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Note on to Dalzell Collection by Professor J. H. Ashworth

Copied from the original in the possession of Mr. Ashworth

27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1936.



Every Scott H. isor should be familiar with Sir J.G. D's R.R.A.  
q.S. - The Powers of the Creator. But the great goodness of Sir J.G. D.  
& Lady D. I have been fortunate to obtain from University  
a large proportion of the original plates - which in due course  
will I hope be available for reference.

Part 1st. I have in all Sir J. G. D's Notebooks about  
This in no. I have 3 of them here.

This is what we may call his daybook of sketches for the  
R.R.A. - the book in which he placed his drawings as  
he made them from time to time & arranged them so as  
to have all the hydroids together, all the Polypora together  
etc. etc. The most interesting and important of these were  
etc. etc. cut out for use in the published work. A  
number still remain - a very good drawing of the greenish  
var. of Act. mes.

This is the first notebook for R.R.A. begun on  
1 Aug. 1830. It is a first draft of the book.  
The other vol. bears date Sept. 1846 and is one of many  
notebooks for The Powers of the Creator which began to be  
published 7 or 8 years later. This notebook is interesting  
as showing how he first proposed to call his book The Will  
of the Creator. This very surprising to have the working  
notebooks of the very obscure Edinburgh naturalist.

Dalzell MSS.Listed by J.E.G.  
1961Final arrangementI. Manuscript Books.

Antiquities 40 vols.

Gen. 350-389 D

Superstitions 17 vols.

.. 390-406 D

Human sacrifice 10 vols.

.. 407-416 D

Toys 5 vols.

.. 417-423 D

Musical practice, etc. 6 vols.

{ 424-428 D,  
507

Natural history 20 vols.

.. 429-448 D.

Rare and remarkable animals. 7 vols.

.. 449-455 D

" " .. (envelope  
of drawings).

.. 508 S II

Properties of animals 3 vols.

.. 456-458 D.

{ Planaria 2 vols.

.. 459-460 D

{ Veneres 1 vol.

.. 461 D.

Terebellia littoralis. (Vol.

.. 462 D

Ichthology 2 vols.

.. 463-464 D.

Will of the Creator 1 vol.

.. 465 D.

Power of the Creator 1 vol.

.. 466 D

" " .. (3 envelopes  
of drawings).

.. 467-471 D II

Experiments and observations. (Vol.

.. 467 D



## Dalzell MSS (cont.).

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| Punishments.                                      | 3 vols.  | Gen. 468 - 470 D. |
| Miscellaneous.                                    | 17 vols. | " 471 - 487 D.    |
| Extracts from records.                            | 9 vols.  | " 488 - 496 D.    |
| { Montrose - a tragedy.                           | 1 vol.   | " 497 D.          |
| { Poetical extracts with some original<br>verses. | 2 vols.  | " 498 - 499 D.    |
| References and bibliographies.                    | 7 vols.  | " 500 - 506 D.    |

Total : 158 vols. and 16 envelopes (Gen. 350 - 511).

## II. Printed Books.

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| Brief analysis of the records of Moray.   | 1826. | Gen. 512 D. |
| " " " chartularies of<br>Lambuskenneth, etc.  | 1828  | Gen. 513 D  |
| Ibbetson. Practical view of an invention for<br>protecting banknotes against forgery. | 1820. | Gen. 514 D  |
| Kay. Descriptive catalogue original portraits.  | 1836  | Gen. 515]   |
| Edinburgh. Police. Instructions... for Edin.  | 1839. | Gen. 516]   |

Total : 5 printed volumes (Gen. 512-516).

N.B. There are 17 additional copies of 512 D, and 7  
additional copies of 513 D.

D.E.C. June  
1961