XXIV.—List of Works respecting the Islands of Orkney and Shetland, forming a series of Donations to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, by 'A. Z.'; a Gentleman resident in London, and an Honorary Member of the Society.

Presented 23d August 1803.

I. A large volume, in folio, of Charts, containing—
2. Chart of the Orkney Isles, by George Eunson, (with printed directions,) 1795.
4. The same improved, &c. 1794.

II. Orcades, seu Kerum Orcadensium Historiae Libri Tres, auctore Thormodo Torfaeo. Havniae, 1715, folio.

This is not a second edition of the work, but only the original impression of 1697, with a new title page.


IV. Collections concerning the Norwegian History of Orkney, in 1 vol. 4to. partly printed. This volume contains—
1. Extracts from Pinkerton's Early History of Scotland, 1793; and Supplement from Dr Campbell's Political Survey of Britains, 1774.
2. Extracts from the Reverend Alexander Pope's translation of Torfaeus's Orcades, (being the Appendix to Cordier's Antiquities and Scenery of the North of Scotland, 1780); with an Appendix in M.S.
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III. The Ancient State of Orkney ; chiefly collected from Dr Abercromby's Martial Achievements of the Scots Nation, (extracted from Eunson's State of Orkney, 1780) ; and, The Death of Haco, King of Norway, (from Johnstone's Norwegian Account of Haco's Expedition, 1792).

IV. A Collection of Records concerning the Orkney Islands, (extracted from Dr Thorkevin's Fragments of English and Irish History, in the 9th and 10th Centuries, 4to. London, 1788).

This volume, and most of the others in the Collection, are filled with marginal notes and illustrations by the Donor, written in a beautiful hand, and adding considerably to their value.

V. Collection of Law Tracts relative to Orkney, in 1 vol. 4to. consisting of,—
1. The Memorial and Abstract of the Proof for the Earl of Galloway and Others, Udalmen and Proprietors of land in Orkney, Pursuers, against James Earl of Morton ; and Memorial for James, Earl of Morton, Defender ; dated May 1. and June 12. 1758.
2. The Information, Memorial, Petition, and Answers, in the Process, Patrick Honeyman of Graemsay, and others, Proprietors, against Sir Laurence Dundas, Baronet, in the year 1778.

VI. Collections concerning the Scotish History, and Description of the Islands of Orkney and Shetland, in 4to.
This volume contains that portion of Dr John Campbell's Political Survey of Great Britain, 1774, which relates to Orkney and Shetland ; followed by very copious additions in manuscript (150 pages) by the Donor, written in the year 1800, illustrating the Civil and Ecclesiastical History, as well as the Description of these Islands.

VII. Collections concerning the Topography, Natural History, Antiquities, Agriculture, &c. of the Islands of Orkney, in 1 vol. 4to. This volume contains,—
1. An Account of what has been written concerning the Orkney Isles. Collected from Nicolson's Scotish Historical Library, 1702, and Gough's British Topography, 1730 ; with additions in M.S. by the Donor.
2. Abstract of the Charter by Charles II. to the Burgh of Kirkwall, dated 15th May 1661, and sealed 18th December 1668.

THE ISLANDS OF ORKNEY AND SHETLAND.

VIII. Collections concerning the Description, Mineralogy, Agriculture, &c. of Shetland, in 4to. This volume contains,—
1. An Historical Description of the Zetland Islands, by Thomas Gifford, of Buta, Esq. in 1725. London, 1726, 4to.
2. Mineralogy of the Shetland Islands ; from Professor Jameson's work, 1800, 4to.
3. General View of the Agriculture of the Shetland Islands, by Sir John Sinclair, Baronet, 1795, 4to.

PRESENTED 27TH FEBRUARY 1806.

IX. Tracts on Orkney and Zetland, 1750–1801, in 1 vol. 8vo. The contents are,—
1. An Account of the Greatest White Herring Fishery in Scotland (with a Description of Zetland prefixed.) London, 1750, 8vo.
2. Part of a Tract, entitled ' The Fisheries Revived, or Britain's Hidden Treasure Discovered.' London, 1750, 8vo.
5. Observations on the Islands of Shetland, and their Inhabitants, [by the Reverend Dr Kemp.] Edinburgh, 1801, 8vo.
6. An Account of John Gow, alias Smith, the Pirate (from the Newgate and Tyburn Calendar) 8vo.
7. Part of a Tract, entitled Journal of a Tour through the Northern Counties of Scotland, and the Orkney Isles [by Mr Haldane.] Edinburgh, 1798, 12mo.

X. Statistical Accounts of the Parishes in Orkney and Shetland, as published, 1798–1799, by Sir John Sinclair, in the volumes of the Statistical Account of Scotland, (with introductory M.S. tables of the Parishes) and bound in one volume 8vo.
XI. An Account of the Islands of Orkney, by James Wallace, M.D. F.R.S.; to which is added, An Essay concerning the Thule of the Ancients. London, 1700, 8vo.: together with some addenda in M.S.

XII. A New Description of Orkney, Zetland, Pightland-firth, and Caithness. By John Brand, Edinburgh, 1700, 8vo.: (the title page is reprinted.)

XIII. Tracts relating to the Norwegian History of Orkney, with M.S. additions, 1713–1788, 12mo. In this volume are contained,—
1. Extracts transcribed from Dr P. Abercromby's Martial Achievements of the Scots Nation, 1713; and from Eunson's State of Orkney, 1788.
2. Anecdotals of Olave the Black, King of Man, and the Hebridean Princes, &c. in Icelandic; with a literal version and notes, by James Johnstone, A. M. Copenhagen, 1780, 12mo.
3. Norwegian Account of the Expedition of Haco, King of Norway; published by J. Johnstone, A. M. Copenhagen, 1792, 12mo.
4. The Fatal Sisters, an Ode; The Descent of Odin; and, The Triumphs of Owen: (being part of an edition of Gray's Poems) small 8vo.

PRESENTED 12TH DECEMBER 1807.

XIV. Tracts on Orkney and Shetland, 1785–1806, in one volume 8vo. Prefixed to the following Contents of this volume are introductory observations, in M.S. by the Donor.
1. A Letter by the Landholders of Shetland, to the Honourable Society of Scotland. Edinburgh, 1802, 8vo.
2. A Letter respecting Shetland, to the Honourable the Highland Society of Scotland (in answer to the preceding tract) signed, 'Vindicator.' Edinburgh, 1803, 8vo.
3. An Answer to 'A Letter respecting Zetland,' addressed 'To the Honourable the Highland Society of Scotland,' signed Vindicator.' By a Friend to Zetland. London, 1804, 8vo.
4. A Tour through some of the Islands of Orkney and Shetland, by Patrick Neill, A. M. Edinburgh, 1806, 8vo. (with some preliminary remarks in M.S. by the Donor.)
5. Justification of Mr Murdoch McKenzie's Nautical Survey of the Orkney Islands and Hebrides, in Answer to the Accusations of Dr Anderson. Edinburgh, 1785, 8vo.

PRESENTED 20TH MAY 1820.

XV. Additions and Corrections to the Collections contained in Nos. IV. V. VI. VII. and VIII. thin 4to. (a) This volume contains a Voyage to Shetland, by Captain John Smith, 1693 (from Smith's England's Improvement Revised, London, 1673, 4to.)

PRESENTED 20TH MAY 1820.

XVI. History of the Orkney Islands. By the Rev. George Barry, D. D. minister of Shapinsay, 4to. Edinburgh, 1805; with M.S. remarks, and portraits inserted of Charles Smith the painter, the Marquis of Montrose, and Torfaeus the historian.

XVII. Fauna Orcadensis; or the Natural History of the Quadrupeds, Birds, &c. of Orkney and Shetland. By the Reverend George Low, minister of Birsay and Haray, edited by W. E. Leach, M. D. Edinburgh, 1813, 4to.


XIX. Further Supplements to the Collections contained in Nos. IV. V. VI. VII. VIII. and XV. 8vo. viz—

PRESENTED 30TH NOVEMBER 1820.


(a) See some further Additions and Corrections, presented in 1806 and 1811, bound up in No. XXXIX.
LIST OF WORKS RESPECTING VOYAGES AND TRAVELS, VOLS. I. AND II. (1808, 1809, 4TO.) WITH SOME M.S. REMARKS, AND A TABLE OF CONTENTS.

XXI. General View of the Agriculture of the Orkney and Shetland Islands; by John Shirreff. Edinburgh, 1814, 8vo.

XXII. A Description of the Isles of Orkney; by Master James Wallace, late minister of Kirkwall; published after his death by his son. To which is added, An Essay concerning the Thule of the Ancients [by Sir Robert Sibbald] Edinburgh, 1693, 12mo.

XXIII. A Collection of Poems connected with Orkney and Shetland, (intended as a further Supplement, see No. XIX.)
1. Lodbrokar Quida, or the Death-Song of Lodbrok. Copenhagen, 1782.
2. The Battle of Largs; a Gothic Poem, &c. London, 1804, 12mo.
3. The Ballads of Hardyknute, and of Sir Patrick Spence (from The Union, a Collection of Poems. Edinburgh, 1753, 12mo.)

XXIV. A Description of the Faroe Islands, translated from the Danish; by the Reverend G. Landt. London, 1810, 8vo.

XXV. The Pirate, by the Author of Waverley, in three vols. (bound in two) 8vo. Edinburgh, 1822; with introductory remarks in M.S. by the Donor, extending to 94 pages.

XXVI. A Description of the Isles of Orkney, from the M.S. of Robert Monteiith, Laird of Eglisha and Gairsa, dated Kirkwall, September 24, 1683; published by Sir Robert Sibbald. Edinburgh, 1711, folio (not quite perfect.)

XXVII. A volume containing Tracts on Orkney and Shetland, 8vo.; with introductory remarks in M.S. by the Donor.

XXVIII. The Norwegian Account of Haco's Expedition against Scotland, A.D. 1263; Icelandic and English. By the Reverend James Johnstone, Chaplain to the British Envoy at the Court of Denmark, 1782, 8vo.; large paper copy.

XXIX. Another copy of Wallace's Account of Orkney, 1700, 8vo. No. XI.; the leaves uncut.

XXX. A Voyage to Spitzbergen; by John Laing, surgeon. Edinburgh, 1818, 12mo.

PRESENTED 14TH NOVEMBER 1826.

XXXI. Description of the Shetland Islands; by Samuel Hibbert, M.D. F.R.S.E., &c. Edinburgh, 1822, 4to.; with 26 pages of introductory remarks in M.S.

PRESENTED 15TH NOVEMBER 1827.

XXXII. Another Copy of Brand's Description of Orkney, &c. with the title, (No. XII.) Edinburgh, 1703, 8vo.

PRESENTED, MAY 1830.

XXXIII. Rentals of the Ancient Earldom and Bishopric of Orkney; collected by Alexander Peterkin, Esq. Edinburgh, 1820, 8vo.; with M.S. introductory remarks.

PRESENTED, MAY 1830.

XXXIV. Antiquitates Celto-Scandicae; by the Rev. James Johnstone. Copenhagen, 1786, 4to. And Antiquitates Celto-Normannicae, containing the Chronicle of Man and the Isles, &c.; by the same Author. Copenhagen, 1786, 4to.; in one vol. Mm 2
XXXV. Supplemental Volume to No. VI. of Law Papers relating to Orkney, 1757, 1759, 4to.; with M.S. remarks.

This Volume contains the Papers in the Process concerning the Weights and Measures of Orkney, between Alexander Earl of Galloway, and Others, pursuers, and James Earl of Morton, defender. These are:
2. Memorial and Abstract of the proof for Earl Galloway, 1st May 1758.
4. Additional Memorial for the same, 13th November 1758.
5. Answers for Earl Galloway to ditto, 4th December 1758.
6. Case of Earl Galloway against Earl Morton, 26th January 1759.
7. Case of Earl Morton against Earl Galloway, 6th February 1759.
8. Memorial for Earl Galloway, 10th February 1759.
9. Information for Earl of Morton, 16th February 1759.

XXXVI. Anecdotes of Olave the Black, King of Man, &c. Icelandic and English; by the Rev. James Johnstone. Printed for him, 1780, 12mo. large paper copy.

XXXVII. An Inquiry into the Rise and Establishment of the Royal Academy of Arts; to which is prefixed, a Letter to the Earl of Bute; by Robert Strange, London, 1775, 12mo.

XXXVIII. A Descriptive Catalogue of Pictures, selected from all the great Schools; with Remarks on the principal Painters, and their Works, &c.; by Robert Strange, London, 1769, 12mo.

With a M.S. Catalogue of Sir Robert Strange's Works, and a prefatory notice and portrait.

XXXIX. Letters of the Donor to the Secretary of the Society, accompanying the foregoing works; together with M.S. additions to, or corrections on, Nos. VI. VII. and VIII. of the above List, (4 sheets 4to.) and a Supplement to No. IV. with an Index (8½ sheets, 4to) transmitted in February 1806. Also further M.S. additions to No. VIII. (51 sheets) transmitted 18th June 1811.

XXV.—Original Letters from James Gregorie, Professor of Mathematics in the University of St Andrews, to the Reverend Colin Campbell, Minister of Ardochattan, Argyllshire.

Communicated to the Society of Antiquaries by John Gregorson, of Ardnornish, Esq.

[Read, 10th January 1831.]

No. I.

St Andrews 1 Jan.

1679.

Sir,

I received your of the 23 of Decr last, and am glad to have the occasion to keep a correspondence with such a knowing person as ye ar. I have not had leasure at this time to satisfy you in your problem, being drawn away all this afternoon with necessary affairs: but with the next I shall doe my endeavour; for I expect not to mak the calculation considerable short, seing the nature of the question doeth not suffer it. Our bedal his book against Mr Sinclare is come out several weeks ago (a). No more at present, but being in hast, & hoping that ye will be pleased to continue this new correspondence, I rest

Your humble servant,

J. Gregorie.

(Addressed)

Mr Colin Campbell,
Minister at Ardochattan.

(a) See Note A. page 292.