

and as Sir James Schaw of Sauchie was appointed Master of the Wine Cellar during all the days of his life, with power to make deutes under him in the said office, given under the Privy Seal of James VI. at the Royal Castle of Stirling, 29 September, 1582, we have fair ground to infer that Sir James created his kinsman, Robert Broun, one of these deutes. (Notes of Sauchy Writs.)

Robert Broun (or as he, like his father, spells his name Broune; Robert's daughters, Anna and Euphemia, write their name with the English *w* and the final *e*, they having lived much in England seem to have followed its fashion, but Elizabeth does not) had a gift of the Escheat of the goods, &c., of Alexander Merschell of Auchingowny, Perthshire, dated Burlie, 10 August, 1587. (Reg. Sec. Sig., Vol. LV., fol. 197.)

He had a letter formally granting him the office of second Assistant in His Majesty's Wine Cellar held by him for some time past with all perquisites, and assigning him 40 lib. Scots of fee yearly. Dated at Edinburgh, 6 May, 1589. (Ibid. Vol. LIX., fol. 129.)

He had a gift of the Escheat of the goods, &c., of John Drysdail, younger of Little Barnbowgall, for a treasonable attack upon Holyrood House by night, Edinburgh, 31 January, 1591. (Ibid. Vol. LXIII. fol. 151.)

The half lands of Finderlie held from the Crown were resigned by Peter Broun, who reserves his frank-