

Macdonell were dead, and that Sir Donald was the man of whom he said, 'S tu a thaghainn de'n al s' tha beo.

29. From R. Macdonald's collection. The last two lines of the first verse are given in that work as follows:—

'N deoch-s' air Calptin Chloinn-Domhnall,
'S air Sir Alasdair og 'thig o'n Chaol.

Sir James Macdonald, ninth of Sleat, was succeeded by his son, Donald. He had no son named Alexander. Sir James 13th of Sleat died in 1723. He was succeeded by his son Alexander, who was born in 1710 and married in 1733. My reasons for believing that the poem was composed about Sir Donald, 10th of Sleat, are these:— In the first place, as we are not in possession of John Lom's poems as they were composed Sir Alasdair may be a mistake. In the second place, according to Ranald Macdonald the poem was composed in the time of Sir James, ninth of Sleat. In the third place, the subject of the poem was a married man, but Sir Alexander, 14th of Sleat, was not married until the year 1733.

I have rejected the following lines from the twelfth verse:—

A chraobh fhìogius gun ghaiseadh
'Chuireadh fion d'i am pailteas.

If the fig-tree belongs to the arms of the Macdonalds of Sleat, and it yields wine in abundance, these lines should have been retained.

30. From Turner's collection. The last two lines of the first verse are given in that work as follows:—

Gu bheil mulad fo d' chom ort
Mu bhas Ghoud Iarla Moire.

So far as known to me there was no such man as Ghoud Iarla Moire. As the poem was com-