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HISTORY OF ROB ROY,

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&c. of the Highlanders of Scotland.*

ROBERT MACGREGOR CAMPBELL, or Rob Roy, was born some time between 1657 and 1660, and married Helen Campbell of the family of Glenfalloch. As cattle were at that period the principal marketable produce of the hills, the younger sons of gentlemen had few other means of procuring an independent subsistence than by engaging in this sort of traffic. At an early period, Rob Roy was one of the most respectable and successful *drovers* in his district. Before the year 1707 he had purchased, of the family of Montrose, the lands of Craigrostone, on the banks of Loch-Lomond, and had relieved some heavy debts on his nephew's estate of Glengyle. While in this prosperous state, he continued respected for his honourable dealings, both in the Lowlands and Highlands. Previous to the Union, no cattle had been permitted to pass the English border. As a boon or encouragement, however, to conciliate the people to that measure, a free intercourse was allowed. The Marquis of Montrose,