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SIR WILLIAM ALEXANDER, of Menstrie, knight, Master of Requests to king James the 6th of Scotland (1st of England) was in 1625, created premier Baronet of Nova Scotia, on the first institution of that Order, to hold the said degree of honour to him and his heirs whatsoever. In 1630 he was created Lord Alexander of Tullibodie and Viscount of Stirling, to him and his heirs male bearing the name and arms of Alexander.

Baronet of
Nova Scotia
to Heirs Ge-
neral.

Baron and
Viscount to
Heirs Male
General.

not so

In 1633 he was further advanced to the dignity of Earl of Stirling and Viscount Canada, with the same limitation to his heirs male bearing the name and arms of Alexander.

Earl of Stir-
ling, &c. to
Heirs Male
General.

not so

After this, the Earl having become extremely dejected by the death of three of his sons, and witnessing the declining state of health of two of the survivors, was afraid that his Titles and Estates, as well those he had by ancestral inheritance, as those he held by grant from the Crown, by failure of issue male of his own body, might pass to some collateral branch of his family; for these, and other, considerations, he was

*all objection
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