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TO
CAROLINE, COUNTESS OF SEAFIELD,
WHO HAS SO LONG AND SO ABLY RULED STRATHSPEY,
AND WHO HAS SYMPATHISED SO MUCH IN THE
PRODUCTION OF THIS HISTORY,
THIS BOOK IS
AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED
BY
THE AUTHOR.

PREFACE

THE material for "The Rulers of Strathspey" was originally collected by the Author for the article on Ogilvie-Grant, Earl of Seafield, in *The Scots Peerage*, edited by Sir James Balfour Paul, Lord Lyon King of Arms. A great deal of the information collected had to be omitted owing to lack of space. It was thought desirable to publish it in book form, especially as the need of a Genealogical History of the Clan Grant had long been felt. It is true that a most valuable work, "The Chiefs of Grant," by Sir William Fraser, LL.D., was privately printed in 1883, on too large a scale, however, to be readily accessible. The impression, moreover, was limited to 150 copies.

This book is therefore published at a moderate price, so that it may be within reach of all the members of the Clan Grant, and of all who are interested in the records of a race which has left its mark on Scottish history and the history of the Highlands.

The Chiefs of the Clan, the Lairds of Grant, who succeeded to the Earldom of Seafield and to the extensive lands of the Ogilvies, Earls of Findlater and Seafield, form the main subject of this work.

The more important cadet families are, however, dealt with in Appendices.

Acknowledgment is here made of the Author's indebtedness to "The Chiefs of Grant," and also to that able work on "Urquhart and Glenmoriston," by Mr William Mackay, who himself has shown great interest and sympathy in the production of "The Rulers of Strathspey." The thanks of the Author are due to Francis J. Grant, Esq., W.S., Rothesay Herald, himself a descendant of the Grants of Corriemoney, who has kindly revised the proofs of this work. He also wishes to thank J. R. M. Macphail, Esq., K.C., for his kind assistance and advice; Sir James Balfour Paul, Lord Lyon King of Arms, and Mr David Douglas, Edinburgh, for permission to allow the materials of the article on the Scots Peerage to appear, and for the use of the block of the arms of Ogilvie-Grant, Earl of Seafield, for this work.

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