

## THE MASSACRE OF GLENCOE.

**I**N the year 1691 King William offered bribes as well as threats to secure the pacification of the Highlands, and finally issued a proclamation fixing December 31st as the last day for formal submission by the various Clans. All save the MacDonalds of Glencoe yielded quickly, but the latter in their pride delayed their inevitable surrender until it was legally a few days too late. Sir John Dalrymple—a bitter enemy of the MacDonalds—immediately seized the opportunity to secure an order for their ruthless extermination as a punishment. Accordingly, a band of soldiers quartered themselves among the MacDonalds in the guise of friendship and then, on February 12th, suddenly fell upon their hosts with fire and sword. MacIan, the old chief, and thirty-seven of his Clan were butchered in cold blood, the remainder escaping to the hills, where the majority perished from cold and hunger.



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WHERE THE MACDONALDS SLEEP.

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