

about nine o'clock to take his tea, which, on these occasions occurred so seldom, as not to excite any remarks.

Sworn before Robert Grieve, J. P. for the City of Edinbro', this
8th day of May 1839.

(Signed) WM. BENNER. B.A.

No. 5.

COPY of the OPINION of WILLIAM BOLLAND, Esq., Barrister, (afterwards one of the Barons of the Exchequer) upon a Case submitted to him by Lord Stirling's Solicitors, previously to the Election of a Representative Peer, appointed to take place on the 2d of June 1825.

The learned Counsel was asked whether, taking into consideration the whole circumstances, he would advise the Earl of Stirling to follow the recommendation of his agent in going to Edinburgh, or to remain at home and institute proceedings for the Scotch estates ?

OPINION.

It appears to me, that the most regular course for the Earl of Stirling to take, is to appear at the ensuing election, and tender his vote ; but, as his not doing so will be of no prejudice to his claim to the honors, it is as much a matter for himself, as for me, to decide upon. If I were satisfied that the title to the estates could be as well made out as that to the honors, I should at once recommend the Earl not to omit the opportunity of taking so public and decided a step, as that of attending at Holyrood House, and voting for a Peer of Scotland.

(Signed) WILLIAM BOLLAND,

May 5, 1825.

Inner Temple.