Dundas of Manner and another Hamilton married to James Robertson of Newbigging.

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ROBERT HAMILTON of Kilbrakmonth has Sons and Philip The Eldest married in October 1696 Helen Gedde Eldest Daughter to John Gedde of St. Nicolas of St. Andrews then Relict of Mr. James Lenton, and in August 1697 she bore a Daughter Margaret Hamilton.

<sup>1</sup> 'Hilsyde' altered in a later hand to 'Grange.'

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John Bethun married Catharine Stewart Sister to John Stewart Laird of Innermay.

Archibald Bethun.

John Bethun . . . Jean Stewart Daughter to The Innermay.

John Bethun . . . Margaret Stirling Daughter to The Laird of Keir.

John Bethun . . . Marjory Boswall Daughter to The Laird of Balmowto.

John Bethun . . . Elizabeth Monepenny Daughter to The Laird of Kinkell.

John Bethun . . . Christian Stewart Daughter to The Laird of Rosythe.

John Bethun . . . Agnes Anstruther Daughter to The Laird of Anstruther.

John Bethun . . . Elizabeth Pitcairn Daughter to The Laird of Pitcairn.

Robert Bethun . . . Agnes Trail Daughter to The Laird of Blebo.

David Bethun . . . Margaret Wardlaw Daughter to The Laird of Torrie.

John Bethun . . . Catharine Halyburton Daughter to The Laird of Pitcur.

James Bethun . . . Anna Moncreife Daughter to The Laird of Moncreife.

David Bethun . . . Rachel Hope Daughter to The Lord Hopton.

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JOHN BETHUN Laird of Balfour in Fyffe in The Days of King James 4th married Marjory Boswall Daughter to The Laird of Balmowto. She bore to him these Six Sons John, David, Robert, Archibald, Andrew and Mr. James Bethuns and Five Daughters Janet, Margaret, Grissel, Isobell and Elizabeth Bethuns of all whom see before in The Account of The Family of Balfour.

DAVID BETHUN. Except of this David The Second Son of

<sup>1</sup> Pages 32-34 of ms. inclusive are blank.

whom it is fit to enlarge in this Place in Respect he was The First Laird of Creich of The Surname of Bethun. Also he was Thesaurer of Scotland and Captain of Falkland which remained with The Sons of Creich till Sir David Murray of Scoone (after Viscount of Stormont) Creich's own Son in Law for The Time obtained The Same by Moyen of Court. This David Bethun conquest and acquired The Lands of Creich from The Littles, Lithills or Liddells in The year 1502. He married Janet (Some Notes call her Jean, others Isobell) Duddingstoun Daughter to The Laird of Sandforde Duddingstoun in Fife. She bore to him a Son John Bethun who succeeded him and Two Daughters Janet & Bethuns. This Laird of Creich being Thesaurer of Scotland and having other good Offices in The Publick resided almost constantly in Edinburgh waiting upon The King, The Session and his Charge, and ordered his Son The Young Laird to stay at Home and look after The Fortune ut infra when we come to him.

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JANET BETHUN Eldest Daughter to David Bethun First Laird of Creich and Janet Duddingstoun was married First to Sir Robert Levingstoun of Easter Weyms, & thereafter to James Earl of Arran (Hamilton). She bore to her First Husband Two Daughters both Heretrices and Livingstouns. The Eldest was married to Sir James Hamilton of Finnard Author of The House of Evandale. See The written Notes on Buchanan ad Fol. 124. Lin. 19. He was Bastard Son to The Earl of Arran Hamilton, and bore to him (as The Notes say) James Lord Evandale, Galvine and George Hamiltons and a Daughter Elisabeth Hamilton who was married to Archibald Earl of Argyle called by The By-Name Archibald Roy to whom she bore Archibald Earl of Argyle whom Buchanan calls Gillespicus (which is all One with Archibald) and he married Lady Jean Stewart Natural Daughter to King James 5th begotten upon Elizabeth Bethun Daughter to John Bethun Second Laird of Creich ut infra.

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LEVINGSTOUN The other Heiress of Weyms married First Ramsay of Balmaine in The Mearns and after his Death she married [Nicoll]<sup>1</sup> Ramsay of Dalhousie and heired both The Estates.

<sup>1</sup> Added later.



JANET BETHUN after The Death of Sir Robert Levingstoun married (says The Notes) James Earl of Arran himself (after he had divorced his First Lady Elizabeth Hume Daughter to Alexander Lord Hume The Great Chamberlain because of her Barrenness). Nota. That he was The Son of Lady Margaret Stewart Sister to King James 3d. and The First Earl of Arran of The Hamiltons ; For his Father who married King James 2d. his Daughter was never Earl of Arran because he did not outlive James Boyde who was that Lady's Son of her First Marriage with Thomas Boyde Earl of Arran. She bore to him for certain (Albert. The Notes say otherwise) James Earl of Arran who also was Duke of Chastleherault Prorex and Governour of The Kingdom in The Minority of Queen Mary Daughter to King James 5th. and Sir John Hamilton of Samuelston called John of Clidisdale whose Daughter Elizabeth Hamilton was thrice married, First, to The Laird of Johnstoun, Then, to David Earl of Angus, and, Lastly, to The Laird of Whytelaw, and she also bore Two Daughters, Helena and Margaret Hamiltons although Balfour's Notes by a great Mistake bear That her Children to The Earl of Arran were Three Sons, John The Lord Hamilton, James Earl of Arran who died sans Issue and The Lord Claud Abbot of Paisley after Earl of Abercorne who married Seton Daughter to The Lord Seton and these Three Daughters Elizabeth (or Barbara according to Bishop Leslie) married to James Lord Flyming, Jean married to James Lord Montgomery and Anna or Agnes married to George Lord Gordon after Earl of Huntlic, where I observe this double Mistake in The Notes, First, That James Earl of Arran The Governour was for Certain not Janet Bethun's Grand Child by Livingstoun her Daughter, but he was her Son by her Second Husband The Earl of Arran Lady Mary Stewart's Son, For Sir James Hamilton who married this Livingstoun Heiress of Easter Weyms (Janet Bethun's Daughter) was The Lord Hamilton's Bastard Son, and is always so stiled by Buchanan, and so his Son could never be Earl of Arran. The next Mistake is That her Grand Children (to wit) James Earl of Arran Captain of The Scotch Company in France who never married & turned frantick, John Lord Hamilton Commendator

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of Arbroth and after Marquis of Hamilton, Lord Claud Hamilton after Earl of Abercorne and Lord David Hamilton who married Kennedy Daughter to The Earl of Cassils, and The Three Ladies above named were all Children to the Governour Duke Hamilton by Douglas The Earl of Morton's Daughter, albeit by Balfour's Notes and Accompt they are made by this Janet Bethun Countess of Arran her Children, at Least, her Grand Children by her Daughter Livingstoun, which is a great Mistake both Ways; For these being The Governour's Children were Janet Bethun's Grand Children, The Governour being her Son, and I rectified Balfour's Notes.

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MARY BETHUN Second Daughter to David Bethun First Laird of Creich and Janet Duddingston his Lady was married to John Lyle of whom Montgomery of Lainshaw is The Lineal Heir (1712), in whose Time The Fortune and Honours perished. She bore to him a Son Lyle and a daughter Jean Lyle married to Sir Neil Mountgomerie Brother to The Earl of Eglintoun or Lord Mountgomerie. But this Family perished about this Time.

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JOHN BETHUN Second Laird of Creich Son to David Bethun The First Laird and Janet Duddingston was ordered by his Father to attend The Fortune at Home while his Father as Thesaurer of Scotland waited on The King, The Session and his other Offices at Edinburgh. This young Laird of Creich had often Occasion to be at Dundee selling Victual &c. where he contracted Intimacy and Friendship with The Young Constable of Dundee who both resorted much to and haunted The House of John Hay Provost of Dundee and Brother to The Laird of Naughton who kept a Change. He was of good Birth, rich and had a fair Daughter called Janet Hay whom both these Youths courted. But The Young Laird of Creich by The Taverner's Means insinuate with The Young Gentlewoman who had The Credit of her Father's House and kept her Father's Money and Jewels amongst which was a Cabinet with 6000 Merks of Gold in it (a good Sum in these Days). At Length Creich under Promise of Marriage got her with Child, and on a Morning before Day with her own Consent and The Assistance of The Young Constable (who seeing The

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Matter go so condescended hereto) with some other Associates carried her away with The Cabinet by Broughtie to St. Andrews where placing her with The Constable and his Friends in The best Inn he himself went quietly to The Castle where The Arch-Bishop James Bethun his Uncle resided to whom he declared The whole Business and Purpose. The Arch-Bishop hearing The Relation would needs see The Gentlewoman and The Gold and finding all right as The Young Laird of Creich his Nephew told him he sent for a Priest and married them, and then wrote an Accompt of all to The old Laird of Creich The Thesaurer his Brother, and gave a good Testimony of The Gentlewoman's Birth, Breeding, Desert and Means &c. who was well pleased with The Marriage. Nota. That it is observed & reported for a Truth That The Race and People of Balfour and their Descendents were always black and not beautifull and fair, but That ever after this Laird of Creich married this Janet Hay The Bethuns of Creich have ever been yellow haired for The most Part and of beautifull Countenances.

THIS Janet Hay bore to The Laird of Creich Four Sons David and Robert Bethuns both Lairds of Creich successive and Mr. Archibald and Mr. Galvin Bethuns and these Seven Daughters Janet, Grissel, Christian, Elizabeth,  
Bethuns.

DAVID BETHUN his Eldest Son succeeded to him.

ROBERT BETHUN his Second Son succeeded to his Brother.

MR. ARCHIBALD BETHUN his Third Son was Dean of Aberdeen and Commissary of Glasgow.

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MR. GALVINE BETHUN his Fourth Son was Parson of Govean.

JANET BETHUN his Eldest Daughter married First

Laird of Cranstoun. Next she married

Laird of Craigmiller and bore a Daughter to him called Elizabeth. She parted with him and married Sir Walter Scot of Bucclewgh Elder and bore to him Four Daughters, Grissel Scot married to The Lord Borthwick, Dorothea married to The Laird of Cranstoun Crichtoun, Margaret and Jean.

GRISSEL BETHUN The Laird of Creich his Second Daughter married Sir Walter Scot of Bucclewgh Younger and bore to

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him Sir Walter Scot of Buccleugh Janet Scot Lady Farnherst (Mother to Sir Robert Ker The Earl of Somerset), Margaret Scot Lady Johnstoun, Mary Lady Blackbaronie, Anna Lady Balmerinloch and Eupham Scot married to Captain of Crawford. This Grissel Bethun after The Death of Sir Walter Scot her Husband married Murray of Blackbaronie to whom she bore Murray of Blackbaronie, Sir Gideon Murray Treasurer Depute of Scotland Father to Sir Patrick Murray of Eliebank, William Murray of Knokdiffie & a Daughter called Elizabeth Murray who married First James Borthwick of Newbyres to whom she bore a Daughter called Borthwick married to Mr. Thomas Hamilton after Earl of Haddingtoun and bore to him these Three Daughters Christian Hamilton married to Robert Lord Lindesay, Hamilton married to David Lord Carnegy and Hamilton married to James (Lord Ogilvie after) Earl of Airlie. Thereafter this Lady Haddingtoun married Thomas Hamilton of Priestfield and bore to him Two Daughters Hamilton Lady Grange Kirkaldie and Hamilton Lady Innerweik also Five Sons Sir John Hamilton of Magdalens Clerk Register, Sir Andrew Hamilton of Reidhous, Sir Patrick Hamilton of Little Preston, Mr. Alexander Hamilton General of The Artillery (commonly called Deaf Sandie) and Mr. James Hamilton.

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CHRISTIAN BETHUN Third Daughter to John Bethun Laird of Creich married Sir Michael Balfour of Burghlie and bore to him only a Daughter Dame Margaret Balfour who was Heretrix of Burghlie and married Sir James Balfour Clerk Register and bore to him Michael Lord Burghlie.

ELIZABETH BETHUN Creich his Fourth Daughter bore a Daughter to King James 5th. called Lady Jean Stewart who married Archibald Earl of Argyle. But she bore to him no Children, and after this Elizabeth Bethun married Stewart Lord of Innermay and heired his Estate bearing to him Two Sons and Five Daughters, to wit, James Lord Innermay (who married Helen Ogilvie Daughter to The Lord Ogilvie) and Stewart his Brother, also Catharine Stewart married to William Ruthven of Banden, Marjory Stewart married to Lindesay of Vain, Elizabeth

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Stewart married to Ochterlonie of Kellie and Jean Stewart married to The Laird of Leyes. Nota. That this Elizabeth Bethun was Lady Innermay and Mother to all these his Children, albeit The Notes say That King James 5th's Daughter was their Mother which is false; For Lady Jean Stewart The King's Daughter and Countess of Argyle was never married but once and was barren and died before her Husband who after her death married Jean Cunynghame Daughter to Alexander Earl of Glencairne who bore only Daughters, and therefore Colin his Brother succeeded to him. [page 42.]

BETHUN The Laird of Creich his Fifth Daughter married Forbes Laird of Rires.

ISABELLA BETHUN The Sixth Daughter married Gilbert Ogilvie of Powrie.<sup>1</sup> vol. i. p. 114.

BETHUN the Seventh Daughter married Chisholme of Cromlix.

DAVID BETHUN Eldest Son to John Bethun Laird of Creich and Janet Hay succeeded to his Father and died unmarried in Anno 1539. He was The Third Laird of Creich.

ROBERT BETHUN Second Son to John Bethun of Creich and next Brother to The said David Bethun The Third Laird of Creich succeeded to his Brother. He went to France as Page of Honour to Queen Mary when she went there to be married to Francis The Dolphin of France after King of France, who did not long outlive The Marriage. The Queen having no Children to him returned Home to Scotland Anno 1561 and with her this Robert Bethun of Creich and was made The Queen's Master Household, Heretable Stewart of Fyffe and Keeper of Falkland. He married Dame Joanna Renwall alias Grysoner One of The Queen's chief Dames of Honour who came out of France with her. She bore to him David and Mr. James Bethuns both Lairds of Creich successive, (Mr. James was First Parson of Roxburgh) also these Eight Daughters

MARY BETHUN Eldest Daughter to Robert Bethun of Creich was One of The Queen's Dames of Honour, an excellent Lady, as appears by The Four Epigrams made by Buchanan [page 43.]

<sup>1</sup> This sentence stood originally ' Bethun The Sixth Daughter married Powrie Ogilvie.'

on her to her great Praise and Commendation on The Occasion of her being a Queen by Lot. The First begins thus :

Regno animus tibi dignus erat, tibi Regia virtus,  
Et Poterunt formam scepra decere tuam.  
Fortuna erubuit sua munera sola deesse  
Quae tibi nunc plena dat cumulata manu.

She married First The Laird of Boyne Ogilvie and then The Laird of Finlatter.

ELIZABETH BETHUN (forte Second) Daughter to this Laird of Creich married Sandilands of St. Monance.

BETHUN another Daughter was married to The Laird of Dun Areskine in Angus.

BETHUN another Daughter was married to David Bethun of Melgum Son to Cardinal David Bethun being his Second Wife.

BETHUN another Daughter was married to Forbes Laird of Rires in Fyffe.

BETHUN another Daughter was married to Claud Hamilton of Cochnay.

BETHUN another Daughter to this Robert Bethun Laird of Creich married Mr. Henry Kinneir Abbot of Balmerinloch.

Also I find That One of The Daughters was married to a Burgess of Dundee.

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DAVID BETHUN Eldest Son to Robert Bethun of Creich and Dame Janet Renvall succeeded to his Father. He married Eupham potius Beatrix Leslie Daughter to George Earl of Rothes who bore to him Anna Bethun his only Daughter shortlie after whose Birth he became jealous of [his]<sup>1</sup> Lady being come of The House of Flisk and finding her Carriage not good he intented Process of Divorce from her, but not having nor finding sufficient Probation against her he took another Course and lay with her Gentlewoman and begot on her a Son called Bethun who became a Doctor of Medicine. So he took The Fact upon himself and parted from his Lady & paid her her Dowry. This Lady Creich after The Divorce married John Auchmowtie of that ilk with whom she was

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<sup>1</sup> Interlined.

suspected before. But she had no Children to Auchmowtie. The Laird of Creich having but One Daughter and being unwilling That The Fortune should go out of The Name of Bethun agreed with his Brother Mr. James The Parson of Roxburgh to make him Laird of Creich upon Condition That he should marrie his Daughter upon a sufficient Baron of as good an Estate as himself which he did ut infra. At this Time was The Fortune of Creich tailzied to The Second Son of The House of Balfour, failing Heirs Male of Mr. James his Body which was One of The Reasons for which The Estate of Creich was disponed to The Laird of Balfour James Bethun under Redemption from him by his Second Son then David who is now Laird both of Creich and Balfour. So then this David Bethun Laird of Creich upon The Bargain with his Brother Mr. James disponed to him The Lands, Fortune, Rents and Charter Chest of Creich.

ANNA BETHUN only Lawfull Child to David Bethun Laird of Creich was by her Uncle Mr. James Bethun married to Sir James Chisholme of Cromblix, and of that marriage are descended The Chisholmes of Cromblix. The Notes say that there was another Daughter married to Weyms of Rumgay.

MR. JAMES BETHUN Second Son to Robert Bethun of Creich and Younger Brother to David Bethun of Creich succeeded to his Elder Brother David and was Laird of Creich by Disposition from him. He married twice. First he married Helen Leslie Heretrix of Kinnaird beside Dunbug and she bore to him Two Daughters, The Mother dying in The Birth of The Second, and shortlie after both The Daughters died. Next he married Margaret Weyms Eldest Daughter to David Weyms of that Ilk (called David with The Birken Flower). She bore to him these Sons David, Mr. John, Mr. Robert and Mr. Archibald Bethuns and these Four Daughters Margaret, Elizabeth, Catharine and Helen Bethuns. Nota. When he came to be Laird of Creich he disponed his Parsonage of Roxburgh to Mr. James Bethun Brother to The Laird of Balfour. David Bethun his Eldest Son succeeded to him.

MR. JOHN BETHUN Second Son to Mr. James Bethun Laird of Creich.

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MR. ROBERT BETHUN his Third Son.

MR. ARCHIBALD BETHUN his Fourth Son.

MARGARET BETHUN his Eldest Daughter married  
Ferny Laird of Wester Ferny of that Ilk.

ELIZABETH BETHUN his Second Daughter married Sir David  
Murray Viscount of Stormont, Lord Scoone. But She had no  
Children.

CATHARINE BETHUN his Third Daughter married James  
Forbes Portioner of Kilmany Brother German to Robert  
Forbes of Rires.

HELEN BETHUN Youngest Daughter to Mr. James Bethun  
Laird of Creich never married.

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DAVID BETHUN Eldest Son to Mr. James Bethun of Creich  
succeeded to his Father. He married Eupham Forbes  
Daughter to Arthur Forbes of Rires. She bore Three Sons  
Robert, David and Mr. William Bethuns and Two Daughters,  
Anna and Bethuns. Robert The Eldest was a Youth  
of great Expectation. He died about The Age of Twenty  
years.

DAVID BETHUN his Eldest Son after Robert succeeded to  
him.

MR. WILLIAM BETHUN Youngest Son to David Bethun of  
Creich. He married Jean Allardice Daughter to  
Allardice of that Ilk in The East End of Angus betwixt  
Arbroth and Montrose. She bore to him One Daughter  
Margaret Bethun who married Lindesay of Kilspindie.

ANNA BETHUN Eldest Daughter to this Laird of Creich was  
married to Sir John Moncreif of that Ilk and bore to him One  
Son William sans Issue and Two Daughters Anna and Eliza-  
beth Moncreifs. This Anna Moncreif his Eldest Daughter  
married James Bethun of Balfour and bore to him John  
Bethun who died about The Age of 20 years and David  
Bethun The present Laird of Balfour.

BETHUN Youngest Daughter to David Bethun of  
Creich married Laird of Fullertoun in Angus  
her First Husband, and after his Death she married  
Areskine of Dun and heired both The Estates.

DAVID BETHUN Eldest Son to David Bethun Laird of Creich  
succeeded to his Father. He married First Eupham Grahame



Daughter to The Laird of Morphie. She bore to him Two Sons and Two Daughters. But they all died young without Issue shortly after their Mother. Next he married Lady Margaret Cunynghame Daughter to Earl of Glencairne. But she bore to him no Children and after his Death which was Anno 1661 she married Chisolme of Cromlix and died herself Anno 1678. [page 47.]

THIS Laird of Creich having no Children of his own Body and having only One Brother Mr. William who married Jean Allardice, etc.,<sup>1</sup> ut supra by whom he had only One Daughter in Anno 1655 or thereby did dispone The whole Estate of Creich (being about 80 Chalders of Victual) to James Bethun then Fiar of Balfour under The Burthen of 80000 or 90000 Merks reserving to himself The Liferent of The most Part of it and to his Lady her Liferent of 32 Chalders Victual. Vide supra in James Bethun Laird of Balfour and in The Third David Laird of Creich anent this Disposition and The Reasons & Motives thereof.

THE Marriages of The LAIRDS of CREICH. [page 48.]

David Bethun                      Isobel Duddingston Daughter to  
The Laird of Sandfoord.

John Bethun                      Janet Hay Daughter to John Hay  
Provost of Dundee.

David Bethun never married.

Robert Bethun                  Joanna Renwall aliàs Grysoner a  
French Lady.

David Bethun                  Eupham Leslie Daughter to George  
Earl of Rothes

Mr. James Bethun              { Helen Leslie Heretrix of Kinnaird  
   { Margaret Weyms Daughter to The  
       Laird of Weyms of that Ilk.

David Bethun                  Eupham Forbes Daughter to The Laird  
of Rires.

David Bethun                  Eupham Grahame Daughter to David  
   The Laird of Morphie.

Lady Margaret Cunynghame Daughter  
to The Earl of Glencairne.

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<sup>1</sup> So in ms.