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### Interim Handlist

<b>Collection ref.</b>	Coll-244
<b>Collection title</b>	Papers of John Graham Dalyell
<b>Shelfmark(s)</b>	Gen.350-516
<b>About this handlist</b>	Scan of an older handwritten list

Note on the DeLisle Collection by Professor J. H. Ashworth

Copies from the original in the possession of Mr. Ashworth  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1936.



Queen Scott H. is a student of the University of Edinburgh with Sir J.G.D.'s R.R.A. of S. & the bones of the Creator. The great goodness of Sir J.G.D. & Lady D. I have been fortunate to obtain from the University a large preparation of the original plates - which in due course will I hope be available for reference.

Last Sat. I brought in all Sir J.G.D.'s notebooks about 70 in no. I have 3 of these 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 bring all the hydroids together, all the Polyzoa together & so on. The most interesting and important of these were afterwards 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 bones of the Creator which began to be published 7 or 8 years later. This notebook is interesting as showing that the first proposal to call his book 'The Will of the Creator'. This was gratifying to have the working notebooks of the very eloquent Edinburgh naturalist.

Final arrangement



I. Manuscript Books.

Antiquities 40 vols.

Superstitions 17 vols.

Human sacrifice 10 vols.

Toues 5 vols.

Medical practice, etc. 6 vols.

Natural history 20 vols.

Rare and remarkable animals. 7 vols.

" " " " (envelope  
of drawings).

Properties of animals 3 vols.

{ Planaria 2 vols.

{ Venues 1 vol.

Terabella littoralis. 1 vol.

Ichthology 2 vols.

Will of the Creator 1 vol.

Power of the Creator 1 vol.

" " " " (3 envelopes  
of drawings).

Experiments and observations. 1 vol.

Gen. 350-389 D

.. 390-406 D

.. 407-416 D

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.. 429-448 D.

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Dalyell MSS (cont.).



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 verses.	2 vols.	.. 498-499 D.
References and bibliographies.	7 vols.	.. 500-506 D.
Total: 158 vols. and 4 envelopes (Gen. 350-511).		

II. Printed Books.

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

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.G. June 1961