

had a younger son, George, who *m.* a dau. of Spottiswoode, the Barony of Thornydyke; and

"I. Sir Patrick Broun of Colstoun, who, in consequence of his eminent services, and the fidelity of the ancient family he represented, was created a Knight, and *Baronet of Nova Scotia*, 16th Feb. 1686, with reservation of the title to his heirs-male for ever. Sir Patrick *m.* a dau. of the noble family of Sinclair, and was *s.* by his son,

"II. Sir George Broun, who *m.* the Lady Elizabeth M'Kenzie, dau. of George 1st Earl of Cromarty; and *d.* 1718, without male issue. It is reported of Lady Elizabeth, the first night after her marriage that she slept at Colstoun house, that she dreamed she had eaten the pear, which her father-in-law looked on as a bad omen, and expressed great fears that she would be an instrument in the destruction of the house of Colstoun. Whether owing to the lady's fault, does not appear, but, shortly after, the family split betwixt the heirs-male and the heirs-of-line, the title devolving upon the Thornydyke branch, and the estates upon an heiress, who married George Brown of Eastfield, and from whom are descended the latter family, represented by George Brown Lord Colstoun, of Session (who *m.* a dau. of D. Dalrymple, Lord Westhall); the late Charles Brown of Colstoun, who *m.* a daughter of M'Douall of Logan; and the Countess of Dalhousie.

"III. Sir George Broun, son of Alexander Broun of Thornydyke Castle and Bassendean, by Catherine, dau. of Sir Alexander Swinton of Swinton, *s.* his cousin, and died without male issue, and was *s.* by his brother,

"IV. Sir Alexander, who *m.* Beatrice, dau. of Alexander Swinton, Lord Mersington; and *d.* 1750, leaving

"V. Sir Alexander Broun, who *m.* a dau. of Colquhoun of Glins, and *d.* 1775, without male issue, when the baronetcy devolved upon his cousin,

"VI. The Rev. Sir Richard Broun,\* minister of Lochmaben, who declined to take up the title, as he was in holy orders. He *m.* Robina, dau. of Col. Hugh M'Bryde of Beadland, Ayrshire; and *d.* in 1782, leaving two sons,—

"James, who, in 1825, assumed the title, after a special service before a jury of fifteen gentlemen of the co. of Dumfries, of whom the present Marquess of Queensberry was the chancellor. Sir James is the PRESENT BARONET.

"William, of Newmains, who *m.* Nancy, dau. of Colonel Peter Maingy of Guernsey; and *d.* in 1831, leaving three sons,—

"1. William, Government Secretary of Guernsey.

"2. Peter-Nicolas, Colonial Secretary of Swan River.

"3 Richard M'Bryde."

To make this very plausible story immediately perceptible, we reduce it, *more probato*, to a simple *stemma*; by which means we shall the more readily discover how far the learned genealogist is borne out by his own assertions.

"\* The Rev. gentleman was a distinguished member of the Church of Scotland. He had two brothers, Colonel William Broun, Lieut.-governor of Guernsey, and Captain James Broun, R. N., both of whom *d. unm.*"

GEORGE BROWN OF THORNYDYKE.  
in Berwickshire.

\* Twice married.

SIR PATRICK BROWN OF COLSTOUN, in the shire of Haddington. Created a Knight and a Baron of Nova Scotia, 16th Feb. 1686, with remainder to his heirs-male forever.

\* 1st. — SCOTLAND.  
2d. — LADY FRANCES BROWN.