

the family. In making the researches above mentioned, no expectation had ever existed that any particulars, otherwise than relating to the charter and possessions of the family in America, could have been obtained. What Lord Stirling looked for was some authentic account or copy of the charter of Novo Damus, which it is well-known in his family, and by many friends, was lost with numerous other papers, and a large pedigree of the family, from his grandmother's (widow of the Rev. John Alexander, of Dublin) house in Birmingham, at the period when a General Alexander claimed the title and property. There were, a few years ago, alive two old ladies (a Mrs. Teverill and a Mrs. Rogers) school-fellows of Lord Stirling's mother, who recollected perfectly well the disappearance of the papers. One of them was in the house at the time the discovery was made by the family. She had often seen the great pedigree, and described it to be from eight to ten feet in length, that is, about the length of the little room in which she used to sit.

It has been suggested that Mademoiselle Lenormand got the writings on the map fabricated in order to serve Lord Stirling. This is plausible enough ; but this lady's conduct in the affairs does not look very like it. Nor can we believe it possible that any party would run such a risk to serve another. On the contrary, it appears that when danger threatened lately, this lady urged Lord Stirling, in the strongest language, to send some one over to take the proceedings recommended by French counsel, in order to investigate the genuineness of the writings, and bring forward either the owner or some unquestionable proof of authenticity. And again, on each occasion that Lord Stirling's second son went over but for a few days to Paris, she could not rest unless he went with some competent person to make