

of his temper, so worked upon Macdonald, that next morning he marched with his clansmen, accompanied by the Lord James, for Inverness; where, no later than the third day after having received the King's clement permission to return home unmolested, he arrived, and where, to shew how resolute he was to set at nought the royal authority, the first thing he did was to burn the town and lay siege to the castle.

Now it had so chanced, that the Lady Sibilla, by the exhortations of her aunt, the discreet Countess of Ross, with the sisterly solicitations of her royal mistress, about this time came back to the court, and was then abiding with the Queen in the Abbey of Holyrood at Edinburgh, where, in the judgment of all the gallants, her beauty, albeit faded in its virgin bloom, had received new lustre by the virtue of her endeavouring to avert the doom of the ill-fated princes.—To no eye did it shine so bright and fair as to