

Antiquary when speaking about Scotland. Peter Peebles thought "it grandeur upon earth to hear one's name thundered out along the long arched roof of the court-house, and see 'a' the best lawyers in the house fleeing like eagles to their prey."

On one side of the room were relics from Scotland collected by a Mr. Burton, "interlocutors, suspensions, tacks, wadsets, multiple poindings, adjudication in implement, assignations, infestments homologations, charges of horning, quadrennium utiles, vicious intromissions, decrees of putting to silence, compact actions of declarator and reduction improbation," while across the room were English specimens gathered by the same collector, and which he himself much preferred, such as, "common recoveries, demurrers, quare impedit, tails-male, tails-female, docked tails, latitats, avowries, nihil dicit, darrien presentments, emparlances, mandamuses, qui tams, capias ad fraciendum and ad witherman." There were a number of old Scotch suits in which the Lord Ordinary had "refused interim interdict, but passed the bill to try the question, reserving expenses; or had repelled the dilatory defences, and ordered the case to the roll on the peremptory defences; some that he had taken to avizandum, or had ordered re-revised condescendence and answers on the conjoint probation; and some he had sisted diligence till caution be found, judicio sisti."

In the same apartment were a lot of French "bills of complaint, accusations, impeachments, indictments, warnings, citations, summonings, compositions, appearances, mandates, commissions, delegations, instructions, informations, inquests, preparatories, productions, evidences, proofs, allegations, depositions, cross-speeches, contradictions, supplications, requests, petitions, inquiries, instruments of the deposition of witnesses, rejoinders, replies, confirmations of former assertions, duplies, triples, answers to rejoinders, writings, deeds, reproaches, disabling of exceptions taken, grievances, salvation bills, re-examination of witnesses, confronting of them together, declarations, denunciations, libels, certificates, royal missives, letters of appeal, letters of attorney, instruments of compulsion, delineatories, anticipatories, evocations, messages, dismissions, issues, exceptions, dilatory pleas, demurs, compositions, injunctions, reliefs, reports, returns, confessions, acknowledgments, exploits and executions" which Justice Bridlegoose, so much spoken of by Rabelais, had well and exactly seen, surveyed, overlooked, reviewed, read and read over again, turned and tossed over, seriously perused and examined, both at the one and the other side, as a good judge ought to do, conformed to what had been noted thereupon.

Our guide told us that this eminent judge was, like Lord Eldon, never hasty or rash in dealing with the cases before him, but had been known to say, "I defer, protract, delay, prolong, intermit, surcease, pause, linger, suspend, prorogate, drive out, wire-draw, and shift off the time of giving a definitive sentence, to the end that the suit or process, being well fanned and winnowed, tossed and canvassed to and fro, narrowly and precisely, and neatly garbled, sifted, searched and examined, and on all hands exactly argued, disputed and debated, may by succession of time come at last to its full ripeness and maturity." He thought that by this means, "when the fatal hazard of the dice ensueth thereupon, the parties