

*Map—Mallet's Note.*—His opinion is this note is genuine, but thinks that some person has gone over the letters in it, with a brush and colouring matter of a pink or brownish tint. This is evident from the colouring matter being spotted all over the surface of the map, apart from the writing. His opinion is that this has been done *to give it the appearance of a forged document*. This could not be done by a forger, as he would not leave so many indications of the material he had been using, scattered about. If it had been done by him accidentally, he would have tried some means to have got these effaced. Moreover, some of the lines are not gone over in this manner, with the colouring matter; which corroborates his opinion, that some one must have gone over the writing with a colouring matter, and left them intentionally, to give it the appearance of an ill-executed forgery. He stated this to the Crown counsel, and was asked by them who he thought could have done this; and he said he was certain, from the manner in which it had been done, that it must have been by the enemies of Lord Stirling.

*Letter—John Alexander.*—The same remarks apply to this letter, but not in such a strong degree.

*Note—Carron St. Etienne.*—The same remarks apply to this, but only in a slight degree.

*Note—Bishop of Nismes.*—There has been also tampering with this note, by the letters having been gone over here and there with a darker ink, and that this has been done some time after the original writing. If a person had been wishing to forge this document, there was no occasion for him to have gone over it in this way, which was the very means to make it appear a forgery.

*Note—Louis.*—Nothing here to lead him to suppose anything had been done to the writing, which he thinks genuine.

*Title of Maps.*—His opinion is, that the map was thrown off in 1703. He says it would be perfect folly, and does not believe that the publisher of the map would have thrown it off in 1718, with the addition of 1703 on it. Every publisher is anxious to have the most recent date possible on his works, and would not throw off