

does not occur in the Highlands proper. Nor is there any acknowledged "head of the house." (Major Robert Rintoul's statement that Col. Robert Rintoul is the "head of the Rintoul clan" is a flattering pleasantry merely and rests on nothing substantial).

The Perthshire-Ulster Rentouls have always regarded themselves as the elder stock, but there is nothing clearer than conjecture with respect to this matter. The name Rentoul or Rintoul is merely a family name very slightly diffused.

- (γ'). The name is of Continental and almost certainly of French origin. It occurs in France and was not unknown in Huguenot circles.
- (δ'). Its introduction into Scotland was, however, anterior, by several centuries, to the Huguenot age. It is found in Kinross-shire as early as the latter part of the 14th Century.
- (ε'). The name must, therefore, have come into Scotland in one of two ways :

As a resultant from the large wave of Norman-French invasion in the eleventh and succeeding centuries.

Much more probably it was due to the close and long-continued relationship between the realms of Scotland and France and between the royal houses of Scotland and France in the era of the Anglo-Norman kings of England. The hostility between England and France caused Scotland and France to be very closely bound together in cordial relationship during those early centuries. In consequence many Scotchmen were passing into France and many Frenchmen were passing into Scotland and settling there. The body-guard of the French king "St. Louis" and of other French kings was formed exclusively of Scotchmen and was known as the "Scotch Guard."

On the other hand the influence of French names, customs, fashions and even pronunciation upon Scottish life and upon Scottish topography remains from that time to this day.