

made against them on account of this transaction; and finding that some of the people had not obtained receipts, he desired the factor to grant them immediately, 'to show his Grace,' said he, 'that it is from him I take the money, and not from these honest men who have paid him.' After the whole was concluded, he ordered supper, saying, that as he had got the purse, it was proper he should pay the bill; and, after they had drunk heartily together for several hours, he called his bailie to produce his dirk, and lay it naked on the table. Killearn was then sworn that he would not move, nor direct any one else to move from that spot for an hour after the departure of Macgregor, who thus cautioned him: 'If you break your oath, you know what you are to expect in the next world, and in this,' pointing to the dirk. He then walked away, and was beyond pursuit before the hour expired.

"At another collection of rents by the same gentleman, Macgregor made his appearance, and carried him away, with his servants, to a small island in the west end of Loch Catharine; and having kept him there for several days, entertaining him in the best manner, as a Duke's representative ought to be, he dismissed him with the usual receipts and compliments to his Grace. In this manner did this extraordinary man live in open violation and defiance of the laws, and died peaceably in his bed, when nearly eighty years of age. His funeral was attended by all the country round, high and low, the Duke of Montrose and his immediate friends only excepted. How such things could happen at so late a period must appear incredible; and this too within thirty miles of the city of Glasgow, and, indeed, with a small garrison stationed at Inversnaid, in the heart of the country and on the estate which had belong-