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## JOHNIE ARMSTRANG.

SUM fpiek o' lords, fum fpiek o' lairds, And fic like men of hie degree;
Of a gentleman I fing a fang, Sumtyme call'd laird of Gilnockic.
The King he writes a kind letter, Wi'his ain hand fae tenderlie,
And he has fent it to Johnie Armftrang, To cum and fpiek wi'him fpeedilie.

The Elliots and Armftrangs did convene;
They were a gallant companie:
We'll ryde and meit our lawful King,
And bring him fafe to Gilnockie.
Make kinnen and capon ready then,
And venifon in great plentie;
We'll welcum hame our royal King,
I hope he'll dine at Gilnockie.

They ran their horfe on the Langum Hawn,
And brak their fpeirs wi' meikle main;
The ladys lukit frae their loft windows,
God bring our men weel back again.
Quhen Johnie came before the King,
Wi' a' his men fae brave to fee,
The King he mov't his bonnet to him,
He wein'd he was King as well as he.

May I find grace, my fovereign Liege,
Grace for my loyal men and me,
For my name is Johnie Armftrang,
And fubject of zour's, my Liege, faid he,
Awa', awa', thou traytor ftrang,
Out of my ficht thou may'ft fune be,
I grantit ne'ir a traytor's lyfe,
And now I'll not begin wi' thee.

Grant me my lyfe, my Liege, my King,
And a bonnie gift I'll gi' to thee,
Full four and twenty milk-whyt fteids,
Were a' foal'd in a zeir to me :
I'll gi'e thee all thefe milk-whyt fteids,
That prance and nicher at a fpeir,
With as meikle gude Inglis gilt,
As four of their braid backs dow beir.

Farweil my bonnie Gilnock-hall,
Quhair on Eſk fide thou fiandeſt ftout :
Gif I had liev'd but feven zeirs mair,
I wou'd haif gilt thee round about ;
John murd'red was at Carlingrigg,
And all his gallant companie ;
But Scotland's heart was ne'er fo wae,
To fee fae mony brave men die.