

A LEGAL ROMANCE.

The House of Lords, sitting as a Court of Appeal, have finally disposed of a case which has troubled the Courts of Law in Scotland, with more or less of interruption, for the last thirty years, and which, in some of its phases, presents a circumstance so remarkable as to have become a subject of legend in the French causes célèbres.

The Scottish earl of Stirling, which was created, we believe, in the reign of Charles I, which was enjoyed by the family of Stirling, and which, in 1706, was granted to the earl of Stirling, equal in extent to a European kingdom, together with the privilege of granting patents and creating dignities, such as are usually considered to be sacred to royalty alone, were extinguished.

The title, indeed, has been dormant for many years—or, rather, it has been in that semi-state in which a person lays claim to it without having the power to make his title good, which is the same as to say that he has no right to assert it because no one has an interest in disputing his claim.

More than one of the old historic titles of Scotland have fallen into abeyance, and have been picked up and worn by the same family, but in each case the title was claimed by the individual of his own right, by individuals of the humblest rank. Our readers will no doubt be familiar with the story told by Hugh Miller of the hodman in Edinburgh who claimed to be the legal descendant of the earl of Stirling.

The documents on which the claimant rested his title were of a singular character, and they had as singular a history. They had been produced in France, and were of a date which was not far from the present time. These documents were produced in the Court of Session, and the natural consequence was, that on the faith of them he was served her to the title.

But on their production, strange things happened. The genuineness of the documents was called in question, and the claimant was obliged to produce evidence to support his claim. The documents were of a date which was not far from the present time.

SHIPPING.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN. The Indian Line, under contract with the United States and British Governments, for carrying the MAIL, will sail on Monday, August 1st, at 10 o'clock, for Liverpool, calling at Queenstown, and returning on Tuesday, August 2nd, at 10 o'clock, for Liverpool.

NORTH AMERICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. Through Line to California via Panama Railroad. Sailing from New York on the 28th and 29th of EVERY MONTH, or the day before when these dates fall on a Sunday.

NEW EXPRESS LINE TO ALEXANDRIA, GEORGETOWN, AND WASHINGTON. The Alexandria, Georgetown, and Washington Line, under contract with the United States and British Governments, for carrying the MAIL, will sail on Monday, August 1st, at 10 o'clock, for Alexandria, calling at Georgetown, and returning on Tuesday, August 2nd, at 10 o'clock, for Alexandria.

PHILADELPHIA, RICHMOND AND NORFOLK STEAMSHIP LINE. THROUGH FREIGHT AIR LINE TO THE EAST. Sailing from Philadelphia on Monday, August 1st, at 10 o'clock, for Richmond, calling at Norfolk, and returning on Tuesday, August 2nd, at 10 o'clock, for Philadelphia.

FOR NEW YORK—SWIFTSURE. The Swiftsure Line, under contract with the United States and British Governments, for carrying the MAIL, will sail on Monday, August 1st, at 10 o'clock, for New York, calling at London, and returning on Tuesday, August 2nd, at 10 o'clock, for Philadelphia.

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RAILROAD LINES.

NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD. THE MIDDLE ROUTE—Shortest and most direct line between Philadelphia and New York, via Harrisburg, Allentown, and Easton. Sailing from Philadelphia on Monday, August 1st, at 10 o'clock, for New York, calling at Harrisburg, Allentown, and Easton, and returning on Tuesday, August 2nd, at 10 o'clock, for Philadelphia.

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