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HITHERTO the history of the Family of Leslie has been known chiefly through the medium of the *Laurus Leslæana*, published at Gratz, in 1692, by the Rev. William Leslie, younger son of Patrick, Count Leslie, fifteenth Baron of Balquhain. This work, though compiled with great industry, is yet not exempt from much deficiency and many inaccuracies. It is found to be pretty correct as far as relates to the Leslies of Balquhain and the Counts Leslie in Germany; but with regard to some of the generations of the original family of Leslie, and the origin of the noble house of Rothes, the *Laurus* is entirely wrong, as is proved by authentic charters and other documents now existing.

Crawford's, Douglas', and other *Peerages*, are very deficient and erroneous in many particulars, occasioned, no doubt, from the authors not having had the advantage of access to the many valuable public and private documents now brought to light by the extensive research and the inquiring spirit of modern antiquarians.

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For the Historical Records of the Family of Leslie now attempted, use has been carefully made not only of those works of our various antiquarian clubs, but, in addition, recourse has been had to the valuable stores laid up, as well in the repositories of the public records as in private charter-rooms. By the materials thence collected many errors contained in the *Laurus Leslaana*, and in the various *Peerages*, have been corrected, and many deficiencies have been supplied. Wherever there has been occasion to differ from the *Laurus Leslaana* and the *Peerages*, the authority for the difference has been given.

Among the public works consulted, besides the publications of the various antiquarian clubs, may be particularised the *Registrum Magni Sigilli*, the *Acta Minorum Concilii*, and Robertson's *Index of Missing Charters*. The public repositories which have been searched are the Advocates' Library and the General Register House, Edinburgh. From unpublished charters many valuable and interesting facts have been obtained. Access has been had to private charter-rooms, including those of Balquhain, the Earls of Rothes, Pitcaple, and Leith-hall, which latter family is now in possession of the ancient barony of Leslie. From these various sources the present Historical

Records of the Family of Leslie have been compiled, showing the descent of the family from 1067 to 1868. It is hoped that these records will be found correct, as far as authentic information can at present be obtained. Many errors and omissions have been rectified and supplied. Still there remain historical points to be ascertained, which further research may elucidate.

The author does not profess to be a historian. He presents this work to the public only as a collection of the most authentic documents relating to the history of the family of Leslie. He trusts that some one more competent than himself may be induced to write a history of the family.

The annals of great families, when divested of fable, besides being interesting to the genealogist and to those parties more immediately concerned, frequently form not unimportant contributions to general history. Some such benefit as this may naturally be expected from the annals of the Leslies, who have done the state some service in their day, both in the senate and in the field; members of the family having been engaged in almost all the important transactions of their time, both at home and abroad, distinguishing themselves as military heroes, eminent ecclesiastics, and renowned statesmen. Indeed, this family

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had the distinguished honour of producing a succession of great men, who, by their prudence, valour, and learning, raised themselves to the highest offices of honour in this and in foreign countries. Five generals of the name of Leslie commanded the armies of four different nations—Scotland, Germany, Sweden, and Russia—nearly all at the same time. Count Walter and Count James Leslie of the Balquhain family were Field-Marsals in the Imperial service, and commanded the Imperial armies on several occasions. Alexander Leslie, Earl of Leven, descended from the Kininvie branch of the Balquhain family, was a Field-Marshal in the Swedish army under Gustavus Adolphus, and afterwards commanded the forces of the Covenanters in Scotland. David Leslie, Lord Newark, of the Rothes family, also served in the Swedish army under Gustavus Adolphus, and was appointed Lieutenant-General of the Scottish army sent by the Parliament to assist the English Parliament against King Charles I. He afterwards held the same rank under King Charles II., who created him Lord Newark. Sir Alexander Leslie of Auchintoul, of the family of Leslie of Crichtie, a branch of the Balquhain family, went to Russia, where, after long and great services rendered to the Duke of Muscovy, he became a