

first. To give weight to this gentleman's testimony, he came over by direction of a French Minister. This was well arranged—it gave *effect* to his evidence. He did not receive *any* reward; no, merely his expenses! Yet, by some unaccountable mistake, his friends in Paris were boasting of his splendid treatment in Scotland at the expense of the Crown, and of his receiving 2,000 francs a month, exclusive of travelling expenses, while, by the interest of Government, his salary at the Archives was going on as usual! Well might they talk of such liberality. “M. T., a man of pleasure, received every attention he could wish.”

This gentleman's testimony was very strongly given, indeed too strongly. His experience in old writing, dates from one thousand eight hundred and *thirty-three*, not *twenty-three*, as stated in some of the other reports. That his authority is not considered *quite* decisive, may, perhaps, best be shown by an extract from Swinton's Report, revised by the Solicitor-General. “It is believed that the question “regarding the authenticity of these French documents “has excited considerable interest in Paris, and the public “have probably not yet seen the close of the controversy.”* Need we add more?

Stanislas Jacobs, Engraver to the Archives, speaks chiefly to the *impossibility* of engraving the words “Premier Geographe du Roi,” after the impression had been thrown off. In his precognition, or private examination, he distinctly admitted the possibility. Had he continued in this opinion, he would have agreed with many other persons consulted on both sides, who state that, at a former period, it was a *common practice* to insert new titles in old maps; and that there is no doubt De l'Isle, like many others,

* Swinton's Report, Preface, p. xxiii.