

tion of things when I was told that I commanded," and "the Highlanders took to their broad swords," frequently occur both in Junius and in this Letter. Several passages in it evince also that strong prejudice against the Scotch, which is another characteristic of Junius.

It is matter of surprise that in so many Letters, Junius should not have written a sentence or a word that has hitherto done more, with respect to his identity, than supply matter for conjecture and inquiry. Attempts at concealment had before been made, but never perhaps with such entire success. Some favourite topic, or some ruling subject of the imagination, developed in his letters; a peculiar phrase, nay, even an unusual or a colloquial expression would, it might be supposed, have led to the detection of the author. "The real truth," says Sir Walter Scott, (with reference to the authorship of the Waverley Novels) "was that, I never expected or hoped to disguise my connexion with these novels," for "the number of coincidences which necessarily existed between the narratives recounted, and opinions broached