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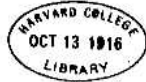
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ABBREVIATIONS.

A.D., *Anno Domini*; A.R., *Anno Regni* (James VI.); I., Indiction (see Vol. VIII., p. ix.); l.l., longest liver, survivor; q., quondam, i.e., late, deceased; R.M.S., *Registrum Magni Sigilli* (Register of the Great Seal of Scotland); t.c., territory of the city of Glasgow; t.b.c., territory of the burgh and city of Glasgow.

PREFACE.

On a former occasion allusion was made to an order of the General Assembly directing sentence of excommunication to be pronounced on Archibald Hegate for his complicity in certain proceedings connected with the appointment of Robert Montgomerie to the archbishopric of Glasgow.¹ If that sentence was carried into effect, it must have been recalled as, a few years afterwards, Hegate passed through a similar ordeal. This was in the year 1588, at which time the country was in an agitated condition on account of the threatened Spanish invasion. Efforts were being made, through the medium of disaffected nobles, and by the aid of itinerant Jesuits and seminary priests, to set Scotland in opposition to England in this emergency; but these attempts proved ineffectual, and a proclamation was issued ordering the Roman Catholic and Spanish emissaries to leave the country, while those persons who received them, or gave them supplies, were subjected to penalties. It was for an infringement of this proclamation that misfortune overtook the clerk. In a list of "receavers of Jesuits" submitted to the General Assembly of the Kirk, in February, 1587-8, there occurs the name of "Archibald Hegat, clerk of Glasgow";² and the sequel—excommunication and deprivation of office—is ascertained from another source. The council record for that period is not extant, but the act of admission of John Ros as a notary, printed in Appendix I, narrates the facts. Hegate seems to have come to an arrangement with the ecclesiastical authorities about a year afterwards, but the truce did not last long. An act of the presbytery of Glasgow "contrair Archibald Hegate, burges of Glasgw, inter-communer with Papistis," dated 23 November, 1592, records that "the said Archibald is fund to have brokin his obligatioun insert in thair bukis of the dait" 6 July, 1589; and all ministers within the presbytery were therefore directed "to proceed summarlie in thair kirkis be the sentence of excommunication, the nixt Sunday, oppinlie furth of pulpet, aganis the said Archibald Hegat for violatioune of his obligatioun, and thairby decernit ane perjured persone and ane renegade."³

¹ Glasgow Protocols VII. p. viii.

p. 488.

² Calderwood's History of the Kirk of Scotland iv.

³ Maitland Club Miscellany I. (1838), pp. 58-4.

Unless there is a mistake in the identity, it appears from the privy council register that the ex-clerk suffered persecution in another form. On 10 February, 1590-1, "Archibald Hiegatt, son and apparent heir of Williame Hiegatt, burgess of Glasgu," complained that, upon 11 September preceding, he had been "maist cruellie invadit and persewit of his lyfe be sun of his unfreindis, and hurte and woundit in divers partis of his body, and be thame left for deid." His assailants fled to Ferme, near Rutherglen, and "thai wer rossavit with the bludie hand be James Craufurde of Ferme, and intertenyt within his place." On learning that the complainer was not slain, Crawford and his servants, armed with pistols, attempted to attack him in his own house, but were repulsed; and now, through fear of threatenings against his life, the "complenair dar nocht repair furth of his awne hous eftir the falling of the nicht without he be armed and accompanied with his freindis." Crawford having disobeyed the charge to appear before the privy council was denounced rebel.¹ The privy council had also to listen to accusations and recriminations between Hegate and his successor. On 26 February, 1590-1, security was given by John Lindsay of Dunrod "for Mr. Johnne Ros, town clerk of Glasgu, and David Robiesoun, his servant, that they will not harm Archibald Hiegait [and four others] burgesses of Glasgu";² and on the 13th of the following month, John Graham of Knockdoleane became surety "for Archibald Hiegait, son of William Hiegait, burgess of Glasgu, that he will not harm James Lyoun, Mr. Johnne Ros, or Mathew Colhoun, burgesses of Glasgu."³

The "extract of certane authoriteis and notabill placis of Scripture, collectit for my comfort in the tyme of my trubill"⁴ was probably compiled by Hegate during this period of reverse. Restitution of the clerkship was in store for him, but this did not happen till about the year 1604, during the provostship of Sir George Elphinstone, who, as the printed abstracts show, had frequently employed him in his own affairs. It will be observed that of Hegate's protocols, from May, 1588, onwards, only a few relate to burgage properties, such protocols falling almost exclusively within the province of the town clerk for the time.

John Ros, a native of Glasgow, was elected as Hegate's successor before he was a notary; and his admission as such was expedited because it was a necessary qualification for the clerkship.⁵ Appointed clerk, apparently

¹ Privy Council Reg. iv. pp. 577-8. ² *Ib.* p. 587. ³ *Ib.* p. 596. ⁴ Glasgow Protocols VIII. pp. xi, xix. ⁵ Appendix I.