

party accused was banished his native country for fourteen years, but the documents were, afterwards, shown beyond a doubt to be genuine. It is hardly possible, therefore, to act with too much caution in analyzing the multitude of facts and inferences which present themselves in a case of so much nicety and complication as the present; and it is this consideration, principally, which has led us to devote some time to an examination of the evidence given upon the trial. An additional motive was supplied by the illegal and unconstitutional conduct of the Crown lawyers, and by what appears to us to be the imperfect and injudicious defence which Lord Stirling's counsel offered on behalf of his client. It is very possible that the observations which we shall feel called upon to make, will not find a ready echo. The mere fact of a man having been grossly deceived and ill-treated, too often brings down upon his head additional persecution and contempt; while wealth and power are sure to enlist the sympathy of the public on their side. Nevertheless, we shall freely lay the facts of the case before the world, and leave the decision to the impartial verdict of posterity.