

his soldier-like fortune, leading his men to victory and to honour."

Dr. Durie was educated at Kinross, and began the study of medicine at Edinburgh, October, 1793, with Mr. Moncrief. While yet with him in 1797, he was offered a commission in the Royal Artillery, and being released from his engagement with Mr. Moncrief, he accepted the offer. His commission on parchment, now before the writer, is as follows :

*"George R.*

"George the Third by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc. To our Trusty and Well-beloved William Durie, Gentleman. GREETING.—We do by these Presents, Constitute and Appoint you to be Assistant-Surgeon to a Corps of Artificers and Drivers to be attached to the Artillery serving in our Kingdom of Ireland, whereof Charles Combers, Esquire, is Captain Commandant.

"You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of Assistant-Surgeon by doing and performing all and all manner of Things thereunto belonging ; And you are to observe and follow such Orders and Directions from Time to Time, as you shall receive from the Master General of our ordnance in our said Kingdom for the Time being, or any other superior Officer, according to the Rules and Discipline of War. Given at Our Court at Saint James the Twentieth Day of November, 1797, in the Thirty-eighth Year of Our Reign. By His Majesty's Command.

*"(Signed) PORTLAND."*

It will be seen from the date of the commission that he was only eighteen years of age when he entered the Royal Artillery service. He served in the south of Ireland at Cork and Clonmell, and at Dublin. While stationed at Clonmell, he married Miss Helena, daughter of Arthur Lee, Esq., of Coppa, and sister of Sir Francis S. S. Lee, A.D.C. to the King.

A second commission on parchment, before us, says : "To our trusty and well-beloved William Durie, etc., etc. We appoint you to be an Assistant-Surgeon on the Medical Establishment