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IN the following pages it will be our object to state, as shortly as possible, the history of the production of the documents alleged to be forged, and to show that there is no substantial ground for the charges which have been so lavishly brought forward against the Earl of Stirling. To take up, however, every false statement or insinuation thrown out in the course of the trial, would be as useless a waste of time as tiresome to the reader. We shall content ourselves, therefore, with answering the leading points which actually bear upon the truth or falsehood of the charge, and with slightly notice, and in as respectful terms as possible, the irregularities which peculiarly characterized the proceedings in and out of Court.

But before entering into particulars respecting these documents, it is necessary to state a few facts which preceded their discovery.

On the 20th of December 1836, Lord Cockburn, Ordinary, after a long pleading, gave a judgment against Lord Stirling, reducing his services, in general and special, to his ancestor, Sir W. Alexander, afterwards Earl of Stirling, on the ground of the insufficiency of the evidence produced to the juries. His Lordship limited the question to two links