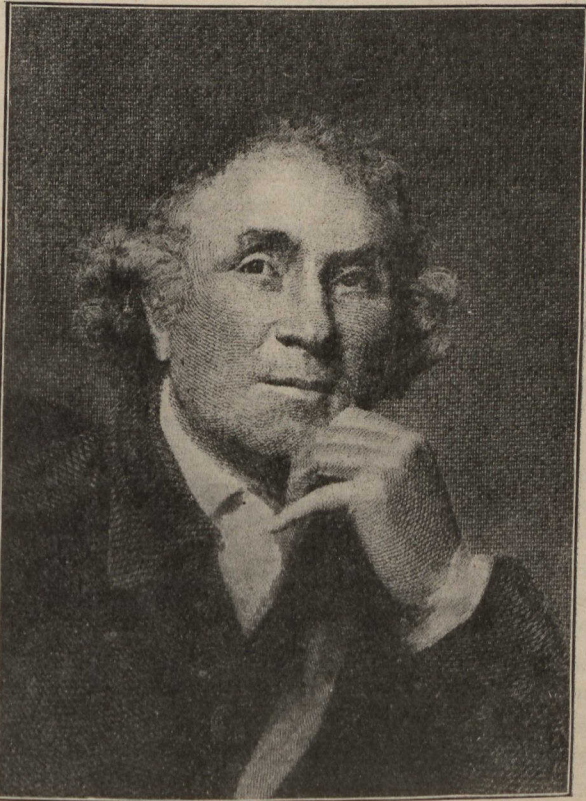


branch sprang John Hunter, the subject of this sketch. The old manor-house of Hunterston, with its antique tower, stands to this day. In the days of old it was a stronghold; now it is a farmhouse and cattle graze in the fields around it. We have to do with the Hunter branch of Long Calderwood, a small estate seven miles from Glasgow—for here lived John Hunter, his father, and here John Hunter, Jr., was born on February 13, 1728—the last of ten



Sir Joshua Reynolds, Pinxit.

JOHN HUNTER.

children. Dr. Mathew Baillie says of the father that "he was a man of good understanding, of great integrity and of an anxious temper." His mother, Agnes, a daughter of Mr. Paul Maltster, who was treasurer of the city of Glasgow, was "a woman of great worth and of considerable talent." The Hunters were not rich; they could only afford the most necessary things of life. "Their father," writes one, "from the expenses of a large family, although man-