

are the Scots bar. It appears that in the time of Charles II. [1663-85] one WATT of *Rosehill*, at least, was a member of this society, and he probably was the W. S. to whom was given the appointment of Comisary of Kirkcudbright.

"The following extract is taken from Mr. R. Stodart's (Lyon-Clerk Depute) work on Scottish arms, 1370-1678. He finds in a quarto manuscript volume in the Lyon office (i. e., the Scottish College of Arms) a memorandum which states that it belonged, in 1623, to one WORKMAN—a coat of arms* under the name of WATT. He also mentions a Seal of MARTIN WATT, Chancellor of Glasgow, 1496—'three roses on a bend.' [A band drawn diagonally across the shield, from the upper right to the lower left extremity.] This is taken from the Cartulary of Glasgow. 'JOHN WATT,' says Mr. Stodart, 'represented Edinburgh in Parliament, 1596.'"

"The Roll of Parliament gives his name—JOANNES WATT—as one of the 'Commissionarii pro Edinburgh.'" †

"Adam," continues Mr. Stodart, "Writer to the Signet, was father of Mr. John of Rosehill in Edinburgh, 1661, whose son, ADAM of

* The coat of arms in WORKMAN's *Manuscripts*, under name of WATT, is very peculiar. It represents a tree growing from the ground in [leaf?] with an eye in the middle of the foliage, and a pair of eyeglasses (apparently) hanging from one of the boughs.

† COMMISSIONARIUS, "*commissionaire*. One of the persons elected to manage the affairs of a police-burgh or non-corporate town in Scotland, corresponding to a Bailie or Town Councillor in a corporate town."—"Century Dictionary," New York, 1889. The spelling of the title of this officer would seem to indicate the influence of French alliances with Scotland, and of the visits of French military contingents to that country, for it is certainly a French term and signifies a Factor or an Agent charged with certain affairs of finance or other business.