

HMS Renown (from previous page): A classic tune; one of the best hornpipes in the repertoire. I heard the tune played in the way I have set it in Aberdeen University OTC in the late 1960s and it provides an interesting alternative to the standard version by Donald Shaw Ramsay.

Robertson's Quickstep

March



Robertson's Quickstep: is in John MacLachlan's edition of *The Piper's Assistant* (1854), which confusingly bears the same title as Angus MacKay's light music collection of 1843, although it is completely different in content. It is a cute and well organised little Victorian piece, showing contemporary pipers' partiality for jaunty polka-like melodies. MacLachlan was a leading mid-Victorian player and piper to Malcom of Poltalloch in Argyll.



Poltalloch House, 10 miles NW of Lochgilphead in Argyll, was the home of the Malcolms of Poltalloch from 1853 till 1957 when they moved to the restored Castle of Duntroon