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Introductory Notice.

IN the year 1859, I issued a "*Tractate*" entitled "Bibliographical List of the Various Publications by James Maidment, Esquire, Advocate, from the year 1817 to 1859," to which I prefixed the following "Preface":—
"As so many mistakes are made in regard to the Editorship and Authorship of anonymous publications, the Compiler of this List ventures to think that Bibliographers will not be displeased by his placing before those individuals who take an interest in such matters a Catalogue of the Publications which the gentleman whose name is prefixed has, from time to time, issued from the Press. Most of them are without the Editor's name, several are privately printed, and very many are now rare and difficult to attain.

"Of the importance of many of the greater proportion there can be little doubt. Reference may in particular be made to the *Analecta Scotica*,—the *Melros Papers*,—the *Letters and State Papers of the Reign of James VI.*—the *Scottish Historical Fragments*. In Genealogy, the *Peerage Reports*, which were so much relied on in the great cases of the *Crawford and Montrose Peerages*,—the *Genealogies of the Saint-Clares*,—the *Hayes of Tweeddale*,—the *Carrick Earldom*,—and the *Argyle Papers*. Nor are the contributions to the lighter literature of the country without their value,—for example, the *Scottish Pasquils and Scottish Elegiac Verses*,—and the *Romances of Rouland and Vernagu, and Otuel*.

"Some of the scarcest volumes are those privately printed. Not unfrequently fault is found by captious critics, that what might be interesting to the public should be kept entirely in the hands of a few favoured persons. We think the observations on this point in

the Preface to the 'Roxburghiana' are a complete answer; for antiquarian works generally will not sell,—although persons will always be found ready to accept them for nothing.

"Many of the volumes herein recorded are now OUT OF PRINT, and are not likely to be again sent to press. Of some of these, however, I have occasionally good and clean second-hand copies on sale at reasonable prices.

"In conclusion, I venture to hope, that this accurate catalogue may be found not altogether undeserving of the consideration of bibliophilists."

THE IMPRESSION printed of that "*Tractate*" was very limited, and copies are now rarely to be had. I have therefore—in order to gratify the wishes of a few friends and well-wishers—prepared this new edition, correcting and enlarging it by the additions of the various books which were edited by Mr. Maidment since 1859 up to the period of his death in 1879.

MR. MAIDMENT, "The Scotch Literary Antiquary," who passed as an Advocate in 1817, died at his residence, 25 Royal Circus, Edinburgh, on the evening of Friday, the 24th October, 1879, and his remains were interred in the Dean Cemetery.

The following notices of his death appeared in the *Edinburgh Courant* of the 25th, and in the *Daily Review* of the 27th October, 1879:—

"DEATH OF MR. JAMES MAIDMENT:—Our readers will learn with regret this morning that Mr. James Maidment, the well-known antiquarian *littérateur*, and the oldest member of the Scotch bar, died last night at his residence in Royal Circus. He was the descendant of a Northumberland family, and an ancestor on the mother's side was the celebrated Dutch patriot, John Van Olden Barnevelt. He was born in London towards the end of last century, his father having been a solicitor there. Mr. Maidment was called to the Scotch bar in 1817. Early in life he evinced a taste for literary pursuits of an antiquarian nature, which continued with him to the end. The tendency of his mind was similar to that of Sir Walter Scott, and it was his fortune to attract the novelist's attention. An intimacy, indeed, prevailed between them which led not only to considerable literary intercourse, but also to cordial social relations. Mr. Maidment's first publication goes back for at least fifty, if not nearly sixty, years; and throughout his whole life he was continually adding to the stores of antiquarian literature, until at last his name may be said to have become associated with as long a list of publications of that description as any in Europe. He was an intimate friend of the late Mr. Riddell, the most profound of all genealogical antiquarians, and after his death he certainly took the position of being the first advocate in Scotland in cases involving genealogical inquiries. Mr. Maidment, as a peerage lawyer, had only one equal.

He published in 1840 'Reports of Claims preferred to the House of Lords in the cases of Cassillis, Sutherland, Spynie, and Glencairn Peerages.' At a later period he took a specially prominent position in the Mar Peerage case, and his paper in connection with it ably pleaded the claim of Mr. Goodeve Erskine. His opinions on general legal cases were also regarded as sound, but his rhetoric was by no means equal to his diction. In the days when written pleadings were more frequent than now in the Court of Session, those which came from the pen of Mr. Maidment bore evidence to the great ability of their author.

"Amongst Mr. Maidment's literary efforts in more recent years may be mentioned 'The Dramatists of the Restoration,' which was edited by him for our townsman, Mr. Paterson, with the assistance of Mr. W. H. Logan. The work extended to no fewer than fourteen volumes octavo. He also edited 'Scottish Ballads,' illustrative of the history of Scotland, a work in two volumes, which was published in 1868; 'A Book of Scotch Pasquils,' published in 1869; and a 'Packet of Pestilent Pasquils,' issued in the same year. At an earlier period he contributed to Thomson's *Border Miscellany*, a periodical edited by his friend Mr. Logan, then in Berwick-on-Tweed; edited the 'Roxburgh Revels' and other relative papers, including answers to the attack on the memory of the late Joseph Haslewood, F.S.A., with specimens of his literary productions, and was the author or editor of many other publications, including comments on his own genealogical collection. For almost all of these a price is now paid at least three-fold that at which they could at one time be bought, and even then the works were of an expensive character. With tastes such as Mr. Maidment possessed he was an extensive collector as well as author, and his large and spacious house in Royal Circus is filled with books and prints of the most curious and *recherché* character.

"The deceased gentleman was latterly engaged in preparing for the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres an account of his genealogical collections, one of the most extensive in the kingdom. He had further on hand the Duffus Peerage case, to which he was devoting himself for a claimant in England.

"Although Mr. Maidment had reached the advanced age of eighty-six or eighty-seven, his memory continued unimpaired to the last. The recollection he had of events that took place during his prolonged life, together with the most minute of his literary, antiquarian, and other investigations, struck with amazement all who had intercourse with him. His intellect was perfectly clear, and every quality that went to constitute a man of distinguished parts continued in the most unclouded condition. Though he had latterly to contend with the deficiency of impaired sight, brought on, it is supposed, by his deciphering of old parchments, he continued an ardent reader. He was much affected by the loss of a promising daughter several years ago, and from that time was confined to the house. A kind-hearted and amiable gentleman, he peacefully, as he had lived, slept away last night, about half-past eight o'clock.

"The wife of Mr. Maidment died in 1862. He is survived by a son."
Edinburgh Courant.

"DEATH OF MR. JAMES MAIDMENT, ADVOCATE:—On Friday night there died, at his residence in Royal Circus, the oldest member of the Scottish bar—Mr. James Maidment, well known also in literary circles. Born in London, where his father was a solicitor, he was called to the Scotch bar in 1817, and shortly thereafter, on account of his antiquarian and literary tastes, he attracted the attention and friendship of Sir Walter Scott. In genealogical inquiries he was not surpassed, and accordingly in such matters in the Court of Session his services were frequently required. In 1840 he published his reports of claims preferred in the House of Lords in the cases of Cassillis, Sutherland, Spynie, and Glencairn Peerages. Afterwards he pleaded the claim of Mr. Goodeve Erskine