

The Douglas Cause.

Jane returned to Scotland in August, 1753, and died the 22nd of November following; that about four hours before she died she ordered her son Archihald, the claimant, to be brought to her, when she laid her hand upon his head and said 'God bless yon, my child; God make you a good and an honest man, for riches I despise. Take a sword in your hand, and you may one day be as great a hero as some of your predecessors.' "

THE DYING DECLARATION OF SIR JOHN STEUART.

Murthly, June 7th, 1764.

Having lately had some severe fits of the gont in my stomach, with my health in other respects much impaired, these, with my great age, going seventy-six, make it appear incumbent on me to make the following declaration, as aspersions have been thrown ont by interested and most malicious people as to the hirth of Lady Jane Douglas her children, in order to rob the surviving child, Archihald, of his hirth-right, by making his parents, Lady Jane and me, appear infamous, to make him illegitimate.

I, Sir John Steuart of Grandtully, do solemnly declare before God that the forementioned Lady Jane Douglas, my lawful spouse, did, in the year 1748, bring to the world my two sons, Archihald and Sholto, and I firmly believe the children were mine, as I am sure they were hers.—Of the two sons, Archihald is the only in life now.—I make this declaration as stepping into eternity, before the witnesses after-mentioned, James Bisset, minister of the Gospel, at Caputh; and James Hill, minister at Gurdie; John Stewart of Dalgoos, Esq., Justice of Peace; Joseph Anderson, tenant in Slogen-Hole.

(Signed thus) Jo. STEUART.

JAMES BISSET, Witness.

JAMES HILL, Witness.

JOS. ANDERSON, Witness.

Jo. STEUART, Witness.

N.B.—Sir John Steuart died a few days after signing the above declaration.

THE DYING DECLARATION OF MRS. HELEN HEWIT.

Mrs. Helen Hewit was first an attendant upon the late Lady Marchioness of Douglas, a lady of distinguished piety. She was afterwards the faithful attendant of Lady Jane Douglas. The late Rev. Mr. William Harper, a clergyman of the Episcopal communion at Edinburgh, and a man whose memory is much respected, was well acquainted with Mrs. Hewit, and deposes "That he does verily believe Mrs. Hewit to be a woman of truth and veracity, and a sincere, conscientious woman, so far as he could observe."

Mrs. Hewit solemnly swore, in presence of a jury, "That upon the