

POSTSCRIPT.

"This will not do, Mr. Patterson, you have, as I may say, basted up your first story very hastily, and clumsily at the conclusion; and in my trade, I would have cuffed the youngest apprentice, who had put such a horrid and bungled spot of work out of her hand. And if you do not redeem this gross error, by telling us all about the marriage of Morton and Edith, and what became of the other personages of the story, from Lady Margaret down to Goose Gibbie, I apprise you, you will not be held to have accomplished your task handsomely."—*Old Mortality*.

BELIEVING that there are many who, like Miss Martha Busk-body, take an interest in the minor persons of the story, and having been frequently asked if I could tell the fate of the amiable lady who for upwards of a quarter of a century presided over the domestic arrangements of the Duke of Kent, possessing to the fullest extent his confidence, esteem, and affection, and sharing his joys and sorrows, I searched carefully all the papers in my possession, but could find no mention made of her after the Duke's last letter of 15th June, 1814.

On applying to Col. de Salaberry, he told me that the late Chief Justice O'Sullivan had intended to write a biography of his grandfather, and that his father had placed in his hands a number of family papers, and the later letters of the Duke of Kent, but that Judge O'Sullivan's intention had been unexpectedly set aside by the occurrence of a duel, in which he was severely wounded, and had been thereby compelled to abandon all idea of finishing his contemplated work—that seeking to recover health, he had gone to Europe, and had not returned the papers, which after his death could not be discovered.

Col. de Salaberry further told me that the last letter which was received by his father from the Duke, and which he recollected his mother reading to him, was written shortly before the birth of the Queen. It dwelt on the anticipated happiness in store for him, but also expressed a natural anxiety as to the issue of the expected event.

Col. de Salaberry, at my request, again looked over his