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To Mr Cummyng, Secretary to the Society of the Antiquaries of Scotland,

Dear SIR, Haddington, October 19. 1790: As you informed me that you intend to publish in the volume of the Transactions of the Antiquarian Society, now in the press, An 4 A Oniginal

Letter from Bishop Burnet, &c.

Original Letter of Bifhop Burnet, which I communicated to the Society, you will pleafe prefix to it the following flort narrative. I am your's, &c. G. BARCLAY.

Bishop Burnet informs us, in the first volume of the History of this own Times, 'That in the year 1666, when he was parlon of "Salton, he took a refolution of drawing up a memorial of the f grievances Scotland lay under by the bad conduct of the Bifhops. " He refolved that no other perfon but himfelf should have a share in any trouble it might bring on him : So he communicated it to " none. This made it not to be in all the parts of it fo well digeft-" ed as otherwife it might have been, as he was then but 23 years ' of age. Of this memorial he wrote out fome copies, figned them, ' and fent them to all the Bishops of his acquaintance. He was cal-! led before the Bifhops, treated with great feverity. Archbifhop * Shairp, in particular, broke out into great vehemence, and propo-" fed to the Bishops that he should be summarily deprived and ex-" communicated, but none of them would agree to that."-The following letter was wrote to the Bishop of Edinburgh, his diocesan, as an apology for his conduct.

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