

LIFE
OF
LORD CAMPBELL.

CHAPTER I.

SEPTEMBER, 1779—MARCH, 1798.

Genealogy—Birth—Childhood—Cupar Grammar School—University of St. Andrews—Dr. John Hunter—Henry Hill—Professor Barron—Professor Cook—Dr. James Brown—Death of his Mother—The General Assembly—Dr. George Hill—Dr. Forrest—St. Mary's College—Professor Wilson—Goes as Tutor to Mr. Craigie of Glendoick—Leaves St. Andrews.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

New Street, Spring Gardens, October 27, 1842.*

IN a few fleeting years my existence will probably be known only to my immediate descendants, but they will be pleased and they may be improved by knowing the particulars of my career, however little lustre it may confer upon them. For their amusement and instruction I sit down to write this simple narrative.

According to immemorial usage, I must introduce my own life and adventures with some account of my ancestors.

Our branch of the Campbells claims to be sprung from Donald, fourth son of Archibald the second Earl of Argyll, that distinguished chieftain who commanded the van of the Scottish army in the battle of Flodden and there fell with his royal master (Sept. 9, 1513).

* My father began to write this Memoir the year after he had left the bar to become Lord Chancellor of Ireland. He was at that time out of office, having resigned with Lord Melbourne's Government in August, 1841.—ED.