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CHAPTER I.

SIR GEORGE LESLIE,

FIRST DOMINUS OF ROTHES.

Sir George Leslie, First of Rothes.

On the death of David de Leslie, IX. Dominus Ejusdem, and the last Dynasta de Leslie, without male issue in 1439, the extensive possessions of the original male stock of the Leslies were divided. David de Leslie, IX. Dominus Ejusdem, left to his daughter Margaret the barony of Leslie in the Garioch, and she having married Alexander Leslie, son of Sir Andrew Leslie, third Baron of Balquhain, their progeny became Leslies of Leslie, or of that Ilk; while the estates of Ballinbreich and others went, agreeably to the family settlements, to a branch of the Leslie family which was afterwards raised to the dignity of Earls of Rothes.

It has been already shown, in the records of Andrew Leslie, VIII. Dominus Ejusdem, by charters and other documents, that in the year 1390 this Andrew Leslie, VIII. Dominus Ejusdem, had resigned a part of his estates to his son 1439.

baronies and lands, during all the days of his life.

Norman de Leslie died soon after this transac-

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tion, during the lifetime of his father Sir Andrew, and there being still no tidings of David, his son and heir, Sir George Leslie—acting on the supposition that David was dead—got himself served heir of entail to his cousin Norman. proved by a precept furth of the Chancery, dated 7th January 1391-2, Robert III. anno regni 2, proceeding upon the retour of Sir George Leslie, knight, consanguineus or cousin of the deceased Norman de Leslie, knight, as nearest heir of entail to the said deceased Norman de Leslie in the barony of Ballinbreich and others, saving every one's right, and taking security for 200 merks as the relief of the said barony due to the king. It is likewise established by an extract from the Chamberlain's accounts, rendered by Dominus Alexander Fraser, vicecomes de Aberdene, 1391-2, to the effect that forty pounds due to the king as the relief of the barony of Cushny, and twenty pounds due for the barony of Rothynorman, on account of the death of Norman de Leslie, lord of these lands, should not be charged at present, because Sir Andrew de Leslie had free possession of the said baronics for his life, but be postponed until Sir George Leslie now holding the said lands in fee-should have free possession of the same, when the sheriff for the time being would demand payment.

Although Sir George Leslie had been served heir of entail to Norman de Leslie in his estates, yet he did not get possession of them—first, be CHAP, L

Sir George Leslie, First of Rothes,

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