

FORBES, Sir WILLIAM, born at Pitsligo, in 1739, was the founder, in conjunction with Sir James Hunter Blair, of the first banking establishment in Edinburgh. Although born to an ample fortune, he devoted himself to the commercial prosperity of his country, though without neglecting the study of elegant literature, to which he was greatly attached. He was an early member of the celebrated literary club, which numbered, amongst its illustrious associates, the names of Johnson, Reynolds, Garrick, and Burke. Some time previous to his death, which happened in 1806, he published an account of the life and writings of Dr. Beattie, which exhibits throughout sound judgment and discriminating taste. The support and encouragement of all public concerns engaged much of his attention ;



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Sir W. Norves

Author of Memoirs of Dr Beattie the poet.

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