

III.—*Letter from the Reverend JOHN GEDDES, D.D. to the Secretary, giving some Account of Portraits preserved in the Scotch Benedictine Monastery at Wurtzburg.*

[Read to the Society, 6th May 1788.]

*Blackfriars' Wynd, Feb. 18th 1788.*

SIR,

AS IT is one of the objects of our Society to get account of any remarkable Portraits that are extant, at home or abroad, of any of our Countrymen that have been eminent for their learning, actions, or rank, I think it my duty to give information, that, according to a letter which I have received from one of the Fathers of the Scotch Benedictine Monastery at Wurtzburg, in Franconia, they have in that House the following Portraits:—

A full length of the famous General Hamilton, who served under Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden. This piece was done by Van-Dyck, and is much esteemed.

A full length of Queen Mary Stuart, as big as life, supposed to be an original.

Four busts of the Kings James the First, Second, Third, and Fifth, painted on wood, as it is thought, by Holbein.

James VI. and his Queen Anne, on wood.

Andomaxus John Alson, Abbot of that Monastery in the year 1641.

My Correspondent assures me that there are no other Paintings in their Monastery that could attract the attention of the Society. I am, with all regard,

Sir, your most obedient humble servant,

JOHN GEDDES.

*Mr James Cummyng, Secretary, &c.*