

if the rites and benediction of holy church had made him indeed his son-in-law. Nor was it long till they had concerted a new enterprise; to the which the Lord of the Isles was the more easily incited, by the assurances which he received from his guest, that the mutations of fortune had none changed the sincerity of the love and devotion which he had professed for the Lady Sibilla.

“ Could we,” said the Lord James, “ but drive this tyrant King back to England, I doubt not the estates of the realm would speedily reverse my attainder, and restore me to the rights and rank of my family. Then should I prove before the world with what unimpaired affection I am in heart wedded to Sibilla; or if we meet in battle, and he be slain or taken, shall I not be king, and Sibilla share with me the dignity royal?”

These sanguine anticipations of youthful adventure, together with his own sense of baffled enterprise, and the native turbulence