

Appendix IV.

Most important of all, to the examiner of Lovat's life, and the mysteries of human character, are the letters scattered through many volumes, including the "Culloden Papers" (which contain the correspondence with the Lord President and Lord Loudoun), the "Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness," the *Celtic Magazine*, "The Lairds of Grant," the most interesting volume privately printed by Mr. William Burns, solicitor, Inverness (and containing a well-argued "special plea" in Lovat's favour), Alexander Mackenzie's "History of the Frasers," Anderson's "Family of Fraser," Macpherson's "Original Papers," and the appendices to Major Fraser's "Manuscript." An important letter, written to the Master of Lovat from the Tower, on 22nd March, 1747, and now in the possession of Mr. John MacLeod Campbell of Saddell, was published in that excellent magazine, the *Celtic Monthly* (Glasgow), for January, 1911. Lord Lovat was a prolific letter-writer and memorialist. It may safely be assumed that unpublished products of his pen are still numerous, and the hope is now expressed that these will soon be collected, and published with those already known, in a volume which should prove valuable.

Next in importance as direct evidence comes Major James Fraser's "Manuscript," which has been edited by Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Fergusson (Edinburgh: David Douglas, 1889. Two volumes). Its remarkable interest has been indicated by several quotations in the introduction to this volume. Authors of the major's type are rare. In Scottish literature his "Manuscript" stands alone as a vivid, unpolished, bombastic piece of writing.

Some interesting Lovat stories are recorded in "Historical and Traditional Sketches of Highland Families and of the Highlands," by John MacLean ("the Inverness Centenarian"), first published in 1848, and reprinted by the late Mr. John Noble, Inverness, in 1895. Mr. Noble points out that these sketches were really written by the centenarian's son Finlay, who "was in the habit of adding from other channels matter that the centenarian had not repeated."

The doings of Lord Lovat are recorded, with varied fullness, in almost every volume dealing with Rebellion times. So wide was his influence in the Highlands, for good or ill, that the various historians of the MacDonalds, Mackenzies, Grants, Mackays, Camerons, and other clans have had to record the altered fortunes of the men of those names in consequence of his intrigues.

The "Life" by Dr. Hill Burton (Chapman & Hall, 1847) has only one serious defect, the absence of an index. Mr. W. C. Mackenzie's "Simon, Lord Lovat: His Life and Times" (Chapman & Hall, 1902) contains everything necessary in such a biography, and is written with the vigour and freshness which distinguish its author's other Highland books.

APPENDIX V.

A PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF WESTMINSTER HALL, WITH BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED ON THE TRIAL OF SIMON, LORD LOVAT.

Also a View of the Peeresses, their Daughters, the Foreign Embassadors, and the rest of ye numerous Company as they were arranged on the Scaffolding erected on that Solemn Occasion.

1. The King's Chair on the Throne
2. Prince of Wales's Seat
3. Duke of Cumberland's Seat