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Soon after Mr. Thomson's death, now two years ago, several persons who thought that some memorial should be preserved of the life and labours of one who had rendered so great service to historical literature and record learning, requested me to undertake such a work. Friends of Mr. Thomson at the same time offered me the use of portions of his private correspondence; and, by the kindness of the present Deputy-Clerk Register, I had access to some volumes of his official letters, which he had collected and preserved during the first years of his employment on the National Records.

With the help of these materials, I have compiled the following Memoir, and must only regret that accidental circumstances should have delayed it so long as to lose some of the interest derived from the fresh memory of its subject, as well as perhaps to raise expectations of a much more elaborate performance than this slight compilation can satisfy.