

IV.

NOTICE OF THREE CONTRACTS BETWIXT SIR WILLIAM BRUCE OF BAL-
CASKIE, HIS MAJESTY'S SURVEYOR-GENERAL; SIR WILLIAM SHARP
OF STAINIEHILL, HIS MAJESTY'S CASH-KEEPER; AND ROBERT
MYLNE, HIS MAJESTY'S MASTER MASON, FOR THE REPARATION
AND BUILDING OF THE PALACE OF HOLYROOD (1672-76); WITH
RELATIVE LETTERS, ETC., LATELY DISCOVERED IN THE CHARTER-
ROOM AT KINROSS HOUSE. BY DAVID MARSHALL, F.S.A. Scot.,
KINROSS.

Some time ago I was employed by Sir Graham Graham Montgomery
of Stanhope, Baronet, F.S.A. Scot., to arrange the papers preserved at
Kinross House, a noble residence designed and built by the distinguished
Scottish architect Sir William Bruce (after his purchase, in 1675, of the
estate of Lochleven from William, Earl of Morton, not far from an older

manor place, since demolished, called the New House of Lochleven), between the years 1680 and 1693.

In the course of this rather tedious operation, owing to the variety and dilapidated state of much of the contents of the room, among other original documents illustrative of our national history, reaching back as far as 1511, I had the good fortune to light upon the contracts with Robert Mylne, the King's master mason, for the rebuilding and restoration of Holyrood Palace.

I understand that, about the year 1851, Robert William Mylne, Esq., London, a Fellow of this Society, and a representative of the King's master mason, while making a search in the same muniment room, discovered a volume of accounts of Sir William Bruce, together with sundry warrants for various works, 1671-79, &c., of which I shall give an inventory at the close of this article; but these contracts did not come under his observation.

It may be proper, however, to state that the whole of the documents in question are described, as follow, in an account of "Papers put into a large Trunk marked AB" in Kinross Charter Room, in the year 1766, as appears from an inventory in possession of Sir William Bruce's lineal descendant, Thomas Bruce, Esq. of Arnot.

"3. One Bundle of Contracts and other Papers concerning the building of the Abbey, The Reparation of Dumbarton Castle, The Bass, and other places, while Sir William Bruce was Master of the Works, with an Accompt book kept relative thereto."

"The Accompt book" was soon after its discovery most appropriately deposited by Sir Graham Graham Montgomery—whose family have owned the Lochleven property since 1777—among the public records of Scotland in Her Majesty's General Register House: the date of the presentation being 13th February 1858. The authenticity of its contents is duly vouched for by the signatures of the Lords of the Treasury. The book itself is in the handwriting of James Kennewie¹ "Clerk to the reparations

¹ Mr Kennewie belonged to Culross, where his father, James Kennewie, W.S., and brother, John, were successively town clerks. He entered Sir William Bruce's service as a clerk in the Bill Chamber in 1663, having been previously in the

of his Majesties several Pallaces and Castles in this Kingdom," and embraces the period between 16th January 1674 and 13th March 1679. Originally a thin folio in a parchment binding, it has since it found its way to the Register House been carefully rebound in leather, with additional paper. Unfortunately nothing seems to be known of another older book of accounts, referred to in the charge on the first leaf, and said to have been signed by a quorum of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, 9th July 1674, and delivered up to Sir William Bruce, and of which he left a just double in the hands of their clerk. Is it probable that both copies have perished? This volume of accounts formed

employment of Sir John Campbell of Glenurchy, and was subsequently chamberlain to Sir William Bruce at Kinross, and his son, 1684-1706, and joint sheriff-depute of that shire, 1683-1689. John Kennewie's daughter Jean married James Steedman of Kinross Mill, Whinfield, &c., Sheriff-Clerk and Bailie of Kinross. Several of the artificers and others employed about the palace works were afterwards engaged by Sir William in the erection of his own house at Kinross, such as Alexander Eizat, wright, Alexander Eizat, plumber, John Callender of Craigforth, the king's smith, John Van Sant Vort, properly *Jan Van Sant Voort*, carver, Canongate; Isabella Fermer "nail wife" in Path-head, who supplied nails both to Balcaskie and Kinross.

[Discharged account John Callender of Craigforth for iron work furnished to the house £518 : 01 : 08 Scots, 5 June 1701, in which under date "18 March 1688" are the following charges :—"It. an Iorn Gait for youer honers chirter hous dor with Crowkes and others wighting 16 ston 13 lib at 5 lib per ston is 84 lib 05 sh 00. It. a lock for the said dor is 12 lib 00 : 00. It. payed for cairing it to Leith 0 : 08 : 00" (Bruce Papers in Kinross Charter Room). The "Iron Gait" and "lock," with double bolt, are still in use and may last for a few more centuries.

In 1679 Jan Van Sant Voort,—so he writes his name,—carver in timber, received £34 sterling "for cutting carveing and wputting of severall pieces of carved work," &c., in his Majesty's apartment in the east quarter of the palace of Holyrood House, and the same year he grants a receipt for £3 sterling for cutting the beautiful coat of arms of Sir William Bruce now placed over a door at the foot of the great oak staircase in Kinross House.—Volume of Accounts in Register House, and Bruce Papers Kinross Charter Room.

In the above named year Alexander Eizat received £1360 : 19s. Scots "for workmanship and wputting of severall Lyneings of windowes, washing boards, doores, door pieces, chimney pieces," &c., in his Majesty's said apartment at Holyrood. In 1688 he provides timber for the windowes and inside finishing of Kinross House, and in 1690 he put on the roof.—Volume of Accounts in Register House, and Bruce Papers Kinross Charter Room.]

the subject of an interesting and suggestive paper by the late lamented Joseph Robertson, Esq., LL.D., F.S.A. Scot., entitled "Notice of a Volume of the Accounts of Sir William Bruce of Balcaskie, General Surveyor of his Majesty's Works" (1674-79), which was read at a meeting of this Society held on the 18th April 1858 (see Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Vol. III. Part I.). Of the notice by Dr Robertson, afterwards printed in a separate form in 1860, I had the honour of receiving two copies from his own hands, one of which is now in the Charter Room at Kinross, and the other is retained as a pleasing memorial of the departed author; and my object in bringing these relative papers under the notice of the Society is chiefly to express my grateful sense of the value of the encouragement given me by Dr Robertson when I first broke ground as a local antiquary, by supplementing his communication from materials not accessible to him.

The principle contract with Robert Mylne is an amended one, the building operations having been in progress for several months previously to the date thereof; fortunately, however, there is sufficient material existing to bridge over that period. The Duke¹ of Lauderdale, in a letter addressed to Sir William Bruce of Balcaskie from Whitehall, 16th March 1671, thus writes: "I hope you will, when you can, send up the draught of the King's palace at Halyrud-house to the end his Ma^{ty} may declare his pleasure about it. I waite but for that occasion to present yo^r comission w^{ch} my brother sent to me for yo^r taking the Direction of that worke, and if you please I wold put in Sterlin Castle also into that comission, because the money given by the parl^t is to be employed for both these houses.² Tell me freely yo^r opinion of this, or any thing els" (Bruce Papers, Box 7, Bundle 27, in Kinross Charter Room).

¹ He was only Earl at this time, not being created a Duke till the next year.

² In answer to a note of inquiry, Thomas Dickson, Esq., F.S.A. Scot., Curator of the Historical Department of H.M. General Register House, informs me that he does not find any notice in the Acts of Parliament of money granted for the building of Holyrood. On the 21st Feb. 1675-76 Charles II. granted his Royal Warrant for payment of £4374 3s. 4d. sterling as the estimated expense necessary for completing the works at the Palace of Holyrood.—Appendix to the *Liber Cartarum Sanctæ Crucis*, Bannatyne Club, Edinburgh, 4to, 1840.

In Her Majesty's General Register House are preserved Royal Warrants of Charles II. and James VII. concerning the Palace and Chapel of Holyrood, of which the earliest, relating to the rebuilding and reparation of the Palace, is dated Windsor Castle, 3rd June 1671. Some of these have been printed in the Appendix to the Chartulary of Holyrood Abbey, The Bannatyne Club, Edin., 4to., 1840. The order and direction from the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury for Sir Wm. Bruce to repair Holyrood, Castle of Stirling and park dykes thereof, was given at Edinburgh, 20th July 1671 (Bruce Papers, Box 10; Bundle 93, in Kinross Charter Room). According to an inscription on the north-west pier of the piazza within the quadrangle, the new portion of the palace was founded by Robert Mylne, master mason, 1st July 1671, so that no time seems to have been lost in commencing operations after the King's warrant was received.

Here the following characteristic and somewhat querulous fragmentary letter of Lauderdale may be fittingly introduced.

HAM, 19 *Octob*r, 1671.

Sr,—I am much allarumd by frequent Letters I have seen out of Scotland w^{ch} give but small hopes of finding the Abbey habitable at the time w^{ch} the King proposes for my being th[ere] (w^{ch} must be in March next). Sure I am I gave timely n[otice] above two moneths agoe Even as soonē as his Maj^{tie} d[eclared] his resolution And I am amazed to heare That in s[tead of] building up what you throw doune of the apartmen[ts where] I must Lye, You are building the great new tower ([which is] of no manner of use so soone) and that you in a manner [let] the other Lye, without w^{ch} it is impossible to Lodge . . . And although my brother tells me you did confidently ass[ure] him that the apartement where I am to Lye shalbe [readie] in time : yet I am no way satisfied till I have it under yo^r owne hand that I may show it to the king To the [end] the blame may not Lye at my doore If his Maj^{ties} [Direc]tions be not punctually [comp]lyed with. Therefore I most desire you to write me a positive answer by the very first post To the end I may show it to the king that he may see what is to be relyed upon. Mr Milne hath used me so abominably by taking so fals measures and keeping to . . . time so very ill as to my house That I shall not . . . him nor advise you to relye on his word, but to w[rite]

what you can positively answer for, because if . . . be a faylor it will lye at yor doore and not at his. . . .

For

S^r W^m Bruce of Balcaskie
Surveyor General of the King's Workes
In Scotland.

(1.) The following is an outline of the principal contract undertaken by Robert Mylne : which is dated Canongate and Edinburgh, 11th and 12th March 1672. It is docketed "Contract betwixt S^r William Bruce and S^r William Sharp and Robert Mylne, 1672," and bears, like the two supplementary contracts, to have been registered in the Books of Exchequer 3d January 1679 :—

To "sloppe" the Vaults under the rooms of the Palace called the guard hall presence and Lobby, and to take about two feet off the south wall of the old tower which falls within the Lobby, to enlarge the breadth of the same and to heighten the joistings level with the guard hall or presence and the next floor in the third story three feet, and alter and enlarge the haill doors, chimneys, turnpikes, stairs, "windoores," &c., and remove and take down the "cape house" from the platform of the old tower. To demolish the whole old "pale" of buildings designed to be rebuilt, and that part of the west quarter, the inner wall whereof is to be "slopped" for letting in the galleries and pillars, whereby the inner court is to be enlarged to the space of ninety-one feet and a half square. To "redde" the ground and build thereupon "Ane great towre upon the south pairt of the front of the palace equidistant from the present entrie in the s^d front with the old tower already built upon the north pairt thereof, and that of fyne smooth and good aisler work," and "in form and maner lyke unto the s^d old tower; and upon the north thereof to erect "ane fyne handsome scale staire Twentie-three foott squaire, All of aisler fyne hewen stone, to serve the secound storie, fynelie wrought with fyne railles and ballasters with handsome pilasters globes and pendants, Each steppe being of one peece and lopped knitt and hung in the other, according to the draught and modell thereof done and wrought in timber, As the samyne is designed be the s^d S^r William Bruce." To erect galleries round the inner court ten feet broad with "pilasters columnes" with their bases, capitals, arches, and entablatures of the Doric order; and pavement

said galleries with fine gray stone pavement, smoothly joyned and wrought as paper with a bottle round towards the court. To build the whole walls round the said court and without the same in exact fine ashler work with three entablatures, the first at the first floor of the Doric order; the second at the second floor of the Ionic order; and the third round the top of the walls of the Corinthian order, the uppermost to have a caveto or casement hollowed or guttered in the "Cornish" for lodging a leaden spout.

"The steps of staires each of them to be of one peece smoothlie cutt with round botles and exactly joyned and finished. Windoores and doores fynlie arched with streight pends, The cast thereof not being discernible to prevent the evill of timber safe lintells." The chimneys to be wrought in fine ashler work ten feet above the roof having their finishing in the top with an entablature of good order so that they resemble one another according to the "draught" thereof. To take down the stone work of the gabels of the roof above the Lobby and build up a side wall of good ashler work in place thereof, as good and joining with the work lately built above the "old altering," and raise and join the same to the tower as high as the said new work, and continue the same from the south end of the south tower to be built, and finish it with doors, windows, &c. To take the iron grates out of the windows in the haill "frontispiece" of the palace and enlarge the same windows, and put in new ribbats lintels and soles in place of those that are found faulty, and carry the tabling upon the said front at the floor of the second story all alike round "which for the present lowppes or ryces from the corners higher along the front." To build and finish the Kitchen Court as the same is designed, with kitchens, bakehouses, pastry rooms &c., and to build a draw well in the court, wells for drawing water in the respective kitchens, &c. To build the walls of the privy garden towards the east two hundred feet square and four ells high above the level of the garden, with a fine hewn "cape" of free stone above the said four ells, and set a handsome well hewn basin in the middle of the garden 16 feet in diameter with pedestal for a statue in the middle and well paved at bottom, &c. To build two walls in the outer court of the palace, the one from the south side of the new tower to be built, the other from the north side of the old tower already built, as far west as the breadth of the outer court, in good rough work, 12 feet high above ground with a handsome hewn cope above it, and in the middle of each of the said side walls opposite to each other to build and finish a handsome beautiful gate in orderly pillar work as shall be designed by the said surveyor.

To lay the "haill" Inner court with good and sufficient calsey whinstone squarely cut and exactly laid out-band and in-band all without the pillars and pavement of the galleries, with "devalls" on all sides guttered for conveying the rain and water that falls in the court into "Syvers" to be built in the several corners, all which Syvers are to be digged, built, coped, and covered with flag-stones closely laid, &c. To pavement all the chimneys, and put in tiles, and irons to support the tongs; pavement the whole kitchens, galleries and transees of the said buildings; pave with calsey stones the haill cellars, the transees with good and sufficient square stones; and put in water pipes, to be furnished by the Surveyor in places convenient. The gates and public doors to be of fine "mouldrie" work and arched as may be requisite. To finish the inside of the court (excepting the inside of the west quarter) and the outside of the east quarter that looks to the designed privy garden, in pillar work of three orders, as in the inner court, according to those already finished upon the north-west corner of the said inner court, which is declared to serve for a pattern for the rest. Likewise the windoores finished in the same corner to serve for a pattern for the whole windoores in the inside of the court and the side toward the designed privy garden upon the east. To take down the old work betwixt the north tower and the kirk, and rebuild the same in good ashler work, with "windoores" conform to the ashler of the tower. To furnish all materials and instruments requisite, and transport the same to the s^d house and palace; and "furnish, outredde, and sett off the s^d measone work be order, directione, and to the satisfacione of the s^d Surveyare generall, All upon the s^d Robert Mylne his owne proper charges and expens"; and the whole to be completed betwixt and the 15th day of November 1673, with £200 sterling of liquidate expenses in case of failure. First agreement, with Mr Mylne, £4200 ster.; but by reason of some additions, such as carrying up the pillars to the top of the house, and in the east face of the east quarter that looks to the designed privy garden, &c., he was to have £550 ster. more money, or in all £4750 ster. "Lykeas the s^d Sr William Bruce, be advyse and order of the Lords of his Majesties Thesaurie, hes delyvered or shall cause to be delyvered to the s^d Robert Mylne and his servants The number of two thousand good and sufficient strong dailles With fyve hundreth double trees for scaffolding with the haill blockes and taickell provyded for the s^d work out of the store of the s^d work," and dispones and makes over to the said Robert Mylne, "The haill stones either hewn stone or wall stone To be takine doune within the s^{ds}

buildings To be disposed of be him in rebuilding of his Majesties s^d palace as he shall thinke expedient;" and Sir William Sharp binds and obliges him "To purchase and procure to the s^d Robert Mylne the haill grass in the yeards called St Anthonies yeard and that yeard which adjoynes to the north pairt thereof for grasseing of the s^d Robert his work horse allennarlie, gratis frielie without any pay^t of maill or dewtie therfore."

Before introducing the additional contracts, it may be better to bring forward the undernoted correspondence, viz., two letters of James Bayne, the King's wright, and one letter of William, Duke of Hamilton, with Sir Wm. Bruce.

S^a.—It is knoun to your honour y^t you had ye trust of ye King and his Lords of thesurie to agree w^t Mr Milne for ye rebuilding of ye palace of hale-rood house q^{ch} you did, and conforme to ye first articles of agreement q^{ch} is recorded be contract for q^{ch} you was to give him for his first bargone 4000 lb. sterling for mason work and all furnishing y^rto belonging, and two hundred pound st. of money for scaffolding w^t tuo thousand dailles and five hundred double trees, and this he was to have for furnishing workmanship and nailles and this is ye true price of ye first bargone for masson work and scaffolding, and before ye s^d bargone was made ye lodges for masons to work was put up into y^e palace court, and y^rafter Mr Milne had made his s^d bargone he employed me for mason scaffolding as well as for the Lodges, and in ye s^d tyme he did offer me pay^t for upputting of ye s^d Lodges and for oy^r work belonging to ye scaffolding y^t was done be my Servants, and I refused ye s^d pay^t from him, because I thought my self to be wright ther as well as he was Massone; and Secondly he sought my advice q^t I thought would do ye scaffolding, and simply I did tell him q^t I might do it for, and not expecting he would betray me and take it himself over my head, q^{ch} he did, and this is ye just reasons wley I refused his pay^t because I looked upon no man to be my master ther except your self who was y^e Kings gen^{ll} surveire who had ye pour of ye whole work to be done according to your order, and had y^e strenth of magistracie in your commission q^{ch} did impour your honour y^rafter application be any man of any complaint he had to complaine according to his claime you had pour to judge and determine according to righteousnes at your pleasure, and y^rfor ye reasons above written y^t ro^t Milne had prejudged or wronged me I did give in ane complaint to your honour; your honour

did hear me very graciously and becam to be in wrath w^t Ro^t miln and desired me to conveen Ro^t milne before you, you abused him in his face because he had betrayed me and y^t you[r] honour and S^r W^m Sharp at y^e bargon making kneu no oy^r bot Mr Milne had done it upon my acco^t and this is knoun to your honour to be of verity and y^r for because Milne had so betrayed me upon my complaint your honour did me justice and apointed Mr Milne to give me bond, I obliging my self to do y^e whole scafalding of y^e fors^d first contract, for q^{ch} his obligation was to deliver to me 2000 dailes 500 double trees w^t y^e blockes and cables, 200 st. of money q^{ch} all was contained for scafalding, w^t 4000 lb. st. for mason work, and this is the true price of y^e first contract betwixt your honour and him, and nou y^rafter your honour had farder considered for ye inlarging of more mason work conform to y^e tarmes of y^e second agreement q^{ch} has been added to y^e first contract since y^e first writing y^r of for q^{ch} he was to give [rather have or get] 550 lb. st. for mason work and furnishing thereto y^e s^d 550 lb. sterling and all yt above s^d your honour knows to be of verity.

S^a,—Nou at this p^{nt} tyme I am persuing Mr Milne befor y^e magistrats of Ed^r for compt and rekning q^t he is justly due me, and in my clame I place y^r y^t he is justlie due fiftie pund ster. of y^t 200 lb. ster., y^t he is due to me for scafalding of y^e first bargon, y^t he made w^t your honour at y^e palace of halerood house, and also I persue him for my proportion accordingly for pay^t of him for scafalding y^t I furnished to him to y^e 550 lb. ster., Second bargon that he made w^t your honour, and he denyes pay^t to me of y^e Samen because it seems y^rafter y^e first bargon was made y^t your honour caused write y^e contract over again q^{ch} contract nou names all y^e articles of y^e first contract w^t y^e prices y^rof, and also for y^e second bargone and articles y^rof it is yet s^d in y^e contract and also Milne is to have 550 lb. ster. nou he denyes my proportion for scafalding as formerly s^d is and because of his denyall being verball, as yet, ye acestares does advise me to come over to your honour to get a declaration of your honours hand y^t you ordained Mr Milne your self to give me y^e 200 lb. ster.; w^t y^e 2000 dailes and y^e 500 Double trees q^{ch} your honour did agree w^t him according to y^e order, y^t your honour had from y^e Lords of thesurie, and this was y^e determination be your honour self when I made my complaint unto you; and this I hope your honour will not refuse me a-testification because it is known to your honour it is of verity.

(Docketed) "JAMES BAINE wry^t."

I have seen y^e attested double of y^e Contract wⁱⁿ mentioned past betwixt Sr W^m Bruce, Sr W^m Sharp and Ro^t Myln, q^rby mention is made that Ro^t Myln was to have 4200 lib ster. for y^e first bargane. Item 550 lb. ster. for additionall bargane, Item that y^e s^d Ro^t was to have 2000 dailles and 500 double trees for scaffolding w^t y^e haill blocks and taikell provyded for y^e s^d work out of y^e stores.

The above letters are written on both sides of a folio leaf, and want signatures, dates, and address, and are most probably only copies of the letters addressed by Bain to Sir Wm. Bruce. Mr James Kennewie, clerk to the works, has added the above memorandum at the foot of the second page. I have put them up with the contracts for the rebuilding and reparation of his Majesty's Palace of Holyrood House, as also two decayed notarial instruments, dated respectively 29th June and 1st August 1678, taken against Robert Mylne, master mason, by James Kennewie, clerk to his Majesty's works, acting for Sir Wm. Bruce of Balcaskie, knight and baronet, his Majesty's Surveyor General. These instruments show much of Mr Mylne's first building contract still unfulfilled so late as 1678.

S^a.—I received yours of the 24th March w^t a sketch of new lodgings you advise me to, which I can not determine untill I see them once ready, and you may show Hatton¹ I will not part w^t that kitching that belonged to the old apartment, so I pray you give Ro^t Kennedy the keys of it and the roum w^tout it, for I have writen to him to keep them and not deliver them w^tout my order. I pray you lett me know what alterations you are to make in these roums Hatton's order caries, and what ar the true number of them, and how they incomodat the two great apartments. This I intreat as soon as can be and am very sencable of all your favers, who am

Sir

Ha. 2 Apr. 75
For Sr W^m Bruce of Balcaskie.

Your obliged Friend and Servant

HAMILTON.

(2.) *Contract betwixt Sir W^m Bruce and Sir W^m Sharp, and Robert Mylne 1676.*

The following is an epitome of a Contract dated March 1676. That by special order and appointment of the Lords of his Majesty's Treasury to Sr

¹ Hon. Charles Maitland, afterwards third Earl of Lauderdale.

W^m Bruce the Surveyar General, and at the sight of the Lord Treasurer Deput "The Aisler Work built by the English att his Majesty's Palace of Halyrud house and the rough work within upon the west quarter shal be taken down and rebuilt In maner afterspecifeit"¹ whereupon Robert Mylne his Majesty's master mason, bound and obliged him "To demolish the said Aisler Worke which stretches Betwixt the two toures In the front of the said palace and to take it also laich doune as the batlement; As also to demolish The rough work In the inner pairt thereof soe low ase the tope of the vaults in the first Storie;" and "to Hew polish and prepaire, furnish sett and lay, the haill storie of the Ionicke order In the same maner that the other thrie faces of the Court is already done; And to finish it att the hight of the Ionicke Cornishe and to make vacnikces ffor Syvers for caryeing away the raine water from the Roffe." To erect at each end of this Ionic order a story height of the Corinthian order with entablature thereof "reaching through the breadth of this foir building and retourning to the towre on ilk hand, being foundit on the old batlement, Into which returned Work ther falls to be Eight Windoires [&] Twelve columes of the same order that the Corinthiane is done already within the court." To put two chimneys, the one in the guard hall the other in the presence, and finish them at the top like the other chimneys, Furnish all materials &c. The work to be completed by the 2nd Feb. next thereafter, under a liquidate penalty of 500 merks Scots in case of failure, for the sum of £324 sterling, with the benefit of the whole of the old stones taken down.

(3.) *Contract betwixt Sir W^m Bruce, Sir W^m Sharp, and Ro^t Mylne, July 1676.*

By Special order and appointment of the Lords of his Majesties Treasury &c. to the Surveyor General, the said Robert Mylne binds himself to take down the "ffoir frontt wall" of the Palace from the battlement to the bottom and rebuild the same upon the old foundations "In exact Aisler smoothe as paiper close joynted." "To make ane gaitt of the dorike order, Tuo columes vpon each syde of the said gaitt, with pedestell Basse colume chapterhead and intablator of ane Modell according to threttie ane foott height, Raill and Ballesters and pilasters,

¹ "Wee have received information from the Duke of Lauderdale concerning the west quarter of that our Palace, and we do hereby order you to cause that parte thereof which was built by the Usurpers (and doth darken the Court) to be taken downe, To the end the inside of that quarter may be finished in Pillar-work agreeable with the other three quarters," &c. (Royal Warrant of King Charles II., 21 Feb. 1675-76, already quoted in a note to p. 327).

with proper finishing above about and alongest the s^d intablitowre q^{ch} rownes from towre to towre, As also above the cornishe of the Insyde to the quholl breadth of the court, The cornishe enriched onelie with dentellie, The Columes tuo pairt sett off the portch, and the portch thrie or ffour foott off the naiked of the wall of the ffront, The doore wⁱⁿ consisting of Six ffoott and Twelve foott, With ane architrave goeing rownd freise and cornice finishing above by ane modell accordeing to threttine ffoott high with ane plint above the cornice, The outsyde off itt plume with the first face of the architrave, above q^{ch} the Scotts armes is to be sett exaectlie weill cutt with the supporters standing on the said plint Mantleing crowne and creist built and wrought weill in ane handsome copairtment or howseing, The windowes in the ffront consisteing of the number of Ten of the same forme and ffashione of these in the new towre, As the same and quholl worke is particularlie designed extenditt and seigned by the said Surveyar." To finish the whole work, furnish materials and provide scaffolding, betwixt and the 2nd of February next to come, under a penalty of £25 ster. in case of failure, for the sum of £350 ster. with the benefit of the old stones taken down in the said work.

WARRANTS TO SIR WILLIAM BRUCE FOR VARIOUS WORKS.

(1) "Order and derection fro y^e Lords of his Mast^{ies} threasowre to repair Holyrwd, Castle of Stirling and park dyks y^{rof}" Given at Edinburg the 20th day of July 1671.

(2) "Bass—Order to survie y^e Bass and provide Materiales to repair it" Edin^r. 6 September, 1671. (Signed) Rothes, Tweeddale, Kincardin, Ch. Maitland : addressed, "For Sir William Bruce of Balcaskie his Maties Surveyor g^{ñall}."

(3) Warrend for repairing My Lord Chancelors Lodgeings and the Duke of Hamelton's [pr]esent apartments in halyrud hous." Dated at Edin^r 6 Aug^t 1673. (Signed) Rothes, Dundonald, Ch. Maitland.

(4) "Warend to refitt the [rooms and officehouses mentioned] for my Lord privie seal." Dated Edin^r. 7. Octo^r 1675. (Signed) Rothes, Argyll, Ch. Maitland.

(5) Warrant to Sir W^m Bruce for bringing in water to the palace of Halyrudhous. Dated at Edinburg, 5 December, 1675. (Signed) Rothes, Dundonald, Ch. Maitland.

(6) "Gift of our Surveyer Generall of our buildings within our ancient Kingdom of Scotland" recalled (The original and a copy). Dated Whitehall, 30 May, 1678. "Subscribitur By his Maj. Comand, Lauderdale."

(7) Warrant for the Delivery of the Materials and Provisions remaining not made use of about the palace to his Majesty's Treasurer Depute, who shall oversee and take care of the further Repairing of the said palace. Dated Edin^r 13 March, 1679.

(8 and 9) Two Fragments, the one bearing (date) "Edinburgh, 26 June 1674, The Lord Comissioners of his Ma^{ties} Therie do heirby appoint Sir William Bruce Surveyar Generale of his Maj. works point those places within

The other undated, as follows, "It being necessarie In pursuance of his Ma^{ties} comands to us That the houses and buildings on his Ma^{ties} Island of the Basse be surveighed, and the necessarie reparations y^rof forthwith gone about, you ar[e w]ith [all co]nvenient diligence to repair thither ne[cessa]ri[e] to

The late David Laing, LL.D., contemplated writing a memoir of Sir William Bruce, but I know not what progress he may have made in it. In 1868 I gave a lecture at Kinross on "Sir William Bruce and his Times, or Kinross-shire in the latter half of 17th century,"—necessarily localised,—and since then I have added largely to my stock of materials; but if Dr Laing's collection and mine could be brought together, satisfactory progress would be made for providing a desideratum in Scottish literature, a life of our Scottish Inigo Jones.