

The Thomson Family



ALEXANDER THOMSON was admitted Bute Pursuivant Mar. 20th, 1724, and he demitted the office July 18th, 1765. The author is indebted to Francis James Grant, Esq., Rothesay Herald and Lyon Clerk, for a copy of his letter of resignation, which is as follows:

EDINBURGH, July 18th, 1765.

MY LORD:

Finding it inconvenient for me to continue any longer in the office of Bute Pursuivant by reason of the obstinate disease I at present labour under, and under which I have laboured for some years past, I do hereby resign and demit the said office of Bute Pursuivant which I received by commission from Sir Alexander Erskine, of Cambo, Baronet, your Lordship's predecessor in office, and that to and in favour of your Lordship, to the end and with power to your Lordship to dispose thereof, and to give a new commission to any person you please, which I shall never quarrel nor appear in the contrary in the least.

I am, my Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble and obedient servant,

ALEX. THOMSON, SR.

His arms, which are recorded in the Public Register of all arms and bearings in Scotland, are as follows:

Argent, a stag's head caboped gules attired or, on a chief azure a cross crosslet fitch of the third, a bordure of the second charged with eight escallops of the first.

Crest, a thistle proper.

Motto, pro patria.

A drawing of the arms is given in connection with this article.