

(not a very willing one) with the desperate intrigues set on foot after the establishment of the Hanoverian dynasty in Britain, and the regency in France, he was involved in a continuous series of adventures from which, on several occasions, he barely escaped with his life.

It may, perhaps, be added, that to his share in certain of these episodes the future of both the Guelph and Bourbon dynasties was measurably indebted—and none the less because in the affair of the Stuart rebellion of 1715, and in certain strange and terrible matters affecting the comtesse de Valincour, the woman Latour, Sanson the executioner, and the mysterious père Germont, his aid towards the safe-guarding of the state and the doing of justice was of a kind that did not admit of public avowal.

But although the bulk of the further records in question prevents them being here placed before the reader, he may reasonably expect to learn that, after much chequered fortune and misfortune, the houses of Gwynett and Wray found mistresses in the persons of Muriel and Avice, and that it was many long years before the manor of Dorrington passed, by the death of its venerable lord, to his son-in-law the squire of Thornhaugh.

With this announcement the chronicler makes his bow, and is gone.