

583. **Strath-Endrick Glen.** A valley to the south-east of Loch Lomond.

606. **glozing words.** Speech that is smooth but deceiving.

608. **vouchsafe.** Permit.

615. "In 1529, James made a convention at Edinburgh, for the purpose of considering the best mode of quelling the Border robbers, who, during the reign of his minority, and the troubles which followed, had committed many exorbitances. Accordingly he assembled a flying army of ten thousand men, consisting of his principal nobility and their followers, who were directed to bring their hawks and dogs with them, that the monarch might refresh himself with sport during the intervals of military execution. With this array he swept through Ettrick Forest, where he hanged over the gate of his own castle Piers Cockburn of Henderland, who had prepared, according to tradition, a feast for his reception. He caused Adam Scott of Tushielaw also to be executed, who was distinguished by the title of King of the Border. But the most noted victim of justice during that expedition was John Armstrong of Gilnockie, famous in Scottish song, who, confiding in his own supposed innocence, met the King, with a retinue of thirty-six persons, all of whom were hanged at Carlenrig, near the source of the Teviot. The effect of this severity was such, that, in the words of the historian Pitseottie, 'thereafter was great peace and rest a long time, wherethrough the King had great profit; for he had ten thousand sheep going in the Ettrick Forest in keeping by Andrew Bell, who made the King as good count of them as they had gone in the bours of Fife.'—(*Scott*).

623. **Meggat's mead.** The meadows along the banks of the river Meggat. The Meggat is a tributary of the Yarrow, which flows into the Ettrick, which is, in turn, a tributary of the Tweed. The Teviot is another tributary of the Tweed.

628. **sheep-walk.** See note on l. 615 above.

630. **ruthless.** Pitiless.

633-4. Judging by the fate of the border tribes, what mercy will be shown to the Highland chiefs?

637. **by espial sure.** The report of spies who could be trusted.

639. **the streight I show.** The strait, or difficulty, which I have shown to you.

659. **the bleeding heart.** See note on line 200.