

of the Royal Asiatic Society, the Statistical Society, and the Society of Arts. In 1840 he was chosen a director of the East India Company, and Lord Rector of Marischal College in 1854. He died 16th June, 1872, having married in 1824, Elizabeth, a younger daughter of William Hay of Renistoun, by whom he had issue two sons, both of whom are in the army.

1859. May 31st—6th July, 1865. Col. William Henry Sykes.

Colonel Sykes was returned unopposed on 28th April, 1859.

1865. August 15th—11th November, 1868. Colonel William Henry Sykes.

Returned unopposed on 15th July, 1865.

1868. December 10th—26th January, 1874—Colonel William Henry Sykes; John Farley Leith, Esq., *vice* Colonel William Henry Sykes deceased.

Colonel Sykes was returned unopposed 17th November, 1868. At his death there were three candidates nominated for the vacancy—viz., Mr Leith and James A. Barclay for the Liberal interest, and James Shaw for the Conservative interest. The poll at the election, held on 28th June, 1872, was—Leith, 4392; Barclay, 2615; and Shaw, 704. Mr Leith was the son of Captain James Urquhart Murray Leith, by his wife Ann, a daughter of Dr Andrew Henderson, of Aberdeen. Descended of the ancient family of the Leiths of Freefield, he was born in this city in 1808, and received his education at the Grammar School and Marischal College, where he graduated in 1825. On the completion of his studies here he studied law in London, and was called to the English Bar in 1830. Two years later he went to India, where, during a residence of fifteen years, he built up for himself a very large practice as an advocate before the Supreme Court of Calcutta. On his return he was appointed Professor of Law in the E. I. College at Haileybury. He died April, 1887,