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## PREFATORY NOTE.

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THE writer of these pages has had access to the diary of an ancestor, who lived amid the scenes and took a part in the events of the period described in this little volume. After having witnessed the execution of the Marquis of Argyll, and himself suffered repeated imprisonments for political offences, in the dungeons of the Bass-rock, he found a refuge in Holland, where he entered the service of the Prince of Orange, with whom he returned to partake the triumph of liberty in 1688; and, after sharing in the dangers and glory of the campaign in Ireland, retired to his native country, acquired property among his kindred, and bequeathed to his descendants a memory it is their delight to cherish.

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## DIARY.

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FEBRUARY 7, 1685.—This day we heard of my Cousin John's safe keeping, and intended speedy return to this land. It is now nearly three years since he left this for his studies in Holland—since which, father is dead, having been used as a heathen for appearing on the Lord's side. Mother has drooped much since then, and at times is more busy and fault-finding than was her wont. Poor mother! since father was taken, she has none to tell her troubles to; and she has many, as may be seen by her eyes, red oftentimes with weeping. Sister Mary and I would comfort her, if we dared, or knew how; but we are young, and not like father; yet surely Mary might comfort any one.

*February 8.*—News of more sad work amongst the people of God reached us this day at noon. Oh!