

If the present Earl of Stirling, has formally, legally, and on sufficient evidence, proved his character, as ex facie appears from the service and retour, &c., he, until successfully challenged by a competitor nearer in blood, is, and must remain, the Earl of Stirling, whether he seeks for, and obtains from the House of Lords the allowance of dignity or not.

The opinion of

(Signed) JAMES WILSON.

No. 8.

COPY of the LETTER written by Order of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council, in answer to Lord Stirling's Petition to the King in Council, dated 29th of August 1831; in which he had tendered his homage at the Coronation ceremony, as Hereditary-Lieutenant and Lord-Proprietor of the Province of Nova Scotia, &c.

Council Office, Whitehall,
30th of August 1831.

My Lord,

I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Council, appointed to consider of their Majesties' Coronation, to acquaint you that His Majesty has approved of a ceremonial on the occasion of the approaching coronation, in which your Lordship is assigned no part. I am also to acquaint your Lordship that you are at liberty to bring forward any claim of which you may deem yourself legally possessed upon any future occasion.

I have the honor to be,

Your Lordship's obedient Servant,

(Signed) C. C. GREVILLE.

The Earl of Stirling.