

## Appendix III.

### LETTER LXVII.

SIR JOHN STEUART TO THE EARL OF MORTON.

My Lord,—Next to my son's happiness in having the blood of Douglas in his veins, and the justice his uncle the Duke has been pleased to do him, I reckon it his greatest good fortune that his Grace has pointed out the Duchess of Douglas, his Grace of Queensberry, your Lordship, and some other gentlemen of worth and knowledge to countenance and direct him till he is of age to think and act for himself. I approve highly of this step, and shall never interfere or attempt obstructing a management so much ahler to conduct him than any weak efforts of mine. I never was acquainted with the modes of business. I am now far advanced in life, and have no further ambition than to end my days with decency and decorum, and to do justice to mankind, which, I thank God, the estate of Grandtully will enable me to do, if creditors will hearken to reason and not harass me in a way that cannot serve themselves. When I have the honour to see your Lordship, I will explain myself more fully; meanwhile I am, with the greatest respect, my Lord, your Lordship's most obedient and most humble servant,

JO. STEUART.

Edinburgh, July 27th, 1761.

### THE DYING DECLARATIONS OF LADY JANE DOUGLAS.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hewit, spouse to Dr. Lachlan Maclean, late of Philadelphia, deposes "That she was often with Lady Jane about the time of her death, and that Lady Jane's fondness for the defendant (Archibald Douglas, Esq.) continued to the last time the deponent saw Lady Jane, which was a day or two before her death."

Mrs. May M'Crabbie, milliner in Edinburgh, deposes "That she (Lady Jane) still insisted that the shock which she had received by the death of Sholto, and other griefs that she had met with, were so severe upon her that she was perfectly persuaded she would never recover, but considered herself as a dying woman, and one who was soon to appear in the presence of Almighty God, and to whom she must answer; she declared that these children, Archibald and Sholto, were horn of her body."

Dr. Martin Eccles, physician in Edinburgh, deposes "That the deponent was oft with Lady Jane during her last illness, until her death; that Lady Jane's fondness for the defendant continued to the last; that she expressed concern what should come of him after she was gone."

Mrs. Helen Hewit deposes "That Lady Jane was attended in her sickness at London by Mr. James Pringle, surgeon to the Guards, and when he left that place, by Mr. Fordyce; that these gentlemen told the deponent that Lady Jane's disease was a broken heart; that Lady