

CHAPTER V.

ARTHUR, 5TH LORD FORBES.

Born, 1470. Succeeded, 1491. Died, 1493.

OF Arthur, 5th Lord Forbes, there is very little to be said. He held the title for two brief years only, from 1491, when his elder brother died childless, till he himself died, before June 25th, 1493. He was the second son of William, the 3rd Earl, and Christian Gordon; was a minor when he succeeded, and married Agnes Lyon, daughter of John, 3rd Lord Glamis,¹ who, after his death, married again John Ross of Craigie. There were no children, but Agnes claimed her terce as late as 1529.

His name only occurs three times in the public records of these two years of the reign of the young King James IV., and *no* family papers in connection with him have been preserved.

The first notice of him is in the accounts of the Bishopric of Aberdeen where he is, on May 6th, 1491, ordained to pay to the Bishop the second teinds of the lands of Druminnor and Fiddes, and ten days later he is summoned to justify himself for having presented a parson to the living of Forbes while he himself had no authority, *being a minor* and a ward of his father-in-law, Lord Glamis. (*Acts of the Lords Auditors.*)

On February 27th, 1492, he, among others, was fined for connivance in the burning of the place of Ardendrach, in Cruden. He was then apparently of age.

APPENDIX FOR ARTHUR, 5TH LORD FORBES.

“ Decreit for the Bishop of Aberdene. 6 May, 1491.

“ The Lordis Auditouris decrettis and deliveris that Arthure lord Forbes sall content and pay to a reverend faider in God, William bischop of Abirdene the secund tend of the landis of Drummnvare and Futhess/twa tercis beand defalkit of the said soume/becaus the kirk of Abirdene is feft of the tent penny of ald of all wardis and relevis of the said landis, nochtwithstanding the entre of the said Lord Forbes as blanche ferme be ane infeftment tharof, being efter the infeftment of the said kirk of Abirdene . . .”

¹ Confusion has sometimes occurred between Agnes Lyon who married Arthur, 5th Lord Forbes, and her great-niece, Elizabeth Lyon, who married Arthur's nephew, John Master of Forbes. (See pp. 57 and 63.)

ARTHUR, 5TH LORD FORBES—APPENDIX

“ Acts of the Lords Auditors of Causes and Complaints, p. 148. 16 May, 1491,

“ Anent the actionne of summondis mad on the behalf of our Soverane Lorde aganis Arthure lord Forbes to ansuer quhy and for quhat caus he present ane person to the personage of Forbes for the tyme that he was in our Soveraine Lordis warde and the ward tharof disponit and gevin to Johanne lord Glamis/ and for the senistre purchessing of ane commissioun of the Bischop of Abirdene his Ordinar to knaw apone the said mater in stopin of the presentacioun gevin be the said John lord Glamis, quhilk has the said ward and advocatioun and donatione of kirkis. The said Arthur beand lauchfully summond oft tymes callit and nocht comperit, the ressonis and allegationis allegit on the behalf of our Soveraine Lorde at lenthe hard and understandin, The Lordis of Parliament forsaid ordinis that lettres be writtin to the said Ordiner requerand him to revoke the said commissione gevin be him in the said mater of before, sence it pertenis our Soveraine Lord and likewise that lettres be writtin to the said lord Forbes, charging him to desist and ceas of all vexatioune of the said Lord Glamis in the said mater and haf no intrometting thairwith, as he will ansuer to the Kingis Hienes tharapone. ’