

by his books, when he was at home and when out; that at the time mentioned by these individuals, he was rarely, if ever, from home; and, finally, to prove what were his occupations, the books he bought for him occasionally, &c. &c,\* but—and again we are obliged to notice the extraordinary management of the case for the defence—*he was not called.* Melanie Fontaine, was servant to Mademoiselle Lenormand. She had taken her into her house from pity, at the recommendation of another person. She had been dairy-maid, and employed to tend and milk the cows at the country residence of Mademoiselle, before she was admitted into her house as waiting-maid. She never behaved well, and had been suspected, at different times, of stealing money and property. Her character showed itself finally at Edinburgh, having been detected in a theft at her lodging, to prove which four witnesses were in attendance at the Justiciary Court. The clerk of the criminal agent for the Crown was instructed to *arrange* the matter, and did so. He, also, attended as a witness to prove the fact, but was not called, as this woman was not allowed to make her appearance, the Officers of State having *judged it prudent to withdraw her.*

These three *highly respectable* witnesses received 1,000 francs, or £40, a month each, for going to Scotland, besides their expenses of travelling and living cleared at a price greater than was necessary. The evidence of these parties was objected to on the ground of bribery, very ably, by Lord Stirling's counsel, but, as usual, was overruled. The Court held that £40 a month was not too much, under the circumstances, for Bobaix and Legouix, as their *business* might suffer from their absence. We should have liked to

\* See the affidavit of Wm. Benner, Esq., B.A. Appendix, No. 4.