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TO
SIR WALTER SCOTT, BAR^T.
President,
AND
THE MEMBERS OF THE BANNATYNE CLUB,
THIS CONTRIBUTION IS PRESENTED
BY
THEIR VERY OBEDIENT SERVANT,
JOHN HOPE.

29TH DECEMBER,
M.DCCC.XXVIII.

THE following Diary may perhaps be thought not to possess as much interest as might have been expected from the opportunities and habits of observation of the writer, and the discussions carried on during the period which it embraces.

But it is believed to be the only Record of the sort which has ever been printed. And it undoubtedly affords a very curious and interesting view of national character, and seems to suggest some valuable materials for reflection, on the causes which contribute to form the character of Legislative Bodies, and to create in individuals the spirit, the feelings, and the habits of thought and of action, essential to render the deliberations of such Bodies either useful or dignified.

The perusal of this Diary may, perhaps, lead one to think that the remark at p. 194, that "the day was spent in jangling, and nothing done," is applicable to many of the discussions noticed in the Diary.

Of the writer of this Diary, I have not been able to obtain much information. But I am indebted to Mr Riddell for some notices respecting him.

From various deeds, preserved in the Blackader Charter Chest, or in the

Great Seal Record, it appears that he was a brother of Sir John Home of Blaccader, Bar^t, created 1671.—Lord Croffrig spelt his name Hume.

The following notice of him occurs in Pitmedden's Abridgment of the Acts of Sederunt, with remarks, (MS. Advocate's Library.)

"*3d June, 1687.*—Mr David Home, *a sone of the hous of Blaccader*, in the Merse, is this day admitted advocate upon his petition, *without tryall of his qualificatiounis*, because he represented that he had studied the civill law abroad with the Lord Reidfoord, one of the Lordis ther number, Sir Patrick Home, and Sir Jone Lauder, advocates, who will give testimony of his diligence and proficiency in that study; and that for weighty reasons he had defisted from such close prosecution of his studies as was necessar for undergoing a strict tryall."

In about two years after the above date, (Nov. 1689,) he was appointed one of the Judges of the Court of Session.

The Diary was in the possession of the late Mr Mathew Sandilands, W.S., and now belongs to John Orr, Esq., who has allowed it to be printed.



OCURRENCES
IN
PARLIAMENT AND PRIVY COUNCIL.

1700.

1.—TUESDAY, MAY 21.

THE Council sat at the Abbey, when the King's commission, under the great seal, to his grace James, Duke of Queensberry, for being his Majesty's High Commissioner to this eighth Session of Parliament, to take beginning this day, and to last till the last day of this Session, was read. The Earles of Eglington, Strathmore, Findlatour, and Kintore, were qualified commissioners.

The Council adjourned till Thursday, 10 a clock.

After 1 a clock, the Parliament mett. Prayers said by Mr Blair. The King's commission to the Duke of Queensberry read. A Letter by the King to his Commissioner, for nominating the Lord Montgomerie to officiate as High Treasurer, given in to be read. Here it was alledged a novelty, to have a representation of an Officer of State not in being, especially not being one of the Commissioners of Treasury. It was answered, the King was in possession of it; the now Commissioner officiating so in [16]93; the now Marquis of Twedal in [16]95; the Lord Polwarth in [16]98. It was said to this, that the Parliament did never consent. It was answered, for three Parliaments it was never controverted. After a long debate, it was moved

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