

for a list of the pictures, he could not get it; nor had he ever one of them in his possession. He insisted on an account from this very man, the Crown witness, and because he would not give it he dismissed him, and commenced a suit in Chancery for an explanation of his accounts. The man became bankrupt, and the suit is to this day pending.

It may, at first, seem extraordinary how Lord Stirling happened to be so deceived; but it must be borne in mind that he was an entire stranger to those facilities for swindling which our laws afford. Having resided so many years abroad, and living in a very retired manner, on his return to England he was in a great measure off his guard. But in addition, he had the misfortune to have lawyers who betrayed him—a connivance existed, unknown to him, with these swindlers, and thus, at the moment he thought every thing fair, he was frequently overreached. Lord Stirling is not the first man that has been made the dupe of these scoundrels. How many of our nobility and gentry, placed in circumstances which should render an application to such men unnecessary, have been their victims!

But what led to Lord Stirling raising money at all? The advice of his lawyers, who pointed out to him the impossibility of managing such a case with his limited resources. It was at the strong recommendation of Sir Henry Digby (whom Tyrrell says he *introduced* to Lord Stirling) that he was employed. He represented himself as a *retired Colonel*, and even ventured to show his name in an old army list, as being; at a former period, on the staff in Jamaica! All this turned out to be false. He was born in England, on the property of one of Lord Stirling's greatest opponents, and, while acting for his Lordship, was in constant attendance at the office of their lawyers. This fellow