

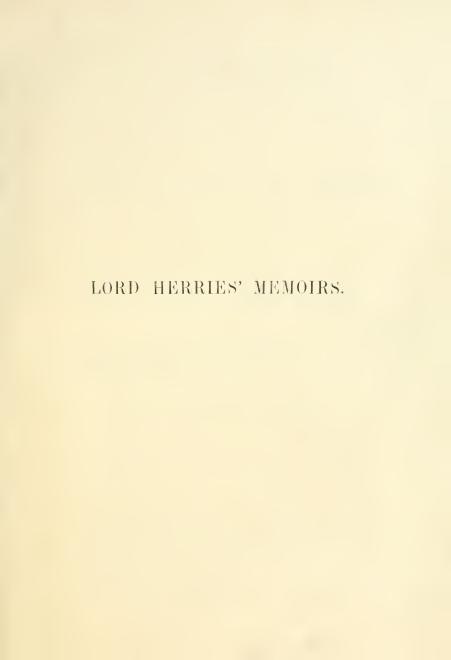
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# HISTORICAL MEMOIRS

OF THE REIGN OF

# MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS,

AND A PORTION OF THE REIGN OF

# KING JAMES THE SIXTH.

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The following historical Memoir has been selected by the Editor as the subject of his contribution to The Abbotsford Club—as well from the consideration of the interesting, but still obscure, period of Scottish history to which it refers, and which it materially tends to illustrate in many minute particulars—as from the fact that the transcript, or rather abridgment, of the original MS. by Lord Herries, now belonging to the Faculty of Advocates, is nearly all that is known to have been preserved of the valuable historical Collections made by the members of the Scots College of Douay, which, unfortunately, appear to have been totally destroyed during the French Revolution.

Nothing farther can be traced regarding the transcript from which this volume has been printed, than that it was purchased at a sale in Martin's Rooms, Edinburgh, in June 1796; and that it was presented by Charles Kirkpatrick Sharpe, Esquire, to the late Archibald Constable, Esquire, in the year 1817. The Editor has been informed that Mr Constable had at one period contemplated the publication of this work, with suitable historical illustrations, &c. under the superintendence and editorship of Sir Walter Scott; but their various other and more important mutual engagements prevented the accomplishment of that design. The MS, was subsequently acquired by the Faculty of Advocates at the sale of Mr David Constable's valuable Library, in November 1828.

From internal evidence, and especially from the style and manner of the person by whom the original MS. has been

transcribed and abridged, the Editor was at one time inclined to think it by no means improbable that the individual to whom we are indebted for the preservation of this fragment of Lord Herries' work might have been John Pinkerton, the historian. On more minute investigation, however, the autograph assuredly appears to be considerably earlier than the period when Pinkerton was engaged in collecting his historical materials; and the probability is, that it must have been compiled about, or rather previous to, the middle of the last century. It is so far fortunate that some important particulars relative to the original Memoirs have been preserved by the transcriber, perhaps undesignedly, and most likely for the purpose of serving as memoranda for his future reference.

On the fly-leaf of this MS, the transcriber has written the following, as a sort of title to his work:- "An Abridgement of the Reigne of Queen Marie, faithfully copied from the Abridgement of the Scotish History by Lord Herries, whose MSS. lavs in the Scots Colledge of Donay, in Flanders. J.P." He has likewise preserved a copy of the general title-page of the original work, which is-"An Abridgement of the Scotishe Historie, from the first foundation untill our tyms; collected with great integritie: Beginning first with a breefe description of all the Ils belonging to the Croune of Scotland." An attempt is made to give a kind of fac-simile of the signature of Lord Herries, which is executed thus—" Herreis, 1656." The transcriber then adds his own attestation, in these terms:—" What follows is copied verbatim from the original manuscript of Lord Herries, beginning by the regne of Q. Marie, pagina 310 of the MSS., and ends pagina 436. The Queen's death is related page 501; and Lord Herreis continues his abridgement down till the year 1631. The whole of the MSS, is of 624 pages."

We have thus an apparently authentic memorandum of the

extent of the original MS.; and perhaps, we may be pretty safe in inferring that, excepting in those instances where the transcriber distinctly notifies in his text that he has omitted or abridged particular portions of the narrative, we are to consider the work. as given by himself, to be verbatim the same with the Memoirs of Lord Herries. If such shall be held to be a reasonable and fair conclusion, in the absence of the original and genuine Memoirs of that nobleman, the present work, so far as it extends, may truly be considered as being entitled to almost the same historical credit. But, be that as it may, it must certainly be admitted to be clear that, in one particular at least, considerable liberty has been taken with the MS. of Lord Herries by the transcriber; for obviously the orthography has been modernized and reduced by him to a certain arbitrary standard. In other respects, however, he has apparently performed his task faithfully; although, unhappily, he has frequently thought fit to curtail several of the narratives, on the alleged score of the prolixity of his author. This is greatly to be regretted, because much of the interest and value of these Memoirs would otherwise have depended on the minuteness and circumstantiality of the various historical facts and details, conveyed in the very words in which they were at first narrated by the author.

A few instances of this unlucky spirit for curtailing his original (which, probably, may have resulted more from want of leisure on the part of the transcriber, during a temporary visit or residence abroad, than from mere indolence or want of relish on his part for accurate and minute historical details) shall now be briefly adverted to. After a pretty full narrative of the murder of Cardinal Beaton,\* allusions are made to the original for

the licentious proceedings which ensued after that most barbarous assassination. Again, he thinks fit to give a mere outline of the splendid ceremonial which took place on the first entry of Mary Queen of Scots into Edinburgh, on her arrival from France. "The solemnities," he says, "were trulie statlic, but too long for an abridgment. Some things we shall sie of best remark."\* He is not long of repeating the same offence—for he states that Mary lost no time in sending an embassy to Elizabeth, "in which tymes long conferences were past betwixt the Queen and him, which are at length set doune in my originall, and heer for brevitie omitted."† Once more, after Riccio's murder, he abbreviates some of the particulars of Mary's conduct.‡ And again, after narrating the facts attending Darnley's murder, it is evident that he only extracts the substance of his author's leading remarks regarding the proceedings as to the divorce between Lady Jane Gordon and Bothwell, and the subsequent infamous marriage of the Queen to that bad man. \ It is also much to be regretted that the transcriber has entirely suppressed the whole of Lord Herries' narrative of Mary's long and cruel captivity in England, which, from the original and authentic sources of direct information which he possessed, must have been equally minute and valuable, in an historical point of view. He contents himself, however, with very briefly mentioning the fact of the imprisonment of Mary in the Castle of Carlisle, shortly after her landing in England, by Lord Scroop, the English Warden; and then cuts short his labour of transcription by a flourish of his pen thus—" from whence she was transported, &c. &c.!" To cite only one instance more—after having described the conclusion of the proceedings of the Convention of York, held for the

<sup>\*</sup> Hist. p. 56. † Ib. p. 58. ‡ Ib. 77. § Ib. 89. || Ib. 104.

professed purpose of considering Mary's claims, he mentions the efforts which were made by her "to stirr up and encouradge her friends in Scotland" by addressing a long letter to the people of Scotland from the place of her captivity; but he coolly contents himself with a notification to his readers, that it "is inserted ad longum in my original."\* This letter and others, he states, were intercepted by the Regent, "who was not a little astonished to sie things of the secretest nature divulged."

In relation to the Authorship of these historical Memoirs, it is to be regretted that nothing which is at all definite or satisfactory can now be determined. It is by no means improbable, however, that materials may have been collected, and the original Memoirs commenced, by Joun fifth Lord Herries, who figures most conspicuously during a considerable portion of the most troubled period of the reign of Mary Queen of Scots. We first meet with him as Sir John Maxwell of Terregles, knight, a powerful border baron, Warden of the West Marches of the Kingdom, and Justiciar within the same bounds. After his succession to the titles and estates of Herries, his efforts were distinguished, if possible, by even more uncompromising zeal and devotion to the interests of his royal mistress; and it is unquestionable that headhered to her fortunes, during all the various vicissitudes of her singularly chequered fate, with unshaken fidelity. Reference may be made for the leading features of his character and public transactions to the various contemporary histories, especially to those which have been printed for the use of the Members of the Bannatyne Club,† to Sadler's State Papers, and Calderwood's MS. Church History.‡ In a very interesting

 <sup>\*</sup> History of King James VI., Sir James Melville's Memoirs,
 \* Richard Bannatyne's Memoriales, Diurnal of Occurrents, &c.
 † Advocates'
 Library. This MS. has recently been completed from a copy belonging to the Church of

volume which is now preparing for the Maitland Club,\* under the editorship of Joseph Stevenson, Esquire, no very flattering character has been given of his Lordship, in a confidential letter addressed by Sir Nicholas Throckmorton to Secretary Cecil;† but it appears to be clear, from the following quotation, that these able statesmen equally stood in awe of his influence and abilities, and that they considered him to have been wholly incorruptible, and one who was diametrically opposed to the policy of Queen Elizabeth.

"The lord Herryes ys the connynge horfleache and the wyfeft of the wholle faction; but as the quene of Scotland fayethe of hym, there ys no bodye can be fure of hym; he takethe pleafure to beare all the worlde in hande; we have good occafyon to be well ware of hym. Sir, yow remember how he handled us when he delyvered Dunfryfe, Carlaveroke, and the Harmytage, into our handes; he made us beleave all fhould be ours to the Fyrthe, and when wee trufted hym beft, how he helped to chafe us awaye I am fure you have not forgotten. Heere amongeft hys owne countreymen he ys noted to be the mooft cautelous man of hys natyon. It may lyke yow to remember he fuffred hys owne hoftages, the hoftages of the lard of Loughanver and Garles, hys nexte neyghboures and frendes, to be hanged for promeffe broken by him. Thys muche I fpeake of hym, becaufe he ys the lykelyeft and mooft dangerous man to inchaunte yow."

A characteristic letter of Lord Herries also occurs in the above-mentioned Collection, which was addressed by him to Throckmorton, during the period of Mary's imprisonment at Lochleven, soliciting him to procure the interference of Queen Elizabeth; and it has been thought proper to insert a copy of it

Scotland; and it is understood that an Index has been prepared by the individual who was employed to make the transcript, for facilitating reference to the whole Collection.

 <sup>\*</sup> Hustrations of Scottish History, the contribution of Kirkman Finlay, Esquire.
 † August 20, 1567, from Addit. MS. 4126, No. 65, p. 282.

in this place, as it affords a curious and striking specimen of his Lordship's style, as well as of his zeal in Mary's service.

" Letter from Lord Herries to Sir Nieholas Throckmorton.\*

"MAYE YT PLEASE YOUR HONOURABLE LORDSHIP,

" Understandinge your lordships contynewaunce in this countreve for the helpe of the relief of our foveraigne, and pacifyinge of the prefent great cummers amangs us apparaunde, I haif thought yt my duetie humblye to praye your honour, gyf yow fynde any lyke apparaunce quharby our foveraigne maye be relevit, and thapparaunte trowbles with wifdome to be pacefyet, that your honour would commaunde me to ferve vow theirein what I other maiy doe, or make my frendes to that effecte. And gyf your honour cannot fynde that anie good meanes nor reafonable nor honeft condycions maye not relief our foveraigne out of the lordes handes, her fubjectes, that nowe fwa ftrayetlye deteinis her, that your lordship woulde commaunde your secretar to wryte me your pleasure quharrein yow binde me to ferve yow. I humblye praye your honour appardoun me of fa lytle acquayntaunce and nawyfe defervit, that I thus far fwa trowbles yow, and speciallie in fwa weightye a matter. The earnest desire that I haif to see some weile by yow wrought herein in the quenes majestie your foveraignes name, movet me to take this hardines, to require your lordships favorable aunswer. I defire hartelye your lordthips pardon, that I come not to yow myfelfe, the caufe beande bounde with a noumer of the nobylytie of this realme to feeke my foveraignes relyef may put them in fufpycion gyf I come thaire for anie other purpoofe but knawyn her relief. What fervyce that I can doe your honour heere, or anie parte of the realme where the lordes deteynours of her grace are not the grettest partye, I fal be as readye as anie Scottisman of my degree; prayand theternall God and to preferve your honour, weill willinge the fame. Off Dumfries, the xxiij of August, 1567.

"Your lordships to comaunde with all lefull fervyce,

"HERYS."

<sup>\*</sup> From the Addit. MS. 4126, No. 67; Illustrations, p. 287.

It was this same remarkable nobleman who so strongly remonstrated with Mary, after her husband's murder, and implored her to abandon all thoughts of marrying Bothwell, a step which, he warned her, would inevitably redound to her own infamy and ruin. Nevertheless, he did not desert her cause after she had taken that fatal step, but he personally accompanied the Queen to Langside, and from that field, in her precipitate flight to England, first to Sanguhar, and from thence to Terregles, his principal seat, where she was sheltered for several days.\* On his failing to dissuade Mary from placing such implicit confidence in Queen Elizabeth, he embarked with her from a small creek near Dundrennan, in Galloway; and after having landed Mary in safety at Cockermonth, in Cumberland, he posted to London with letters from his mistress to Elizabeth, and bore along with him a diamond ring which had been presented to her by Elizabeth, "in token of a sure friendship, which by her letters she desyred her to keep, that if she shold happen to fall in distress, the sight of that ring should be an infallible tve for Elizabeth to assist her, with all her power."†

John Lord Herries died in January 1583.‡ and was succeeded by his son William sixth Lord Herries, who also was subsequently appointed Warden of the West Marches, and Justiciar.§ In the Record of the Privy Council, || the following entry occurs:—

<sup>\*</sup> The circumstances are minutely detailed in these Memoirs, p. 103.

<sup>†</sup> This is by no means a solitary instance of Elizabeth's perfidy—as witness the fate of poor Essex, who also (in common with others of her favourites) had a similar token from her, to be used in his utmost need.

<sup>‡</sup> Calderwood's Church History, MS. Adv. Lib. vii. 112. This was probably January 1583-4, but the date of his death is not noted in the Peerages. Wood merely states that he died before May 1594 (when his son's infeftment as his heir is dated).

<sup>§</sup> June 17, 1600, apud Haliruidhous, Acta Secr. Cone. In the same Record, "Sir James Johnestoun of Dunskellie, knycht," is recorded as having been appointed Warden, August 13, 1600.

Acta Secr. Conc. Sept. 15, 1599.

" Apud Linlithqu, xv. Septembris lxxxxix".

"[Sederunt. Rex. Hammiltoun. Angus. Levingftoun. Neubottle. Thefaurarius. Secretarius. Clericus Jufticiarie. Advocatus. Collector. Clericus Regiftri. Compotum Rotulator. Ceffurde. Carmichaell. Spott.]

"The quhilk day, in prefence of the Kingis Maieftie and Lordis of Secreit Counfall, compeirit perfonallie WILLIAME LORD HEREIS, and promeift and tuke vpoun him to mak his baill men, tennentis, and feruandis, anfuerable and obedient to inflice, alfuele be redres of complenaris as be plegeing, conforme to the lawis, Generall Band, and actis of Parliament. In confideratioun guhairof, and that Williame Erll of Angus, Lieutennent and Wardane of the West Marche, declairit and teftifeit, in prefence of his Maiestie and Counfall, that the faid Lord Hereis had alwavis fchawne him felff obedient, his Maieftie and the faidis Lordis, ffreithis and relevis the faid Lord Hereis furth of his prefent warde within the Caftell of Thomptalloun, and grantis him libertie and licence to departe and pas hame at his plefour. Lyke as his Maieftie and the faidis Lordis hes flatute and ordanit, that the otheris landiflordis guha ar prefentlie wardit, in default of making the lyke obedience, fall nawayis be fett at libertie quhill thai mak thair men obedient and anfuerable, be plegeing and redres of complenaris, as accordis."

The deadly fends which unhappily disgraced Scotland, especially during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, were remarkably prevalent in the Border counties, and were handed down as heirlooms from one generation to another. One of the most fatal of these occurred between the Maxwells and the Johnstones, with whose broils, and the slaughters arising out of similar quarrels between other clans, the Criminal Records of this country abound.\* A brief entry which occurs in the Privy Council Records,† will

<sup>\*</sup> See Pitcairn's Ancient Criminal Trials, Arnot, and Maclaurin, passim. † Acta Secr. Conc. March 7, 1600.

shew some of the distinguishing features of such feuds, and the lenient manner in which they were too frequently viewed by the supreme judicature of the country:—

" Apud Haliruidhous, feptimo Martij, Im vjc.

"The quhilk day, Williame Lord Hereis Protestit, that albeit he, at the speciall command of the Kingis Maiestie, and for a testimony of his obedience to his Maiestie, in respect he haldis his landis and all that he hes of his hienes, hes subferyuit ane Submission betuix him and the Laird of Johnestoun, for his awne sieid and quarrell: That nochtwithstanding, he micht reserve his dewtie of blude and freindschip to the Lord Maxuell; and that the subscryveing of the said Submission fould be na prejudice thairvnto. Quhilk Protestatioun his Maiestie admittit."

John seventh Lord Herries succeeded his father William, who died October 10, 1604.\* Of his public transactions little information has been gleaned; but the feuds of his ancestors appear to have descended to him in full force. A letter addressed by his Lordship to King James VI. is preserved in the Denmylne collection of MSS.,† which has likewise been considered sufficiently curious to merit insertion.

- " Letter from John Seventh Lord Herries to King James VI.
- " Most sacreit and gratious Souerane,
- "HAVING bein att the Bothe, and now vpon jornay home, I do most humblie intreitt your majesties pardoune thatt att this tyme I do nocht kis your hines hand. Iff itt be your majesties plifour to inquyr, this gentilman, the beirrer of this letter, will trewlie declair all accidents and the present estaitt of our pairts of your hines impyr.
  - "It will pleis [your] majeftie, thair is too lawles fellouis vitt leving

<sup>\*</sup> Wood's Peerage, II. 320.

mto Ingland, quho ar giltie of the flawchter of my vncle, the Proveft of Drumfreis. As your majeftie has ever bein willing to haive that murdour perfecute, and all viketines quhamfumener fuppreflitt, fo now do I moß humblie intreitt your hines letteris to Sir Wil5ame Phennik, Sir Wil5ame Selbie, and to the Bifchop of Kairlell for apprehending thos too fugitiffe and bludic limberis; and being apprehenditt to be fent in Scotland to reflaitt their punichment wher the murdour wes committed. Thair naims ar Fergus Ghrame callitt 'the plump,' and David Jonftonne callitt 'fkallitt Davie.' Iff thair be ony thing quherin I kan do your hines fervic, I do expec your majefties imploymente, quhervnto I fchall carrie most refpec than to my awin cheisfieft blude. Most humblic kissing your hines hand, I tak my leif; and riftis, etc.

" Your majetties most faithfulle and humble fervitour, Hereis.

" To his most excellent Majestie."

" Oxfurde, 30 of

" Maij, 1608.

John eighth Lord Herries, who, it must be admitted, was indisputably at least the continuator, if he cannot be proved to have been the author, of the original Memoirs, succeeded his father, who is conjectured by Wood to have died about 1627.\* In the year 1667 he succeeded to the Earldom of Nithsdale, and the Lordship of Maxwell, which were added to his paternal estates and title of Herries,† &c. The history of this nobleman, and the misfortunes of his descendants, who were all zealous adherents of the House of Stuart, are too well known, as matter of public history, to require any further remark. Some plausible arguments might be urged for his having been the author of these Memoirs; but as it must be confessed that the subject is still involved in considerable doubt and obscurity, the reader is

left to draw his own conclusions from the brief outline of circumstances above set down.

With respect to the great repository of historical Collections and Records, in which the original MS. of these Memoirs was deposited by Lord Herries, it seems to be but too probable, indeed it may now be asserted to be absolutely certain, that nearly the whole of the invaluable MSS., books, &c. belonging to the Scots College at Douay, in Flanders, perished by fire and depredation during the period of the French Revolution. The only authentic accounts which the Editor has hitherto met with, in relation to the foundation and endowment of that religious establishment, are to be found in *Dodd's* (Roman Catholic) "Church History of England,"\* and in Butter's "Memoirs of English, Irish, and Scottish (Roman) Catholics, since the Reformation;"† and to these works the reader is referred. After some pretty careful and extended research, in relation to the Collections of MSS, and historical materials which had been amassed at the Scots Colleges of Douay and Paris, the Editor has at length satisfied himself (notwithstanding the great obscurity which, it must be confessed, still necessarily hangs over all details relating to the plundering and destruction of Records, MSS., &c. during the fury of the French Revolution, and especially those belonging to Religious Houses,) that almost the whole collection of MSS, at Douay irrecoverably perished at that time. The Editor has not been able to discover, in any of the numerous Continental Me-

<sup>\* 3</sup> Vols. folio, Brussels, 1737, I. 14, &c. This work is of extreme rarity. It was in reality printed at Sherborn, but the printer and author, in dread of prosecution, affixed the fictitious imprint "Brussels," and the copies were surreptitiously circulated among the Roman Catholies of that period. The work has been sold for very high prices. In a recent sale catalogue a copy is priced at L.17, 17s. There is a fine set of this book in the Signet Library, Edinburgh. † 4 Vols. 8vo, London, 1822, 1, 313, &c.

moirs relative to the period of the Revolution, any trace of the destruction of the Douay MSS.; but in that valuable historical and antiquarian repertory, the Gentleman's Magazine,\* a short sketch is given by a correspondent of the state of the Scots College there, which is accompanied by a small circular engraved view of the garden-front of the building. It is there stated, that the inmates were forcibly expelled at the Revolution; and that the building and extensive grounds on which it stands were sold to a person from St Quintains, who also purchased the English monks' fine College in the same town, and the great or metropolitan Church of Cambray. Nothing, however, is detailed by the person who communicates this information in relation to its literary treasures.

No traces whatever can now be found regarding the fate of the valuable and extensive Library of printed books and MSS., in which last department the College of Douay is understood to have been peculiarly rich. In hopes that some notices relative to these historical Collections, and their fate, might still be preserved in the British Museum, inquiries have been made there by the Editor's friend Joseph Stevenson, Esquire, on his solicitation, but hitherto without success. It has only been discovered that the town of Donay still possesses a considerable public Library;† but after having searched the contents of the printed Catalogue, it turns out that no Scotish, or other historical MSS, whatever, have been preserved in that great national collection. We may therefore reasonably infer, that had any of the more valuable books and MSS, been saved from destruc-

<sup>\*</sup> Gent. Mag. for 1796, p. 897.

<sup>†</sup> Inventaire des Livres de la Bibliothèque Publique de la Ville de Douai, fait en 1805 par ordre de M. Defriest de Quartdeville, maire; continué par ordre des successeurs, jusq'au 1<sup>er</sup> Avril 1820. Quarto, *Douai*, 1820.

tion, at the sacking of the College during the Revolution, at least some portions of them would have found their way into the Public Library of the town, either by means of donations, purchases, or bequests. No vestige, however, can be had of the existence of any such documents; and those of the Editor's friends who have made inquiries on the spot have stated that they were unable to discover anything farther, than that the MSS, and printed Collections belonging to the Scots College at Donay were understood to have been very large and valuable; and that it was most probable that the whole of them must have perished, by fire or otherwise, during the French Revolution.

Considerable obscurity also hangs over the fate of the MSS. which belonged to the Scots College at Paris, but the Editor has better hopes of some considerable portion of that Collection having been saved, previous to the sacking of the place by the populace during the French Revolution. There is no doubt whatever that some parts of the Collection are still in existence, for it is known that not only did the members of that institution succeed in carrying off a considerable quantity of whatever was portable. and not particularly liable to observation, but many of the unfortunate persons who had been confined as prisoners in the College made no scruple at appropriating whatever they could lay their hands on, to prevent the total destruction of the Collection by the infuriated rabble. During a short residence in Paris, in October 1832, the Editor attempted to trace some of these documents to the public Collections of the Royal and Mazarine Libraries, but without effect. The accounts which he was then enabled to collect were of the most unsatisfactory and contradictory nature; and it unfortunately happened that at that time the whole of the Royal Library was in the course of undergoing a thorough painting, and other repairs. He was also informed that none of the principal librarians were then resident in Paris, nor could access be procured to the Catalogues of MSS. &c., the book-cases having been barricadoed and matted up during the whole time of the repairs.

Fox, in his Historical work,\* has given the result of his own inquiries after the MSS, which belonged to the Scots College at Paris, in so far at least as related to the MSS. deposited there by King James II., two copies of whose History were known to have been preserved there; one in the King's own hand, and the other supposed to have been compiled by Thomas Innes, one of the Superiors of the College, and author of the Critical Essay on the Ancient Inhabitants of Scotland.† The late intelligent and learned Roman Catholic Bishop at Edinburgh, Dr Alexander Cameron, stated, in a communication to Lord Holland, I that Lord Gower, the British Ambassador, before he left Paris in the beginning of the French Revolution, wrote to Principal Gordon of the Scots College at Paris, offering to take charge of King James's MSS. &c. and to deposit them in some place of safety, in Britain; but that, so far as he knew, no steps appeared to have been taken in the matter.§ When Principal Gordon came to England, the care of the College devolved on Mr Alexander Innes, the only British subject who then remained in it. "About the same

<sup>\*</sup> Fox's Hist. James II. Lond. 1808, pp. xxv. xxxi.

<sup>‡</sup> Fox's Hist. p. xxvi. He was Sub-Principal in 1734, Edin. Review, xxvi. 410, &c.

<sup>‡</sup> See his Prefatory Address to the Reader.

<sup>§</sup> It afterwards turned out that Principal Gordon refused to deliver the papers to the care of the British Ambassador, unless Lord Gower would undertake to remove the Plate, &c. belonging to the College, in safety; but as that step might have led to the detention of the embassy, and perhaps have endangered the safety of British subjects, this condition was declined.—See Edin. Review, xxvi. 407. Principal Gordon afterwards contradicted this statement, in a notice published in the same Review.—Ib. xxviii. 260.

time, Mr Stapleton, then President of the English College of St Omer, afterwards bishop in England, went to Paris previous to his retiring from France; and Mr Innes, who had resolved not to abandon his post, consulted with him about the means of preserving the manuscripts. Mr Stapleton thought, if he had them at St Omer, he could with small risk convey them to England. It was therefore resolved that they should be carefully packed up, addressed to a Frenchman, a confidential friend of Mr Stapleton,\* and remitted by some public carriage. Some other things were put up with the manuscripts. The whole arrived without any accident, and were laid in a cellar. But the patriotism of the Frenchman becoming suspicious, perhaps on account of his connexion with the Euglish College. he was put in prison; and his wife, apprehensive of the consequences of being found to have English manuscripts, richly bound and ornamented with Royal arms, in her house, cut off the boards and destroyed them. The manuscripts thus disfigured, and more easily huddled up in a sort of bundle, were secretly carried, with papers belonging to the Frenchman himself, to his country-house, and buried in the garden. They were not, however, permitted to remain long there. The lady's fears increased, and the manuscripts were taken up and reduced to ashes."†

Reference may also be made to the Rev. J. S. Clarke's "Life of James the Second, collected out of a Memoirs writ of his own hand," &c. which was published from the original Stuart MSS, then in Carlton House.‡

<sup>\*</sup> Mons. Charpantier, whose country-house was at St Momelin, near St Omer.

<sup>†</sup> Fox's Hist. xxviii. xxxi. Edin. Review, xii. 281, 282. Bishop Cameron states this to have been the substance of the account given to Mr Innes, and reported by him to the Bishop when in Paris, in June 1802.

<sup>†</sup> Clarke's Life of James II. 2 vols. quarto. Lond. 1816.

Lord Holland, in his Prefatory Address to the Reader, prefixed to Fox's History of King James II.\* states, that

"Among Mr Fox's Papers were found a List of 'the works which were placed in the Scotch College at Paris soon after the death of James the Second, and were there at the time of the French Revolution.' It is as follows:

Four volumes folio, {
Six volumes quarto. } 

Two thin quarto volumes.

Two thin quarto volumes.

Two thin quarto volumes.

Two thin quarto volumes.

Yes provided the second (then Duke of York) when he was at Brussels and in Scotland, MS.

Duke of York, MS."

The following remarkable paper was communicated to the Editor by his friend James Maidment, Esquire, Advocate, and as it seems to be so singularly curious, and so very minute in some of its details, the Editor cannot refrain from inserting it at length in this place.

Letter from a Scots Gentleman to a Friend in Edinburgh, giving an account of the MSS, which were then in the Scots College at Paris; dated Paris, September 23, 1716, N.S.

"I was yesterday for four or five hours closed in the Scots College in this place, togither with a very learned antiquary and keeper of the Records and Library. Understanding that I was remitted to my study of the law, he produced all their old writts on the table; and first, we read ane old chartour granted by Robert II., which is without doubt a clear folution of the debate concerning his marriage. The writt contains a donation of severall lands near to Hamilton, in favours of a Chappele founded in memory of his beloved spouse, Elizabethe More, "dum in humanis ageret;" and, indeed, the whole stile of the chartour runs with the

<sup>\*</sup> Fox's Hist. of King James II. Lond. 1808, p. xxv.

outmost love and respect to her memory. This chartour is dated, very diffinctly, 1363. One Oliphant, Lindfay, and feveralls more, infert as witnesses, ten years before he was marryed to Eupham Rofs; nor do I fee the least ground of fuspicion in this writt. It is writt very clear, all in contractions usuall in those days, but no such affected antiquity as very probably a forgerer would have ufed. The fealls are diffinet, the first arms of the family of the Stewarts, fett in its ordinary way, and no fupporters; the infcription 'Robertus Rex Scotorum:' The other feal is not fo diffinct, but reprefents the fame arms in a shield fett angularly, or like a lozen (excuse my ignorance of heraldry), with a horse issuing from the angle of the creft, and no motto. The parchment is very fmall, and only feven or eight lines in the whole, in a chancery hand. It has the word 'guarantizare' in the claufe of warrandice. The next proof of this affair fhewn to me was a chartour granted by King Robert of feverall lands in the diocefs of Glafgow, containing thefe words:- 'Teftibus Roberto filio nostro primogenito et heredi, Senescallo Scotiæ;' and dated in the year 1371, about three years before his fecond marriage. It's true, flanderers will not allow this to be demonstrative, because his legittimation might occasion this title; but the former chartour proving the marriage, joyned with this, will corroborat the matter, and make it as evident as the fun at mid-day. This chartour was never controverted; and truly, by comparing, I think the writer is the fame with the former, though it be in larger characters, and not fo many contractions: The feall is larger, but the fame stamp and subscription. This production may suffice to your conviction to conclude the improbation.

"The nixt production was a currency of chartours, from Alexander, Malcom Kenmure's fon, to the end of Robert Bruce's reign; for they have none in Malcom's days. I think they are 13 or 14 in number; all of them belonging to the archbishoprick of Glafgow, and containing lands granted to the feverall Bishops. The oldest is very musty, finall, but still legible, containing the lands of Cadyou. The fealls varys: fome finall, but most of them large, with the King on horseback on the one side, and his essigns on the other, with the continual motto, 'Rex Scotorum.' But in John Baliol's time they have one chartour, and no more in his days, with

this infeription, 'Joh: Rex Scotiæ,' as well as his . . . . . the chartour. But Robert Bruce foon changed 'Joh, . . . . . novelty and in the first chartour I saw granted by him, when he was lurking in the hills, he is designed 'Rex Scotorum.' It is the only one that wants a feall and writt in confusion amongst all this collection; but in another, which is one year after Bannockburne, the feall is magnificent. He is on the one side sitting in a chair of state, with a globe in one hand and sword in the other; the motto 'Robertus Rex. Deo Rectore.' His countenance is full and lively. One the other side he is on horseback, trampling under foott his enemies; the motto 'Scotorum Rex. Hossium Terror.' The two chartours together is an embleme of the world. I suppose it will be needless to enlarge on the severall other chartours, writt distinctly, and sine fealls; especially that in King David's time.

"Nixt, I faw a notoriall instrument, or rather the contract in King James the First's days, when he was prisoner, with the acknowledgement of the King and Parliament in England that they had no right or title to the crowne. This is figned by three notters and three inftruments. It was at the time of his liberation, but I do not think it matteriall or valuable, if true. What I faw nixt was a very great collection of original Letters writt by Queen Mary; with her Testament, writt the day before the was murthered; and her codicill, the fame day, in the morning. The writt is large, but not good. The Testament contains feverall donations to her fervants; as well the codicill, with a declaration of her faith, figned 'Many.' Her letters are to the Duke of Guife, and feverall other perfons of diffinction, in France; and many to the Bishop of Glasgow, all in French; and many to the Earls of Argyle and Atholl, in one of which the expostulates with Argyle, in pathetic terms, that her fon may not be delivered to the English, of which she was afraid; puts him in mind of the loyalty of her ancestors, and bounty of her predecessors to his family. The other to Atholl is very delicat, and folid fenfe, writt the fame day with Argyle's; fhe fays that she has writt to Argyle, and concludes that if both the familys continued loyall and dutiful to the Crowne, there was no fear of either enemies abroad or parties at home. Most of them figned 'Marie, Reine.' In one of her letters, when she was prifoner in

England, the bewails her miffortunes, and the fine wept at writing; and indeed the paper is fpoiled a little, with a finall blank of three or four words. I faw one from Lochleven, when the was prifoner, which made

myfelf tear at reading.

"There is a collection of originall Letters and writts from 1568 to 1580, of thirteen volumes in folio, very necessary for a history. I cannot infert them in a letter; and severalls in King Charles' time. Nixt, I saw a collection of Letters, Journals, and many other Papers, in four volumes in folio, finely bound, all writt by the late King James; beginning about the time of his father's imprisonment (with several letters from his father to him), continued to 1698. They are very pointed, when he was in the army under Turrane's command; and, generally, very handsomely done, though not so well writt as his father's, whose writt is very fine.

"There was a large book flowen nixt, writt extreamly fine, with various collours on parchment, and many figures, as the feafons of every moneth, and country affairs in every moneth in the kalendar. It has belonged to fome Religious House of those days, with abundance of legends, and other ridiculous fables. It bears itself writt in 1431; but it is so very

fine I cannot but fuspect it.

"I faw, laftly, a manufeript of Fordon, with R. Bruce's Teflament. It is all writt by himfelf, with fome lines difcovering, by every first letter of the line, his name. The writt is good, and on parelment. As to the Library here, there is nothing extraordinary in it, and but few books of value."

In the absence of more minute information relative to the Scots College at Paris, an eye-witness having communicated to the Gentleman's Magazine† some very interesting particulars, the following brief extract is now made from that useful work:—

"It was decreed, during our abode at the Scotch College, that the books

† Gent. Mag. Nov. 1798, Ixviii. part ii. 937. Letter by an Eye-witness.

<sup>\*</sup> This has evidently been either the original, or duplicate copies, of the same series of historical collections which had been deposited by King James II. in charge of the Scots College at Douay.

in the Library should be disposed of. The Goths, who had the superintendance of this business, knew so little of their value, that the most valuable MSS, were fold by the quintal, or burnt. Many of the prisoners pilfered (if I may use the expression) in the wreck. Mr Hartman Hartemberg found a box containing several Papers, in each of which was a lock of the hair of one of the Scotch Royal Family. There was one of each of the Stuarts, with a small Latin inscription indicating to whom it had belonged," &c.

It is with mingled feelings of anxiety and pleasure, that the Editor has to announce an unexpected, but very interesting article of intelligence, recorded in the fleeting pages of an Edinburgh Newspaper, which he likewise met with in the course of prosecuting the present enquiries.\* At the period of the French Revolution, the superiors of the Scots College actually seem to have been in treaty with the Trustees of the British Museum for the sale of the Manuscripts and literary reliques belonging to that national institution. This newspaper notice is communicated in a manner so very brief, vague, and tantalizing, that the cause of that negotiation having been interrupted, or entirely broken off, can now be only surmised. It is in the following terms:—"The curious Manuscripts in the possession of the Scotch College at Paris will be a most valuable and interesting addition to the treasures of the British Museum."†

During a recent visit of the Editor to London, Sir Henry Ellis and Mr Forshall, at his request, politely examined the correspondence and minutes of the Museum, but he regrets to say, that no traces of such a negotiation can now be found among the documents in the possession of the present trustees. He has also searched a variety of magazines and periodicals of that

The paragraph was pointed out to the Editor by James Maidment, Esq. Advocate. † Edinburgh Evening Courant, Nov. 1, 1790.

period, but has not hitherto succeeded in obtaining any additional information on this subject.

While, on the one hand, it appears to be clear that a considerable part of the Library, MSS., and furniture of the Scots College were burnt or plundered, yet the above letter from an eye-witness would lead us naturally to infer, that if "the most valuable MSS. were sold by the quintal," a very considerable portion of these documents must still be somewhere extant in France, Holland. or the Low Countries. Many of them are likely to have long since found their way to Great Britain, where the most obvious and readiest market existed for the sale of such Documents, shortly after or during the French Revolution; and it is not improbable that some of these purchasers "by the quintal" may have been wise enough to make offer of their wares to the British Museum. But, on the other hand, it must be admitted, if the seller did not happen to be in this country with his MSS. at the time the offer was made, it is possible that he may have lost his life during the tumults of that unhappy time; and if so, his MSS, having fallen into the hands of ignorant persons. the secret of their value would most probably have perished with him.

After having searched many of the voluminous collections of the Revolutionary Memoirs, without finding any special mention made of the Scotish Colleges of Douay and Paris, the Editor, in the meantime, feels perfectly satisfied that, although there appears to him to be a very strong probability that nearly all the MS. collections of the former establishment have been irretrievably lost, or perished during the French Revolution, yet that a very considerable portion of the latter do still exist; and he confidently hopes that eventually they may be made available to the public.

In the progress of the various investigations which the Editor has been induced to make from time to time, in relation to the Scotish Colleges of Paris and Douay, he has met with some curious papers as to the original foundation of the former, which have been deemed of sufficient importance, in connexion with these Memoirs, to merit insertion in this place.

## I. Premiere Fondation du Collège des Ecoffois.\*

Karolus Dei gratia Francorum et Navarre Rex; universis presentes litteras inspecturis, falutem. Notum facimus nos infrascriptas vidisse litteras, quarum tenor sequitur in hec verba:—

" A Tous ceux qui ces lettres verront, Hugues de Crufy garde de la prevolté de Paris, falut. Nous faifons à fçavoir que pardevant nous vindrent en leurs propres perfonnes, en jugement noble homme Ancel de Mortery escuyer et damoisclle Jehanne sa femme. Distrent et affermerent en droict que eux, tant du propre heritage dudict Ancel, comme de leur conquest, ils avoient et possessionent en franc aluef, et à eux seuls et pour le tout appartenoient les heritaiges qui f'enfuivent, affis à Grify près de Braie-comte-Robert, en terrouer de Grify et ès environs : c'est affavoir un hôtel ou manoir que l'en appelle la Fermete, affis en ladicte ville de Grify devant le moustier, f'y comme il fe comporte et estend, jufques aux bournes qui font ou jardin, et fy comme icelles bournes fe comportent, tenant d'une part au chemin devant le moustier, et d'aultre à iccluy chemin devant le moustier, et aboutift par derriere aufdicts Ancel de Mortery et damoifelle Jehanne fa femme. De rechef fix vingts arpéns de te les arables ou environ, affis en plufieurs pieces ou terrouer de Gryfy: cest à sçavoir un arpent et trois perches de terre ou environ, affis au champ qu'on dit aux Maros, tenant d'une part, &c. Item, deux arpens et 14. perches de terre et 23. perches de marchais ou environ,

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Bulæus (Cæsar Egassius).—Historia Universitatis Parisiensis, a Carolo Imperatore usque ad annum 1600—6 vols. folio. A work of extreme rarity."—Watts' Biblioth. Britt. I. 167. Vol. v. "Preuves et pieces justificatives," an. 1326, fol. 631.

affis, &c. . . . . . . Item douze arpens et demy et vingt verges de pré affis au terrouer de Gryfy, et environ en plufieurs pieces: c'est à feavoir trois quartiers et trois perches dé pré ou environ affis, &c. Lefquieux maifon ou manoir, fy comme il fe comporte et estend de toutes parts dedans les bones et metes desfusdictes, avecques tous ses droicts, veûs, agous, aifances, appartenances et appendances audict hoftel ou manoir fy comme bournez et limitez est entre les bones qui font audict jardin appartenans, avec les dicts 120. arpens de terre, 12. arpens et demy, et 20, perches de prez ou environ, et tous les profits et efmolumens de ces chofes et de chacune d'icelles, les desfus nommez Ancel de Mortery efcuyer et damoifelle Jehanne fa femme pour ce prefens en jugement pardevant nous, attendans et confiderans que chacun est tenu naturellement de veiller et estre curieux à faire houestement et procurer fon profit, mesemement quand il en est requis, si comme eux en cette partie ont esté des gens de reverent pere en Dieu monfeigneur David par la grace de Dieu Evesque de Morevve en Escosse, qui pour la bonne devotion que il a (si comme l'en dit) de fonder et instituer perpetuellement une quantité de povres efcoliers de fon dict evefchié à Paris, en l'hostel que fonda reverent pere en Dieu monfeigneur Jehan le Moyne jadis Cardinal (que Dieu abfoille) le lez l'hoftel des Bons enfans, lequel hoftel fondé dudiêt Cardinal l'on appelle l'hoftel de Chardonnay, pour apprendre et pourfiter illecques en fcience, les avoient requis et faiet amonester par plusieurs fois de vendre et delaisser les choses dessus declarées pour le perpetuel vivre defdicts pauvres efcoliers dudict evefchié de Moreve inflituez et à inftituer audict hoftel dudict Cardinal, de leur bonne volonte, de certaine science et de leur commun accort et assentement, et pour leur grant profit cler et evident, euë fur ce grand deliberation et diligent confeil de leurs amis et affins et de plufieurs bons et feables perfonnes en ce faiges et congnoiffans, si comme ils desoient, recognurent et confesserent en droict eux au nom de eux au nom de eux et de leurs hoirs et de chacun de eux principalement par foy et pour le tout, et mefinement ladicte damoifelle Jehanne de l'auctorité dudiet Ancel fon mary à elle de luy donnée follempnelment et fouffizamment en jugement pardevant nous, avoir vende, et en nom de pure, fimple et perpetuelle vent irrevocable quitté, octrové

et delaisse perpetuellement et hereditablement à toussours aus devant ditz efcoliers inflituez et à inflituer audict hoftel dudict Cardinal à Paris, nez et à nestre dudict eveschié de Moreve en Escosse et a leurs successeurs : c'est à sçavoir pour le prix de mil livres de bous pariss petits, que lesdicts vendeurs en confesserent avoir en et receu avant la confection de ces lettres oudict reverent pere monfieur Danid Evefque de Moreve, par les mains de honnorable homme et diferet M. Adam Herert treforier de l'eglife de Moreye, en bonne monnoye bien comptée et nombrée et ja mife, tournée et convertie entierement en leur profit commun, si comme ils defoient, et f'en tinrent entierement et a plain pour bien pavez pardevant nous. Et d'icelles mil livres de parifis lefdièts vendeurs et chacun d'eux pour le tout avec l'auctorité dessis declarée quitterent à toufjours lefdicts Evefque, treforier, efcoliers et les chofes desfus nommées yendues. si comme dict est: transportans, mettans, cessans, quittans et du tout en tout délaiffans dés ores en droiet perpetuelment et hereditablement lefdicts vendeurs et chacun d'eux par foy et pour le tout, avec l'auctorité deflus declarée efdicts efcoliers et en leurs fucceffeurs tout le droict, proprieté, faisine, possession, et toute l'action reelle, personelle, mixte, directe, leuë, expresse et tout aultre que ils avoient, pouvoient, devoient, entendoient et attendoient à avoir en toutes les chofes dessus venduës et specifices et en chacune d'icelles, et en tous les profits et emoluments d'icelles, et de chascune d'elles, sans aucune chose excepter, retenir y ne reclamer d'orefen avant. Et promiftrent lefdicts vendeurs et chafcun d'eux par foy et pour le tout avec l'auctorité dessus declarée, au nom de eux et de leurs hoirs, par les foiz de leurs corps donnez corporellement en nostre main, et par leurs fermens faicts aux fainctes Evangiles de Dieu corporellement touchiez pardevant nous, que contre cette vente, quittance, ceffion, transport et delaissement ne contre aucune des choses devant dictes ne vendront ne venir fouffriront à nul jour ou temps à venir par droict de heritage, par raifon de conquest, de douaire, de fon faict pour nopces, de fuecession, d'eschoite, de decevance par aucun art, engin, cautelle : par aucun droict quel que il foit, commun ou especial, ne autrement : ainçois auxdicts efcoliers et à leurs fuccesseurs dudict eveschié de Moreve instituez et à instituer audiet hostel dudiet Cardinal de Chardonnay à Paris les heritages deflusdicts, à la charge de la dixme accouftumée

defdicts heritaiges tant feulement, avec tous les profits, exploitz et émolumens d'iceux et de chaseun d'iceux francs, quittes et delivrez de toutes autres charges, fervitudes, redebvances, rachatz, reliefs, quins-deniers, debtes, obligations, arrerages, troubles, empefchemens garentiront, delivreront et defendront chafcun de eux principalement par foy et pour le tout o l'auctorité devant declarée, envers tous et contre tous, en jugement et hors jugement, toutes fois et quantes fois que mestiers en fera, et que eux ou l'un de oux en feront ou fera requis, à leurs propres couftz, perils, frais et despeus, et à rendre et payer chascun d'eux principalement par foy et pour le tout paifiblement et a plein, o l'auctorité desfius declarée, deux cens livres parifis pour le quint denier en nom de paine audict evefque, aux efcoliers ou au porteur de ces lettres pour eux, fe ladiète vente estoit retraite ou euë d'aucun en tout ou en partie; et ladicte paine voldrent encourre toutes fois ce feroit faict, et avec ee tous cous, defpens depers, dommages, journées et intereffs, aufdicts evefque et efcoliers ou ou porteur de ces lettres pour eux, qui faiz et encouruz feroient par deffaulte de garentie, dont ils promistrent à croire le porteur de ces lettres par fon fimple ferment, fans charge d'autre preuve faire, et fans autre taxation, declairation ny amenuisement de juger, demander ne avoir: non contreftant aucun droict, us ou coustume, ne aucune aultre chofe qui a ce pourroit eftre contraire. Et quant à toutes les chofes deffufdictes et chafeune d'icelles faire tenir, garenter payer, accomplir, enteriner et à non venir encontre, lefdiets vendeurs et chafeun d'eux par for et pour le tout, o l'auctorité desl'infdicte, ont obligé et foubmis du tout en tout à la jurifdiction de la prevoste de Paris, sans autre juge, court ne feigneur advoer ne requere, par especial et pour especial gaige et contreplaige toute leur terre quils ont à Mincy lez Meleun, tenu en fié de Pierre Bourdon efenyer, et tous les pourfitz exploiz et emolumenz d'icelle terre, et avec ce eux et chafeun de eux principalement par foy et pour le tout, leurs hoirs, tous leurs biens et de leurs hoirs meubles et non meubles, prefens et à venir, tout pour preudre, faifir, arrefter, vendre, et despendre à tel marchié telle vente, à la requeste du porteur de ces lettres, par le prevoît de Paris et par toutes autres justices sous quelque jurisdiction qu'ils foient trouvez et pourront estre trouvez, pour ces lettres du tout enteriner fans demander ne avoir nulz quatorzaine, quarantaine ne aucun

aultre chofe qui à ce pourroit estre contraire. Et renoncierent en ce faiet lesdicts vendeurs, et ladicte damoifelle de l'anctorité desfusdicte, par leursdicts foy et serment, à ladicte vente et aux choses dess'usdictes non auoir efté faictes d'eux, fi comme dict est dessus, à ce qu'ilz puissent dire eux avoir esté ou estre en cette vente deceûs, faifant outre la moitié de juste prix, ou en aucune chose ou benefice de restitution enteriné à action en faict, à convention de lieu et de juge, aufdictes mil livres de parifis, non euës et non receûs, non comptées, non nombrées, non mifes, non tournées ou non converties entierement en leur proufict, et à toute couflumes, ufaiges et establissemens de pays et de lieu, à la copie de ces lettres, a demande et tradition de libelle ladicte damoifelle Jehanne de l'auctorité deflufdicte à elle donnée, si comme dict est dessus, ou droict que diet que alienation des biens aux femmes ne peut ni ne doibt eftre faiet, a tout douaire, à dont faiet pour nous, au benefice du fenat-confult Vellavan, qui ly fut expofé et faict entendre en François, et à tout aultre droict introduict en la faveur des femmes, à toutes autres excepceptions, deceptions, de mal, de fraude, de barat et de tricherie, à tout et de faict, de droict, de us et de coustume, parquoy il pourroient venir contre la teneur de ces lettres, et au droict difant general renonciation il vouldrent et accordierent que toutes especiaulz necessaires et proufitables renonciations pour la confirmation de cette vente foient entenduës et comprifes, mesmement comme par eulx demeure qu'elles ne font escriptes. Et jurerent sus fains Evangiles d'abondant touchées à non venir procurer ni faire venir contre la teneur de ces lettres. En temoins de ce nous à la requeste desdicts vendeurs avons mis en ces lettres le fel de la prevofté de Paris. Ce fu faict et accordé en l'an de grace mil trois cens vint-cinc, le Vendredy derrenier jour du mois de Febvrier."

NOS AUTEM prefati Episcopi de Moreve in Scotia laudabilem affectionem, quam ipsum in hiis habere cernimus, in Domino commendantes, ut in ejus et dictorum scolarum su diocesis per eum in studio Paris fundatorum, ut prefertur, bonis operibus essici mereamur participes, emptionem rerum predictarum, que, prout per informationem de mandato nostro factam compertum extitit, site sunt in Franco alodio, et solum circa

quinquaginta libras par. annui reditûs valere nofcuntur, omnia que alia et fingula in prescriptis contenta litteris, volumus, laudamus, approbamus et nostra auctoritate regià tenore presentium confirmamus; volentes et concedentes expresse quod dicti scolares qui nune sunt et erunt pro tempore, premissa omnia teneant, habeant et possideant perpetuo pacificè, liberè et quietè, absque coactione vendendi vel extra manum fuam ponendi, aut prestandi nobis seu quibusvis successoribus nostris sinanciam propter hoc qualencumque. Que ut perpetuæ firmitatis robur obtineant, prefentes litteras appenfione figilli noftri fecimus communiri, noftro in aliis et alieno in omnibus jure falvo. Actum apud Efpiers, anno Domini M.ccc.xxvi. menfe Augusti. Signé fur le reply: Per dominum Regem. vobis prefentibus, ad relationem domini Daude Tesson. A costé est escript : Facta est collatio ; et au dos : Registrata est. Et scellé sur double queue en lacs de foye rouge et vert du grand sceau de cire verte. Pris fur une copie collationnée à l'original en parchemin le 6. May 1639. pardevant Mazzeau et Maret, notaires.

11. Transaction entre les Maistres et Escoliers du Collège du Cardinal le Moine et ceux du Collège des Ecossois.\*

(Tire des archives du College des Escossois.)

A tous ceux qui ces prefentes lettres verront et orront, Jehan de Milon garde de la prevofté de Paris, falut. Sachent tous que pardevant Jehan de Montfreart et Jehan de Bufly cleres, notaires jurez eftablis de par noûtre feigneur le Roy ou chaftelet de Paris, auxquez nous adjoutons plaine foy en ce cas et en plus grant, et efpecialement de par nous et en lieu de nous commis et euvoyez quant aux chofes qui f'eufuivent oir et feablement rapporter, furent perfonellement eftablizhounorables perfonnes fages et diferettes maiftre Symon de Mauvaiffiez maiftre en divinité, et maiftre de L'HOSTEL des efcoliers de bonne memoire le CARDINAL LE MOINE, que Dieu abfoille, maiftre Jehan Hurel prieur dudict hoftel, maiftre Jehan Dourouer bachelier en divinité, maiftre Pierre de Ergnies,

<sup>\*</sup> Bulaus, Hist. Univ. Par. v. 634, " Preuves," ad an. 1333.

maistre Jehan de Ouchié, maistre Raoul Gachart, maistre Jehan de Sars. maistre Guilliaume de Franleux, tous maistres en la faculté des arts, faifant et reprefentant la plus grant partie et la plus faine des efcolliers dudict hoftel. Lefquiez maistres muz d'un mesme accord, et affentement, tant en leurs propres noms, comme ou nom de leurs compagnons abfentz, et de leurs bonnes volontez et de eertaine fcience, fans force et fans contrainte, meuz à ce de bonne foy, quitterent, recognurent et confesserent pardevant lesdicts notaires jurez, eux avoir quitté, octroyé, cesse et transporté, et du tout en tout delaissié a touziours perpetuellement à reverent pere monfeigneur Jehan par la grace de Dieu Evesque de Morref en Escosse, à ses succesfeurs et a tous ceuls qui de luy auront eaufes, tout le droict, action, proprieté, possession, faisine et seigneurie que ieculs maistres et escolliers avoient, avoir pouvoient et devoient et entendoient à avoir comment et par quelconque caufe tiltre, droit ou raifon que ce foit ou fust, sans rien excepter, retenir ou reclamer d'ores en avant, ès heritaiges et possessions cyaprès nommez, declairiez et divifiez, feantz et eftant en plufieurs pieces et divers lieus en la ville et ou terrouer de Grify de lez Braye-le-compte-Robert, lesquiez furent Ancel de Mortery escuyer et damoifelle Jehanne fa femme, en franc alleu; premierement, un hôtel ou manoir, fi comme il fe comporte et estend de toutes parts jusq'aux bones qui sont ou jardin . . . . . lequel hostel ou manoir est appellé la Fermeté, seant en ladicte ville de Grify devant le moustier, tenant dune part au chemin devant le moustier, et aboutit par derriere et damoifelle Jehanne sa femme. Derechief 120, arpens de terre arables ou environ affis en plufieurs pieces et divers lieux oudiet terrouer de Grify: c'est assavoir un arpent et trois perches &c. . . . Tous lefquiez heritaiges et possessions dessus nommez et divifez avoient esté achetez des propres deniers de bonne memoire feu monfeigneur David jadis par la grace de Dieu évefque dudict evefchié de Morref, pour fonder et inftituer certains efcoliers de fon evefchié preudes hommes à Paris en l'hoftel et en la compagnie defdicts maistres et efcolliers: c'est affavoir pour ce que iceulx maistres ne vouloient pas recevoir avec eulx quatre efcoliers, l'un en theologie et les trois en la faculté des ars pour lesdicts heritages et possessions, qui ne valloient pas

tant que lefditz quatre efcolliers en puffent eftre fouftennuz honorablement felon leur eftat, fi comme ils difoient; et auffy enfement pourceque ledict evefque Jehan qui à prefent est, ou fon procureur pour luy et en fon nom, disoient et maintenoient contre iceulx que le proeureur dudict feu evefque David leur avoit appliqué lefdietz heritages et possessions depuis la mort dudict evefque fon maistre, laquelle chose il ne pouvoit faire, par raifon que fon pouvoir estoit failly quant au faict de fa procuration. Et avecques tout ce affermeront lesd. maistres et escolliers pardevant lesditz notaires jurez, que ils avoient presté du leur au procureur dudict evelque David deux cens et foiffante livres parifis, pour parfaire fon payement quant lefditz heritaiges et possessions furent achetez; et encore avoient fouftenn couz et frais des heritaiges et possessions deslufdictz la fomme de foiffante et dix livres parifis. Lefquelz deux cenz et foiflante livres pour caufe dudict preft, auffi les foiflante et dix livres parifis par raifon des couz et frais deffus nommez, ils avoient eu et receu par la main de honnorable homme fage et diferet M. Eftienne de S. Adrien clerc efcollier à Paris, procureur dudict evefque Jehan, fi comme ils le confesserent, et f'en tindrent entierement et bien payez pardevant lefd, notaires jurez; et en quitterent pardevant iceulx jurez abfolument à toufiours led, evefque Jehan, led. M. Eftienne fon procureur et tous ceux qui ont et auront eaufe de eux, et especiallement tous les heritaiges et possessions desfus nommez et divisiez &c. . . . . Ex tesmoing de toutes ces chofes, et que ce foit chofe ferme et stable à touzjours, nous à la relation et au rapport defd, clercs notaires jurez avons mis à ces prefentes lettres le feel de la prevofté de Paris, le Jeudy viii. jour du mois de Juillet, l'an de grace M.CCC.XXXIII.

## III. Extract from the History of Paris, as to the Foundation of the Scots College.\*\*

" David Evefque de Morevy ou Murray en Efcoffe penfoit en ce mefmetems à l'eftabliffement de quelques efcoliers de fon diocefe à Paris

<sup>\*</sup> Histoire de la Ville de Paris, composée par D. Michel Felibien: reveue, augmentée et mise au jour par D. Guy Alexis Lobineau. 5 vols. folio, Paris, 1725, i. 560.

pour y estudier dans l'Université. Ses députez achéterent pour cet effet d'Ancel de Montery escuyer et de Jeanne sa femme, la manoir de la Fermeté fitué à Grifi près des Brie-comte-Robert, et environ cent trentedeux arpens de terre et de prez aux environs, le tout tenu en franc-alleu et valant cinquante livres de rente, pour le prix de mille livres bons parifis petits que leur paya Adam Herért treforier de l'eglife de Murray; et les vendeurs, pour gage de la garantie, obligérent tous leurs autres biens, et particulierement leur terre de Mincy-lez-Melun, qu'ils tenoient en fief de Pierre Bourdori escuyer. Hugues de Crusi, garde de la prevosté de Paris. fit mettre le sceau de la prevosté à l'acte le 28. Fevrier 1325. L'intention de l'Evefque de Murray effoit que les efcoliers de fon diocefe fuffent reçus à l'hoftel fondé par le Cardinal le Moine, à cofté des Bonsenfans, au Chardonnet. Le roy Charles le Bel approuva la vente et en accorda l'amortiflement à l'evefque de Murray, par fes lettres patentes du mois d'Aouft 1326. Le college du Cardinal le Moine avoit aidé le treforier de Murray à faire cet acqueft, tant en lui prestant de quoi parfaite la fomme de mille livres, qu'en avançant quelques frais neceffaires. Tant a cette confideration, que pour fe conformer a l'intention de l'Evefque David, les terres de Grifi avoient efté données au college du Cardinal le Moine, et ou y avoit reçu quatre boursiers Escossois, un theologien, et trois artiftes. Quelques années aprés Jean Evefque de Murray pretendit que le treforier avoit passé fon pouvoir en attribuant ces terres de Grifi au college du Cardinal du Moine; et de leur cofte ceux du college pretendirent que la rente de cinquante livres n'eftoit pas fuffifante pour l'entretien des quatre bourfiers. La conclusion fut que le college rendit les terres à l'evefque Jean, et que les quatre bourfiers Efcoffois fussent congediez, comme il fe voit par un acte du 8. Juillet 1333, rendu autentique par Jean de Milon garde de la prevofté de Paris. Dans la fuite les efcoliers Efcotfois furent eftablis dans une maifon de la ruë des Amandiers avant entrée fur le collège des Graffins. Cette maifon appartient encore au college, et portoit autrefois le nom de College des Escossois. En 1560, lorsque la religion Catholique fut esteinte en Escosse, et que les univerfitez de ce royaume furent tombées entre les mains des heritiques, il ne resta plus que cette ancienne fondation de Murray pour l'eduxxxvi

cation des catholiques d'Efcosle. C'est pourquoi dés l'an 1566. Thomas Vvinterhop principal du college préfenta requeste à la reine Marie Stuart douairiere de France et alors regente en Efcosse, pour la folliciter d'augmenter le revenue du collège et le nombre des étudians. Cette princesse refpondit favorablement à la requefte; et quoique la revolution qui arriva l'année fuivante en Efcoffe et fa prifon en Angleterre, qui en fut la fuite, l'empefchassent de donner en cette occasion d'aussi grandes marques qu'elle eust voulu de fon amour pour la religion et pour la lettres, elle ne laissa pas, durant sa prison, d'augmenter le nombre des estudians, en leur donnant des penfions annuelles; et du peu de bien qui lui reftoit à fa mort, elle feur laissa quelque chose par son testament. Ce sut principalement à la follicitation de Jacques de Bethune archevefque de Glafco en Escosse, et ambassadeur d'Escosse en France, que cette reine se porta à encourager à l'étude fes fujets establis a Paris, afin de former des ecclefiaftiques propres à fouftenir ce qui reftoit de la religion catholique dans fon royaume. Ce fut dans la mesme veuë que cet archevesque laissa en mourant tout ce qui lui reftoit de biens, pour faire une nouvelle fondation en faveur des Efcoflois eftudians dans l'univerfité de Paris. Il mourut le 25. Avril 1603, et fut enterré dans la chapelle de la Vierge à S. Jean de Latran à Paris, où l'on voit fon monument avec des inferiptions rapportées dans les antiquite de du Breul. L'archevefque de Glafgo laisse cette fondation fous la direction et l'intendance des prieurs des Chartreux de Paris, pour avoir feuls la nomination des fuperieurs et des bourfiers, et entendre les comptes de chaque année; ce qui a toujours effe executé depuis. Les boursiers de cette feconde fondation demeurerent en mesme maison et sous la mesme discipline que ceux de l'ancienne sondation de Grify; mais ils eurent leurs biens feparez, jufqu'a l'an 1639. que les deux fondations furent unies dans un feul et mefine college, par une ordonnance de Jean-François de Gondi archevefque de Paris, confirmée par lettres patentes du roy Louis XIII. du mois de Decembre fuivant, verifiées en parlement le 1. Septembre 1640. Et comme il n'y a plus en depuis plufieurs années d'evefque catholique de Murray, il n'y a plus eu depuis cette union, aucune diffinction entre les bourfiers de l'une et de l'autre fondation, qui ent tous vescu sous la direction du prieur des

Chartreux. En 1662, pour mettre ces efcoliers plus au large, Robert Barclay, alors principal, acheta une place fur les anciens foffez de Saint Victor, joignant d'un cofté des peres de la Doctrine Creftienne, et de l'autre les religieuses Angloises, sur laquelle il sit faire le nouveau bastiment qui fert à prefent de college où il y a cour, jardin, et toutes les autres commoditez necessaires à des etudians. Ce bastiment, tout de pierres de taille, ne fut achevé qu'en 1665. La chapelle fut baftie en 1672. Elle est aussi toute de pierres de taille, voutée, et d'une architecture reguliere. Elle est dedice a S. André Apostre patron d'Escosse, et fut baftie par les foins du mefme Barclai, qui y est enterré. Il y a dans cette chapelle un trés-beau monument érigé à la memoire de Jacques II. roy de la Graude Bretagne, qui a donné à cette maifon des Memoirs escrits de sa main, que l'ou y conferve religieusement. Le duc de Perth, qui fit la despense de ce monument, choifit sa sepulture tout auprès dans la mesme chapelle, et y est enterré sous une tombe de marbre blanc. Ce fut à la priere du mesme roy Jacques II. que le roy Louis XIV. accorda le 15. Decembre 1688, de nouvelles lettres patentes pour le collège des Efcoffois, dans lefquelles, après avoir rapporté la premiere fondation faite en 1325, par David évefque de Murray, la feconde faite en 1603, par Jacques archevesque de Glasgo, et l'union des deux faite en 1639. S. M. voulant donner en cette rencontre des marques de fon zele pour la foy C. A. et R. et de fa confideration qu'elle a pour le roy de la Grande Bretagne, confirme, autorife et fupplée ce qui peut manquer à l'ancien establissement du collège des Escossois, située presentement sur l'ancien fossé de S. Victor, ruë Doctrine Chrestienne, tant pour élever et former des ecclefiaftiques missionaires pour envoyer au royaume d'Escoffe, que pour l'éducation de la jeunesse d'Escosse à la science et à la vertu. Veut que ce collège demeure toujours uni à l'univerfité de Paris, comme il a efté par le paffé, et qu'il joüiffe des mesmes privileges, droits et prerogatives dont jouissent les autres colleges de l'université; que les prieurs de la Chartreuse de Paris en soient les seuls et perpetuels fuperieurs; qu'il y ait un principal, un procureur de la nation d'Escosse, des boursiers et escoliers tous nez Escossois, fans qu'on y en puisse admettre d'autres, qu'ils jouissent pleinement et paisiblement du

baftiment, de la chapelle et de l'enclos du college, comme il fe comporte, ayant vingt-fept toifes ou environ de face fur la ruë et vingt-fept toifes ou environ de profondeur, le tout amorti de nouveau par ces lettres; enfin qui le principal et le procureur et ceux qui leur fuccederont, foient reputez vrais et naturels fujets du roy et regnicoles, et en cette qualité puissent possedent des benefices et offices dans le royaume de France, fans avoir befoin de lettres de naturalité. Ces lettres furent enregistrées au parlement le 12. Juillet 1679, et à la chambre des comptes le 23, du mesme mois."

## IV. Extract from Crevier's History of the University of Paris.\*

Les bourfes Ecoffois furent fondées à Paris en 1326, par David Evêque de Murrai en Ecoffe, et nous avons dans nos regitres un acte qui fait foi de la fondation d'une nouvelle bourfe pour la même Nation fous l'année 1359.† Cet établissement devint plus cher et plus precieux que jamais depuis l'extinction de l'exercice public de la Religion Catholique dans ce royaume, en 1560. Marie Stuart l'aida et le foutint de fa prifon même Jacques de Béthune archevêque de Glascou l'augmenta. Le demeure des boursiers n'a pas toujours été la même. Elle fut sixée en 1662, au lieu qui est main tenant le Collége des Ecoffois dans la rue des Fossès de S. Victor. Ce Collége bâti alors à neuf, orné d'une Chapelle élégamment construite, se foutient sous nos yeux par une bonne discipline dans un état qui fait honneur a l'Université.

## V. Lettres Patentes en faveur du Collège des Ecossois. +

Du xii. Juillet, M.DC.LXXXIX. Veu par la Cour les lettres patentes du Roy données à Verfailles le xv. Decembre M.DC.LXXXVIII. fignées

<sup>\*</sup> Hist, de l'Université de Paris, depuis son origine jusqu'en l'année 1600, par M. Crevier. Paris, 1761, ii. 281.

<sup>†</sup> Hist. de Paris, i. 560. Hist. Un. Par. iv. 349.

<sup>‡</sup> Hist. Univ. Par. (Bulæus,) v. 236, " Preuves," ad an. 1689.

Louis, et fur le reply: par le Roy, Colbert, et feellées en lacs de foie du grand fceau de cire verte, obtenuës par les principal, procureur, bourfiers et escolliers du College des Escossois en l'Universite de Paris, par lefquelles, pour les caufes y contenuës, ledit feigneur Roy auroit confirmé, et en tant que besoin est ou seroit, de nouveau auctorizé et suppléé par lefdites lettres ce qui pouvoit manquer à l'ancien establissement du College des Escossois fitué presentement sur l'ancien fosse Saint Victor, dit ruë Doctrine Chrestienne, tant pour élever et former des ecclesiastiques miffionaires pour envoyer au royaume d'Efcoffe, que pour l'Education de la jeunesse dudit pays à la science et à la vertu; veut ledit seigneur Roy que ledit College foit et demeure toujours uni à l'Université de Paris comme il a esté par le passé, et qu'il jouïsse des mesmes privileges, droits et prerogatives que les autres Colleges de ladite Université, et ainsi que plus au long le contiennent lesdites lettres à la Cour addressantes; veu aussi le consentement donné à l'enregistrement d'icelles par le Recteur de l'Univerfité de Paris, du viii. du present mois de Juillet; et la requeste prefentée à ladite Cour à l'effet d'enregistrement; conclusions du procureur general du Roy; ouy le rapport de M. René le Meufnier confeiller; tout confideré, LA Cour a ordonné et ordonne que lesdites lettres sont enregistrées au gresse d'icelle, pour jour par les impetrans et ceux qui leur fuccederont audit College de leur effet et contenu, et estre executées felou leur forme et teneur.

Before closing this Prefatory Notice, the Editor would farther wish to preserve a brief memorandum of certain proceedings of the French National Assembly, in relation to these Establishments, which may perhaps ultimately lead to farther discoveries. On June 5, 1790, Lord Robert Fitzgerald, then the British Minister Plenipotentiary, presented a Memorial, claiming an exemption from the decree of the National Assembly in favour of the Scots and Irish Colleges at Paris, setting forth that these endowments had not been French, but British, from the beginning; and that their property had been purchased with money carried from

Scotland and Ireland.\* And on 23d October of the same year, the Report of the Ecclesiastical Committee gave in their account of the English, Scotish, and Irish Religious Establishments, in France. They then amounted to Twenty-eight in number, including Monasteries, Convents, and Colleges; and the sum total of their revenues extended to Three hundred and twenty-nine thousand livres, of which more than one-third was expended in charges of various kinds, and out of it were maintained about Fifteen hundred individuals, including Professors, Students, and Religious. The Assembly passed a decree for their being continued in their existing situation, under certain modifications. At the same sitting, the claim of the Irish College of St Omer for a pension of Six thousand livres was referred to the Committee of Finances.†

The Editor is in possession of various important Papers relative to the Families of Nithedale, Maxwell, and Herries, which he had at one time intended to have presented in the shape of an Appendix to this volume. He readily abandoned that plan, as soon as it was suggested to him that it would be more acceptable to the Members were he to communicate them to the Editor of the forthcoming Miscellary of the Abbotsford Club, a collection which promises to be equally honourable to our Association, as assuredly it will be valuable and important as a series of rare Documents and Papers from original sources, illustrative of the History and Antiquities of Scotland.

ROBERT PITCAIRN.

EDINBURGH, 50, Castle Street, December 26, 1836.

<sup>\*</sup> Scots Mag. lii. June 1790.]

#### POSTSCRIPT.

23d January 1837.

Since the above Prefatory Notice was printed, the Editor's friend, James Maidment, Esquire, has obligingly pointed out to him an interesting entry in the Minutes of the Faculty of Advocates, relating to the Manuscript Collections of the Scots College at Paris, which had recently fallen under his observation. Owing to the very limited impression of the Antiquarian Miscellany\* to which Mr Maidment had originally communicated these papers, it has been thought proper to annex a copy of them to this Preface.

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Edinburgh, 5th August 1771.

The Librarian informed the Curators, that Mr Adam† of the High School was to fet out in a day or two for Paris: that he was humbly of opinion it was a proper opportunity of writing to Mr Gordon, Principal of the Scots College, and of getting from him a lift of fuch of the MSS, under his care as relate to the Hiftory, the Antiquities, or the Laws of this country. The Curators approved, and ordered the following letter to be wrote, and fent to Principal Gordon:—

Sir,—Senfible of the great civilities, and the many other obliging things which you have from time to time done to our countreymen, and of the great readiness to encourage learning, and learned focieties, which you show upon every occasion, we are fully perfuaded that your goodness will excuse us for giving you the trouble of this letter.

<sup>\*</sup> Analecta Scotica, 8vo. pp. 410, Edin. 1834.

<sup>†</sup> Afterwards Dr Alexander Adam, the late learned and laborious Rector of the High School of Edinburgh.

As Curators of the Advocates' Library at Edinburgh, we confider it our duty to embrace every opportunity of adding to our collection any thing that may ferve to illustrate the History, the Antiquities, or the Laws of the ancient kingdom of Scotland; and as, doubtlefs, there must be many original and other valuable MSS. relating to those subjects in your library, it would be very obliging if you would cause a note of the most ancient and valuable of them to be made and transmitted to us, either by the bearer, Mr Alexander Adam, a man of learning and of worth, or in any other way that you shall think most proper. When we are possessed of the above note, and shall have compared it with the MSS. already in our library, we will be able to point out such of them as we would wish to have copies of; and, if it is consistent with the rules and regulations of your library, to allow of transcripts to be made of such as we shall choose, we will request that favour; which will not only be a valuable acquisition to our library, but a great fervice to this kingdom.

Mr John Gordon,
Principal of the Scots College
in Paris.

DAV. DALRYMPLE.
Jo. SWINTON.
ROBT. CULLEN.
J. MacLaurin.\*

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Advocates' Library, 28th October 1771.

SEDERUNT,—Mr Dav. Dalrymple, Sen. Curat.
Mr John Mac Laurin.

THE Librarian informed the Curators that Mr Adam, who fome weeks ago had taken the trouble of a letter from them to Principal Gordon, in Paris, was now returned, and that he had brought the Principal's answer

<sup>\*</sup> All the above Curators subsequently became Senators of the College of Justice, under the honorary titles of Lords Westhall, Swinton, Cullen, and Dreghorn.

to their letter. The letter having been read, was ordered to be entered in their minutes. The tenor of the letter is as follows:—

GENTLEMEN.

I received the honour of your letter of the 6th August, by Mr Alexander Adam, whom I found to be what you fay, a man of worth and of learning.

I shall be very glad to have it in my power to oblige the Curators of the Advocates' Library at Edinburgh, in gratifying their laudable defire of adding to their collection whatever may ferve to illustrate the History, the Antiquities, or Laws of Scotland. The MSS, in our Library relate to the reigns of James Seventh, James Sixth, Queen Mary, and to those of prior kings. Of the MSS, relating to James Seventh's reign, I can caufe no note to be made and transmitted to you, at present; much less can any transcripts be allowed to be taken, as they are only deposited in our Library, and cannot be made publick without a license from him to whom they belong. The Collection of Papers written during James the Sixth's and Mary's reigns, in fourteen thick volumes, folio, confifts principally of letters to Beaton, Archbishop of Glafgow, their Ambassador at Paris, feveral of which are in cyphers. The other Papers, in two volumes, quarto, are Charters granted by different perfons, one in particular by a fon of Malcolm Canmore to the Church of Glafgow.\* Of this collection an exact copy was fent fome time ago to the University of Glafgow. I hope you will find this fhort account fatiffactory; if any thing more be required, I shall be always ready to give you all the information I can .- I am, with the greatest regard,

## GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient humble fervant.

JOHN GORDON.

Paris, 11th September 1771.

<sup>\*</sup> The original Chartulary of Glasgow.



## HISTORIE

OF THE

# REIGNE OF MARIE QUEEN OF SCOTS.

WE shall now enter into a time full of distempers, and shall see a child crowned. Our Queen, who, by the miffortunes of the time, and rebellions of her wicked subjects, shall be involved in a wordle [world] of cares and tumults, till at length she shall be splitt upon a rock, as the end of all her miseries. We shall see rebellions raised and somented under the colour of religion. The pretence shall be against the authoritie of the Pope in this kingdome; but the aim shall be to trample under foot the trone and civil power, which shall rage with violence in all this Queen's time, untill the first scene be acted: And from that, untill these our times, it shall never leave closs working; then shall again burst out like an impetous torrent, untill the last act be likeways completed, which we now have seen with our eyes. In a word, we shall see nothing in all this Queen's raigne but a trubled state, a factious nobilitie, tumults amongst the gentrie, and the commons madd!

Before the King died, by perfwafion of Cardinal Beatoune, he fubcryved dyvers papers which the Cardinal keept with himfelf; and now, after the King is dead, there is a commission produced by way of testament, wherein, under the King's hand, the Cardinal is nominat cheif Governor of the Queen and kingdome, with three noblemen, affessors; of which number the Earle of Arran is one. This commission was mightilie impunged, and it was alledged that the Cardinal had onlie caused the King fubfcryve that paper, blank, amongft others, and that he had filled it up by himfelf; at leaft, one Henrie Balfour had done it at his direction. The Cardinal, feeing factions alreddie to ryfe, made haft, and first he procures the good will of the Queen mother, and then proclaims an edict for election of four under Regents.

The Earle of Arran was next heir to the croune, and a man of a quiet temper, and of himfelf peaceablic anuff inclyned; who, being one of thefe affelfors nominat by the King, was well pleafed to take the next beft place to the Cardinal, his own coufing german; but his friends were factious, and defirous of innovations: They infufed many things in his head. They faid that he is next to the croune, the first man of the kingdome, and has many friends; that it was a shame to let a priest have the government of the Queen and whole kingdome; that it were good for him to have the possession of the government, whatsoever should fall out; that the Queen was but few days old, and was to go through many hazards before she came to age, &c. &c. These suggestions tooke root, and he harkned to them. So many, thinking upon a revolution, and to start in tyme, formed presentlie, and made Arran head of this faction.

King Henrie of England, in this tyme, having heard of King James his death, thought to make ufe [of] thefe Scots noblemen, prifoners, to his beft advantadge. At first they were put in the Towr, but thereafter inlarged, and upon paroll were put feverallie to noblemen's houses. He now fends for them to Whitehall, and offers them freelie their libertie, if they will procure a match betwixt their young Queen and his fone, Prince Edward. They undertake to doe their endevours, so farr as might stand with the honor of their cuntrie, and the young Queen. So they take leave, with this condition, that they shall give in pledges at Newcastle to the Duke of Norfolk, that if they shall not procure the business to be done, they shall returne themselves again prisoners. Archibald Earle of Angus, and his brother George Dowglass, after sisteen years' banishment, returned with them.

The Cardinal at the beginning forfaw a florm, and (as is faid) made haft with a Convention, wherein he was eftablished Regent. But now, upon the returne of these prisoners, and the Dowglass, there was present-

lie another Convention, in which the Cardinal was deposed, and the Earle of Arran was made Regent in his place. There were feverall forts of people that wrought this revolution, and for two feverall ends;—one fort refolved to ftryke in tymouflie with Arran, who they faw was next heir to the croune, and they imagined, directlie, that he would fucceed, either by the death of the child, or fome other fatalitie that might fall out, in fo long time;—the other fort were those who affected the new doctrin, and affifted willinglie to thruft downe both the Cardinal and all the reft of the clergie. There followed a parliament upon the thirteenth day of March, unto which Sir Rauff Sadler came Ambaffador from the King of England. He defyred that a firme peace might be concluded betwixt the two kingdoms, and demanded the young Queen in marriage for the Prince of Wales. [The] Queen mother and the Cardinal opposed the propositions with all their power, and was verie lyke, by the Cardinal's wifdome and gravitie, to ftop the bufinefs. But the Regent commanded the Cardinal to remove (and fome fays fent him to Dalkeith, prifoner), untill that the vots were taken, and the propositions agreed unto. Whereupon pledges were appointed to be fent up to London, for performance. After this, the Cardinal was transported to Seatoun; from whence he made an efcape.

Thefe things, being carried by force, could not hold long; for the nobilitie, confidering what was done; how a league was made with England, and the antient league with our old friends the French broke; how they had promifed away their Queen, and the whole kingdom with her, to their antient ennemies; how relligion was certanlie to be altered, and greater confusion then ever was lyke to ryfe; they faw likeways the verie common people contemned their actions, and cryed out both upon them and the English ambassador, whom they railed upon to his face, and with many indignities affronted daylie. Many noblemen then, and in special those who were prisoners, and had left their sons and friends pledges for them in England, repented their hastic conclusion. They consulted with the Queen mother and the Cardinal, by whose advyse a meeting was appointed of all those who adhered to the antient league with France, and loved best the relligion of their fathers; where, by a general confent,

they refolve to crofs the busines, and retard the deliverie of the pledges promifed; which was fo cunninglie wrought that it tooke effect; for by no means the Regent could perform that part of the agreement, although the first and most material.

When King Henrie underftood of this demurr, he raged and vowed to force us to keep these conditions made with his ambassador. He first arrests all the Scots ships that were within his power; then he imprisones the pledges, and denounces warr. The Earle of Cassils is noted the onlie man of all the prisoners who resulted to signe with the rest. He preferred the love of his brothers whom he left pledges, before the love to his cuntrie. He onlie appeared, and rendered himself again to releave his brothers; and King Henrie, to gratise him in publick, dismissed both him and his brothers frielie.

Now, warr being expected from England, it was eafie to know on which partie the weight and burthen would light. Those who were the authors of this match expected it, and might be fure they were not onlie to efteem the English their ennemies, but they stood in greater fear of their own cuntrie-men, who were combyned. Whereupon they difpatch letters to France; wherin they inform the King of all—in what danger the friedom of the cuntrie, the young Queen, the antient relligion, the croune, and the whole friends of the croune were into. They defyred and implored his affiftance, without which they were not able to fubfift; they defyred, above all, that Mathew Earle of Lenox might be fent over to be a head to their partie. He was fone to John Earle of Lennox, killed at Lithgou, one who was much in the affections of the people, for the antient faim and actions of his hous, and for the memorie of his father, who was the people's darling; one who was bred a Roman Catholick, without tincture of this new doctrin; and one whome they perfwaded themselves wold be an utter ennemie to the Hamiltouns, who killed his father. They mantained, directlie, that it was his place, by blood, to take the charge and government of the cuntrie upon him; because the Earle of Arran (they faid plainlie) was a baftard, for he was begotten upon a fecond wyff, which his father tooke in his first wyve's lyftyme, which first wyff he still kept in his hous; and had the first place of the second at all tymes (excepting his bed), and was called by the name of the old Lady, whome meerlie he caft off because she was barren. So, Arran being a bastard, this Mathew was not onlie nearest lawful heir to the cronne, but was also lawfull heir to Arran's father; which wold be made good, if Arran was supprest.

The Governor has adverteifment of all this, and thinking to prevent these plotts, he resolves to sease upon the young Queen, as yet at Lithgou in her mother's custodie; but the Cardinal, having gote notice of this, coms with a great many noblemen of his faction to Lithgou, where they ly as a guard, untill the arrival of the Earle of Lennox, which shortlie followed; who, immediathic upon his landing, he makes his first addres to the Governor at Edinburgh, whom he saluted with a complement. Then he goes to Lithgou, where he met with the Cardinal and his friends, and opened to them the conditions that were offred to bring him here; which were, that the government of the cuntrie and the Queen mother in marriage was promised, under their hands; that he was come over with full affurance of affistance from France, and now defyred that things might be performed. This being done, he saluted the young Queen, after his friends were slockt unto him, being now four thousand strong.

The Governor, in the mean tyme, determines with all his friends at Edinburgh, and refolves to force his way; but fynding himfelf overpowered, he was content to harken to an agriement. Upon this, commiffioners from both fydes meet at Kirkliftoune, where it was agried that the Queen shall be carried to Stirlin, and delyvered to the custodie of four nentrall Lords—the Earle of Montrose, the Lords Erskin, Lyndsay, and Livistoune—and a parliament was convened at Stirlin, upon the nineteenth day of August 1543, where the young Queen was crownd by the hands of the Cardinal in presence of the Governor, who affisted, and all the nobilitie. And soon afterward the Governor, either fynding his power too weake to oppose Lennox, who he knew had the favor of most pairt of the nobilitie, or repenting himself of his former actions, made a publick recantation of any opinions he had mantain'd contrarie to the Roman Church; and in the Franciscan Church, at Stirlin, he was received by the Cardinal again unto the Catholick profession.

The Earle of Lennox fies how matters are carried, and how the government is lyke to continue in the Earle of Arran's hands, thinks that both the Queen mother and the Cardinal's refolutions are turned an other way, whereupon he refolves to fute performance of the marriadge. He preffes [the] Queen mother and the Cardinall that he may enjoy that for which he had taken fo much pains. In this mean tyme the Earle of Bothwell, a gallant young gentlman, was newlie returned from banishment, high-mynded and afpyring. He amed likewayes at marriage with [the] Queen mother; whom, being put by his hopes, he had left the court and reteared; and the fute of this young lord was, possiblie, an other reafon that hafted Lennox to have things performed. But whither it was difaffection in the Queen mother to the perfon of the man, or was it out of flate policie, agried upon betwixt her and the Cardinall, the conditions were deferred; and Lennox marrieng [the] Queen mother put of, from one tyme to another, by many delayes. In the mean tyme, lettres were fent over to France, both from [the] Queen mother and the Cardinall, by which they gave many thanks to the King, by whose affiftance the affairs of this kingdom were fettled; and humblie beg'd him not to leave them yet, but to fend them his help hereafter to profecute the bufinefs to an end. Their greatest defyre was, that he wold be pleafed to recall the Earle of Lennox, whom they now found to grow factious, and by appearance a trubler of the flate.

Lennox all this whyle freats and rages that performance is delayed. He layes the blame upon the Cardinall, and vowes to be revenged. He fies the Governor not onlie to keep the place, but he fies the Queen mother and the Cardinall refpect him as one that they mynded to make ufe off, and himfelf neglected. Whereupon he reteares to Dumbartain, and profeffes open enmitie against the Cardinall. He had newlie receaved from France thirty thousand crowns, which was to be disposed upon by advyse of [the] Queen mother and the Cardinall. This he makes good use off now. He divyds a pairt amongst his friends, sends a small summ to the Queen mother, and with the rest he wages foldyers. Thus, the Earle of Lennox has declared himself in opposition to the Cardinall, wherein he quicklie gets affistance. The people are naturally factious,

and were glad of this occasion. Two forts of men troup unto him—those who loved innovation, and those who affected the new doctrin, even those same people that formerlie fyded with and favoured the Governor and hated the Cardinall; who, together with his own friends, were estimated to no less than ten thousand men; and with this army he marched the streight way to Leith.

[The] Queen mother and the Cardinall, hearing of these preparations. confult with the Governor, who lykewayes leavied an army in all the haft he could, with which he refolved to march from Edinburgh to Glafgou, where he thought to have furpryfed Lennox before he had been reddie but (as is faid) Lennox was foonest reddie, and was at Leith before they knew fo much. His pretence was against the Cardinall, who he blamed for all, and would feem to make the quarrell particular against him; yet, being come to Leth, he fends up to Edinburgh to the Governor, and shewes that to ease his pains he is come this length, and reddie to fight; but the Governor, by the Cardinall's advyfe, strove to drift tyme, and make delayes, for he fuspected that Lennox armie, which confifted all of voluntar men, wold not keep long together; and means was likewayes used by secret correspondences to draw division amongst them. These things were fo handfomlie acted, that Lennox foon found its effects; whereupon he then defyred that things might be composed. This proposition was accepted, and Lennox went up to Edinburgh himself to treat matters in his own perfone; who was kindlie receaved, and flaved fome days, with very great demonstrations of friendship. But upon a fudden he takes leave, pretending to goe to Lithgou to fpeake with fome friends; from whence he goes directlie to Glafgou, takes up the caftle that belongs to the bifhop, and mans it with a garrifone, and then goes to Dumbar-The Governor, hearing of this, takes his march likewayes to Glafgou. In his way he mett with the Earle of Angus, betwixt whome a fure friendship was made up, conditions agried upon, and pledges delyvered upon either fyd, for fecuritie. For the Governor was delyvered his brother, the Mafter of Glencairne; and the Earl of Angus gave his eldeft fon, the Mafter of Angus, George; who were both kept still, untill the comming of the English armie.

The Governor having ended these things, he marches to Glasgou; and here the Earle of Angus and the Lord Maxwell interposes themselves as mediators, betwixt the Governor and Lennox, and were both sent prisoners to Hammiltoum—but the original does not show a clear cause.

The King of England intends to take his advantage, in the tyme of thefe intestin trubles, and fends down a herault to Edinburg; who first demanded the custodie of the young Queen, according to conditions agried upon; and then he turns to the magistrats of the toun, and expoftulats with them thefe abuses which the last ambassador receaved by the tours people, and thretned them with a rigorous reveng. The herault is fearfe returned, when King Henrie fent a fleet of fhips, with a land armie (which he had prepared for France) about the coast; and before any notice was had, they had cast anchor anent Wordie eastle, about a myle above Leth. This fleet confifted of two hundreth fail, and was commanded by the Earle Hartfoord, who immediatlie upon the third day of May 1544, landed ten thousand men, and marches to Leth; which toune they took without any opposition. The Governor and Cardinall are both in Edinburgh at this tyme, and were much aftonished at this fudden furpryfe. They know that Edinburgh is not defenfible, and they know the caftle is not provided to keep out a long feidge. They doe therefore refolve to treat. Whereupon they direct Mr Adam Ottorburne, the provoft, and two of the balves doune to Hartfoord to know the reasone of his invasion, and withall to shew that they are willing that commissioners be appointed to eognosce upon any injuries that Scotland has done, and are reddie to make reparation, if any just cause of offence be given. The Earle of Hartfoord answered, That he had no commission to treat; that his orders were to take reveng upon the kingdom for the affronts done to the King's ambaffador, but in special upon Edinburgh, and the toune of Leth, until they absolutlie submitt to his master's pleafure.

Upon the report of this answer, the Governor and Cardinall retears the ftreight way to Lithgou, to take counfel what to doe in this fudden buffiness. Order is prefentlie fent, to set the Earle of Angus and the Lord Maxwell at libertie; and the pledges you heard on, betwixt the

Governor and Angus, were fried. The English, in the mean while, refreches there foldiers at Leith three days, and then marches up to vew Edinburgh; and fent a strong partie up the Cannogat, thinking to enter the toune without refistance. But the Nether-bow was ftronglie barricaded, and mantained with a guard; who gave fyre upon the English and killed one captain, and fome common foldiers. Whereupon the English partie reteared. But upon the morrow the whole armie drew out of Leth with their great guns, and marched straight up the Cannogate, and without any opposition entred the town, went the direct way toward the caftle; and here they planted fome of there cannon, and played upon the caftle. The captain of the caftle did his dutie, for he answered them with his guns from within. He killed and hurt many, and difmonted fome of there ordinance, and forced them to retear. In there retreat they fett fyre in the toune, and then fell out upon the cuntrie, where they burnt many villages and houses. The next day they returned to Edinburgh, and again fett fyre in the toune, and burnt most pairt of the Cannogate. Then they fett fyre in all the quarters of Leth, and went aboard their ships; and with the first wind they were gone.

In this tyme the King of France is fufficiently informed concerning the Earle of Lennox, how he has carried himfelf in Scotland; and moreover many complaints and informations against him, all drawn up by the Governor and Cardinall, and backt there by the Cardinall of Lorrain, and the Duke of Guife. He was throughlie inform'd how he was now turned the head of a faction, a trubler of the flate, and is turned in profession with these of the new doctrin. The king was mightilie moved at these informations, and professed himself displeased. Whereupon he committs the Lord Obignie (the Earl of Lennox brother) prifoner, and denuds them both of there effate and penfion. Lennox was foone acquainted with these proceedings in France, and wryts over to King Francis long letters, in his excufe; endeavouring to make all thefe informations appear falfe, and calumnies given out by his enemies, who traduced his actions to difgrace him at his majefties hands. Then he made relation of all the good offices he had done in this kingdome; how by his means factions were supprest, and the Queen put in securitie, &c. &c. These letters were sent by John Campbell, his oun servant, whom the king caused committ prisoner, and resused to answer the letters. He refused to give hearing to a petition which Lennox sent over, by which he desyred licence to come to France, and enjoy that estate which he had sometime possess that which he had sometime possess that which he had sometime possess to be a petition of the king's protection.

So foone as the English were gone, the Governor draws together a number of men beyond the Granthevan mountains, with whom he comes doune to Glafgou; and upon a fudden befeedges the castle, which in short time he took by surrender; and afterward hanged all he found within, bearing arms, excepting two; which his contrarie partie averred to be against the articles of capitulation.

Lennox fynding himfelf now much overpowered by the Governor, refolved to goe to England and procure affiftance from that king; and upon this he apovnts with his friends the Earle of Glencairn and the reft, to meet at Glafgou, upon a day agried on, and with all there ftrength, first to fall upon the Nether Ward of Cliddisdaill, the Hamiltoun's lands; and after they had spoiled it, to march together to England. The Governor, upon intelligence, thought to prevent this meeting, and take up the toune before the day prefixt; but Glencairne was alreddie in the toune; and with eight hundred men of his owen, and thefe of the toune that favored him, he drew out and fought the Governor and all his forces; but by the help of the Lord Boyd, who brought in fresh men to the Governor in the time of the fight, he was totallie beaten and routed. There died on both fyds three hundred men; whereof most pairt were of the Cunninghams, and that partie. This overthrow did mightilie difcouradge them, and they refolved no more to oppose the Hamiltons, by force; whom they faw was too ftrong for them, and was lyke to carie the bufines. Whereupon the whole gentrie fell off, and everie man made his own conditions for pardone. Lennox himfelf, not daring to pass through the cuntrie by land, gives the keeping of the caftle of Dumbartain to George Stirlin, takes shipping and goes to England by sea. The King of England receaved him with all honor; and within fhort tyme gave him to wyff his owen fifter-doughter, the Lady Margaret Douglas, the doughter of the Earle of Angus, and halfe-fifter to King James the Fyfth.

The Earle of Lennox being thus gone, a parliament was called at

Lithgou, where he is declared trator, his goods and lands forfaulted, and most pairt of all his affisters were fyned in fums of money.

The English, in this tyme, are not idle. They breake over the Border and makes ineurfions, fpoyles the Mers, and the lower pairts of Tiviotdaill; they burne Kelfo and Jedburgh, and both there abbayes; from thence they goe to Coldinghame, and thrust a strong garrison in that place. The Governor rafes eight thousand men, with onlie eight days provision; and with these, in the heart of winter, he marches and lyes doune before Coldinghame; and with fome canon which he had brought with him he batters the fteeple. But, in the midft of his bufines, the Governor one night takes fuddenlie hors and pofts to Dumbar. His ennemies did attribut this to want of couradge, or els a pannick fear; but himfelf faid he did it upon a difcoverie of treasone against his perfone, in the camp. However it was, he left the camp, and wold not returne. This gave occasion to the whole armie to breake unorderlie, and in fuch confusion that they left the cannon to be taken by the enemie, if the Earle of Angus had not engadged himfelf, and with great couradge and skill brought them safe to Dumbar.

This gave fo much encouradgment to the English, that within short tyme afterward, Sir Rauff Evers and Sir Brian Latton entred the Mers with fome troops rafed in the Border, and without any refiftance they overunn the whole cuntrie. Tiviotdaill and Lauderdaill fell lykewayes within the compass of there furie. They burnt a hous called Broomhous, with man, woman, and beaft; all that was within were turned to ashes. The terror was fo great that the whole people within these cuntries either fled or fubmitted. This good fucces filled thefe two English knights with conceat of a poffibilitie to make conqueft of the whole cuntrie. Whereupon they made their addres to the King, and first prefents unto him the victorie they had over the Scots; and then they defyre a commission to invade the kingdome of Scotland, and a Patent under the great feell, that what lands they shall conquer within Scotland that they shall brook it as their owen; which the King by the advyse of the Duke of Northfolk granted. Then, having brought there commiffion, they return to the Lower cuntries [Netherlands] and rafes three

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thousand men in pay; with whome, together with there owen friends and volontiers, they again crofs Tweed.

The Earle of Angus did first recent these injuries; for he, being the greatest man in these pairts, had receaved greatest harme; and now, hearing of this new ftorme, he makes his addres to the Governor, and with much regrate layes the miferies of the cuntrie before him. The Governor was verie fenfible of the people's fuffering, and expresses his willingnes to act; but fears the disobedience of some, who were turbulent fpirits. But necessitie forces them to conclude fomewhat. So, by the Earle of Angus advyfe, a Convention is called, who put out proclamation, commanding all men on the fouth fyde of Forth to ryfe (that were betwixt fixty or fixteen years of age) and to come provvded, to attend the Governor. The randevous was appointed at Melros, whither the Governor went with the Earle of Angus and onlie three hundred hors in there companie. The enemie refolved to anticipat this day of randevous, and before the cuntrie should come, they wold attempt upon the Governor. Whereupon with the bodie of there armie they come over the Border, and marches directlie to Melros. In the mean tyme, Norman Leflie (he that afterward killed the Cardinall) came from Fyffe with three hundred gentlemen, all voluntiers; and Walter Scot of Bucklewgh cam lykewayes with five hundred cuntrie people. But the Governor, hearing of the approach of the enemie, durft not byd, but reteared with those that were with him, who did not exceed eleven hundred men. The enemie by there fore-parties did fo retard and truble there retreat, that the whole body came up and engadged the Governor, upon Ancrommoore, that he was necessitate to fight; which he did with fuch resolution, that the English armie was routed. Two hundred men were onlie killed; but amongft thefe the Lord Ogill, Sir Rauff Evers, and Sir Brian Latton were numbred; the cheef commanders of the armie. A thousand men were made prisoners. Thus was the English armie defeat, which confifted of five thousand men, upon the feventh day of February 1544. The Governor was much commended, at this tyme, both for wisdome and courage; but the victoric was ascryved to the Earle of Angus. The Scots loft onlie two men. From this victorie, the Governor marched directlie to Coldinghame, and by the way took in all these houses wherin the enemie had placed little garrisons; among which Wetherburn hous is onlie named. The garrison of Coldinghame abandoned the place, and left it voyd; whereupon the Governor makes George Douglas captain, and puts in a garrison of his owen.

It was about this tyme that in the North the Clanrannold fought with the Frafers (two powerful names in that pairt). The occasion was upon fome old quarrell and deadlie feid; which some fayes the Earle of Huntlie did again kindle amongst them, and hounded out the Clanrannold to take advantage upon the Frafers. The end of it was that the Frafers were beaten, and the Lord Lovat himself (who is chief of that name) and most pairt of all his friends were cut of. It was known that this day eighty gentlmen of the name of Frafer were all killed, whose wyves were all with chyld, and everie chyld was a boy.

The next year, 1545, the Governor fent over to France, both to informe the King particularlie against the Earle of Lennox and defyre fupplies of men; for now he expected certanlie warr from England. These ambassadors related to the King that the Earle of Lennox had detained, for his owen use, the thirty thousand crowns which was fent over to him last year; with which he tooke up and wadged foldiers to truble the cuntrie: That it was onlie his pryd and hate to the Cardinall that was the occasion of all these intestin trubles: That he kept still correspondence with the King of England, and at length reteared to London: That his kynd reception there by the King, and his marriage with the King's neece, were visible proofs. The King of France, upon this information, fent over to Scotland three thousand foote and five hundred hors, under command of James Montgomerie, otherwayes called Monfieur de Lorgis, with commission lykewayes to examin all these complaints and informations against Lennox. Monsieur de Lorgis arryved with his men in July, and prefentlie there were rafed fifteen thousand more. The randevous was at Haddintoune; and the whole armie, together with these French fupplies, marched directlie to the Border, and lyes doune anent Wark caftle. But upon the Scots fyd, Monfieur de Lorgis, the French officer, and the Lord Home urged much to have the armie march over to the

English fyd; but upon great considerations it was not thought sitt by the Governor and his counsell. Onlie six thousand men were sent out, in parties, everie day to forrage the cuntrie, who alwayes returned to the camp at night. After the armie had lyen hear a fortnight, the Governor retreated back, and dissolved his armie; and Monsieur de Lorgis was sent to Stirlin. Nothing more is recorded to have been done in relation to warr this year, but some Border inroads upon the West; in one of which, Robert Maxwell, some to the Lord Maxwell, was taken prisoner.

Divisions for matter of relligion and doctrin for dyvers years past had been but in conception; they are now at the poynt of birth, and reddie to ryfe; and factions, private hatreds, contempt of lawes, difobedience to the civil power begun to burst out, which in short tyme turned to open rebellion. It is certain that in thefe dayes the Church in this kingdome was in a lethargie; the members were all difeafed, and fchifms and distractions in the Church were raging in many pairts of Christendome. Heer, were, in a corner of the wordle [world] far from those that manadged affairs of the Church, and had almost forgote our obedience, prelats and bifhops, who fhould have governed the Church heer, were turned lafie in fpiritual exercifes; priefts and the inferior Clergie were become loofe and idle, and lafcivious, many of whom with a greedie appetite embraced those liberties neulie preached. In a word, all was out of fraim; for the people in general (as it were) wearied with the old Church government, and willing to accept of any novelties that agried with there humors.

The first thing of disobedience that fell out in publick, for cause of relligion, was this year, 1546. The Cardinall procured the Governor to goe, in way of circuit, and visit fome countries and tours in the north, and execute justice upon some who were contemners of the Church and episcopall power. After he had been at some others, he came to Perth; where some people, both men and woemen, were put to death by law, for actions of contempt against the Cardinall and his authoritie. From thence he went to Dundie, and back again to Perth. Heer the Earle of Rothes, and the Lord Gray, with many of there friends, cam to give there attendance; but the Governor, suspecting them for some other projects, not

attendance, fett them both prifoners; and within a fhort tyme, fett them again at libertie. The Lord Ruthven was this tyme proveft of Perth; which office, by long pofferfion, was almost turned hereditarie to him. He professed himfelf a great favourer of this new doctrin, which now takes the name of reformed, and an oppofer of the Cardinall. The toune, from his example, is lykewayes addicted to the fame doctrin. It was thought by the Governor, and Cardinall both, an act of great policie for fupreffing this reformed relligion, that the Lord Ruthven should be put out of the place of proveft, and John Charters, Laird of Kilfaines, should be preferred; who was a conftant professor of the relligion professed. The Lord Ruthven tooke this as a high affront, and incenfes the citticens; who refolve to oppose the entrie of the new provest, who they heard was comming well accompanied, with the Lord Gray, Norman Leflie, and many of there friends. The Governor had lykewayes fent fome to attend him, fearing fome opposition might be made. In the mean tyme, the toun's people were all in arms, and commanded by the Lord Ruthven; who (although fome ftraglers were alreddie come in) yet denyes entrie to the new provoft. Whereupon the Lord Gray offers to force his way; but he was put back with the flaughter of fixty of his men. This was the first act profeffed to be done in defense of this reformed relligion. It greved the Governor extraordinarlie, but much more the Cardinall, who fufpected by this that the authoritie of the Church was lyke to fall in contempt. After this he refolved to use more strict justice against these preachers who are the caufe, and (as he faid) feduced the people, both from relligion and obedience. He begins at one Mr George Wishart, a gentleman, who, out of his heat of zeale to this new reformation, was turned preacher; and after privat conventions which he had used some tyme, he now preached in publick. This man was found in the hous of Ormiftoune and taken by order of the Governor, and thereafter fent prifoner to St Andrews; where, after fome months imprifonment, he was convicted of herefie by the Clergy, and by the civill Justice, was burnt at a ftake.

After this the Cardinall married his base daughter to the Earle of Crawford, who was gotten and borne when the Cardinall was yong, and

before he was a prieft; and then, hearing that an English sleet was reddie prepared to infeft the coast of Fysse, he took great pains with the gentrie of the cuntrie to vew and fortifie everie place needfull; and fo returned to St Andrews, and fett men a work to fortifie the caftle. In the mean tyme, thefe of the reformed relligion confulted which way to cutt away the Cardinall, that by his death the reformation might have more freedome. Whereupon they perfwaded Norman Leflie, the Earle of Rothes' fon (as was fpoken of before), to be the inftrument of his murther. It was eafie to perfwade him to this, for he was alreddie at great malice with the Cardinall, becaus he had refused him a fute of some lands or teins that belonged to the Church. The circumftances are at large fet doune in the originall; which in breef are thus.—Norman Leflie, John Leflie, his uncle, and William Kirkadie, the young laird of Grange, were the principal actors, and fome twenty more that attended them. They come to St Andrews at night, fingle; and lodged in feverall houses. morning they flowes themselves in houses nearest to the castle gate, which opened verie earlie to lett in the workmen; at which tyme they entred, after there having fett a guard to the gate. Norman, with fome with him, goes directlie to the Cardinall's chamber, which was kept thut against them, untill Norman (who was the Cardinall's verie neer kinfman) gave promife of faftie; but nevertheless of this oath, they murthred him inftantlie. Then they thrust out all the people out of the castle, and tooke up the hous, feafed upon all his plate, money, jewels, and other furnitor; and whatfoever was within was made their owen. After all this, they take the dead flaughtered carcafe and hangs it out at a window in a rope, to be a spectacle, and fatisfie the eyes of the complices. Thefe things being ended, they victuall and fortifie the hous, takes in a convenient number of there friends, and mantains it a garrifoune.

This act was highlic commended by all those of the reformed relligion, who (as the original fayes) did congratulatt, and feasted amongst themselves. Thus, having settled themselves in garrifoune, they take in John Rouch, a reformed preacher, and admits him to be minister of the garifoune. He gladlic accepted the charge; and for there further instruction he brings in John Knox, whom he knew to be of a violent spiritt.

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This man likewayes embraces this focietie, willinglie; and within a little tyme he fo moulded the affections of the garrifone, that they rejected Rouch, and gave him both a call and admiffion, by flaking of hands; and by this admiffion he practifed the function of ministrie all his lyftyme afterward, wherin he is very famous.

Although the Governor was extremlie difpleafed with this murther, yet he could not for the prefent take any other courfe, but he fummons the actors and those complices to underly the law; and becaus they did not answer, he declared them rebells. In the mean tyme, John Hammiltoune, abbot of Pasley, the Governor's base fone, is prefented to the archbishop's fee of S' Andrews; wherewith the chapter was not pleased, whoe alreddie had made choyce of James Beatone, archbishop of Glasgow.

Now the actors of this wickedness being declared rebells, they refolve to mantain the castle, out of which (as is faid) they had thrust all that belonged to the Cardinall; onlie, they detaine Lord John Hammiltoune, the Governor's sone, who by accident was there that night, and kept him prisoner. In end, the Governor rases a competent force and besieges the hous, and batters the wals with cannon; but at the end of three months (all this tyme being winter) he was forced to dissolve his men, and return to Edinburgh to keep a parliament, in Februarie, 1547. The hittorie sayes that these within the castle, being nowe fried from the seidge, breaks out, and in a hostill way overuns the whole cuntrie, dryves in cattell, and brings in corns, and with fyre and sword kills and destroys those whome they esteemed there unfriends. They ravish women, gives themselves over to whordome, drinking, and all forts of licentiousness.

An English armie at this time is rafed in England, which comes over the March at Solaway, comes up through Annandaill and Eskdaill, and destroys everie thing in there way. Robert Lord Maxwell, the Warden, represents these miseries to the Governor; who, by the advyse of the counsell, rafes an armie and marched toward Eskdaill, but encamps by the way upon Megget water. Heer the Cardinal's friends takes great

exception, that the Earle of Rothes, Norman Leflic's father, was in the armie; whom everic man fufpected was acceffarie to the Cardinall's death. They reprefentes it to the Governor as a thing incompatible with juftice, and befyds as a danger to him and the whole armie, for it was known what correspondence that partie had with the English. The storic fayes that he was put to a tryell of law, and abfolved. This being done, the Governor ryfes with the whole armie, and marches to the castle of Langthelme; which he takes easilie from a little garrisone of English, who were left there; for the bodie of the armie was reteared.

The Governor, when he reteared from the caftle of St Andrews, fent over to France, and defyrd fome affiftance, both of fkilled foldiers and engyns fitt to take fuch a place; for he was not provyded in these things himfelf. Heer he receaved intelligence that fome French forces were upon the fea, comming for the Scots fervice. Whereupon he difbands most pairt of the armie, and only referves fome of his best troups; with which he marches ftraight way to St Ebb's-head, nigh Dumbar and Berwick; where he receaves on land thefe French, commanded by Leon Stroffie, prior of Capua: And with thefe runs over to Fyffe, and joyns his owen men, and on a fudden lyes downe before the castle of St Andrews; but having lyne heer fome dayes without any fuccefs, the Governor causes mount some cannon upon the top of the two steeples that overlookt the caftle, and put the defenders in great fear; for they both battered doune a curtain which they called the old wall, and were reddie to give an affault. Whereupon the defenders, being now in a defperat condition, they capitulatt, and renders to the French upon condition onlie of lyff. So the caftle was rendered, wherin was found the Governor's fone, whome they had ftill detained, and all the furnitor that was not difpofed upon, and much more which was put in by the people of the cuntrie and toune (for fecuritie) who favoured there action. The caftle was by act of Counfell rafed and flighted; and the French tooke leave of the Governor, embarked there prifoners and fpoyle, and fo returned.

In August, this same year 1547, amongst the prisoners was John Knox, who soone after returned, to act the rest; but it was knowen that the

actors of the murther could not flie from the judgment of God; for ever after they lived difperfed, and lookt upon by all men with contempt; and not one efcaped an unfortunate end.

King Henrie of England is dead before this; and the Earle of Hertfoord is declared Protector to the young King, Edward the fixth. This man denounced warre against Scotland, for not performing the contract made four years agoe, anent the marriage betwixt our young Queen and his King Edward; and prepares to invade both by fea and land. The Governor reprefents this to the nobilitie, who were mightilie divyded. Many were now of the Reformed Relligion, with whome joyns in affection all the friends of the Earle of Lennox, men whome the Governor was fure both hated him and favored the English: Yet, by a general confent, an armie was rafed; and by this tyme the Earle of Hereford, Duke of Somerfett, and Protector himfelf, who commanded the English armie in persone, was come with his whole forces, on this syd of Dumbar; and the Scots armie was mett and encamped at Innerefke. The next day the English armie advanced, and eight hundred hors, under command of the Lord Home, were fent out to view the motion of the enemie, who had chance to encounter with the fore-partie of the English; and heer a flout combat was fought, wherein the Scots had the worfe; for the lord Home himfelf was killed (by a fall from his hors) and his fone lykewayes loft his lyffe; one Maxwell was taken prifoner, and fix other gentlmen. Upon the English syd, Harrie Vane was hurt; and Bartevell, a French man, Bulmer, Gower, and Croach, three captens of thers were taken; and the Duke of Somerfett, with the whole armie, lay doune at Preston-pans, about a myle from the Scots. It is written by fome, that the Governor, to rafe his armie with greater fpeed, fent through the whole cuntrie the fyre crofs (which they fay was two fyrie flikks fett a crofs upon the top of a fpear, or elfe a fyrie crofs panted upon a cloath), which was a token of a fudden danger, which made all men formerlie ryfe with great expedition. But, however the armie was rafed, it was a gallant and numerous armie. It was certain that the English were defyrous that busines might be composed with a peaceable way; for which end they fend letters to the Governor, defyring performance in an amicable way. They faid, there onlie quarrel was to feek performance of that condition of marriage with the Queen, which was granted by confent of most pairt of the nobilitie. They likewayes shew the benefitts and good which this performance would produce to both the kingdoms, by many rafons, in a long letter; and then they offred that if this should be willinglie granted, they wold returne in peace, and give fatiffaction for any lofs or prejudice the cuntrie had fuftained. The Governor durft not divulge the fubftance of thefe letters to the armie; for he knew the inclination of many of the nobilitie, by whose procurement this armie cam here. They were onlie made knowen to fome few, and were not approved. So all men made reddie for battell. The Governor's armie was thirty thousand men, divyded in three battels; the van was committed to the Earle of Angus, the rear to the Earle of Huntlie, and the Governor led the middle battell himfelf. The Earle of Angus is noted for his valor and honeftie; who mantained bravelie the first charge of the English hors and arms, broake them, and defeat them. Thefe that reteared back declared to the Duke, that it was no more possible to break that battell of fpears, then a ftone wall! This first charge cost many on the English fyd ther lyves; amongst whom were Captain Shelbie, and Captain Rateiff, men of great note. The Lord Gray, general of the hors, was himfelf dangerouslie wounded in the mouth; and the English standart was so near loft, that the carrier, Andro Flammock, left the flaff behind him, and was glad to get away with the collours. The Governor with his battell advanced next, who is much commended for doing his duetie. But the rear, which was commanded by the Earle of Huntlie, is noted to have fled at the first charge, and were the occasion of the ruin of the whole armie; for they fled themfelves, and discouraged the rest, that in an inflant all gave backe, were killed, and trode doune. The English fleet, lying in the road of Muffelbourgh, did much harm with there cannon from the fea, and killed many in there confused flight. Many were lykewayes drouned in the river of Efke. There were reckoned, that dyed this day, ten thoufand men; wherof dyvers were men of good qualitie, of whome the Lord Flammin is named one. There were taken prifoners, the Earle of Huntlie, chancellor; the Lord Yester, Hamiltoune, captain of Dumbar, the mafter of Semple, the Laird of Weems, and a brother of the Earle of Cassels. It is recorded that in Edinburgh there were made, this day, three hundred and fixty widowes.

Now, as his armie was composed of two contrarie factions, so did ech partie attribut the lofs of the day to the oppositt partie. For by these of the Reformed Relligion, who were favorers of the English, with whome was joyned the Earle of Lennox friends, the lofs of the day was abfolutlie laid upon the Earle of Huntlie, who (fay they) fold the armie to the English; and the night before the fight he was feen to goe to the English camp, where he receaved a great deale of gold, delyvered by Sir Rauff Sadler treafurer of there armie; and his fudden flight the next day confirmed there opinion. Those again on the Governor's partie layes the lofs upon the treacherie of thefe of the Reformed Relligion, and the Earle of Lennox friends. The one, for particular malice to the Governor; and both, for caufe of relligion. And it is confessed, in the originall. that the greatest fear was, that in case the Governor had win the day, the priefts and papifts wold have used more tirannie over them then the Englifh. But, however it was, the day was loft, with a verrie great overthrow. The English wryte, that the Earle of Huntlie, the day before the battell, fent a challenge to the Duke of Somerfett, and offred to fight, bodie to bodie, or with ten for ten, to decyd the quarrell without more bloode; but, becaus of his great charge, being Protector to the young King, the English wold not suffer him to accept. This unfortunat day was the tenth of September, and is called Pinckie-field, becaus it was fought hard by Pinkie Church.

After the battell the English advanced to Leth, where they refresh there men eight dayes; then they fackt the toune, and returned to England. In there retreat they tooke in Fast-castle and Home; and builded two forts, one at Lauder and another at Roxburgh, and put in foldiers. The fleet fortified Insketh and St Columb's ile, took in Bruchtie castle, and so returned.

Som tym before this the Earle of Lennox was made Warden upon the English fyd, for the King of England; and at this tyme he invaded Scotland with eight thousand foot and eight hundred hors. He began at

Efkdaill, from whence he marched doune Annandaill, fpoyling the whole cuntrie as he went. He put a garrifon of fifty hors in Caftlemilk, and gave the command to one Fergus Grhame; then he laid feidge to the caftle of Annan, which for many days was well defended by John Lion, the captain, but at length it was delyyred and blowen up with powder; fo he returned.

All these tempests being blowen over, the Governor meets with [the] Queen mother and the nobilitie at Stirling, where they concluded for fecuritie of the young Queen's persone. She should be fent to Dumbartain castle, where the Lords Erskine and Livistoune are apoynted to attend and guard her. After which ambaffadors were difmiffed to France, to defvre affiftance, conforme to the antient league, with an offer of our Queen in marriage to the Dolphin of France. In this tyme the Earle of Lennox is bufie in agitation with his father in law, the Earle of Angus, and fome other friends, to affift him by force to recover his estate in Scotland, which by none other means he could obtain; which they were willing to doe, upon condition that he will quitt the English interest and turne a Scotfman. John Mafter of Maxwell, and brother to the Lord Maxwell, was the fpecial man in this negotiation. He was at this tyme in fute of the heretrix of Herreis, whoe was kept in protection by the Governor, who had a mynd to marrie her to his owen fon Lord John. The Mafter of Maxwell, a young gentlman of great faime upon the Border, to work mischief to the Governor for crossing him in his sute, agitates this busines, and brings it to that povnt, that two thousand hors are apoynted and conditioned to meet the Earle of Lennox and the Lord Whartoune, Livetenant for England, at Dumfries. Whereupon he delyvers to this Lord Whartoune fifteen young gentlmen pledges. The Governor, fynding how the game lay, fent to the Mafter of Maxwell and offred the young lady to him, if he will crofs again this invafion; which was accepted. So, when Lennox came to Dumfries, he found none there for his affiftance. He fends out fix hundred horfe to vew the cuntrie, who had hap to encounter with feven hundred hors commanded by the Laird of Drumlanrig (for all the cuntrie were in a posture of refiftance, not in one bodie but feverallie, everie man by himfelf and his friends) and by them are put to the worfe at first; but in end Drumlangrig was chafed, and many of his men taken prisoners. The Master of Maxwell with his followers and friends is upon the fields lykewayes, and meets with an other partie of the English, which he routs and beats back to Dumfries. The Earle of Lennox, by this, sieng no conditions kept, the whole cuntrie in opposition, and wants falling in the armie, after some dayes stay at Dumfries, he advyfed the Lieutenant Whartoune to retear back to England; where he instantlie hanged sourteen of those pledges. Onlie one, called George Herreis of Terrawchtie, was spaired, being too young.

The Governor glade of this, to keep the people in action, rafes fome forces and befeidges the castle of Broughtie; but fynding that he could not carrie it suddenlie, he left one James Haliburtoune with a hundred hors, and captain Lermonth with the foot, to keep them in and starve them.

The next year was 1548. This fummer there arryed from France fix thousand men; whereof three thousand were German foot, under command of Rongrave; the reft were two thousand French foot and one thousand hors, commanded by Monsieur D'Esse. These landed at Leith: and after they were refreshed, the Governor joyned these whome he had reddie, and marched ftreight to Haddintoune, which was fortified and garrifend by the English. With these he only blok'd up the toune, untill eight thousand men were reddie, whoe were a rayling by the Governor's order. This being done, a Convention is called, to confult upon the Queen's marriage with the Dolphin of France. This counfell was held at the Monastrie of Grayfreers, with much debate. These of Reformed Relligion preferred the English friendship before the French, which they fortified with many arguments; but in special, for cause of relligion. But the other partie, that flood for France, carried it. Then, foon after this, that French fleet that brought in thefe foldiers at Leth, faild about the north of Scotland, cam to Dumbartain, tooke the Queen aboard; and with her, her base brother Lord James, her two tutors, the

Lords Erfkin and Livistoune; and after much distres at fea, landed at Brest, in Britanie, in the end of August. The Queen was presentlie carried to S<sup>c</sup> Germans in Laion, where the court lay.

The cuntrie people tooke great encouradgment by the befieging of Haddintoune; and it made them adventure upon action. In the night they furpryfed the caftle of Home, and killed the guards. And a little after this, the cuntrie people, being commanded by the Captain of Fostcaftle to bring in provisions, there cam fo many with those provisions that they furprifed the caftle and killed the garrifone. An English navie by this tyme was come in fight of our Scots coafts, which terrified the whole cuntrie. They refolve to attempt upon Fyffe, and lands twelve hundred men at a village called St Minianus [Monans]. Lord James Stewart, the Queen's bafe brother (who was newlie returned from France), conveens the cuntrie about St Androes, fights the English; and with the loss of fix hundred of there men, and one hundred prifoners, he beats them back to there ships. From hence they faill about the coast, and interpryfed fomething upon Montros; but by the valor and conduct of the Laird of Drum, then provoft of Montros, there camp was furpryfed in the night, five hundred and more were killed, and the rest sled to their ships.

Now these about Haddintoune were still in action, and had brought the toune to some wants. Sir Robert Bowers and Sir Thomas Palmer comes from Berwick; with one thousand foot and three hundred hors, with intention to releve the garrisone with vittell, and thrust in these supplies of men; but they were mett with by the way, cutt in peeces, and those two officers taken prisoners. After this a les supplie of three hundred foot coms from Berwick; who disceaved Monsieur D'Esse, that was laid to keep the pass, and got safe to the toune with powder, munition, and some vittells. In the neck of this, intelligence coms that an English armie is alreddie upon march, to releve Haddintoune; whereupon it was not thought sitt to byd, being overwearied with a long and hard dutie. So they drew off the armie, and Monsieur D'Esse, with his French, retears to Edinburgh; where, being resused entrie, his foldiers shuflling to be in, and the toun's people to stop them, Sir James Hamiltonne of Stainhous,

and Mr William Stewart, one of the Queen's fervants, were both killed. Monf' D'Esle to repair this, by some act of valor, retears from the port, and with all his men marches that fame night back to Haddintoune, thinking to furpryle the toune in the dawning of the day, and mift but verie little of his intention; for he furpryfes the utmost guards, and when he was in the verie entrie of the port, one of the fentries within fyred a great peice that lay to keep the entrie, which being loden with cafe fhott, overthrew a number of the French, and the reft reteared. Yet although Monfieur D'Effe failed of his purpose heer, he will not lye idle. He marches streight to Jedburgh, where he takes up quarter; from whence he makes frequent roads and incursions in England, and does many things to his commendation. At length, both he and his men grew infolent, and gave much offence to the cuntrie; with which [the] Queen mother and the Governor acquented the King of France, and how the cuntrie was wearied of this man. Whereupon the King fends over Monfieur de Thermes to take the charge, and recalls D'Effe. Monfieur D'Effe, when he heard of this, he presentlie marches to Edinburgh, and before he give over he will act fomething. He draws out a partie of French and Scots and affaults Inchkeith, where there was a garrifone of English. He beats them from the shoar, kills three officers, and forces the rest to submitt. Then he returns to Leth, and gives up his charge.

The next fpring, Monsieur de Thermes drawes his men to the fields, and marches against Bruchtie castle, which he tooke with a great deall of execution; and from thence back to Lothian, and blocks up Haddintoune, where he did not ly long; for intelligence came, suddenlie, that an English armie approached for the relefe of the garrisone. This made De Thermes draw off. In the mean tyme, some light hors of the Scots surprysed a quarter where a German regiment lay, and carried safe away there whole baggadge; yet nevertheles the toune was supplied, and then the armie reteared to Berwick. In this retreat our Scots hors fell upon one Julius Romanus that commanded a companie of Spaniards. They cut his men in peeces, and took himselfe prisoner, hard by Coldinghame.

The English are fearce upon English ground, when De Thermes returned again to Haddintoune, and blocks it up for a long tyme; untill the garrifone within, being drawen to visible necessities, and despairing of any more supplies from England, they watched there owen advantadge, fett fyre in the toune, and reteared to Berwick. The garrifone of Lawder was even reddie to doe the lyke, when a peace is proclamed betwixt France and England, wherein Scotland was comprysed. This proclamation was in Apryle 1550. The next month De Thermes, with all that cam from France, returned.

Now the kingdome being frie of forrain foldiers, and peace proclamed with England, it was a right tyme for thefe factious spirits, that could not reft, to doe fomething. The Reformed Relligion increased, and the profeffors repyn to be kept at under and commanded by men of a contrarie relligion. They have long fince put the Cardinall out of the way; and now the Governor, and his bafe fon the Archbishop of St Androes, are thefe who flop the courfe of reformation. Whereupon they traduce there actions, and taxes there fame, to bring them in contempt with the people, and there authoritie in mifregard. The Governor is taxed with crueltie, oppression, and avarice; and the Archbishop is taxt with licentiousness and whordome (vyces worthie to be detested by the men themfelves, if they be guilty). But the greatest imputation was, that they laboured to keep doune the Reformed Relligion, by fyning, banifhing, and execution to death, which they termed a perfecution of the faints of God; although the other partie termed it an executing the laws upon factious and fedicious men! The truth was this: nothing was done by the one that was any way fatiffactorie to the other partie. Everie day the Governor's authoritie, in the civill government, was more and more mifregarded; and the Archbishop's, in Ecclesiastical matters, contemptible. Everie thing that fell out was a ground for the Reformed partie to take hold on, to bring themselves respect, and the authoritie of the other partie in hatred with the commons; as may eafilie be observed in the historie. But the Governor was not long a block in there way; for within a thort tyme he gave up his charge.

In this last fommer [the] Queen mother's brother, the Marquis de Main, cam to Scotland to vifett his fifter; but did not ftay many dayes, for a poast with intelligence of his father's death followed him in the heels, and [the] Queen mother herfelfe refolved to goe to France to fee her daughter and friends, which she did in the month of September fol-She tooke in her companie Leon de Stroffie, prior of Capua, the Earls of Huntlie, Marshall, Cassils, and Sutherland. She staved in France more then a year in all; which tyme fhe and the nobilitie with her were highlie honored by the King. The Earle of Huntlie was made knight of St Michaell, and Lord James Hammiltoune, the Governor's oldest sone, was made Captain over all the Scots foldiers in France, and had a pention of twelve thousand crouns a year bestwed upon him. Many other favors, and eftates in Scotland, were bestwed upon particular men, expressed in the originall. Sir Robert Carnagie of Collechie went over at this tyme from the Governor, to rander the King thanks for his last supplies; who was graciouslie receaved, and dismissed with reward.

At length the King called Mr David Panter, bifhop of Ros, and Gawen Hammiltoune, the Governor's yongest sone, on whome he had newlie bestowed the Abbacie of Kilwinnen, unto whome he disclosed his intention; which was, to disburthen the Governor of the charge, and gratishe him most noblie for his pains; and that he mynded to put [the] Queen mother in the place, who was one frie from factions or kinred in Scotland. Whereupon he dispatches the Bishop of Ros to Scotland to acquent the Governor with this defyne, and to deall with him to accept of these offers which he made unto him. The bishop goes over, and works so essectionallie with the Governor that he brings back his consent to the King; for which service the King bestowed upon him the Abbacie of Labloie, in Potiers. So the next year, 1552, [the] Queen mother returns with a commission of Regencie.

The first thing the Queen mother intended was to fattle with the Governor; which was done, upon these conditions: That he should be discharged of all his intromissions of whatsomever movable goods King

James left at his death, excepting onlie fuch as he should declare were yet resting undisposed, which he was obledged to delyver: That the King of France should creat him Duke of Chattelaraut in France, and have twelve thousand frances in pension for his lysse: And last, that he should be declared next heir to the croune, if the Queen died without lawfull heirs of her bodie. These things were fullie agried unto, at this tyme, with the consent of all his friends, excepting his brother the Archbishop of St Androes, and the Lord Livistoune; by whose persuasion he seemed afterward a little to stagger; yet afterwards, upon better advysement, when [the] Queen mother had engadged herselfe to cause the King of France, the Cardinal, and the Duke of Guise, and his other brother (who were curatours to the yong Queen) ratise this agriment, and lykewayes obledged that the Queen herselfe should ratise all at her majoritie, by act of parliament, he frielie renounced in [the] Queen mother's savors.

All these conditions were, the next year, presented, sealed, and subferyved, according to agriment, at a Convention of the nobilitie at Sterlin; and then, in Apryle after, in Edinburgh, he publicklie renounced his government in favors of [the] Queen mother, and rendered sword, scepter, and croune to Monsieur De Osell, in the Queen's name, conforme to her order; who, with consent of the whole parliament, delyvered them to [the] Queen mother. This being done, [the] Queen mother ascended to the Governor's seat, and he tooke place amongst the nobilitie according to his rank. This in the year 1555.

The first stroake of [the] Queen Regent's authoritie fell upon the Earle of Huntlie, whome she caused imprisone, for that he did not his duetie against the Captain of Clanronuald, in obedience to her command. This was not the fecret cause of his imprisonment; but he was too great, and did many things without respect to authoritie. And now, being once made prisoner, he could not obtain his libertie untill he renounced all the right that he clamed to the earldome of Murray, and to any rents which he listed out of Marr, Orkney, or Shetland; and denuded himselfe of some shiriesships, or other casualties and benefitts, that he possesse without just right. The Earle of Cassilis is noted to be the author

of these hard conditions imposed upon him, who professed himselse his unfriend; yet within short tyme after he was sett at libertie, he was receaved in favor with [the] Queen mother, and was he whose counsels she made greatest use off afterward, for some tyme.

After this [the] Queen Regent applyes herfelfe altogether to fettle the affairs of the kingdome, and administrat justice. She makes a progres to the North; and at Ennernes keept a court, which we call a Justice-air. Heer many complaints come in against John Mudthart Captain of Clanrannald, who had done much more harme fince the imprisonment of the Earle of Huntlie. The Queen fends out the Earle of Atholl against him; who forced the Captain to submitt himselfe and his children, and were all brought in prisoners to [the] Queen Regent; but in short tyme he deceaved his keepers, and made an escape. But afterward, she made another expedition to the North, in persone, to suppress this Captain, and at her return (the storie says) she restored some of these that were guiltie of the Cardinall's death, and was laught at for her pains.

The place of Chancellor, that was taken from Huntlie, [the] Queen Regent bestowed it upon Monsieur Rubie; and the Prior of Capua [Leon Strozzi] was made keeper of the feall. Several other places of truft were disposed upon to Frenchmen. Then a proposition is made, in a Convention, for a guard to be rafed for the Border, to be conftantly mantained in pay; and the way to rafe money, for this ufe, was concluded to be by way of tax upon the fubject. For which caufe, everie man's eftate, both real and perfonall, were apoynted to be valued, and thefe particular valuations to be registrat to stand as a rule in tyme to come. This tax was grevous, but the valuation was taken worse by all men generallie. The overturn of the busines was fair; that garrifons might be planted upon the Borders, to lye conftantlie, both to be reddie to defend the cuntrie from incursions, and keep the nobilitie and people of thefe cuntries in fecuritie and eafe; that they should not be trubled upon everie fmall occasion, as they were formerlie, unles an armie shold come doune which the garrifons were not able to refift.

The nobilitie gave way to this proposition, either through fear or expectations of favor; but the gentric repynd and tooke it grevouslie, and

convened in Edinburgh in no les number then three hundred. They made choose of two of there number to represent there grevance, and the prejudice that might follow to [the] Queen Regent. James Sandilands laird of Calder was for the South, and John Weems of that Ilk for the North. Thefe, getting acces to the Queen, reprefented the inconveniences which this courfe wold at length bring upon the cuntrie, and what trubles wold follow, by a long fpeech. The cheefe of all was the diflyke the people wold take at the Queen Regent herfelf, and her cuntrie men the French, who were thought to be the counfellors in this bufines; and the great fear there was that this wold draw a necessitie of greater charge upon the cuntrie; for England, being both more populous and welthie then we, they might mantain greater garrifons conftantlie, upon the other fyd, then our garrifons were able to relift. Many reafons more were alledged, at length expressed in the historie. [The] Queen Regent, fieng this general diflyke, excufed herfelf and thefe French they fpoke on, and faid plainlie that the advyfe came from fome of the best of the nobilitie. Whereupon this bufines was crusht, and [the] Queen Regent discharged any further to be done into it.

In the next year, 1557, there was a Treatie of Peace betwixt us and England, and Commiffioners mett at Carleill for both kingdomes. But before this Treatie tooke any effect, ambaffadors cam from France defyring [the] Queen Regent, according to the old League, to make warrs upon England; becaus Marie, then Queen of England, affifted her hufband Phillip the fecond King of Spain (unto whome fhe was latlie married) with English forces, in West Flanders, against the French. Whereupon the Commissioners were recalled from Carleill, and returned without any certain conclusion, either of peace or war. [The] Queen Regent then conveens the nobilitie at Newbottle, and in a handsome speech desyred that warrs might be denounced with England (for many reasons expressed at length) which wold prove both a recompense for all late incursions, and a way to procure a sattled peace heerafter. This was resused by the whole Convention; yet it was thought necessar to build a fort at Alimouth, which might both stop these incursions of the

English, and be a strength to keep cannon and munition in that pairt of the cuntrie, for ease of the foldiers; for it was trublesome upon everie occasion to draw cannon and other necessars from Edinburgh. These whoe did not love [the] Queen Regent constructed this to be a politick trick of the French, to engadge the two kingdomes, since warr was refused by consent. The trewth was, that the garrison of Berwick wold not fuffer this port to be builded. They made dyvers fallies from the toune, and both stopt the work (although it was far within Scots ground) and lykwayes spoyled the cuntrie about.

At laft, open hoftilitie being used on both pairts, warr was proclamed. Then all men, by open proclamation, was summoned to repair to Edinburgh at a certain day, which was obeyed: And out of this multitude an armie was modelled; which presentlie marches to the Mers, and encamps beyond Tweed, at a pairt called Maxwellhewch. Monsieur de Ofell (who commanded the French, and unwilling to be idle) tooke some cannon with him and marched over the March, to Wark castle, spoyls round about, and threatnes the castle itselfe. This was a sufficient ground for these who were continuall priers in all the Queen Regent's actions to breed a mutinie. It was alledged a prefumption in him to enterpryse any action before the counsell of warr had concluded upon the manadgment of the warr itselfe; and that this was not intended for any love to the Scots service, but to please the King of France and begin the warr, without regard to what should follow. Whereupon he was commanded to retear his men, under pain of treasone.

All this winter was fpent in continuall fkirmifhes. There was one action onlie worth the relating, that fell out betwixt the Duke of Northfolk and Sir Andro Ker. Those two mett by accident at the foot of Cheviott hills, and had a bloodie fight; but in end Sir Andro Ker's troops [were] routed, himselfe and many of his best men taken and carried away prisoners.

Neir about this tyme ambaffadors arryved from the King of France, which was the occasion of a new Convention at Edinburgh, in December.

The ambaffadge was to defyre the nobilitie of Scotland to fend over ambaffadors to France to perfytt the conditions of marriage betwixt the Dolphin and our yong Queen, &c. This was prefentlie agried unto, and eight were choofed a pairt of everie flate. Gilbert Earle of Caffils, George Earle of Rothes, and James Lord Flammin were for the Lords; for the Church were James Beatone archbishop of Glasgou, Robert Red bishop of Orkney, and Lord James Stewart prior of St Androes, the Queen's bafe brother; George Lord Seatone, and Sir John Erskine Laird of Dun (the first was provost of Edinburgh, and the other of Montros) reprefented the third flate. These were dispatcht with ample commission, but were miserablic storm-beaten by sea. Two of there ships were beaten in upon the road of Boulogne, in France, and were broake and funk. Not one efcaped alyve, in both thefe fhips, excepting the Earle of Rothes and the bifhop of Orkney, who were faved by a fifher boat. The reft of the ships, after many diffres, arryved at feverall ports in faftie. These commissioners had not much to doe after they went up to Paris, for things were agried upon long before. The Queen had allowed her fifty thousand crowns in dowrie by year, and twenty thousand crounes more in penfion.

All things and preparations being ended, the marriage followed upon the eighteenth day of Apryle 1558, which with great majeftic was folemnized in the Church of Notre Dame, in Paris. And immediatlic thereafter a proclamation was put out, in further conexion of the two kingdoms: That there shall be in all tymes to come a mutuall freedome for both nations: That all Scots men shall be esteemed hereafter naturall Frenchmen, in France; and Frenchmen the lyke, in Scotland: That a Scots man within France, or a French man within Scotland, in all tyms coming, shall be capable of honors and offices, and shall frielic enjoy inheritances in lands or moveables: And sinallie, that the two kingdoms shall be unitt in one, and be esteemed as one nation in all tyms to come. This was mutuallie agried upon by both kingdoms, and ratified by the parliaments of them both.

It is recorded that when the Scots commissioners tooke leave from the King, they were called before the Counfell; where they were defyred, in a long fpeech by the chancellor, to delyver the croune, fcepter, and fword of Scotland now unto the Dolphin, as belonging unto him; wherin they excufed themfelves at that tyme, being a thing not mentioned in there commission. Then they were defyred to give, under there hands, there confent unto this demand, that it might be presented before the parliament of Scotland; which they lykwayes refused, as a thing neither reasonable to defyre nor lawfull for them to grant. These are unlicklic relations, but howfomever they are sett down by my author. Thus the Commissioners takes there leave from court, and sett out to there jorney. But the Earles of Cassis and Rothes, the bishop of Orkney, and the Lord Flammin, died all suddenlie in there returne; and Lord James Stewart, the Queen's base brother, escaped death by a long and dangerous sicknes. All which was by many attribute to poysone!

All this year the Borders were infefted with daylie incursions, depradations, and fkirmithes, fome whereof were remarkable. About Withforday, Sir Hairie Perfey, and Sir George Bowers Marshall of Berwick, entred Scotland with two thousand foot and eight hundred hors. They burnt the toune of Dunce, and the hous and village of Langtoune, in the Mers: and in there returne they were overtaken by fome Scots troups hard by Swintoune, where they fought a long tyme; and the English both beat back the Scots and carried away the bootie they had gott. There were dyvers killed in this fkirmifh; and William Mafter of Marshall, Captain Cullen, and Captain Kennedie were taken prifoners, upon the Scots fyd; Captain Edrintoune and Enfigne Pell, upon the English partie, were taken by the Laird Edmiftoune. At another incursion, the Earle of Northumberland burnt Long Ednam, in the Mers, and took Patrick Lord Gray prifoner; and fo returned. The Earle of Bothwell, Warden of the Scots Marches, entred England with fome troups and burnt Fertounetoune; whereupon Sir Hairie Perfey gets together a thousand hors, and in haft coms doune toward the Border; but (the ftorie fayes) upon a panick fear he reteared again in confusione, and about the foot of the water of Till they were overtaken by fome Scots troups, where Captain Edrintoune and Captain Ker were both taken prifoners, and fix fcore

more. Sir William Kircadie of Grange and Rauff Ker, an English man, had chance to fingle themselves out upon the fields, and in fight of all they fought a combat, wherein Rauff was beaten and hurt.

One Sir John Clerc, an English man, with some ships arryved at Orkney and invaded the land; but himselfe and almost all his men were killed by the cuntrie people. After this, the Earle of Sussex with twelve ships came about the North Iles of Scotland, and landed some men at Cantyre, whoe burnt the cuntrie and killed some men. From this he sailed to Lamlash, and, without any more enterpryse, he returned to England by the coast of Ireland.

Now to returne to our owen feditiouns at home. Thefe of the new Reformed doctrin (as is alreddie faid) being much increafed in number, which they fie daily to increase more, difdains to be any longer supprest; for they think themselves now of power to oppose by force. Whereupon the great men meets in a public Convention, where, by a general confent, a Band was drawen up and fubfcryved by all there hands; by which they combyne themselves by oath to mantain that Relligion which they now profefs, and eeh one another, in that caufe, with lyffe, lands, and goods against all men whatsomever; and takes upon (them) to be named The Lords of the Congregation, whereby they may be diffinguisht from the rest of the kingdome. Thus having drawen themselves to a bodie, they proceed. They refolve to take arms; but before matters come this length, it was thought fitt, that fome pretext of cause should be showed to the wordle (world). Whereupon they fend Sir James Sandilands of Calder to [the] Queen Regent with a petition, in name of the Congregation; by which [the] Queen Regent was humblie defyred to grant them free profession of there Relligion: That they might have libertie to plant the Churches of the kingdome with Ministers of their owen Relligion: That a general Reformation may be made in the Kirk of Scotland: That all prayers be faid, and the facraments administrat, in the vulgar language: That everie toune or parifh within this kingdome may make choose of there owen minister: That they may have power to examin the lyves of there prefent paftors, and if they shall not fynd them answerable to there place, that they have power to depose them, and put others in there roume. This petition was presented with this verbal commission: "Madam, If your hignes refuse this petition, there will be no face of a Kirk in Scotland heerafter; nor it is not in our power to stay the people from insurrection!"

[The] Queen Regent was much perplext with this petition; whereunto the gave no more ansuer for the present, but that she wold take it to her confideration. Upon this [the] Queen Regent calls a Counsell, and the Clergie assembles by themselves. The issue may be easilie guest; for nothing was proposed by the Congregation that [was] yeilded unto by the Clergie, nor nothing was offred by the Clergie that was acceptable to the Congregation. Much altercation there was, on both syds. At length the Congregation resolved either to force their libertie by arms, or overturne all. Nevertheles, the Clergie proceeds against them with Church censurs, as hereticks; weapons that were now esteemed blunted, and of no reputation! This Convention ratified all that there ambassadors had done in France, and gave them thanks.

In the mean tyme, there was an ambaffadge from France arryved heer, fome dayes before this, whoe now prefents himfelfe to [the] Queen Regent and the nobilitie heer affembled. He delyvred his commiffion in public, by which was defyred that the fword, feeptre, and croune of Scotland might be fent over to the Daulphin of France; which now he claimed by his wyffe; and it was named a matrimonial croune! This was granted (although much opposed by those of the Reformed Relligion). Wherupon Gilespick Campbell Earle of Argyle, and Lord James Stewart, prior of St Androes, the Queen's base brother, are appoynted to carrie them to France. These two put off tyme by many delayes, and at length declared there unwillingnes to such an employment; which Lord James professed he did, fearing to be brought in question for it heerafter; and befyds that, becaus the Queen had now a tittle to a greater croune, by the death of Marie the Queen of England. Yet it was spoken by many, that these were but forgt pretences; for this avers-

nes proceeded from his aim, which he lookt at afarr, for the croune to himfelfe.

It was in the raigne of Edward the fixth of England, who was a Protestant himselfe, and had modelld that Relligion in England, and did encouradge those of the new doctrin in Scotland (although differing from that of England in many things), vet they of the Reformed Relligion in Scotland increafed exceedinglie. After whose death Marie, King Edward's fifter, fucceded to that croune; whoe was a Roman Catholick in Relligion, and established again that which she professed herselfe. And this was one great reasone that kept the Reformed partie in Scotland in quiet, having none to protect them. But now Queen Marie of England is dead, and her fifter Elizabeth is crouned Queen, whoe is a Protestant in relligion, and has alreddie overturned all that her fifter had re-eftablished, and planted the Protestant Relligion, by act of parliament, in England. Now our people of the Reformed Relligion, having correspondence with this Queen of England, and having obtained affurance of protection from her, they are both incouradged in there profession, and to propagat and mantain it by the fword. Whereupon we shall now sie nothing but rebellions and factions burft out lyke a flame of fyre!

There was a Convention called at Stirlin, upon the eighth day of May 1559, by [the] Queen Regent, unto which Alexander Earle of Glencairne, and Hugh Campbell, Shirreff of Air, were fent from the Congregation, to prefent there petition, whoe (after much argument) fynding [the] Queen Regent not fo reddie as they defyred, to give full fatiffaction to there demands, they declared publicklie, that unles the wold confent fullie to there defyrs, that they would renounce all oaths and tyes of fidelitic and obedience unto her; and then the might judge what wold follow.

When [the] Queen Regent is yet in these perplext agitations, adverteisment come to her that these of the Reformed Relligion are broake out in many pairts of the kingdome, and risen in a tumultuarie way, hes thaken off there obedience to the disciplin and profession then in authorized.

ritie, and made publick profession of this new doctrin. [The] Queen Regent, mightlie discontent at these infolencies, commanded the Lord Ruthven (whoe was both shirrest of Perth and provest of St Jhonstoune) to goe home and suppress these insurrections, within his jurisdiction at St Jhonstoune. My Lord resused, and answered plainlie, That in what concerned there bodie, his charge was to keep them in order, but what concerned there souls, or relligion, it was neither in his charge, nor would he medle with it! She commanded James Haliburtone (who was provest of Dundie) to apprehend Paul Messon, a turbulent man, whoe had stirred all that toune to insurrection by his preachings. [He] promised to doe his endevor, but in the mean tyme, he adverteised Paul, whoe slipt himself asyd untill a countersitt fearch was made.

Things growing to this confusion, proclamation comes out, by authoritie of parliament, commanding the feaft of Eafter to be kept holie, and celebrat after the accustomed forme. But no obedience was given at all. Wherupon [the] Queen Regent, fynding her authoritie mifregarded, and all things lyke to turne to confusion, she apoynted another Convention at Stirlin, upon the twentieth day of May; to which all these difturbers of the peace were fummoned to appear. They refolve to doe fo, not [in] obedience to the order, but to bring things to a greater tumult. So all that were joyned with the Congregation flockt to Stirlin, in multituds. They brought all there minifters alongft with them, and a Confession of there Faith, in wryte; which, in a turbulent way, they offred to prefent. Those multitude of people (though for the most pairt unarmed) aftonisht [the] Queen Regent not a little. But vet, having most of the antient nobilitie on her pairt, and the lawes of the land, flanding in force, the declared thefe whoe had not appeared ribells, and commands the Laird of Dun (a cheefe man of the Congregation) to disperse these people with quietness. The Laird of Dun acquents the rest of the Congregation with this; whoe, indeed, fent home the people, but even there, they conclude to make open rebellion and ryfe in arms.

Now aryfes tumults upon tumults, killing of priefts, facking and pull-

ing doune of Churches, ruining of statlie Abbacies, and other glorious buildings, dissolving hospitalls; all in confusion. In a word, these antient buildings and brave fabricks, monuments of antiquitie, and marks of pietie, which for many hundred years have been a building, shall, in few months, be destroyed and rafed to the ground! The ornaments and riches of the Churches fell to the share of the commone rable; the estats and lands were divyded amongst the great men, by themselves, without right or law; which they resolve to mantain by the sword!

The first storme fell upon Saint Jhonstoune, in this same month of May. John Knox (of whome we spoke before, whoe had been minister to these rebells in the castle of St Androes) was the occasione; whoe, by a seditious sermon, sturred up the people to furie and madnes; who encouradged them to pull downe the Churches; for in his sermon he bid them "Pull downe the nests that the crowes might not build again!" Wherupon they run out in consustion, killed the priests, broake downe altars, and destroyed all the images and ornaments. From that they fall upon the Relligious Houses and Monasteries; those two goodlie Abbayes of Franciscans and Dominicans, with there Churches, were pulled downe and made levell with the ground, in two dayes; and all there riches made a prey to the people! But the Abbay of Charters Monks stod longer, by one day. The next storme fell upon Couper. Those people, upon notice of this busines at Perth, fell lykwayes upon there Church; which they spoyled and ransackt, and chased away the priests.

[The] Queen Regent fies now things past remeed, by fair means; and the refolves to goe to the fields, and presentlie poasts adverteisment to Duke Hammiltoune, the Earles of Argyle and Atholl; and in short tyme the had an armie reddie to march. It was thought fitt to goe first against Perth. The Earle of Glencairne is noted for the most forward. He brought two thousand five hundred men, hors and soote, with great expedition. The storie sayes, that Lord James [Stewart] the prior of Standroes, the Queen's base brother, and the Earle of Argyle, whoe were knowen to be special somenters of all thes innovations, kept still with the Queen, in show; and stayed still in the armie, on purpose to act better

for the advantage of the Congregation; with refolution to take pairt publicklie, when they found the tyme feafonable. The armie of the Congregation were feven thousand men; but the Queen's exceeded them in number. Yet, by the persuasion of the Earle of Argyle and Lord James, the Queen's base brother, she was moved to a Treatic. These same two were sent, for [the] Queen Regent's pairt, to meet with the Earle of Glencairne and the Laird of Dun, for the Congregation. The four did soone agrie upon these conditions: That the foldyers should be disbanded, on both syds: That the toune of Perth shall receave [the] Queen Regent, where she may recide, at her pleasure, to refresh herselse: In the mean tyme, no tounsman to be trubled in bodie or goods: And that no French man shall approach the toune be thrie myls. All other things were left till the next Convention.

Thefe things being done, and [the] Queen Regent's armie difbanded, the Earle of Argyll and Lord James refolved to partie the Congregation openlie. Wherupon they leave [the] Queen Regent, and goes to St Androes; where they meet and confults with the Lords of the Congregation, and fhewes themfelves openlie for them, and joyns with them in publick. This bred [the] Queen Regent great diftemper. She thinks now that what she hes done in things past, by there advyfe, was nothing but policie in them, to win ground and tyme to the Congregation. She fends unto them a command to returne; but they both refuse to obey; and then presentlie poasts adverteisment everie where for there friends to ryse, that they might have the start of [the] Queen Regent, whoe had now dispersed her forces; and although she had no foldyers on foote, yet to put the people in the greater furie to ryse, they made the word goe that she was alreddie at Falkland, reddie to surpryse Couper and St Androes!

[The] Queen Regent was at S<sup>t</sup> Johnftoune when she heard that Lord James and the Earle of Argyll had joynd themselves to the Congregation, and what they had done. She thinks this a breach; she will therefore secure Perth. She changes the old magistrats, and put in new; she punished some of the most syrie zelots, and banished them the toune; causes priests exerce there sunction, and leaves a garrisone of Scots men

in Perth to keep the toune; and then returned to Stirlin, where she stayed not long; for, hearing that the Lords of the Congregation were alreddie upon the fields, she thought it high tyme for her to draw her friends together; which she did, and marcht with all expedition.

When the newes was knowen that Lord James and the Earle of Argyle had deferted [the] Queen Regent, and joynd themselves to the Congregation, the people were fo much encouradged that they flockt in multituds. Then a declaration was put out, by which it was declared, That the cause of there rysing in arms was for defence of the cause of God, there relligion, and libertie, and lyves, that were all in eminent danger, by the falfe dealing of [the] Queen Regent; whom neither Bands, relligion, nor folemn oaths could bind: That fhe was a breaker of truce and faith: That the was a ftranger, that had no respect to the well of Scotland. These words being declared to the people by John Knox, they grew fo exasperatt, that they were reddie to attempt any thing. They run in confusion to the toune of Craill, and fell upon the Church, which they ranfackt and fpoyled. From thence to St Androes, and heer they fpoyled all; and not content with the fpoyl of the whole Churches and Monasteries, they pulled doune the verie walls of the Gray and Black Friers Monafteries, goodlie things and of great antiquitie; and chafed the archbishop himselfe out of the toune!

Now the Queen's forces were onlie two thousand French, commanded by Monsieur de Ofell, and one thousand Scots under Duke Hammiltoun's command. With these she marcht for Couper, where she had apoynted the cuntrie men, that adhered to her, to rendevow. But the Congregation, having intelligence of [the] Queen Regent's defygne, posselsed themselves of this place the night before the Queen's apoyntment; where all the friends of the Congregation, that inhabited Angus, cam from Dundie, and joynd with them, who were numbred one thousand men; and the next morning they march out. And when both the armies are in fight, they draw up, a little rivelet running out betwixt, with some space of plain ground on either syd. Duke Hammiltoune sent out syve hundred hors to vew the enemies, and face them; who made report, at there returne, that they exceeded themselves far in number, and that they

were reddie to fight. Wherupon they go to a counfel of warr, whoe, becaus of the inequalitie of the number, together with an unwillingnes was found amongst themselves, Duke Hammiltonne fent to Falkland to [the] Queen Regent (whither the had reteared her perfone), and advyfed her once again to try if busines can be composed. Wherupon [the] Queen Regent fent thrie noblemen to treat with them again; whoe fynds the Congregation fo high, that, it feemed, no place was left for agriement. Onlie eight dayes truce was condescended unto; in which space [the] Queen Regent might fend to St Androes, and treat with the whole Lords of the Congregation, whoe were there alltogither. In the mean tyme Lord James Stewart and the Earle of Argyle adds to the propositions which were given to [the] Queen Regent, to advyfe and answer that the Queen's garrifone might be taken of Perth, and the toune fuffred to enjoy there Reformed Relligion. This proposition was added on purpose to breake of Treatie; becaus they knew it wold not be granted. So, this being refused, the Congregation marches directlie to Perth, and befeiges the toune; which was rendred within few dayes. Then the Laird of Kilfauns (whom [the] Queen Regent had made provoft) was difplaced, and the Lord Ruthven was again admitted. Then they fend a ftrong pairtie over to Scone, whoe ranfackt and defaced the Churches. broake doune the altars, and images, and diffroyd the whole ornaments and antient monuments, and fo reteared. Upon the other hand, Lord James and the Earle of Argyle marcht to Stirlin, and ferved the Churches there with the lyke fair; and rafes the Monasterie of Black Friers to the ground. The next day they remove to Edinburgh, and in there way they vifitt the Churches of Lithgou, which they altogether spoyled and ruined.

They were willinglie receaved in Edinburgh by the magistrats, where they were no fooner entred, but they fell upon the Churches, which they ranfackt and ruined with admirable speed. They begun at the great Church of S<sup>t</sup> Gyles, and from it to the Colledge Kirk; both which they spoyled of all there ornaments. From thence to the Black Friers Monasterie, which they overturned to the foundation. They lykewayes pulled downe the Monasterie and Church of Gray Friers, and our Lady

Kirk in the Fields (called Maria de Campis), and made them levell with the ground. Thus, having defaced all the Churches in Edinburgh, and pulled downe those they pleased, they planted Reformed preachers in those they had reserved, and disposed of the government of the towne, as they thought fitt. Then they seased upon the Queen's pallace of Halliroodhous, with all the rich furnitor; which they possessed, and kept for there owen use.

Thefe things were done with fo great fpeed, that there was no tyme to prevent; but fo foone as [the] Queen Regent could make reddie, the marches toward Edinburgh; and in the way, Duke Hammiltoune and the Earle of Mortoune mett her with all there friends: by whose mediation a truce was agried upon, from the fourteenth day of July, untill the tenth of January heerafter. The Articles agried upon were these: That in this mean tyme, libertie in matters of conscience shall be frie to all: That no garrisone shall be kept in Edinburgh: That no man shall impede priests or churchmen, to intromett with there tends, and rents, &c. &c.: That no man shall truble either Church, Monasterie, or other Relligious places: That the next day the coyning hous, and coyning irons, shall be delyvred to [the] Queen Regent, and the Queen's pallace of Halliroodhous, with all the furnitour.

It was about this tyme that Herrie King of France died by a ftroake in his eye of a fplinter of a lance, which he receaved from the Earle of Mongomerie at tilt; and our Queen's hufband Francis the fecond fucceded; whoe, hearing of all thefe tumults and mifcarradges in Scotland, fent over letters to Lord James, by which he taxt him mightilie for his mifcariage, and commanded him to defift and abandon that focietie in tyms coming, upon his alledgeance. Lord James returns anfwer, That he had committed no mifcariage, nor taken any wrong courfe: That he had done nothing against his alledgeance: That what he did and does was lawfull, for mantainance of the liberties of the cuntrie and propagation of the Gospell, which was no more lawfull for him to abandon then to deny Jesus Chryst, &c.

Neer about this tyme James Earle of Arran came home from France.

He was the Duke's eldeft fone; a yong man of a factious spiritt, whoe prefentlie joyned himfelfe with the Congregation. [The] Queen Regent had acquented the King of France with all the procedings in Scotland, and had earneftlie defyred affiftance, in men, which about this tyme arryved at Leth; wheroff one thousand were commanded by Monsieur Octavian, which arryved first, and a little after Monsieur La Bross landed with two thousand more. This Monsieur was Knight of the order of the Cockle, and a gentlman of good estimation in France. He brought with him the Bilhop of Amiens, and thrie Doctors of Sorbone. Thefe were a great encouradgment for [the] Queen Regent. They prefentlie fortifie Leth, and prepares to make warr. Yet La Brofs and the Bifhop addrest themselves to the Lords of the Congregation. They produced there commission, and declared that he was fent to compose these distractions (if possible) in a peaceable way; and that in matters of relligion, the Bishop of Amiens and these Doctors were fent to give disput, and fatisfie the doubtfull. The Lords of the Congregation answered by wryte, in a long letter, that they wold not receave any relligion by ftroake of fword, and they would be reddie to answer them in the fields, if they intended warr: but if they wold difmifs there foldyers and fend them back, they wold treat with them upon indifferent terms. They wrote lykwayes to [the] Queen Regent; by which they faid, they wondred fhe wold difhonor herfelfe and opprefs the cuntrie with forrain foldyers, and force them to imploy the affiftance of the kingdome to expell forrainers.

In the mean tyme of all this, the Congregation were feeking aid from the Queen of England, wherof [the] Queen Regent was not ignorant; and the Earle of Arran had befturred himfelf much, fince he came over. He had not onlie drawen many more to follow him, but he had corrupted his father the old Duke, who was now joyned with the Congregation alfo. [The] Queen Regent fent Robert Forman, King at Arms, to the Congregation, with answer to their letters. She faid, That it feemed by there demands, or rather commands, that they have affumed more power and authoritie to themselves than besitts subjects, knowing well none had the lawfull authoritie but herselfe, under the King and the Queen her daughter. This she commanded the Herault to speake by word. She

commanded him also to enquire the Duke, if he remembred the promeses of fidelitie and obedience which he made, both to herfelfe, her dawghter, his naturall foverain, and to the King her hufband, by word and wrytt, not onlie for himfelfe, but for his fone the Earle of Arran? She willed him to fay to the Congregation, also, that the was both reddie and willing to doe any thing for peace to the cuntrie, that [might] fland with the glorie of God and the libertie of the croune: That the had never intention to fubdew the cuntrie, but to mantain that to her dawghter and fone in law which belonged unto them by inheritance: Neither did she ever intend warr, fortifie Leth, or bring in foldyers, untill they, in open Convention, renounced there alledgeance to her authoritie; and till first they rafed men, and went to the fields against her whoe represented the royal authoritie, tooke in tours, fortified them at there pleafure, and are now making up a League with the English, the antient enemic of the land, and feeking there affiftance: How was it lawful for them to keep up an armie in Edinburgh, and not lawful for her to doe the lyke in Leth? That whatfomever colour they put upon there actions, yet it is notar that the quiet of the commonwealth is the leaft of there aims: That if they will yet flew a probable way for the peace of the cuntrie, and prefervation of the Royal Majeftie, the shall difmifs the French foldyers out of the kingdome. In the mean tyme, the commanded the Herault to charge the Duke and the rest of these Lords to depairt home and leave that societie, under pain of treafone; and if they refused, to denounce them rebells.

Upon the twenty third day of October, they returned answer by the fame Herault: That they saw her obstinacie against the true Kirk of God, and the Reformed Relligion, &c. &c. which they wold defend: They discharged her persone in tyme to come to meddle any more with the government, upon any pretext whatsomever of power from the King and Queen; for as she does not accompt them lawfull subjects, they do not accompt her Regent nor a lawfull Majestrate: That they were born counfellors, and it belonged to their charge to looke to the government, under the King and Queen; in whose name they discharged her: That they wold leave nothing undone, with there lyves and estates, to banish the French and recover Leth: That if any was there (in Leth) as ambassla-

dors, they command them to avoid the kingdome within twenty four hours; and that fhe difinifs all hyred foldyers, and transport herselfe within the fame space: They lykwayes inhibit all ambassadors from the King and Queen to make any adres to her; and discharged her to middle in any thing until the next parliament, to be indyted by them, and sitt where they think sitt: They command all Scotsmen to come out of Leth within twenty four hours, under pain to be esteemed perturbers of the commonwealth.

After this, there was open hoftilitie betwixt them (the Congregation lying at Edinburgh, and [the] Queen Regent at Leth), and the tyme was fpent in fkirmifhing and other actions of warr, untill jeloufies arofe amongst the Lords in Edinburgh. Dyvers of there number left the cause and abandoned them. The Duke began to waver, and the soldyers to mutinie for want of pay, and [the] Queen Regent had fo good intelligence in there camp, that the knew even there fecreteft counfells. To remeed thefe things, they apoynt fome to keep the Duke ftreight: They intercept the Queen's intelligence, and fynding no readier way for money to the foldyers, they fend to Sir Rauff Sadler and Sir James Crofts, governors of Berwick, and borrowes from them four thousand crounes, which they delyvred to John Cockburne of Ormiftoune; but the Queen Regent, having notice of this, fent the Earle of Bothwell to intercept the money; which he both did and wounded the Laird of Ormiftoune in the fight. These things did much truble the Congregation, but yet they refolve to byd it. Wherupon they make choose of four of there number, by whose advyse and direction all things shall be governed, These were Duke Hammiltoune and his sone the Earle of Arran, Archbald Earle of Angus, and the Earle of Glencairne. There were added affeffors, Lord James and Lord Robert Stewarts, both base brothers to the Queen, the Lord Ruthven, the Master of Marshall, and the Laird of Glenurchie. They began there redification with the Lord Seatoune, who all this tyme was provoft of Edinburgh. They mifdoubt his integritie, and puts him from his charge, and makes Archbald Douglas of Kilfpindie provoft; they changed both the bailies and the whole counfell of the toune, and put in men of there owen choofing.

The provoft of Dundie was the first that adventured to action from the Congregation. He drawes out his men with some cannon to the Haukhill (a place betwixt Halliroodhous and Leth), and playes upon the toune of Leth. Whereupon some hors were sent out of the garrisone, with resolution to guard a strong partie of soote that were to follow; but upon the sight of those hors, that Dundie men sled in confusion, and with the loss of some they recovered the Cannongate.

After this the Lords of the Congregation were much perplext, for things did not work to there content. There was division amongst the Lords themselves, and the commons were alreddie weried. They were almost at the poynt of dispair, when William Maitland yonger of Lethintoune, [the] Queen Regent's cheese Secretarie, betrayes his trust, and joyns himselfe unto them. This man encouradged them to stand, and revealed all [the] Queen Regent's projects; amongst which he acquented them of a convoy with victuals, that [was] to be brought to Leth upon the fifth day of November next. Upon this discoverie, the Earle of Arran and Lord James the Queen's base brother went out to intercept them; but were beaten back with the loss of twenty five of there men; of which number was one Captain Alexander Haliburtoune, a yong zelott.

This little blow difeouradged the people in Edinburgh. They loofe heart; they grumble, and mutine, nor lay it in the power of the Lords to draw any man again to the fields. The Lords themfelves were in confusion, and they were fo much posself with fear, that they think not Edinburgh a securitie. Wherupon the next day they ryse, and with bagg and baggadge they march to Sterlin; and here, by the preaching of John Knox, they recouvered spiritt. They had been now for a long tyme in expectation of the English assistance, which this retreat made them to importune; for which end they dispatch this yong Livistonne, as the trustiest man, to Quean Elisabeth of England, with instructions to remonstrat there condition, and what danger was lyke to fall to them and there cause in hand: That if the French became masters of Scotland, how easie it were for them to insest England, upon everie syde, besyds the ruin of Religion; for which they engadged themselves and all! This

man being dispatched, the Lords divyded there forces. One pairt was fent to Glasgow, to protect the West and keep it in obedience; for this pairt of the kingdome was much affectionat unto them; the other pairt was fent to Fysic, where lykwayes they had the affections of the people.

This fudden retreat of the Lords of the Congregation, togither with intelligence that English supplies were comming, made the French in Leth resolve to act somthing before the English cam doune. They know, now, that the Lords have abandoned Edinburgh; and they know how they have divyded there forces; wherupon they march out of Leth with most pairt of their forces to Stirlin, and in there way tooke Lithgow, and spoyled some lands belonging to the Hammiltouns. From Stirlin they marcht doune the coast syd to Kinghorne; and heer they encamped three weeks without any action of worth, but that they burnt the Laird of Grange's hous; which he soone revenged, for he watcht an opportunitie with some hors, when as Sebastius, a Savoyard, with a companie of soot was coming out upon a pairtie, he falls upon him, kills himself and sifty of his men, and tooke most pairt of the rest prisoners, and sent them to Dundie.

Yong Lithingtoune made quick hafte in his commission; for before November was out, Commissioners cam to Berwick to make up a Legue with our Scots Congregation; whoe tooke upon them to treat in name of the whole state of Scotland. The conditions agried upon were these: That they shall mutuallie affist other against all strangers that should invade the lie of Brittain: That the Scots shall warr in England, upon the Queen's pay; the Queen of England shall lykwayes keep in pay all English foldyers within Scotland; and that the spoyle that should be taken from an enemie within Scotland should fall to the English share: That all strengths recovered should be delyvred to the right owner: That the Congregation should give pledges to remain in England, and in case the King of France, or Marie Queen of Scotland should die, the pledges were to stay in England one year thereafter. These Articles were syned upon the twenty seventh day of February 1560.

In this tyme, the Queen of England made reddie her fupplies, both by

land and fea. Those by sea came first. They were eight ships, that came up Forth, which being once discovered by the French in Fysse, they made a sudden retreat, and this made the whole condition of Fysse to looke with another face. Those of Fysse whoe were of the Congregation, had reteared themselves for fear of those French, did now appear; and all who had submitted or carried themselves obedient to [the] Queen Regent did, upon sight of this English supplie, revolt again, and joyned themselves publicklie to the partie of the Congregation.

About this tyme, Monfieur de Martignes, a brave yong noblman of France, arryved at Leth with one thousand foot, and some hors, in two ships; and one Andro Sands, a cittizen of Leth, surpryses those two ships, and goes to sea with his partners. And within a little after this, the Marquis of Elbeuse, [the] Queen Regent's brother, with eight ships loaden with men, horses, and munition, came to the mouth of Forth, but durst not adventur up the river; so he returned to France.

Those of the Congregation growes now strong, and they apoynt a meeting at Perth, where they perswade many of the North to joyne with them. Then a general randevou is apoynted at Lithgow; from whence they march in a bodie to Haddintoune, to meet the English supplie, which consisted of fix thousand foot and two thousand hors, commanded by the Lord Gray; and being all joyned, they come back to Prestonpans, where they encamp to refresh there foldyers. In the mean tyme, Leth, knowing to be distressed (for they were sure to be beleguered by land with this English armie, and by sea they saw some more English ships come up the river and joyn with the fleet, which stopt all hopes of supplie of either men or provisions by sea to the toune), it was thought sitt that [the] Queen Regent should eschew the calamities of a feedge, and retear to the castle of Edinburgh; which she did, and was receaved by the Lord Erskin, the Captain, that all this tyme prossessed.

The Lords of the Congregation, upon knowledge of this remove, mett at Dalketh, from whence they fent another letter to [the] Queen Regent again to defyr that there former petition might be granted, otherwayes

to exhonor themselves for whatfomever mischeese should fall. This letter was drawin rather in way of exhoneration then out of any defyre they had that [the] Queen Regent should accept it. It was dated the forth day of Apryle 1560, and the next day but one, the whole armie advanced from the Pans towards Leth. This, being the fixth day of Apryle, was the first day of the feedge, which continued untill neer the July; in which tyme many things fell out, not worth the relating. The first busines of note happened this first day of the feedge. Monsieur de Martignes drawes out thirteen hundred men to the Hawkhill, which place he refolved to fortifie; but the whole armie of the ennemie, being that day upon there remove from the Pans, fends fome Scots forces to beat them from this hill. It was hotlie disputed a long tyme, but at length multituds prevaled, and Martignes was beaten back to the toune, with lofs. After this, fome daves were fpent in treatie, by the pains of the Bishop of Valencia, in Savoy; whoe, after much toyle and travel taken betwixt the English camp and [the] Queen Regent, could bring matters to no accommodation.

Upon the last of Apryle, a sudden fyre burst out within the garrisone of Leth, which continued almost twenty four hours in great furie; in which tyme the enemie without did not flip the occasion, but made an affault, and was beaten back with great valour and much blood. Upon the feventh of May the milns of Leth were burnt, and another affault made by fkalade; but the ledders proved too fhort, and they were again beaten back with great lofs. Thus the tyme was fpent away in skirmishes to no great purpofe; in which tyme the English armie were much diminished, but to supplie this a recruit is fent doune of two thousand foot. And in the taill of this the Queen of England fends doune her cheefe Secretarie the Lord Cicell, and with him Nicholas Vottan, Dean of York, with commission to treat with the French for a composition. They address themselves to Monsieur Monlur and Monsieur Randam, and the matter was brought that length, that a parliament was called by [the] Queen Regent's order and confent, to be in Edinburgh in the end of July. (Although it is written by the English that fuch things were proposed by Lord James, the Queen's base brother, that Cecill thought neither meet to be propounded by subjects, nor by Princes to be granted.\*)

But before that day the courfe of affairs were changed; for [the] Queen Regent, opprefied with vexation and toyle, fickened and died, in the caffle of Edinburgh. Her bodie was carried to Leth, and fhipt for France. She is commended, by her greatest enemies, for a notable woman and wyfe.

The blaim of the trubles are by all men laid upon her French Councellors, La Broffe, De Martignes, and the Bifhop of Amiens. The oppression and violence used by the French was the greatest cause, and was the occasion that many of [the] Queen Regent's best friends in Scotland joyned with the Congregation, although they diffred from them in Relligion, yet affisted for the expulsion of these French forces, which they feared in tyme wolde make no difference, if they proved absolute masters of the cuntrie.

After the death of [the] Queen Regent the two English commissioners renew the Treatie, which in end was brought to a conclusion, both parties being wearied. The French was wearied, becaus the toune was drawen to great distres. It is reported that they eat hors and dogs within the garrisone for many dayes; and that they had no hopes of releife by fea was manifest, for the English sleet commanded the firth. In the English camp was fearcitie of all thyngs, and they being in a cuntric themselves, wherin they had no great considence, befyds the hard duetic they were put unto, was the reason that they wished buslines at an end. And the Scots foldyers were but cuntric fellows new taken up; they had fore duetie, scarse in vittels, without tents to by in, and receaved no pay; so they wold willinglie lykwayes have an end. The Articles of Agreement were these: That the King and Queen of France and Scotland

<sup>· &</sup>quot;What is within parenthesis is found in the Original, at the margent, in his own hand, the author's."

thall not use the arms nor title of England and Ireland from henceforth; and that all letters whatfomever, fealed with these conjunct armes, shall be within fix months called in: That all French men fhall, within twenty dayes, transport themselves out of this kingdome to France, with bag and baggadge: That the Queen of England shall furnish them with shipping. where they want, upon pledges, which fhall flay in Englande till the returne of the fhips: That Leth fhall be rendred to the Scots, and the fortifications demolifhed: That the fort built at Dumbar by the French thall be rafed to the ground: Thefe things being done, the English shall retear out of Scotland: That Francis King of France, and Marie his Queen, shall, by act of oblivion, forgett all things interpryfed in Scotland, by any whomfomever, fince the tenth day of March 1559, untill the beginning of August 1560: That these Articles shall be ratified by the King and Queen: And laft, it was agreed that Inchkeith and Dumbar thall be still in the possession of the French, not exceeding thrie score in number, as a fort of poffession for the King and Queen.

Thefe things being ended, and the cuntrie fried from all foldyers, there was a Convention called at Edinburgh, upon the fifth day of Agust, without authoritie from King or Queen; wherin little was handled but the propa gating and establishing the Reformed Relligion; and upon the twenty third day of September Sir James Sandilands of Calder (one of the Knights of the Rhods) was fent over with thefe acts of this Convention or Parliament, to move the King and Queen to figne them and the Articles of Capitulation. Sir James cam to the Court of France in a most unseasonable tyme, when the King was ingadged in an intricat labirynth of trubles concerning the King of Navarr, the Prince of Condé, and the Protestant there (as is to be seen in the French historie at length), and the King's fickness and death in end. So he was dispatched without answer. He made his addres to the Duke of Guife and his brothers, to whom he intimatt his commission, and withall put the best face upon things he could, to vindicatt the Scots nobilitie from afperfions, and laid all the occasion of the trubles upon the French. It is said that the Duke answered, that he wondred how the Scots nobilitie could stryve to cover

thefe foul cryms of treafon, rebellion, and herefie, with any vail of obedience or honeftie; but he wondred more on him, that he should be an actor in thefe things, and in special in matters of herefie, now condemned by all Christian nations at the Counsel of Trent, he being a Knight of the Rhods, and sworne to protect and defend the Catholick Faith.

So Sir James returned; and the nobilitie meets upon the fifteenth day of January 1561, to receave his answer, which was none at all. He onlie declared the death of the King was certain. At this meeting there were Duke James Hammiltoune and his fons, the Earles of Argyll, Mortoune, Rothes, Crawford, Marshall, Glencairne, Cassils, Sommervell, and the Master of Maxwell, whoe was married to the heretrix of Herreis.

In this Convention, the first act was done judiciallie for altring the Church government; although it was without order or authoritie, either from the Queen or any Commissioner from her. Mr John Knox prefented to this Convention a fort of gouvernment, in wryte, which he defyred might be established in the Church; which principallie concerned Bishops, whose authoritie he defyred might be suppressed, together with the name and dignitie. He defyred that twelve able men might be choosed out to fupplie there places, whoe might be called Superintendants: That ech of thefe might have a thousand merks a year; and after there death, that five hundreth merks might be alotted for there weves and children, if the wyffe furvive: That everie Reader in the Kirk may have fix fcore pounds allowed them out of the Church rents. He prefented a Recantation and Renunciation of all the heads of doctrin formerlie teached in the Church. which contained ane adjuration of the Pope, and almost all the Articles of the Catholick Faith; togither with a negative Confession of that doctrine which himfelf maintained. All which he defvred might be confirmed by oath and fubfcription; and that by authoritie they might be prefented to everie man that joyned themselves to the Reformed Relligion, and to everie man whom they mifdoubted in there profession. All thefe things were allowed by this Convention, and by many they were inftantlie fubfcryved unto. There Abbacies, Priories, and other Church lands were distributed amongst themselves that were temporall men, &c. &c. In a word, the foundation of this Revolution was heer laid, which I

omitt to wryte, in particular; but all are to be found in Originall, and experience and practife hes teacht us the fame.

Thefe things were but broacht, for there wanted the face of authoritie to confirm them. It was thought therefore fitt that Lord James, the Queen's base brother, should be fent over to France; and try if he could move the Queen to give confent unto them, or to perfwade the Queen to grant himfelfe commission to conveen a parliament, whereby such things as fhould be thought for the well of the kingdome might be authorifed. This was a confident attempt, first to be the actor of all these innovations without authoritie, and then to defvre authoritie to confirme them. Well, he adventured and came to the Queen, at Loraine. Heer he gave her information, that all the kingdome was in divifion; how there was nothing to be expected but blood and murther, if things were not prevented by authoritie: That there was none in Scotland now that was cled with commission from her Majestie, without which no fetled courfe could be taken. He humblie defyred the Queen to think upon fome that fhe might truft (ftill poynting at himfelfe, and certainlie expecting the imployment). The Queen confulted with her uncles, the Gwifes; whoe thought it a dangerous thing to trust him with a commission for a parliament, whom they visiblie saw affected the croune, and has been the onlie plotter of all these past rebellions; he that had gone on fo farr without authoritie, what wold he doe if he had authoritie? They thought the fafeft way was for her to goe home to Scotland herfelfe, and take alongft with her men of judgment and wifdome to affift her. They thought that the countenance of there naturall prince wold ftryke a reverence even in the most wicked subject. This was, indeed, beyond Lord James his expectation. He strove to divert her course, if it were possible. He faid, it was not good to goe abruptlie amongst a number of people that were not yet fetled: That a little tyme wold pave the way, and make all fmooth: That if the wold truft him with the buffines, he wold prepare things, that fhe fhould have little to doe. At last they conclude to try Lord James, and give him commission to conveen the nobilitie to treat and prepare busines, but to conclude nothing.

Lord James takes this diffrust highlie, but he receaves the commission, and takes leaves. He coms ftreight to London, and acquents Queen Elizabeth with all the procedurs; he shews her that the Queen is to come over in perfone; and what prejudice her prefence will doe anent Relligion, in Scotland, was eafily feen! The trewth was, he there gave Queen Elifabeth fuch fatiffaction of his intentions, that she gave him affurance of her protection in all things; and even then fhe refolved to intercept the Queen, either by force or policie, whereby Lord James might have way to work his pretences. A man that is ambitious of a croune, nothing can fatiffie but a croune! Many supposed it was the croune that Lord James aimed at from the beginning, as was observed by the course of all his actions. There was but onlie one to enjoy the croune by birth, and that was a woman, and bred in a ftrange cuntrie. He lookt all this tyme paft that either a naturall death, or by miffortone, might have thaken the inheritance of the croune, and caften all loofe. He thought himfelfe (though a baftard) in the greatest possibilitie, if the occasion offred. He knew Duke Hamiltoun's tittle by law was nearest; but he, being a man flexible and easie, he thought to put him asyd by some means or other. He studied the favor of the people, and in all these tumults shew himselfe popular. He did not only foment all these bypast distractions, but made himselfe head of the faction; and when the alteration of Relligion offred, he prefentlie imbraced it; by which means he had all the people of the Reformed Relligion to flick to him lyke burrs. And now he has fortified himfelfe with Queen Elifabeth's affiftance, after this you shall fie him crofs the Queen in all her defygns: You shall sie a way laid to intercept her persone; but it sailed: You shall fie him afterwards crofs her in her marriage: Then he shall be the cause of divifion betwixt her and her hufband; to evite fucceffion: You shall fie him have a hand in David Ricciu's flaughter, in the Queen's chamber (when the was great with child), in hope of abortion: You shall fie him have a hand in the murther of her hufband, the King; in her marriage with Bothwell; and all that followed, till fhe was banished the kingdome: And what wold have become of her fone King James, if he had lived himfelfe, many were doubtfull!

Lord James then returned to Scotland in the beginning of May this year, 1561; and immediatlie he calls a Convention, upon the eighth day of the fame month. Heer Monfieur de Noale prefented his commission, being Ambassador from the King of France: Which was to defvre that the Antient League might be renewed with France, and the new League with England diffolved: To reftore the Catholick Relligion, churchmen, and priefts to there eftates and dignities, wherof they had been lately fpoyled. It was answered, That it was none of their fault, that any irruption was made in that League, but the breach was upon the French pairt, whoe in all thefe last trubles intended the fubdewing of this kingdome to a flaverie: That they could not diffolve the League with England, unles they shew themselves most ungratefull to these whome they acknowledged to be there protectors and maintainers, &c. &c.: For the reftoring the Catholick Relligion and churchmen, they faid they did not acknowledge thefe priefts and friers to have any place in the Church of God; nor had they any use for them in this kingdome! Then they enacted, by authoritie of this Convention, that all Monasteries, Abbayes, and other Relligious houses, should be throwen doune; and there were orders emitted to particular men throughout the kingdome for that effect.

This Convention put things clear of the hinges, that it never lay in the Queen's power to put them again in fraim. The great men gaped after the church eftates, and the commoners were fleshed with the spoyles of Abbayes and Relligious houses. There was a general aversion from the Queen, both in Civil and Ecclesiasticall government. So, this was the preparation for her reception. In the mean tyme, the Queen is reddie; but before she take jorney, she sends over to England Monsieur de Osel to found Queen Elisabeth's affection; whoe promesed all the kyndnes that lay in her power: That if Queen Marie wold make use of her, and visit her by the way, nothing should be omitted to express her affections; and that she wold not take it well if she tooke any other way to Scotland but through England. Nevertheless, she puts out a fleet to sea, under collour to suppress Pirats, with commission to intercept Queen Marie in her course! God disappoynted this project; for she had for-

tune to pass by this fleet in a foggie and miftie day, and landed fase at Leth, upon the nineteenth day of August 1561, with thrie of her uncles, the Duke de Amall, the Marquis de Elbeuf, and the Grand Prior of France. That ship wherin the Earle of Eglintoune was discovered the plott; for having hap to light upon that English sleet, [he] was carried to London prisoner; but, synding a mistake, was shortlie releaved and put to libertie.

The Queen was receaved with great figns of joy by the nobilitie; whereof most pairt was counterfitt, and was mightillie cryed up by the commons. Her bewtie, youth, and statlie carriage possessed the people with a reverence to her persone at first, and a resolution of obedience; but the affections of the people is lyke a cock upon the top of a steeple, it turnes which way the wind blowes, and is never long fixt; but, in turning, these same people that receaved her now with hosanna, within short tyme were those that crucified her!

We shall take a vew of her entrie to Edinburgh, which she made upon the first day of September, with most pairt of the Nobilitie of Scotland, excepting Duke Hammiltoune and his fons, whoe were noted abfent. She entred at the West-port. The folemnities were trulic statlic, but too long for an abridgment. Some thinges we shall sie of best remark. She was receaved by fifty black-moors, and fixteen cheefe citticens carried a pale under which herfelfe rode upon hors; and at first was prefented with a rich cupboard of plate. At the head of the Strait-bow there was a pageant richlie adorned, and upon it a number of boys finging mufick, and playeng upon inftruments; one of which cam doune in a cloud and delivered the Queen the keyes of the toune, togither with a Bible translated in Scots languadge, and a book of Pfalms turned likewayes in Scots verfe, which were fignified by a fpeech made by the boy to be emblems of her defending the Reformed Relligion. This was fearfe favorie to her at the first entrie! But she went on. At the Parliament hous a double pageant, one above another, was prefented with many devyces and mufick. From thence at the Crofs an other, which run wyne of all forts. But at the Trone there was a pageant that feemed to many ridiculous, but to the French it feemed contemptible. Upon the top of this pageant, there was a fpeech made tending to abolishing of the mafs, and in token that it was alreddie banished the kingdome, there was the shape of a priest in his ornaments reddie to fay mafs, made of wode, which was brought forth, in fight of all, and presentlie throwen in a fyre made upon the scaffold and burnt. This was diversie constructed, according to men's humours, either to derision, contempt, or presumption; and everie man thought it needles. The Queen herselse was not well pleased, and this made the rest les acceptable. From this she went under an other Arch at the Nether-bow, and so to Hallirood-bous.

The Catholick Relligion, by this last Convention, had got such a blow that it was not now in the Queen's power to fett it again in that posture that the Queen defyred; wherupon she was perswaded to give way to the suppression. She had referved to herselfe and houshold the privat exercise of her Relligion in her Chappell, which was not long without truble neither; for within few dayes, as the wax candles and some other ornaments of the alter were carried by a fervant, a fellow pulled them from the bearer, and trode them in the myre. This tooke great impression in the Queen, for she knew this durft not have been done without the protection of great men. Lord James tooke upon him to pacific the tumult, which he did to the Queen's difadvantage. After this two of the Queen's uncles tooke leave; but the Marquis of Elbeufe staved longer.

The Queen was now to fend an Ambaffador to Queen Elifabeth of England, whereby correspondence might be kept, and amitie intertained. The nobilitie seemed to take great care to pick out one for this imployment fitting. Wherupon they recommend unto the Queen yong Lithingtoune, as the most able man. This is he that deferted [the] Queen Regent and joyned with the Congregation, and divulged her projects; one whome these factious nobilitie intended now to make use of to kindle that slame of diffention and jealousie betwixt these two princes, which never was quenched but by the blood of Queen Marie; wherof Lord James and his privat complices were the onlie actors.

The Queen's commission was but generall; to falute the Queen of England; to render her thanks for past courtefies; to defyre a continuance of friendship, and a trew correspondence betwixt them. But he had other letters apairt, direct from Lord James and the rest of the nobilitie, whom fhe had affifted in thefe late trubles. letters were nothing but general neither; giving her thanks for her paft favors; but they had relation to fomewhat that the bearer had in charge to delyver by word; wherunto they defyred the Queen to give truft. Having receaved his inftructions, he made no delay, and was publicklie receaved by Queen Elifabeth, and had audience two or thrie tyms; in which tymes long conferences were past betwixt the Queen and him, which are at length fet doune in my originall, and heer for brevitie omitted. But the fubstance was: That he had a commission from the Lords to render her majeftie many thanks for her by paft favors; with offers of there fervice, if fhe had need: That now there onlie defyre was, that good correspondence might be kept in tyms to come: That they faw not a way to knitt up a fure friendship but one, which was to declare our Queen Marie lawfull and next heir to the croune of England, and her next fucceffor, in cafe of want of fuccession: That Queen Elifabeth must pardone them for this care that they had for there Queen's good, for it was her honor and stabilitie that they had now onlie care The Queen of England heared this fpeech with great impatience, and answered in many words. She faid, she lookt for an other message from his miftres the Queen of Scots: She expected the performance and confirming that League made at Leth, which had been oft promefed: In end fhe faid, that fhe could not nor wold not deny the interest that the had with Queen Marie: That the never did, nor intends to doe, any thing in prejudice of her right to the croune of England; but to declare her fucceffor fo long as herfelfe lived, the faid, was against all reasone of state or securitie of her persone! She said it was to carrie her winding theet before her eyes, or to make her grave before the died!

At everie audience this fubject was much preffed by Lithingtoune, and as much answered with disdain by the Queen. The more he urged the matter, the Queen was the more enraged; at length he takes leave, and defyrs to know if any further answer was to be given. The Queen

answered, No; and thought that till the Queen his mistres had confirmed that League made at Leth, she was not bound to shew any further courtesse. Lithingtoune will sturr the coals yet more! He sayes, that that League, if it should not be confirmed, yet it is not on that consequence to seclude his mistres the Queen of Scotland from the succession to the croune of England; and although it had been confirmed in obedience to her husband, yet now, she had all the reasone in the wordle [world] to seeke by all means to breake it! He humblic desyred the Queen not to take these things from him by way of commission, for what he had faid was onlie from himselfe, directed by some of the nobilitie, who wold gladlic keep a good understanding betwixt their majesties, and wold lykewayes stryve in what they could, to advance the honor of there owen Queen.

These things were moved truelie to engender hatred and division betwixt these two Queens; which again was never reallie reconciled. In end, promises was made to send downe Commissioners to treat about a peace and performance of League made at Leth; and so he returned.

It was now the beginning of October, untill which tyme the Queen had the ufe of the exercife of her Relligion without any great ftop, which was thought too long, and too much that fhe was fuffred to have mass in her chappell; which the Earle of Arran did frielie speake. Wherupon they project a beginning of a tumult to bring the Queen in contempt. Archibald Douglas of Kilspindie was again elected provost of Edinburgh for this year, whose by open proclamation banished from the toune all adulterers, fornicators, drunkards, mass-mongers, and obstinat papists. This was taken by the Queen in contempt and disdain, that he should thrust in papists amongst these vicious people. She thought this was done for none end but to affront her and the relligion she professed; wherupon she fends the provost prisoner to the castle, and commands to toune to depose these magistrates, and elect others in there places; and then puts out a proclamation, by which libertie was granted to all true subjects to come and goe at there pleasure.

This was the occasion of a new quarrell. The Queen is challanged for having mass solemnlie sung upon St Androes day, the last of November. They say, she exceeds her libertie granted: That she had

onlie libertie of privat exercife, and not publick finging. All the pulpits cryes out upon this, as fuperstition and publick idolatrie not to be fuffred; and defyrs the nobilitie to take notice of it. Upon this a meeting is apoynted betwixt the nobilitie and the ministrie, wherin the debate was, whither the fupream magistrate might be compelled by force to keep within the bounds of law; and it was carried by voyce that princes may be forced to obey the law. The historie fayes that the whole voyces of the ministrie were clear in this, but some of the noblemen differed.

The Queen knew all these things followed from Lord James, whose projects she saw daily more clear; for she sied him popular above all measure, and he is seen by everie one to cross her upon everie occassion. Wherupon she resolves to try if she can win him by honors and preferments, and at least to seem to be governed by him in all her actions. Upon this she creats him Leutenant of Scotland, and then sends him to the Border to execute justice upon those Border theeves and rogues; which he did handsomlie and with great reputation, for he hanged twenty eight and tooke band of many more.

Yet the affections of those of the Reformed Relligion (which was now by much the greater pairt of the commons of the kingdome) was so averse from the Queen, that everie thing she did was constructed in the worse sense. If any thing was done that was not in favor of that pairtie, it was esteemed tirannie; that which was done to honor or satisfie them, it was called diffimulation. This honor of Leutenant of the kingdome, which the Queen confered upon Lord James (whoe was head of this pairtie) was by his owen procurment, yet was misconstructed by the people; for they said that the Queen had laid that charge upon him, not out of affection, but to hazard his lysse amongst these Border broken men.

Upon his returne from the Border, the Queen elected to herfelf a Counfell, wherin were eleven Temporal Lords and but one Bifhop. Thefe were, James Duke of Chafterault and Hammiltoune, the Earle of Huntlie, chancellor, the Earles of Argyle, Atholl, Marfhall, Glencairne, Erroll, Mortoune, and Montros, Mr Henrie Sincklar Bifhop of Ros, the Lord Erfkin, and Lord James Prior of St Androes, and Great Leuten-

ant of Scotland. Then the Queen, fearing tumults, required this Counfell to provyde a guard to her perfone; which Lord James opposed, publicklie, as the beginning of tirannie over the people. Nevertheles of all this, the Queen created him Earle of Marr; and shortlie afterward he married the Lady Agnes Keith, daughter to the Earle of Marshall.

This year 1562, upon the feventeenth day of March, the tradfmen of Edinburgh founded the new Tolbooth, at the west end of St Gyles' Church.

The beginning of this year, lykwayes, the Clergie of the Roman profeffion (whoe were not yet, by a confirmed law, divefted of there eftates) beftowed by guift upon the Queen the third of all the Church lands in Scotland; for they thought better to give it by confent to the Queen, then loofe it themfelves without confent; which they vifiblie faw wold fall out. Little of this cam to the Queen's ufe, for alreddie most pairt of the Church lands was in possession of temporall men, which she could not bring back; and most pairt of that which rested she was constrained to give it out for mantainance to the preachers of the Reformed Relligion, from whome she reapt no thanks; for they openlie faid it was given against her will. The rests of all she bestowed upon her owen fervants in pensions.

The Lord Erskin tooke verie ill that the title of Marr was confered upon Lord James; for he pretended the fame as kindlie to his famlie. Wherupon Lord James renounced the title, and in exchange had the title of Murray; and this did much more offend the Earle of Huntlie, and was the cause of grounded malice that Huntlie tooke against him, and accused him publicklie to the Queen of treasone for affecting the croune.

The hiftoric reports that about this tyme James Earle of Bothwell (a feditious man, and one whoe refolved to mudd the waters) dealt feriouslie with the Earle of Murray to ruin the Duke, and the whole name of Hammiltoune; wherin he offred his affistance. He laid many reasons before Murray for this project to move him to give ear, and ever glanced at them in there pretensions to the croune, and there power to cross him in

his actions. But the Earle of Murray, being a man of a deep reach in witt, neither lykt the project, nor had great confidence in Bothwell. He waved all his propositions, and refused to enter in any such actions. Wherupon Bothwell turned himfelf to the other fyd, and informed the Duke that the Earle of Murray was onlie he that eclipfed the greatnes of his hous, that it was eafie to cut him off, being now with the Queen at Falkland; which being done, the Queen might be feafed upon, and then be abfolutlie in there power. This was long in confult amongst the pryme men of that name, in which many things were propofed and projected, togither with the reafons, which are too long to infert. But, in end, it was combined by them all and agreed unto, and the day and way of action, and the perfons apovnted. The Earle of Arran, the Duk's eldeft fone, whoe was partner of all thefe counfells, tooke another courfe; for he prefentlie acquented the Earle of Murray, by his letters, of every thing. Murray by the fame meffinger returned him many thanks. Which letters and meffenger, both either out of mifliap or fett purpofe, were intercepted and brought to the Duke; whoe, upon this difcoverie, challenges and blames his fone, and flutts him up in cloffe prifone. But Arran, by fome means, made an efcape and fled ftreight to Falkland, where he declared all the circumftances himfelf; and in this mean tyme (whither by a naturall infirmitie or otherwife) he fell diffracted on a fudden, which gave many occasion to fay that many of these informations proceeded from his owen conceptions in his diffraction. But howfomever, untill things were better cleared, the Earle of Bothwell was fent prifoner to the eaftle of Edenburgh, from whence he made an efeape not long after, and went to France. Gawen Hammiltoune (the Duk's fone), whoe thould have been the actor, was fent to the caftle of Stirlin; the Earle of Arran himfelf (becaus he was not in his witts) was fent to St Androes; and the caftle of Dumbartain was taken from the Duke. The hiftorie relates further, that Huntley, whose fone was married to the Duk's daughter, thought himfelf more engadged now against Murray, and attempted twyce against his lyffe, but in vain.

Much of the fummer was fpent in ambaffadges betwixt Scotland and England, about an intervew betwixt the two Queens; which was fo far advanced that the place was agreed upon to be at York; but before the day prefixt, jealoufies and heats were kindled betwixt them, which was fo cunninglie fomented that the meeting was diffolved. The ftop of this intervew was laid much upon the Duke of Elbewfe (the Queen's uncle), in France, who broake up fome letters of the English Ambaffadors, in Paris, wherin it was supposed fome fecret contryvings were decerned.

After the Queen had been fome tyme at S<sup>t</sup> Androes fhe removed to Edinburgh, and caufed carrie the Earle of Arran alongft and put him in the caftle; and foon after this the Earle of Murray went again to the Borders to fupprefs the infolencies. He held court at Hawick, whereof fiftie of thefe Border men were arrained; whereof fome were execute, and the reft lett upon band.

By this tyme the Earl of Murray grew daylie more in the favour of the people, in fo much that his [name] was terrible to the Queen; for being affifted (in everie thing) and countenanced by the Reformed Relligion, he was greater in power then the Queen herfelfe. Duke Hammiltoune and the Earle of Huntlie envyes his greatnes, and it was faid that by the advyfes of the Guyfes in France, and the Catholick pairtie, there was a way preferyved to the Queen, and advyfe given from France to remove him out of the way, which letters (the ftorie fayes) were shewen to himself by the Queen. Whither this was done from policie, or womanish levitie, it was much doubted.

It was observed, all this tyme past, that the Earle of Huntlie did much agitate, again, the restitution of the Catholick relligion; and for that kept much correspondance with [the] Queen's uncles and Catholicks beyond fea, and was still busie with the Queen upon all occasions. But things tooke never effect; for it was feen, in all his projects, his owen greatnes and particular revengments were his cheefe aims. Thes visibilities made the Queen the less to trust his undertakings, and she cared not much although she was fried of him and Murray both. These were observations then.

In the midft of these agitations the Queen tooke progres to the north; in which jorney (it was faid) the Earle of Murray's death was contrived,

and should have been execute by the Earle of Huntlie's means; and yet he was the ftop, because he could not dryve the Queen to his owen particular ends. The ftorie runs thus: That when the Queen came to Aberdeen, the Earle of Huntlie caufed his Lady deall with her, and try her mynd (for fhe was a wittie woman, and could dyve to the bottome of the Queen's refolutions). She therefore urged the execution of the plott, togither with her fon's pardone, John Lord Finlator, whoe had latlie broak prifone from Stirlin caftle. And heer the busines stuck; for Huntlie's intention was, that the Lord Finlator (his fone) should be the actor, and then marrie the Queen, whereof he had fome fliaddow of hope. Upon the other pairt, the Queen urged that the Lord Finlator might enter himfelfe again in prisone, to fatisfie her in poynt of obedience; and promefed again to releve him, within fewe dayes. But the Earle of Huntlie and his Lady were both jealous of this, to hazard there fone in that place, over which the Earle of Murray had fo great power; for the Lord Erskin (now Earle of Marr) was Captain, whome Huntlie esteemed his particular enemie, and befyds was the Earle of Murray's uncle. In the mean tyme the Queen holds on her progres, and was refolved to be at Strabogie, the Earle of Huntlie's hous. In the way, the Earle is very urgent with the Queen for his fon's pardone; wherin the Queen was refolute, and wold not yeeld without the obedience which she demanded. In the debate fome words escaped Huntlie that incenfed the Queen fo far, that, being almost in fight of Strabogie, she turned an other way to Ennernes.

Upon this, the Earle of Huntlie leaves the Queen, and confults with his fone and friends; where it was refolved to ufe force, and make the Queen doe what they pleafe; for having her once in there power (which they thought eafie to doe in that cuntrie), they thought it poffible both to carrie business as they pleafed, and move her to marrie his fone, the Lord Finlator, where f (as is faid) they had conceaved fome foolish hopes affar. The plott was this, that when the Queen should come to Ennernes, the Captain of the castle, whoe was Huntlie's fervant, and put there by him, should refuse her entrie; and then, being compelled to lodge in the open toune, the surpryfe might be easie. The first pairt succeeded, as was

contryved, for the Queen's entrie to the caftle was refufed, and fhe constrained to lodge in the toune. Wherupon the Queen grew jelous, and that night kept strong guards in the toune; and in case of extremitie she had ships reddie to secure her persone; but before the next night, it was knowen that the Earle of Huntlie and his sone were both upon the fields, with a great power of men. But Highlandsmen's affections to the Queen was such, that when they understood the enterpryse was against her, they resulted to march; and the next day after they came in to the Queen and submitted. After this the Queen's forces soone increased, and the Earl's slipt home and left him. Then the Queen beseeged the castle, and in few dayes forced it to render. She hanged the captain, and pardoned the rest; and returned to Aberdeen, well attended by the whole nobilitie of the cuntrie.

Huntlie, in mean tyme, will not give over, but refolves to profecute his purpose. By the intelligence of the Earle of Sutherland, his coufigne, whoe attended the Queen amongst the rest of the nobilitie, he knew what paffed at court; and refolute, upon advantage, to fall in [on] the toune of Aberdeen (which was open), and doe what he intended, he, with a confiderable number, lay privatlie in a pairt of ftrength which was farr out of ordinarie waves. In the mean tyme, letters were intercepted from the Earle of Sutherland and one John Leflie, of intelligence to the Earle of Huntley. These letters discovered all. Wherupon the Earle of Sutherland shifted himselfe away; but John Leslie was taken, whoe confessed all, and was pardoned. Some alledged that this Leflie gave privat notice of these letters, and caused them to be taken; but however it was, some matters were thus discovered. The Earle of Murray thought it high tyme for him to ftur and look to himfelfe; for he knew the cheefe defigne was against him. There were but few men now with the Queen. Men for the most pairt were gone home; yet he thought them men that were flayed, for Huntlie did not exceed three hundreth, and all thefe foot. So the Earle Murray got notice where he was, and marched out. James Earle of Mortoune, his truftie friend, and the Lord Lindfay, were with him, with one hundreth hors and fome eight hundreth foote, most pairt cuntrie people. At night he fett the paffes with the hors, and in the

morning marcht the ftreight way where Huntlie was. Huntlie fynding himfelfe furpryfed, refolved to fight, and was the first that charged; whoe with these few that he had, came with such resolution that he beat Murray back with some slaughter of his men; but being too hote in the chase, ingadged himselfe fo farr that before he was aware he was environed and oppressed with number, and totalie routed. One hundreth and twentie were killed, and two hundreth taken alyve, amongst whome were Huntlie's two sons, John Lord Finlator and Adam. Huntlie himselfe was taken by one Andro Rippeth, one of the Queen's guard; but being a corpulen man, he died upon horsback, in the throng. This was upon the twenty-eighth day of October, 1562.

This victorie made Murray feared of all men. The Queen herfelf, although the was not ill pleafed at the overthrough of the Earle of Huntlie, yet was a little danted at the high carriadge of her base brother, whoe was exalted in his owen conceit, and extolled by the people. He takes upon him now to dispose upon the rest; and what he thought fitt was allowed by the Queen. Within two dayes the Lord Finlator (Huntlie's fone) was execute by a butcherlie fellow that strooke his head off with many blowes—a gallant youth, and much lamented; for whome the Queen herfelfe lett tears fall from her eyes, whither for civill pittie, or that the very offer of love leaves a tinckture of refpect more then ordinarie in that fex, although differing in qualitie of perfone! Adam Gordone, his brother, was repryved, becaus of his youth. The eldeft brother, who was married to the Duk's daughter (although not upon the field), fled to Hammiltoune till the ftorme should blow over. The rest of Huntlie's friends were punished, either by banishment or fyns. Then James Earle of Mortoune was made Chancellor, and the Earle of Bothwell, who had made his escape out of the castle of Edinburgh, was summoned to appear, and for contumacie declared rebell.

These things being done, the Queen returned from Aberdeen; and in her way to Perth the Duke meets her, and makes great fute for his sone in law, Huntlie's eldest sone. The Queen seemed willing to inclyne to mercie, but the Earle Murray must be pleased, to whome she remitted

the Duke. Upon this George Gordone, Huntlie's fone, was rendred prifoner, and fent to Dumbar; from whence he was brought to Edinburgh, was convicted of treafone in January next, and fent again to Dumbar.

In the beginning of the next year 1563, proclamation was made commanding all men to abfteane from flesh in Lent, under a pecunial pain; which was expressed not to be for cause of relligion, but to save the yong fouls and beafts.

In the laft Parliament fome acts were made against fayers and hearers of mass. Now, in the beginning of this May, the archbishop of St. Androes, and the bishop of Dunkeld, were both convented before the Counsell, and accused for both fayeng and hearing of mass. They were accused by the Superintendents and ministers; and at length submitted themselves in the Queen's will. They were fent prisoners to the castle of Edinburgh, and the prior of Whithorne (that was lykewayes accused) was sent to the castle of Dumbartain. This was the first punishment instituted upon priests, that we read on, in this kingdome.

A Parliament was upon the twenty eighth of May, where the Queen was in perfone. Heer George Gordone Earle of Huntlie, and George Gordone Earle of Sutherland, were both forfaulted. Dyvers acts were made in favour of the Reformed doctrin. These favorable acts, and the punishing of bishops, but most of all the protection that the Reformed Relligion hade from the Earle of Murray, made the ministers goe further on. They came doune to Halliroodhous, accompanied with dyvers other professors (the Queen being at Craigmiller), broake up the wardrobe doers, and fearched the Queens tronks to fynd massicloths, Church stuff, and such lyke things. Wherupon, at her returne, she transported her coffers to Stirlin; which was all the satisfaction she could have.

Upon the eleventh of September, the French garrifone in Inchkeeth was difmiffed; the munition was carried to the caftle of Edinburgh, and the ile delyvred to the Lord of Glams. And a fortnight before this, upon the twentieth of Aguft, John prior of Coldinghame, the Queen's bafe brother, died.

It was about this tyme, that Mathew Earle of Lennox returned to Scotland, whoe for many years had been banished and lived in England (as is feen by the hiftorie), and in January next he was reftored to all his lands by act of Parliament. A little after this lykewayes, his fone HENRIE LORD DARNLEY came to Scotland, upon a pass from the Queen of England, for thrie months ftay. Our Queen was defyrous to fie this yong gentlman, whoe had been fecretlie proposed unto her for a husband. He was her owen coufigne in the third degree, by his mother, who was dawghter to the Earle of Angus begotten upon the Queen, whoe was mother to King James the Fift, and grandmother to the Queen herfelfe. It was foone feen that fhe tooke a lyking unto him; which by many means was indirectlie croffed by the Earle of Murray. There had been propositions of marriadge laid doune heretofore to the Queen concerning this fame gentlman, which were knowen to be put [afide] by the underhand working of the Earle of Murray; wherof the Queen was not ignorant. But now the many diflyks fhe had conceaved against him made her refolve to take a hufband, that by the happines of fuccession a sattlment might be expected to the croune and estate of the kingdome. Yet the croune being the mark wherat Murray aimed, his greatest studie was to keep the Queen from marriage, which at this tyme he could not doe handfomlie himfelfe. So now (as formerlie) he had recourfe to Queen Elifabeth of England, whoe was foone perfwaded to throw flumbling blocks in the way. It was thought that befyds reafons of flate, and the affifting of Murray in his pretentions, the Queen of England had a fecret averfnes and antipathie to our Queen, one of her owen fex, whome she knew to be her nearest successor; but now, to have the comfort of a hufband, and the happines of childrene, bleffings that the knew herfelfe not capable of, were things that the could not think upon but with envye.

But before Queen Elifabeth did flow herfelfe in the busines, the Earle of Murray used what indirect means he could to cross the Queen's resolutions. Relligion was his cheefe objection, wherin he had the ministrie to follow him with open mouth. They said, that it could not stand with

the honor of God, nor the Reformed Relligion, that the Queen fhould take any to hufband whoc had any tinekture of poperie, nor before a vifible affurance might be had for the prefervation of the Relligion now established. These were publick propositions. But the Earle of Murray fynding them not take the wished essect, he laid open challenge to one David Rizius, an Italian, whoe had served the Queen for many years, and whoe from a Mussician became the Secretarie of State—an active politick man, whose counsell the Queen made use of in her greatest affairs. Upon this man he laid aspersions that the Queen was missed by his advyse; that he was a stranger, and one baselie borne; and that for his cause, she misseguarded the advyse of her nobilitie. These things were cryed out by that partie. They went yet further; there were whispering means used to divert the Lord Darnleyes affection from the Queen, and tales were sometyms minced out, as though David Rizius was many tymes too intimatt with the Queen, more then was fitting.

The Queen observed all these proceedings, and knew from whome they came. But she was resolved to marrie; which she suspected was the thing in the wordle (world) that wold most vex the Earle of Murray; and to strengthen his owen faction, she called home the Earle of Bothwell from France, the Earle of Sutherland from Flanders, and tooke George Gordone, the Earle of Huntlie's eldest sone, out of prisone, gave them all Remissions, and restored them to there estats and honors. Afterward, the Earle of Murray accused Bothwell for some new attempt against him; wherin the Queen did shew herself his friend, against Murray's persute; but what sollowed upon it I find no [thing] recorded certain.

These proceedings made the Earle of Murray resolve to leave court and retear, and profess himselfe a malcontent; and the Queen, being now at Perth, sends for him to returne; but he resused, and went to Lochlevin, where his mother lived, and gave it out that he durst not come to court, becaus conspiracies were laid to take his lysse by the Queen, the Lord Darnley, and David Rizius, whome the common people called Signior Davie. Upon the other pairt, it was said that Murray reteared himselfe to Lochlevin for no end but to plott against the Queen, and stop her marriage; which was grounded upon the frequent

meetings that were kept there by the Earle with his friends. But however it was, these reports tooke impression in the Queen; for she removed from Perth to Edinburgh, suddenlie, and in great fear.

Now the Queen being come to Edinburgh, the hafted her marriage; and yet, to fatisfie the wordle (world) that nothing was done rashlie, the called a Convention of the nobilitie at Stirlin, where this marriage was presented to them; unto which they did all willinglie consent, excepting onlie Andro Stewart, Lord Ochiltrie, whose protested that he wold never consent that a Papist shold gouverne over the kingdome. The Earle of Murray did not appear, and resused to affent, for he maintained that the Queen should marrie none but that husband whome the nobilitie shold make choose of, and not herselfe.

This year 1564, in May, Ambaffadors cam from Denmark to demand libertie to levie three hundred hors and men; which was granted. And in June William Douglas of Whittinghame was fent to Denmark to procure a difcharge of a cuftome of the hundreth pennie payed formerlie by Scots merchants at Danfkin; which was granted alfo.

The Queen of England fees now that by no means which the Earle of Murray can work, this marriage can be ftopt; nor by no privat working of her owen: She fends therefore, in July, an Ambaffador, whoe declared that the Queen of England thought ftrange that this great bufines fhould be agitate and done without her privitie, whoe was the Queen's coufing and neareft kinfwoman; and was earneft that the Queen wold be pleafed a little to delay the matter, which wold not faill to prove a benefitt for both the kingdomes. And immediatlie thereafter Sir Nicholas Throckmortoune and other Ambaffadors comes down with an order to command the Earle of Lennox and his fone the Lord Darnley to returne to England (the time limit by the Queen being alreddie paft) under the pain of being banifhed, and there lands and goods confifcatt.

These things did not divert the busines; for the Queen was resolved. And to meet Queen Elisabeth in that proscription, she creats the Lord Darnley Duke of Rothsay and Earle of Ros; and upon the twenty eighth day of July, betyms in the morning, she marries him to her husband, in the Chappel Royal of Halliroodhous, at mass, Mr John Sincklare, per-

fone of Reftelrigg, was preift. And upon the morrow they were proclamed, folemnlie, at the mercat crofs of Edinburgh, King and Queen of Scotland.

This verie first action was a ground to the people to repyne, as though it infringed there liberties, to proclame a King without there confents. The discontented noblemen did incense the people, and somented there brains with factious motions. Then the Duke, the Earles of Argyle, Murray, Glencairne and Rothes, with some others, professed themselves discontent, and goes all to Argyle, there to confult and plott the course they presentlie followed. Wherupon the Queen sends a herault, and commands them to compeer; but they not onlie disobeyed the charge, but marches incontinent to Cliddesdaill, and those West cuntries, taks up men, and slies to armes.

Upon intelligence of these Lords taking arms, proclamation was made that all men in Lothian, betwixt fixty and fixteen years of age, shall randevouz at Edinburgh with fifteen dayes provision to attend the King and Queen; and in the mean tyme Archbald Dowglas of Kilfpindie was depofed from the place of provoft of Edinburgh, and Simon Prestone of Cragmiller was put in. Then four thousand of the ablest men were pickt out and modled in an armie, with which the King and Queen marched upon the twenty fixth of August toward Glasgow. The discontented Lords were lveng at Paifley, and were upon confultation what courfe to follow. It is faid that the Duke's opinion was to profecute the warr, and never leave untill the King and Queen were both cutt off; for (fays he) fo long as they shall live, we shall never have a fatled peace. The Earle of Murray did not lyke this counfell, fo freilie given; for though he wished there ruins no les than the Duke, yet he loved better to work his ends by pollitick wayes. His devyfe was to try if a treatie might be procured; for, fays he, "We shall leave the fword for our last remeid!" For he knew there were many about the King and Queen that favored ther difcontents, and wold not faill to affift there ends; and he supposed, becaus they were both yong, they might be tractable. This advyfe prevailed. Nor were they in a posture to fight; for upon the King and Queen's approach, the cuntrie people flipt from them, and left them but weaklie

accompanied. So they ryfe from Pafley and goes to Hammiltoune, and from thence to Edinburgh, onlie with a number of hors, without foote. They thought to fynd Edinburgh (the armie being gone) at there difposing. Here they resolved to fitt and consult upon there affairs. But Alexander Erskin, Captain of the castle, so insested the streets with cannon that they were glade, at midnight, to remove; and at the defyr of the Lord Herreis they marcht directlie to Dumfries.

The King and Queen hearing that the Confederat Lords were gone toward the Border, they certainlie expected they were gone to bring in English forces. Wherupon they marcht from Glasgow to Stirlin, and leaves the Earle of Lennox behind, with a sufficient force to keep the cuntrie in order. From Stirlin they march into Fysse, and make the noblemen swear to give there fathful assistance, in case of any English invasion. Then inquisition was made for all the pertakers and friends of the Confederats; many wherof they punished either with banishment or syns, and these who were gone with them there goods were confiscatt. Courts were lykwayes apoynted through the kingdome to synd out the rest.

After they had fett things thus in order in Fyffe, the King and the Queen returns both back to Edinburgh, and rafes thirty thousand merks of money from the toune; wherof ten thousand merks was giving upon infeftment in the fuperioritie of Leth, and the other twenty thousand was frielie given for an exemption of the tounfmen from these fudden marches. Then upon the ninth day of October, they both fett forward with an armie to Dumfries, which did much amaze the Confederatt Lords: whoe, upon notice of there approach, fent out the Lord Herreis, to meet them upon the way. They made choose of this man as one most indifferent: for although he affected the Confederat partie, yet he had not hitherto been in action against the King or Queen. Yet whither he was fent reallie to treat an accommodation, or was it to drift tyme, and pump their intentions, it is uncertain. The treweth was, that he made his owen peace and returned back to Dumfries, and plainlie advyfed the Lords to flip over to England, and attend a fitter tyme; for he could not fynd any hopes of favor at the prefent. The Confederatt Lords embraced this advyfe, and gave place to the King and Queen, whoe committed the charge of the cuntrie to Lord Herreis, and returned to Edinburgh. About the end of the month, after there returne, the caftle of Tamtallon was taken from the Earle of Mortoune, whoe was knowen to be a favorer of the Confederat Lords, and was given to John Earle of Atholl. Then by open proclamation, thefe Lords whoe were now in England, were fommoned to answer at the next Parliament to be kept upon the twelfth day of March next, to hear themselves forfaulted as traitors.

Things were in quiet all this winter. Upon the tenth day of February the next year, 1565, the King receaved the order of St Michaell from a French Ambaffador, Monfieur Rambeveult. He was invefted in the Chappel Royal of Halliroodhous. About this tyme one John Johnftonne was accufed for carrieng intelligence to the banifhed Lords, in England; and confeffed that the English resident, Mr Randell, caused him to delyver unto them four thousand crowns. Wherupon Mr Randell was discharged court, and commanded to returne.

Much about this tyme it was, that the first feeds of division and heartburnings began to appear betwixt the King and Queen; which, although they were not on great grounds, yet they were anuff to rafe differd, being wittilie fomented as they were. The King had done fom things, and figned papers without knowledge of the Queen; wherwith the Queen was acquented, as though he had done thefe things in mifregard of her frome whome the power flowed, which she tooke not well. She thought although the had made her hufband partner in the government, the had not given the power abfolutlie in his hands: She thought all the honour and majestie he had came from her: That she had made choose of him for her hufband by her owen affection onlie, and against the will of many of the nobilitie: For thefe and many more refpects, the thought nothing should be done by him, in relation to affairs of flate, without her concurrence and knowledge. These diversions in affection were no fooner in budd but [they] were prefentlie laid hold on by the Earle of Mortoune (whoe was kept out of the publick Confederation on purpose to observe the

motions at court, that no opportunities were not neglected), and the reft of the friends of the banished Lords. They knew the Queen's spiritt wold not quitt any of her authoritie, fo they addrest themselves to the King, whome they knew was flexible and eafie to receave there infufions. They faid it was not fitting for him to be a ward to his wyffe, although it was trew the had married him, far below her in birth! Yet, now he is her hufband, whoe, by the law of God and man, commands above the women: That the marriage was done with confent of the nobilitie, whoe thought him worthie of the place: That the whole kingdome had there eyes upon him; they wold follow and ferve him upon the fields, where it was a fhame a woman fhould command. Thefe conceats being continuallie buzzed in the yong man's head (although naturallie well inclyned) made him foar fighe. Now, when the Queen perceaved once thefe fuggeftions, fhe was the more refolute to keep the power in her owen hands. She deferred the Coronation. She put her owen name first in all letters and dispatches, as Marie and Henrie, &c. &c., which formerlie were put out in the names of HENRIE and MARIE, &c. &c. And then, leaft the King should be perfwaded to pass guifts or any such thing privatlie, by himfelfe, the apoynted all things in that kynd thould be fealed with a feall, which she gave her Secretarie, David Rizius, in keeping, with express order not to put the feall to any paper unles it be first figned with her owen hand. Then she rafed a guard of Italiens to wate upon her persone. The taking of these Italiens in pay was presentlie taken hold on by thefe feditious Lords, whoe complained that the Queen had now a certain refolution to tirannize over the cuntrie; for what could be more grievous than to miftruft her owen fubjects, and committ her perfone to the guard of Italiens, ftrangers, and Papifts! They argued that all this was by Signior Davie's policie, whoe was fecretarie to the Queen, one whome the Queen gave greater truft unto then her owen hufband, one without whose counfell the Queen did nothing. He was an Italien himfelfe, and wold make thefe Italiens doe what he pleafed! Thefe (they faid) were things to be lookt unto with a narrow eye, and indeed they were fufficient grounds for the people.

The King was lykwayes stuffed with misconstructions of the Queen's

actions, and at last reteared from the Queen's companie, and spent the winter in Pepbls and thereabout, where, it was conftantlie faid, he fuffred wants. This retreat of the King's was diverflie conftructed. The Queen, and her fyd, put it upon himfelf and his wilfulnes; that he left her in anger because his power was reftrained, and that she had deferred his The other pairtie feemed to make it appear that the Queen forced him to retear; that the daylie efchewed his companie more then other, and professed an open dislyke of his persone; that she rased everie day Signior Davie higher in her favor, and ufed him with greater familiaritie then was fitt. No! It was openlie faid that the tooke more pleafure in his companie then in the King's, her hufband's; that fhe made him fitt at table with her, and had frie accefs to her bed-chamber, at all hours. These discourses were thought by the indifferent to be calumnies, to draw difhonour and difgrace upon the Queen, that her enemies might have the fairer glofs in there actions. Her friends again excufed the favors she shewed to David, and faid that she was necessitate to take herfelfe to be advyfed by fome one in thefe tyms, when she could not tell which of her fubjects to truft unto; that the made use of him, a stranger, whoe had no interest in either partie, whome she found wittie and faithful; and that it was nothing licklie fhe wold fancie his perfone, that was neither handfome nor well faced. Whatfomever was the truth of thefe things, they were by her enemies cryed out with open mouth, to diffaim her and incense her husband, whoe, indeed, was brought to trust there information in the foulest way.

You fie, now, the projects of these turbulent Lords well advanced. The breach of affection betwixt the King and Queen is now finished. They studie next to soment this rent, and ruin both! There were the Earle of Mortoune, the Lords Lindsay and Ruthven, whoe were continuall agents. They informed the King that unles this David be cut off he can not repair his honour. And synding the King pliable, they advyse him to doe things with deliberation, and take advyse of those whoe will make things good after the action. They lykwayes draw in the King's father, the Earle of Lennox, upon there counsell; and then

advyfes the King to draw home the banished Lords, before the day apoynted for there forfaultrie. And when the King had consented to all, a paper was figned which included thrie things—To bring home the banished Lords: To establish the Reformed Relligion: And to cutt off Signior Davie by some means or other. This paper was subscrived by the King also.

This is no fooner ended but a poaft is fent to England to call home thefe Lords; and then they confult how to kill David. This was undertaken by the Lord Ruthven, and was acted upon the ninth day of March. Thus it was: The Lord Ruthven had been two months in a pofture to dye, fo fick as he was not able to come out of his chamber, and yet undertakes this bloodie action. He comes at night, accompanied with two hundred gentlmen, to the Abbay clofs, either when the Queen was at fupper or before the rofe from table. The Laird of Traquare, Captain of the Guard, being privie to the defigne, was out of the way, and the Guard both. Mortoune, and Lindfay, and his owen fone, the Mafter of Ruthven, were in companie; but Ruthven yet tooke the action in hand, entred the Queen's chamber; where they found in her companie the Countefs of Argyle, Robert Bishop of Orkney, the Queen's base brother, this Signior Davie, and fome others. Those that entred with Ruthven were Patrick Murray of Tullibardin, Andro Ker of Fawdonfyd, Patrick Bannatyne of Stainhous, George Dowglas, baftard fone of the Earle of Angus, James Scott, Shireff-deput of Perth, and one Henrie Yare, a revolted prieft. The Queen was mightilie terrified at the fight of thefe men, with naked fwords; and when the faw Ruthven the leader, the was ftrangelie amazed. "What ftrange fight (fays fhe) is this, my Lord, I fie in you? Are you madd?" Sayes he, "We have been too long madd!" And with these words he pulled Signior Davie from beyond the Queen (for he was extremlie terrified, and flipt himfelfe behind for refuge), and he by the way clapt his armes about the Queen's middle. The Queen tooke lykewayes hold of him, fpoke fome words of authoritie, and wold not let goe her hold untill Andro Ker of Faudounfyd held a piftoll to her breaft, which refused to give fyr, and then by violence pulled him away. Then he was hurried to the next roume, where the rest were. The Earle of Mortoune gave him the first stroke, and he was killed with thrie and fiftie wounds. It is written, that in the tyme of this tumult, where tables, candles, and everie thing was overthrowen, the King came in, and some pluckt his dagger out of the sheth and thrust it in the dead corps, to be seen by all, that the world might believe that the King himselfe was the actor!

Heer the Queen, with many tears, afkt him the caufe of this cruell murther? The King answered little, but that no harme was intended to her. Then the Queen, in her rage, laid before him his contempt and ingratitude to her, who from a privat noblman had rafed him to a King, and her husband! So the King avoyded the roume. The originall fayes, that one of her maids came running in and told that the man was killed. The Queen askt her how she knew? And the maid replyed, that she faw him dead! Then the Queen wypt her eyes and faid, "No more tears!—I will now think upon revenge!"

After the King was reteared and the murther done, the Lord Ruthven and Faudonfyd came back to the Queen's chamber, where the Lord Ruthven fatt doune and called for a drinke; which the Queen tooke as a great indignitie and prefumption. She afkt him how he durft prefume to committ that unreverence? But he tooke little notice. Well (fays fhe) my Lord, it is within my bellie that one day will revenge thefe cruelties and affronts! This was trulie devynd, as was afterwards feen.

In the tyme of this tumult, the Lords had feafed upon the kyes of the gates, and the Earles of Huntlie, Bothwell, and Atholl, who were fitting at fupper in a roume of the pallace, attempted to make efcape by a back way, but were intercepted and carried back with a guard to there chambers. It is faid, that after all was a little fettled, the King came back to the Queen's chamber, where, with many expreffions, fine made him fenfible of his too much credulitie, and made him vifiblie fee that it was not his particular honour that was pretended, but even the ruin of him and her both. And (it was faid) that heer they concluded to make a fecret efcape. Then, after the King was again gone to his chamber, guards were apoynted both for him and the Queen, a pairt. This terrified them both, and trubled the King much in his thoughts. But that which aug-

mented his fear was, the next morning he fent his fervant, Sir William Stanley, an Englishman, to comfort the Queen, but could not have paffadge through the guards, without an order from the Lords.

The next day after this was the twelfth of March, unto which day the banished Lords were formoned. That morning they were come to the toune verie earlie, and at the ordinarie houre they made there appearance in the Parliament Hous, according to ther cittation; but fynding none there, either to accuse them or to receave there compearance, they tooke instruments of there obedience, and fo returned to there lodgings. In the afternoone the Queen fent for the Earle of Murray, whome the defyred to gett off the guards and put her at libertie; but he excufed himfelfe, as though that power was not in him. By this she evidentlie faw his affection. Wherupon she fent for Sir William Stainley, by whofe advyfe and diligence, an hour was apoynted with the King, and horses were made reddie for an escape. At midnight they tooke hors. The King tooke onlie Sir William Stainley. The Queen rode behind Sir Arthur Erskin, her Maister stabler. The Captain of the guard tooke one of the Queen's maids behind him; and one Sebastian Broune rode fingle. Thefe were all the train. The Lord Seatoune was attending them at Seatoune, with two hundred horfe. From Seatoune they went to Dumbar, and were receaved in the Caftle by Simon Prestone, the Laird of Cragmiller, Captain; where they did not flay long, for upon the nineteenth day of the fame month they returned to Edinburgh, with great attendance of the whole cuntrie. Wherupon, then, the refolved to be revenged for the death of her fervant. Patrick Bannatyne of Stainhous, and the revolted prieft, Henrie Yare, were both unhappie; for they were taken, arraigned, hanged, and quartered. The reft of the actors fled to England and were profcrybed; amongst whome was the Lord Ruthven, who died at Newcastle the May following. Others were suspected of, fome were execute as being privie to it, and others again les guiltie banished. Then a proclamation was put out, discharging all men, under pain of treasone, to fay that the King was guiltie of David Rizius' death. The Queen tooke the great feall from the Earle of Mortoune, and gave it to the Earle of Huntlie. Mr James McGill was Clerk Register; she

deposed him and gave the place to Mr James Balfour. The Earles of Argyle and Murray were receaved in favor, and the Earle of Arran (now four years a prisoner) was sett at libertie, and these two Earles of Argyle and Murray were cation for his confynment within thrie myls of Hammiltone, under a pain of twenty thousand pounds.

After this, fometyme, the kingdome and court was at quiet; in which tyme the Queen, growing great with child, and draweng near her tyme, the reteared from Halliroodhous unto the caftle of Edenburgh, where, upon the nineteenth day of Junij, she brought forth a sone, betwixt nine and ten a clock in the morning. This which followes is worth observing. About two a clock in the afternoone, the King came to vifit the Queen, and was defyrous to fee the chyld. "My Lord (fayes the Queen), God hes given you and me a fone, begotten by none but you!" At which words the King blufht, and kifft the chyld. Then fhe tooke the chyld in her arms, and, difcovering his face, faid, "My Lord, heer I proteft to God, and as I shall answer to him at the great day of judgment, this is your fone, and no other man's fone! And I am defyrous that all heer, both ladies and others, bear witnes; for he is fo much your owen fone, that I fear it be the worfe for him heerafter!" Then she spoke to Sir William Stainley, "This (faves the) is the fone whome, I hope, thall first unitt the two kingdoms of Scotland and England!" Sir William answered, "Why, Madam? Shall he succeed before your majestie and his father?" "Because (fayes she) his father hes broken to me." The King was by and heard all. Sayes he, "Sweet Madam, is this your promeis that you made to forgive and forgett all?" The Queen answered, "I have forgiven all, but will never forgett! What if Fawdonfyd's piftoll had fhott, what wold have become of him and me both? Or what estate wold you have been in? God onlie knows; but we may fuspect!" "Madam (answered the King), these things are all past." "Then, sayes the Queen, let them goe!"

We have now brought this yong Prince to the wordle (world), whoe

fhall not be fuffred to breath much air, before he shall be made a cloake to rebellion; by which his mother shall first be banished, and then perfecuted to death! His baptisme was deferred untill September; in which interim was hatched much mischeese and destruction, and the Queen was traduced as actor of all. Some things, possible, might be trew, but that the Queen was actor of all those horrid cruelties and blood, it was not to be beleved; nor is it sit to give trust to Buchannan, in his relation of the actions of this Queen, whoe was known to have written from spleene against her, whom he makes to act things past all modestie or moral honestie.

The birth of this yong Prince put the Earle of Murray clear by his ordor: He must draw the curtain for a new scene, and with his confederats enter in new refolutions. They fuppose that the birth of this yong sone may, possiblie, be an occasion that the King and Queen shall agrie better heerafter. So the first thing they intend is to devyde them by some means irrecoverable; which was eafie to doe. They observed the Earle Bothwell did much infinuat himfelfe in the Queen's attendance. This man they refolve to make the groundstone of there mischeefe. He was a man high in his owen conceat, proude, vicious, and vainglorious above measure; one who wold attempt any thing out of ambition! The Queen did alreddie look upon him with favor, which they have observed, and foftered the Queen in this favor; for upon everie occasion they make him appear to the Queen a man fitt for thefe broken tyms, and to be imployed in busines of state; and when the Queen had once conferred upon him particular favors, they then acquent the King that the Queen was more familiar with Bothwell then was fitting! The King, with thefe continuall infufions, observed more narrowlie both her actions and words. In the mean tyme the Queen was acquented, on the other hand, that her hufband was jealous, and tooke ftrict notice of her actions! They leave it not heer. They infufe ftranger things yet in the King's head. They defyre him to take heed to himfelfe, for he can not be fure of his lyffe; for they tell him the Queen hes plotted his death! Upon the other fyd, they acquent the Queen with her hufband's jealoufie; which fhe foone perceaved by his carriadge, for he was much more reteared then ufuallie.

These infinuations tare there affections afunder; and the Queen, the highest mynded of the two, gave greatest expression of her displeasure. In the mean tyme, Bothwell was much at court, and in the Queen's companie; and it was certain that the used him with more familiaritie than ftood with her dignitie. Severall inftances are given of her publick mifregard to her hufband, and too much refpect to Bothwell. One wherof was, that the Queen was on her jorney, in perfone, to Jedburgh to execute justice there, upon the Borders. The Earle Bothwell, being either Warden or Leutenant, went into Liddifdaill to take theeves, and was unhappilie hurt by a fhott of a piftoll from one of these that were perfewed, and was carried into the caftle of Hermitadge. So foone as the Queen gote notice, being at Borthwick Caftle, the prefentlie tooke hors and went to Melros, from thence to Jedburgh, and fo to Hermitadge; and after the had given order for his transport to Jedburgh, the returned to Jedburgh herfelf, where the fell dangerouflie fick. Heer (they fay) the King came to vifitt her, and was not well lookt upon by the Queen. Wherupon he reteared again to Stirlin. When the Queen recovered she went to Kelfo, and Bothwell in her companie; from thence to Coldinghame and back to Cragmiller, where the King repeared to her again, and was again commanded to return to Stirlin. From thence he went to Glafgow to vifitt his father, and by the way was taken with a grievous ficknes, which kept him long in danger of his lyffe. The Queen's unfriends gave out that he was poyfend, for his hair fell off, and fome other fymptoms that were observed. Yet at length he recovered, but not untill after his fone was baptized.

Now approached the feventeenth day of December, apoynted for the baptifine of the Prince; unto which came ambaffador from France, the Count de Brittain; from Elifabeth Queen of England, the Earle of Bedford; and the Duke of Savoy fent Mounfieur Lacroke, but he came a little too fhort. He was baptized in the Chappell Royall of Stirlin, with all the Catholick ceremonies, by John Hammiltoune Archbifhop of St. Androes, and was called James Charles, or Charles James. All folemnities being ended, the Ambaffadors were difpatched, and the Queen went to Edinburgh, and carried her yong fone alongft with her.

We shall now shortlie sie the tragical end of the King; which is altogither laid upon the Queen by Buchannan, with a series of malicious actions upon her pairt such as can not be beleved could come from the wickedest woman in the wordle [world]; but those whoe have written since, in a more moderat style, although they doe not altogither frie her from some tinckture of lasciviousnes, yet they altogether clear her from having any knowledge of her husband's death, and layes it absolutlie upon Murray, Mortoune, and there complices, who contryved it, caused Bothwell execute it, and then made the imputation ly upon the Queen!

You fee what cunning wayes were used to divyde the King and Queen's affections, and brought to pass. But yet it was thought by Murray that those breaches betwixt man and wysse, though greater, might at length be sewed up. He visiblie saw, lykwayes, that as long as the King and Queen lived, he had no hopes to obtain the government of the chyld, which was that that all his other hopes depended on. It was therefore resolved to cutt away the King, and if this could be done at this tyme, when the Queen's affection was alienat from him, and her honor alreddie tainted with Bothwell (who shall be the actor), they resolved to lay the imputation upon the Queen, and make it good by the fword; for they were sure of the Queen of England's affistance in the quarrell.

The Earles of Murray and Mortoune, then, were the onlie plotters. They fie Bothwell alreddie in the Queen's favor, which they feem to allow. They wate upon him, and courts him, and feeds him in his ambition. They shew him, in feverall discourses, that they fynd the kingdome burthened and trubled with these divisions betwixt the King and Queen; that the King was but a simple man, and it were good for the kingdome that he were dead, that the Queen might either command absolute, or els were again married to some one of a higher spiritt! After many ambages and circumstances they offred, that if he wold be the man to disburthen the subjects, and take this block out of the way, they engadged themselves to make the Queen to marrie him, and procure the consent of most pairt of the nobilitie. For the wysse he had (they said) a divorce should be procured; and that greater things than that hes been done for the well of kingdomes. These jumpt right with Bothwell's vainglorious humor.

He thinks himfelfe alreddie King! He undertakes it, and runs headlong to the action. In the mean tyme, there was a paper drawen up upon the conditions, which was figned by them all; and now they wate but for an occasion, which foone fell out.

The King, we heard, had been fick at Glafgow a long tyme, and now having a little recovered his health, the Queen brought him to Edinburgh in the beginning of February, and was lodged in the hous of Kirk in the Field (everie man in Edinburgh knowes where it flood), a place reteared, and fitt for the recovering of his health. Many circumstances are fett doune by Buchannan to make the Queen accefforie to the murther, which was done in this hous, which are all condemned as forged, or maliciouflie applyed, by other wryters of calmer temper; but that which is fett doune by others is thus: When the Queen went to Glafgow to fetch her hufband, Bothwell stayed behind, to plott, and had tyme fufficient to meet with Murray and Mortoune and contryve the busines, for it was alreddie knowen where the King wold recide for a tyme. So all things being prepared, upon the tenth day of February 1566 (-7), being Sonday, the bufines was concluded to be acted. The Earle of Murray, upon Sonday morning, as he was going to church, a letter was delyvred him upon the ftreet, by which he faid he was fent for to his wyffe at St. Androes, whoe was dangerouflie fick of a chyld. Wherupon he turned from the church, and caufed fadle his horfes. The Queen (when he tooke leave) was mightilie earnest that he might put of the jorney till tomorrow, for (fayes the) your lady will either be well before you can come there, or at least your jorney will not hast the birth! But for no means wold he stay. Those whoe lay the imputation upon Murray, fetts downe this as an evidence that this jorney was but made to plead his innocence. The Queen lay at Halliroodhous, and that day had a fervant, one Sebaftian, a mufician, married. She vifited the King in the afternoon, and went back to honour the marriage. Bothwell did lykewayes lay in Halliroodhous, and after all were gone to there chambers, and the guard fett, he shifted his cloths and put on a coat of malze, and past through the guards (for he had paffadge at any hour, being a counfellor), and went streight to the Kirk of Field, up Robloch's wynd, where he mett with William Parris

and John Hammiltoune (a fervant to the Archbifchop of St. Androes), whoe had ftollen the kyes of the gates. They entred foftlie the King's chamber, and found him afleep, where they both ftrangled him and his man, William Tayleor, that lay by him on a pallet-bed. Those affaffinats that are named to be with Bothwell, and actors, were those two above named, Parris and Hammiltoune, John Hay of Fala, John Hepburne of Boltoune, Georg Dagleish, and one Pierrie, Bothwell's men all: James Ormiftoune of that Ilk, called Black Ormiftoune, Hob Ormiftoune, and Patrick Wilfone. After they had ftrangled the King and his man dead, they carried them both out at a back gate of the toune wall, which opened at the back of the hous, and laid them both doune carelessie one from another, and then fyred some barrells of powder, which they had put in the roume below the King's chamber; which, with a great noyfe, blew up the hous. They imagined the people would conceave the hous to be blowen up by accident, and the corps of the King and his man to be blowen over the wall by the force of the powder. But neither were there shirts finged, nor there cloths burnt (which were lykwayes laid by them), nor there fkins any thing toucht with fyre; which gave eafie fatiffaction to all that lookt upon them.

The blaft was fearfull to all about. Many rofe from there beds at the noyfe, and came in multituds to looke upon the dead corps, without knowing the caufe. The Magistrats of Edinburgh rofe from there beds, when they were informed of the matter, and made present fearch through the toune for any sufficious people. They found onlie one Captain William Blackature, whoe had been drinking wyne in William Henderfon's hous at the Trone, whoe, at the noyse of the crack, run out and left the wyne undrunk. Him they tooke, and [he] was afterward hanged, although no clear proofe was brought against him. Bothwell himselfe went by a back way to his chamber in the pallace, and dismissed his men.

The noyfe of the powder awakt the court, and the Queen, amazed, fent for the noblmen nearest hand, whoe advysed her to fend up to the toune to try what the busines was. Bothwell would needs undertake this fearch, whoe, upon his returne, made relation to the Queen of the busines, with horrour. The Queen was suddenlie taken with griefe; and in this mean

tyme the King's bare bodie was brought doune by four men, upon a boord, to the Abbay churchyeard of Halliroodhous, and was prefentlie buried that fame night.

This bred a terrible fear, at first, to all men; but within a little men recollected there spiritts, and the actors and contryvers were soone sufpected. Wherupon rumors and newes slies quicklie, both to the court of France and England, that Bothwell was the actor, and Murray and Mortoune the contryvers of this horrible massacre. The Earle of Murray tooke much pains, both by letters and messingers, to clear himselfe at the court of England, and laye the cryme upon the Queen. The Queen of England herselfe was soone satisfied, although the court and generalitie could hardlie be perswaded otherwayes.

The Queen tooke this miffortune with great forrow, and did fequestrat herselfe many dayes from companie, untill, by persuasion of her freinds, she went to Seatoune, some thrie weeks afterward; where Monsieur de Crock, a French ambassador, came to her, with whome she returned again to Edinburgh; and then there was a fort of examination made upon some mean people that lived nearest the hous where the murther was committed. Some of the King's owen fervants were lykwayes examined; but all to small purpose, although the streets were strowed full of libels and pamphlets, that divulged the contryvers and actors, with all the circumstances.

In the mean tyme, the Queen thought neither herfelfe nor her fone in faftic. Wherupon she resolved to live in the Castle herfelfe, and delyver her sone to the custodie of the Earle of Marr, as her friends advysed her, there to be kept in the castle of Stirlin; for the Earle of Marr was esteemed a trustie man, whose predecessors had oft been trusted with the tuition of the kings, in there infancie.

Bothwell hes acted his pairt, and expects now performance from the reft. He defyred the Earles of Murray and Mortoune to keep condition, and procure the Queen's confent to marrie him; and this he urges with importunitie, because he evidentlie saw all the wordle [world] laid the murther upon him, which he could not tell how to clear. This was a

hard task; but they were compelled unto it for ther owen exhoneration. So they confult, with great advyfe; and refolves that if this can be brought to pass, thrie stroks shall be given with one stone! It shall wype the afperfion from themselves; it shall absolutlie diffaim the Queen to the whole wordle [world]; and they fliall make it occasion to ruin Bothwell, in whose power it was to discover the secrets of all! But they must begin in order; and they think it fitt that before the marriadge be propofed (at least to the wordle [world]) that Bothwell be cleared of the murther. The continual cryes of the old Earle of Lennox, the King's father, gave them good occasion for this. This man never ceased by exposulations and petitions to cry for juftice against the Earle Bothwell, as the undoubted murtherer of his fone. He petitioned, in the mean tyme, that he might be committed prifoner, untill he were put to a tryall at law, wherby himfelfe, the King's father, might with faftie of his lyffe compear and accuse him; for it was evidentlie seen that Bothwell kept so strong guards of his friends, that no man durft fpeake the trewth.

At length, after the way was laid doune, Bothwell was fummoned to appear upon the twelfth day of Apryle to underly the law. In the mean tyme things were put in that order for Bothwell's advantage, that undoubtedlie he should be cleared. First, the old Earle of Lennox is fummoned as partie to perfew. He had but ten frie dayes included in the fummons, wheras the law provyds fortie; and he was commanded to come to Edinburgh with onlie his domeflick fervants in train; for they were certain that neither he could make reddie in fo fhort space, nor durft he come to Edinburgh, fo meanlie accompanied. The Earle of Argyle fatt Juftice General. The accufers were onlie the Queen's two Advocats, whoe durft not prefent any accufation but that which was fraimed and given them. The Queen herfelfe was perfwaded to flay within, as not being fitt for her dignitie to compeer in perfone. When the Court was fett, Robert Cuningham, procurator for the Earle of Lennox, compered, and protefted that nothing might be prejudiciall to the Earle of Lennox that was done this day; because the procedure of the Court was unorderlie, and against the lawes and practife of the kingdome, because the partie accused was suffred to come in with such multitude of friends and forces of men that neither the accufor durft perfew, nor was the Juftice Generall able to doe juftice. This was repelled, and the Court went on. The fyfers were thefe: The Earles of Cathnes (chancellor of the affyfe) Caffils, and Rothes; the Lords, John Lord Hammiltoune, Oliphant, Herreis, Ros, Boyd, Semple, and the Mafter of Forbes; the Lairds of Lochinvarr, Barnbugall, Boyn, Langtoune, and Cambufnethen. Moft of them all were Bothwell's particular friends. The fentence of the affyfe was pronounced by the chancellor, that he faw no caufe to condemne the Earle Bothwell, according to the dittay given in; but protefted, that if any heerafter fhould accufe him conforme to law, that they might be frie from all dammage and interest. It was generallie thought that this judgment was right; nor could they doe otherwayes, according to the dittay: for he was accufed for murthering the King upon the nynth day, and it was not committed untill the tenth.

The Earle Bothwell is now abfolved be law (though not before God nor the wordle [world])! He fetts up a challenge upon the crofs, that if any man (his equall) will fay that he is guiltie of the King's murther, he was reddie to clear himfelfe by his fword. It was answered by a gentlman (who durft not fett to his name), that if a convenient place were apoynted, wher he might shew himfelf with securitie, he wold prove it upon him.

Now the Earles of Murray and Mortoune refolved to profecute the bufines; for they have done with the greatest difficulty. They think that it will be but easie to move the Queen to the marriage, whome all this tyme past [was seen] to carrie a favor to Bothwell. They shew her then, that in this tempest of trubles it was not possible for her to governe things by herselfe, whoe was a woman without a husband. They advysed her, for the well of the kingdome, that she wold think upon some one that was active and powerfull; one of her owen subjects, of greatest friendship, that wold be able to suppress those factious spiritts that trubled both her highnes and the commonwealth in generall. In end, after long conference, they presented unto her the Earle of Bothwell, as sittest both for couradge and friends. The Queen gave them thanks for there care, and tooke it to her consideration.

Few dayes paffed over untill the Earle of Bothwell invits the Earles of Murray and Mortoune, and all the rest of that faction (whoe were in the toune), to a fupper; where he put them fo much to it that there confents were drawen up in a paper, unto which they put there hands. In which paper they oblidged themselves to procure the Queen's confent also. The next day this paper was flewen to the Queen, and fle was defyred to ratifie and confent to that which the Lords had thought fitteft for the well of the kingdome; and if the refused, they faid, they wold leave her to herfelfe. In end, they made the Queen fubfcryve to a ratification, in a paper by itfelfe, wherin was expressed, that what they had done was by her speciall order and command. They perswaded the Catholick bishops to confent and subscryve, upon faithfull assurance that [they] should move the Queen to annull acts that had been formerlie made in favor of the Reformed Relligion, and establish again the Catholick. This they performed within a few dayes; and moved the Queen to call a Convention of the nobilitie, wherin the bishops had fatisfaction, as it was agried. Which they did for there owen advantadge; for they knew it wold make the Queen hatefull to all the Reformed partie. It wold procure there affiftance, in generall, against the Queen in the rest of there projects, and ruin the Catholick partie, which was alreddie the weakeft!

After this the Queen went to Stirlin to vifitt her fone; but Bothwell, fearing her inconflancie that flue might repent what was done, he convened his friends, and with fix hundred hors went out to meet her by the way, as flue was coming back. He flayed at the Bridge of Amond till flue came up, and then he carried her to Dumbar caffle; where he detained her untill flue granted both to accomplish the marriage, and grant remission of this ravishment; wherin was included, expresse, all other treasonable acts and filthie facts done in tyms past; in hopes that in this generall clause the King's murther wold be understood [to be] comprehended, if things should heerafter be challenged again.

There was yet the greatest impediment of all. Bothwell had a wyff living, Lady Jane Gordone, fister to the Earle of Huntlie. Nothing can cure this but a divorse, which the lady is to follow herselse. The Com-

miffiar Court is the court competent for matters of divorce, which formerlie was a court Ecclefiafticall belonging to bifliops and there officials; but these years past this power was taken from the bishops, and temporal men were authorized Commissiars, by the Lords of the Reformed Relligion, &c. &c. Bothwell was fummoned to appear at this court before the Commissiars, and was accused by his lady for adulterie. Some wryte that the archbishop of St. Androes officials fatt heer to cognofce upon the cafe, although (faves my author) there authoritie was taken away by law; but howfomever it was, the process was hasted and foon discussed, for within ten dayes the fentence of divorce was pronounced by the Commiffiars. Then, upon the feventh day of May the Earle of Bothwell, with all his friends, carried the Queen back to Edinburgh; and least it might be constructed heerafter that this was done by force of arms, he caused all his men lay by there fpears. And thus was the Queen both taken away, and brought back, which indeed everie man thought was done by her owen confent. So foon as fhe cam to Edinburgh, fhe declared herfelfe publicklie, in the Parliament Hous, a frie woman, and at her libertie. Then the Earle Bothwell was created Duke of Orkney, and upon the fifteenth day of May, was married to the Queen by John Bothwell, bishop of Orkney, with great hafte and anticipation; for it is written in the historie that the banes were proclamed three tyms in one day.

This marriadge, being thus huddled up in an unorderlie way, gave the people of all forts occasion to cry out; and these Lords whoe were the first contryvers and confenters, and whoe (in a manner) forcd the Queen's confent at first, sieng all busines goe as they wisht, and now past excuse, were those that exclamed most! They both cryed out themselves, and rafed the people against both the Queen and Bothwell, and then to notifie there refentment to the whole wordle (world), they tooke hors and reteared themfelves from court.

The Queen observed all this, when there was no remeed. ferved the peopl's execuations inflead of bleffings. She faw the whole nobilitie (except fome of Bothwell's particular friends) miflyked the marriage; and the French Ambaffador, Monfieur Crock, refufed to be prefent; by which the was affured things wold receave the worst conftruction abroad. Wherupon her cheefe and first care was to fatisfie the court of France, and her friends there; and then she resolved to make her partie as ftrong as fhe could within this kingdome. William, bifhop of Dumblain, was fent Ambaffador to France, with large inftructions and long letters, whereby the Queen excufed herfelfe to her friends there that they were not made acquented with her haftie marriage; wherin her fpecial reason was grounded upon the combination amongst the nobilitie of Scotland, whoe, unknowen to her, had oblidged themselves, under there hands, not onlie to give there owen confents to Bothwell's marriadge with her, but oblidged themfelves to affift him with there lyves and fortours in the profecution, and to use there best means and force to put by any crofs or impediment that might fall in the busines. Then, with a long fumming up of all his defervings and good fervices done to herfelfe, and the politick wayes he tooke with the affiftance of the nobilitie, untill he constrained her to his ends, she defyred all her friends in France to efteem of the Earle of Bothwell, now Duke of Orkney and her hufband, and looke upon him as her hufband, &c. &c.

Her next care was to make her partie ftrong at home, to oppose and curb intestin trubles, which she saw alreddic to appear. Bothwell thought this was easie. He thought himselfe assured of the greatest whoe were participant in the King's murther. He thought many of the rest of the nobilitie wold follow there assection and alledgiance to the Queen; and for those whoe were least considerable, he thought they might be easilie drawen to follow the multitude. Wherupon there was a Mutual Band drawen up, wherunto most pairt of the nobilitie subscription; but for dyvers respects and ends. The tenor of the Band was—That they were bound to defend and affist the Queen and her husband, the Duke of Orkney, in all there interpryses; and that the Queen and her husband was bound to protect and mantain them.

The Earle of Murray was onlie abfent of the great men. The Queen fent for him to Seatoune, where she was then. He obeyed, but by no means could he be moved to put his hand to that Band. He protested, to give all the affistance that lay in his power for the Queen and her husband, but refused to enter in any Band of Confederacie. At length

Bothwell endevored, in a privat conference, to move him to joyne; but fynding him ftill refolut, he told him publicklie that he expected his concurrance as much as any; and withall faid, that what he had done or committed was not upon his owen privat interest onlie, but was done by advyfe and confult of himselfe.

Dyvers dayes were fpent in this purpofe; which Murray did not fpend idlie; for heer he tooke occasion to meet with his friends, and consult upon that which was to follow. And even heer they concluded to ryse in arms; for which there quarrell was pretended to be, to persecute the murtherers of the late King, and to take upon them the protection of the Prince, whome, they said, Bothwell had a mynd to cease upon, and by appearance had a mynd to cutt him off by some secret way; whereby his owen children might succeed to the croune, if any shold be procreat with the Queen.

The Earle of Murray (in the mean tyme) followed his project, and pretended busines in France, as out of discontent. He procured a pass from the Queen to goe, either through England or any other way he pleased. This course was concluded amongst them, that he, not being ingadged in the trubles to follow, might be reserved frie; and so being neutrall, he might be fittest for the government of the kingdome: And lykwayes, in the mean tyme, if they should be put to need affistance from England, he might be frie to agitate there affairs. Wherupon he taks leave, and leaves the Earle of Mortoune head to the saction, whoe knew well anuss how to manadge the busines, for he was Murray's second selfe.

Wherupon a new Band of Confedaracie was drawen up amongft themfelves, into which at first subscrived the Earles of Argyle, Mortoune, Marr, Atholl and Glencairne, Patrick Lord Lyndsay and the Lord Boyd. But Argyle, the next day, revealed all; and Boyd was afterward drawen to the Queen's syd! This being detected, the Queen and Bothwell fent to the North, to acquent there friends there, and defyre them to come to Lothian with what power they could make; and in the mean tyme Bothwell resolves to goe to the Border, and make a road amongst these Border men whoe were broke loose. The Queen went with him to Borthwick castle, where they stayed some dayes, treating with the Lord Home and

fome other great men upon the Border, whoe refused obedience to Bothwell. The Confederat Lords, in the mean tyme, thinks to take the advantage; and upon a fudden they invest the castle of Borthwick with two thousand men, where both the Queen and her husband were in perfone, for they heard of forces comming to the Queen's affistance from the North, which upon some occasion made halt at Stirlin.

When Bothwell faw his intentions prevented, and that his enemies were alreddie upon the field, himfelfe and the Queen both inclosed in a hous, he refolved to make escape if he could, before his enemie grew strong in foot; for then he knew they would invest the hous so closs that no means wold be left to get out. Wherupon he difguyfed himfelfe in a woman's habit, and the Queen in a man's; and in the night they deceaved the guards, and went streight to Dumbar eastle. The Earle of Huntlie and Mr John Hammiltoune, Archbishop of St Androes, and dyvers others, the Queen's friends, were come to Edinburgh; whoe, not daring to byd in the toune for the number of their unfriends that daylie increfed, they flipt themselves into the castle, which was then commanded by Sir James Balfour. He willinglie receaved them. But in this verie tyme he was treating with the Confederat Lords for a revolt; and as foone as ever be had closed his conditions, he put them and the rest of the Queen's friends that were within out at a posterne gate safe; and then declared himselfe for the Confederats!

The Queen and her hufband were no fooner knowen to have made efcape, and that they were at Dumbar caftle, but there friends came prefentlie to them in troups. The Lords Seatoune, Zefter, Borthwick, the Lairds of Waightoune, Bas, Ormiftoune, Cockburne, Wetherburne, Blackater, and Langtoune, all men of good following; and by there examples numbers of cuntrie people willinglie offred there fervice. There were two hundred hyred foldyers, and fome feild peaces of ordinance. The noblmen and gentlmen put there men in the beft order they could; and with these forces the Queen resolved to march to Leth. There first remove was to Haddintoune; from whence, upon the fourteenth day of Junij 1567, she came to Seatoune, where the armie was

quartered in tours about. The Confederat Lords, in this tyme, were at Edinburgh not in a verie flrong posture; for there careles suffring the Queen and her hufband to escape from Borthwick castle, had difcouradged the common people; and there fyrie furie being cooled a little, they flunged away everie man home to his hous: And it is noted in the historie, that if the Queen had but spun out a little more tyme, she might without great truble have been mafter of the fields within few daves; for peeple came in daylie to her affiftance; and upon the other fyd, the partie of the Confederats still decressed, and the Lords themfelves were beginning to think upon diffolving. But getting fudden intelligence in the night of the Queen's approach, and that she was advanced alreddie to Seatoune, they were forced to take couradge, and prefentlie beat up drums. The forces (as is faid) was not many, but because they had the affections of the toune of Edinburgh, they appeared in the morning a confiderable number. With thefe they marcht out betyms in the morning, and lay doune at Muffelbourgh. They made the greater hafte that they might be mafter of the toune and bridge, which was a ftrong pass; and then fent out parties to vew the countenance of the Queen's armie. In the mean tyme they refreshed there men.

Then, upon notice that the Queen was marching, they drew out of Muffelbourgh and ranged there armie in two battells. The first was led by the Earle of Mortoune and the Lord Home; and the other by the Earles of Glencairne, Atholl, and Marr. The Queen's armie by this was advanced to Carberrie-hill, and there stood in order. And heer Monsieur de Crock, the French Ambaslador, procures leave from the Queen to treat, if possible, an accommodation might be made. Wherupon, he went over to the Confederat armie, where he declared by an interpreter, his busines was to sie if there was a possibilitie to pack up things without blood, for both there goods; that it was lamentable that the Queen and her subjects should be at such distance, that nothing could fatisfie there displeasures but blood and slaughter; and whosomever should get the better, yet the loss fell to the cuntrie. He shew them that the Queen was inclyned to peace; that she wold willinglie grant to an oblivion, and take it upon oath, that no man should ever be called in

question for what was done, in opposing her authoritie. The Earle of Mortoune answers, that he had not taken arms against the Queen, but against the murtherer of the King; and if the Queen wold either delyver him up to justice or put him out of her companie, it should soone be seen that they wold submitt, as dutifull subjects; for (says he) "We are not come heer to beg pardone"—and Glencairne adds—"but rather to give pardone!"

Monfieur de Crock found by this that he could not prevale, fo he returned; and after he had delyvered his answer, he tooke leave of the Queen and went to Edinburgh. In this mean tyme, the armies are both incamped; and the hiftorie fayes that Bothwell appeared fingle betwixt the two eamps, and offred combatt to any of his qualitie. It is lykwayes faid, that first James Murray, and then his eldest brother, Sir William Murray of Tullibardin, accepted; and after that, Patrick Lord Lindfay. The first two were refused as not in equal qualitie, and the last was difcharged by the Queen's authoritie. It was thought fitt, in the Queen's armie, to defer the fight untill tomorrow, that the Earle of Huntlie and the Hammiltouns might come in with there supplies; who they knew were coming with five hundred hors, and expected them the next morning. And in this mean tyme, a new Treatie was propofed. Wherupon Sir William Kirkadie of Grange was fent from the Confederats to treat with the Queen, with an offer, that if the will put away her hufband, and come in herfelfe to there armie, they were all reddie to do her duetifull obedience. He had a fecret commission, underhand, and a token from the Earle of Mortoune to Bothwell, to advyfe him to retear himfelf from the furie of the people to fome pairt out of the kingdome, for a fmall tyme, untill he wrought busines in a right posture; but that the people are now fo hote, that if he doe flay, it was not possible to keep them from destruction on both fyds; and gave affurance, that if he wold flip himfelfe afyde, he may go frielie whither he pleafed in fecuritie, for none shall be suffred to follow. Bothwell gave trust to these conditions, and reteared privatlie out of the armie, with onlie two men, and went to Dumbar caftle. The other partie faid he reteared by command from the Queen. But however it was, he left the field without truble or danger. Then the Queen, upon the conditions offred, refolved to go over to the Confederat armie, with a few in her companie; and first came to that quarter where the Earle of Mortoune commanded, and was receaved with great shew of respect. But when she offred to return, they wold not suffer her. Then the was defyred to goe to Edinburgh, and afterward commanded in high words. In her paffing through the armie, they used her with great contempt! They had the King's picture, as he was murthered, painted upon ther enfigns, and in one of the corners the yong Prince drawen, new borne, crying to Heaven for vengeance against the murtherers of his father! Thefe enfigns, at all the corners of the camp, were fpred abroad as fhe went through; and the foldyers, in a barbarous manner, cryed out, "Burn the Whore!" The Queen was mightilie overtaken with griefe and anger at these contemptible words and spectacle. She could not contain herfelf from tears! But that was not regarded; for the was carried a prifoner to Edenburgh; nor would they fuffer her to change apparell, that the might enter the toune (although a prifoner) yet in comlie habit, but in a coate little fyder then the knee (which was made for the fields), all fpoyled with clay and durt. She was carried, in a confused and difgracefull manner, to the common lodging, and guards put upon her; where she was used in the most opprobrious way they could imagin! Within a little, the was observed to look out at a window upon the ftreet, and the people flockt to fie-many pittieng her fudden ealamitie. But prefentlie the enfigne (fpoken of) was brought out and fpred before her eves! She was kept heer two dayes, and upon the third, being the feventeenth day of Junij, she was carried prisoner to Lochleiven.

Bothwell, the Queen's hufband, at this tyme was in Dumbar; from whence he fent a meffinger to Sir James Balfour, Captain of the caftle of Edinburgh (a man whoe was put in by the Queen and Bothwell after the marriage, whome you heard had revolted to the Confederat Lords, before the Queen was taken), for a filver box, which was the Queen's, and that he had left for him to keep. The box he delyvered to the

meffinger, but underhand acquented the Confederats of the bufines. The box was intercepted. Within was papers, which the Confederats averred contained clear inftructions that the Queen was author of her hufband's murther, under her owen hand, by letters to Bothwell. But the Queen and her pairtie mantained the contrarie, and faid that thefe were but conterfitted by the Confederat Lords; for in the box were all those letters and papers drawen betwixt Bothwell, Murray, and Mortoune, that discovered them to be the plotters. Which letters Bothwell referved, for his owen fecuritie, to keep them to be his friends.

Bothwell feing matters go thus, for, by his expectation, the Queen was carried to Lochleaven, and his box taken wherin the letters that paft betwixt Murray and him was intercepted, which he ftill referved for his fecret and fureft protection, as was faid, he loft couradge and put himfelf to fea, with fome few of those that durft not flav in Scotland, and failed to Orkney and Shetland, wher they fay he turned piratt. From thence he went to Denmark, where he was knowen by fome Scots merchants, that acquented the Earle of Murray at there returne, when he was Regent. Wherupon he fends to the King of Denmark an information against him, and defyred to put him to death, for an example to all that shall attempt against there Prince's lysse. It is recorded that the King of Denmark caufed cast him in a lothfome prisone, where none had accefs unto him, but onlie those who carried him fuch fcurvie meat and drink as was allowed, which was given in at a little window. Heer he was kept ten years, till, being overgrowen with hare and filth, he went madd and died-a just punishment for his wickednes!

This hard ufage of the Queen, whoe was taken captive and committed prifoner by her owen fubjects, under truft (as was faid), mollified the hearts of the people to commiferation, and gave a ground to all of her faction to fear the worft. They reteared themfelves to Hammiltoune, whither many came and joyned with them; where they remained a good tyme, in expectation onlie, without acting any thing. Upon the other pairt, the Confederat Lords convened at Edinburgh, and confulted upon what they refolved to doe; and muftered there men upon the fands of

Leth, fo foon as they knew of this meeting at Hammiltoune. They take upon them the authorative power, and wryte to them, defyring them earneftlie to repair [to] Edinburgh to them, that they may confult togither what was fitting to be done for the good of the commonwealth. The ministers wrote there letters a pairt; exhorting them, feverallie, to give there concurrance to the good cause, in these tyms of danger, for the Relligion, and the commonwealth. Nothing followed but knitting of factions upon both syds, looking more to there owen interest and advansements nor any respect to the common good; and at length dissolved. But before they lest Edinburgh, the Earle of Glencairne, with his domestick fervants onlie in his companie, went to the Chappell of Halliroodhous, and with great noyse broake downe the altar, and defaced everie thing that pertained to the ornaments therof; which was much commended by the ministrie, for an act of pietic and zeale; but the nobilitie did not approve it, for they reprehended him for acting without a publick order.

The Queen, in this tyme, was ftraitlie kept at Lochleaven, no man having accefs to her, but by order. Then the Confederat Lords caufes deall with her to renounce her croune to her fone, and threttens her with death if fhe refufe; and fynding her to fland fliff to herfelfe, they ufe her flill more hardlie; till at length, terrified and overcome with fear, they extort her hand to a Renunciation of the Croune in her fon's name, with a Procutorie and Commission to croune him. Unto all which she put her hand, without ever reading the thing, or hearing it red; wherin were nominatt to be conjunct Governors, James Duke of Chastlelerault, Mathew Earle of Lennox, Archbald Earle of Argyle, John Earle of Atholl, James Earle of Mortoune, Alexandre Earle of Glencairne, and John Earle of Marr.

Thus, having wrung the government from the Queen, poafts flies to France to acquent the Earle of Murray, and to defyr him to returne with fpeed, that he may take the government upon him. These news were joyfullie receaved, for he was in great mifregard at that court; and if he

had not made quick haifte, he had been ftopt at Deip, for he was fcarcelie gone, when James Beatone, archbifhop of Glafgow, and Ambaffador for the Queen there, receaved intelligence of all that had paft in Scotland. Wherupon he maks addres to the King of France, and informs him of all, and how the Earle of Murray was the occasion of these fturrs and hard usage of the Queen. And upon this information the King sends poast to Deip to have stopt his passage, and brought himselfe to Paris; but (as is faid) he made haste, and was gone before the order came doune.

## HISTORIE

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## REIGNE OF KING JAMES THE SIXTH.

The Confederat Lords having obtained this Renunciation, which was the thing they most defyred, conveen at Sterlin, and upon the twenty-first day of July they croune [the] yong Prince King, by the name of James the Sixth; verie few noblmen being present. Mr John Knox made the fermon, and the Earle of Mortoune and the Lord Home sware, in the King's name, to mantain the Relligion then preacht in Scotland. The King was but a chyld of one year old, one month, and odd dayes.

The Earle of Murray came first to London, and faluted the Queen of England; where he was lookt upon with a great deall more honor than at the court of France. From thence he came to Scotland, and was receaved by the Confederat Lords (whom now we call the King's partie), with much joy, and was in a manner adored. They offred him the fole government of the kingdome, which (although it was the thing he long expected) he wold not undertake, for some dayes; craving respyte to advyse. In which tyme, he directed letters to severall noblmen of the Queen's faction, but in particular to the Earle of Argyle, his kinsman, and old friend, shewing the desyre of the people was to burthen him with the charge of the fole government, in the King's minoritie; that it was a place he was not worthie of; but because of the miseries of the tyme, and trubles of the cuntrie, it was sitt that the absolut power were conferred

upon fome one. He defyred they might conveen and make choose of any, whom they should think fittest, by a generall consent. In the mean tyme, a parliament was proclamed in the yong King's name, and the Earle of Murray was admitted Governor, upon the twenty-second day of Agust, which was thrie dayes before the parliament, by these few whoe were present, for none at all of the Queen's partie were there.

The twenty-fifth day of Agust was the day apoynted for the Parliament; where little was done but confirming the Earle of Murray in the Regencie, and a vote passed for the Queen's imprisonment. Heer many voted her death for being guiltie of her husband's murther, upon none other testimonie but these letters, which were said to be sound in the box; which the Queen and all her pairtie (as is said) averred to be contersitt. That which sortissed many in the opinion of the salfhood of these letters was, that, considering the iniquitie of the tyme, and the hatred that was carried to the Queen by the Consederat Lords, if the letters had been trew of themselves, they wold have execute and put her to death, without doubt.

Either this fame parliament was adjourned, or another indited againft the fifteenth day of December next. In the mean tyme, the keeping of the caftle of Edinburgh was taken from Sir William [James] Balfour, and upon the fifth day of September was given to Sir William Kirkadie of Grange. In this parliament the Regent's authoritie was again ratified; the Pope's authoritie abolifhed, and the Reformed Relligion confirmed.

After this, the Regent applyes himfelfe to execute justice through the land; and first he goes to Glafgow, where he kept a Justice-air upon the tenth day of Apryll 1568, which did not end untill the twelfth day of May. In this Court he was so severe, and execute justice so rigorouslie, that many repented themselves of what was done, and wished again for the Queen. This was the cheese cause that changed the affection of the people from the Regent, and made them inclyne to pittie the Queen's condition, whome they saw with there eyes, worse used than an ordinarie prisoner, and forced to renounce her croune and dignitie. The Hammiltouns were those that took the busines to greatest resentment, and studied

the Queen's relecte. The Earle of Argyle, whoe was the Duk's fifterfone, and the Earle of Huntley, who was married to his daughter (two of
the greatest men in the North or Highlands of Scotland), joyned with
them. Mr William Maitland, Sir James Balfour, and Sir William
Murray of Tullibardin, men violentlie fett formerlie against the Queen,
did now lykwayes recent her condition, and turnt to her faction, in appearance, by there words, although they kept still with the Regent in
companie.

The Queen herfelfe (an active lady) was the principal inftrument of her owen releafe. She perfwaded George Dowglas, the Regent's yongeft brother, by his mother, to work her efcape. We muft understand that the Lady Lochleaven was the Regent's owen mother; out of which interest, the Queen was kept prisoner there, as a place of greatest confidence. She was verie narrowlie lookt unto, and none gote access without special order from the Regent's felse. George (called Prettie Geordie), my lady's yongest sone (as is faid), undertooke the busines, and made none but the Lord Seatoune privie to his devyce.

In the mean tyme, a French Ambaffador cam to Scotland, and defyred acces to the Queen; but the Regent refused, for he faid, she was imprisoned by advyce of the nobilitie and act of state, and without there confent he durft doe nothing; but he offred to conveen the nobilitie, and if they thought it fitt, he wold give way. The Ambaffador feemed fatiffied. But in the midst of this expectation of a Convention, when the Regent was yet in Glafgow, George Dowglas acts the bufines: for one day, when his father and mother were both at dinner, one William Dowglas, called the Foundling (because he was found at the gate in a chyld), fteals the keyes of the gates and the Queen's chamber from the cupboard (where they were alwayes laid in tyme of dinner or fupper), brings doune the Queen, locks the gates on the outfyd, and carries her to a boat which George had reddie. Upon the other fyd of the Loch there were horfes reddie; and the Lord Seatoune, with a great convention of gentlmen, carried her fafe to Hammiltoune. This was upon the fecond day of May.



Upon knowledge of this efcape, the Queen's friends flockt to Hammiltoune, and many that profess for the King, abandoned the Regent; amongst whome the Lord Boyd was of greatest note; whoe is taxt by the historie, and was observed to turn ever to that partie that he thought was strongest! In few dayes the Queen's forces were esteemed no les then six thousand sive hundred men, hors and soote; with which forces the nobilitie with her resolved to convey herselfe to the castle of Dumbartain; and then either fight or protract the warr as they should think convenient.

The Regent confults at Glafgow with his partie what was fittest to be done; whither to flay at Glafgow untill there friends came up, or retear to Stirlin where the yong King's perfone was. But those whoe thought best to stay still at Glasgow prevailed; for within few dayes there were four thousand men in the toune, whereof fix hundred were good hors. And with this armie the Regent refolved to fight, before the Queen should gett any more supplies from the North, that were expected with Huntlie. So, upon the thirteenth day of May the Regent, having intelligence that the Queen was upon march, he drawes out his men, and takes the advantadge of the ground. He both takes the bridge and toune of Langfvd, through which little toune he knew the enemie wold march, and lyns both the houses, the hedges, and ditches full of muscatiers. There were of noblmen in the Regent's armie, the Earles of Mortoune, Marr, Glencairn, Monteith, and the Master of Grahame; the Lords Lindfay, Home, Ruthven, Semple, Ochilltrie, and Cathcart; the Lairds of Bargenie, Blachan, Drumlangrig, Cefford, Lufs, Buchanan, Tullibardin, Pitcur, Grange, Lochleaven, Lithintoune, and Sir James Balfour of Burlie.

Upon the Queen's pairt appeared the Earle of Argyle, Generall; the Earles of Caffils, Eglintoune, and Rothes; the Lord Claud Hammiltoune, the Duk's fourth fone; the Lords Seatoune, Sommervel, Sanquhir, Maxwell, Herreis, Boyd, Borthwick, Ros, Zefter, Liviftoune, and Fleming; the Lairds of Lochinvar, Bafs, Nowghtoune, Dehoufie; the Shirreff of Air, Sir James Hammiltoune of Crawford-Jhone; the Lairds of Innerweek and Grahame. With thefe forces the Queen advanced, and re-

folved to beat the Regent by force from the toune and bridge, whereof he was alreddie poffeffed. But they found the Regent too hard for them; for although he was weakeft in hors, yet he foon put the wings of the Queen's armie in diforder, and the bodie being straitned in the pass of the toune, was fo galled with fhott from the old houses and dyks on everie hand, that they were eafilie forct to recule in diforder alfo. In end, the Queen's armie was beaten from the field. Onlie three hundred were killed, but many were made prifoners, the cheefe wherof were the Lord Seatoune, the Shirreff of Air, Sir James Hammiltonn of Crawford-Jhon, the Lairds of Innerweek, Trabrune, and Balvie, James and John Hammiltounes of Carrouk, David Hammiltoune of Kincovel, James and David Hammiltouns, brothers of Bothwell-haugh, the Laird of Larches, and dyvers others, who were all fent prifoners to the caftle of Edinburgh. Upon the Regent's fyd, onlie one man is recorded to be killed; but many were hurt, amongst whome, the Lord Herreis is marked to have outt Andro Lord Ochiltrie upon the neck, and the Lord Home was hurt in the leg. So the Regent returned to Glafgow.

So foone as the Queen faw the day loft, fhe was carried from the field by the Lords Herreis, Fleming, and Liviftoune. Prettie George Dowglas and William the Fundlin efcapt also with the Queen. She rode all night, and did not halt untill fhe came to the Sanguhir. From thence fhe went to Terregles, the Lord Herreis hous, where fhe refted fome few dayes, and then, against her friends advyce, she resolved to goe to England, and commit herfelfe to the protection of Queen Elifabeth; in hopes, by her affiftance, to be repoffessed again in her kingdome. So she imbarked at a creek neer Dundrennen, in Galloway, and carried the Lord Herreis to attend her with his counfel; and landed at Cockermouth, in Cumberland. Heer she stayed, and fent the Lord Herreis to Londone, in hopes to be receaved with honor. [She wrote letters unto her, with her owen hand; in which she expressed the hard condition her rebellious fubjects had put her unto, and fent up with this Lord Herreis letters which Queen Elifabeth had fent unto her fometyme before this, together with a diamond ring which the had lykewyfe fent her, in token of a fure friendship, which by her letters she desyred her to keep, that if she shold

happen to fall in diffres, the fight of that ring fhould be an infallible tye for Elifabeth to affift her, with all her power].\* But before his returne, the Lord Scroop, whoe was Warden upon the English fyd, and lived at Carleill castle, was commanded to carrie her to the castle of Carleill; where, with a shaddow of honor, she was kept under strict guard; from whence she was transported, &c. &c.

HEER is now an end of this Queen's unfortunat reigne, though not of her lyff, which yet continued eighteen years longer; in all which tyme, the fuffred impriforment, miferie, and affliction above affliction, at last death itselfe, by the loss of her head.

The French Ambaffador was witnes to this fight, whoe, fieng the Queen's forces totallie routed, and herfelfe fled, he went ftreight to England, and fo to France. Upon the Border he was trubled with there ryders, whoe robt him of all that he had; which yet was reftored again, by the Laird of Drumlangrig's means. And James Beatoune, Archbifhop of Glafgow, followed the Queen to England; from whence fhe fent him Ambaffador to France, where he flayed all the dayes he lived after, imploying all his witt and pains in his Queen's fervice, and for her releefe; which was otherwayes decreed by God, for her chafticement.

Now let us return to the Regent, whoe having fett things in order at Glafgow, went to Edinburgh upon the eighteenth day of May; and upon the next day but one, he caufed arraigne the Shirref of Air, the Laird of Innerweek, David and James Hammiltouns, brothers of Bothwelhauch, with fix other gentlmen, who were all convicted of treafone; and fentence being given, they were to be execut the next day. But, the next day, at the fute of John Knox (as fome wryte), the Regent pardoned them all.

Then the Regent maks James Earle of Mortoune Chancellor, and indits a parliament for forfaulting the Queen's partie. Many means were

<sup>. &</sup>quot; What [is] within parenthesis is at the margin, in the author's handwrite."

made to ftop this meeting; but to no purpofe. Monfieur Martignes was rafing men in France with fpeed, to have brought thither; but was flayed by the Civil Warrs. The Earle of Argyle came doune to Glafgow with fix hundred men, and confulted with the Hammiltouns how to impede this parliament; but fynding no probable wayes, he reteared. The Earle of Huntley, upon the other fyd, cam doune with two thousand fix hundred men almost to Perth, resolved to joyne with the rest of the Queen's forces on this fyd of Forth, and to have ftopt this parliament. But all the passes of the river Tay were fo ftronglie guarded by the Lord Ruthven and the rest of the Regent's friends, that he was glade to give over and retear alfo. Laft, letters were procured from Queen Elifabeth of England, wherby the defyred the Regent to deferr the parliament, and not rashlie forfault the Queen's partie, untill he tooke better deliberation. But these letters were written in such a strain, that the Regent knew the defyre was but written, and not defyred. So the parliament was kept, although not fo much done as was expected; for by the advyfce of William Matland (who was again fallen into the Regent's faction), there were onlie a number fynd, and the Earle of Rothes was banished for thrie years. All that payed there fyns receaved Remissions.

Before the Regent came from Glafgow, he fupprest that cuntrie, and had taken the castle of Hammiltoune and Drissan. He had now a resolution to goe to the South-west pairts of the kingdome, with an armie, to force obedience from these in that cuntrie. For which end, he puts out proclamations commanding all men to ryse with sisteen dayes provision. The randevous was at Bigger, upon the first of Junij; where the Regent found reddie four thousand hors, and one thousand soote with syrlocks. He began at the hous of Sterling, which he overturned: from thence he marched to the castle of Crawford, which was rendered, without any more harme done, for the Lord Sanquhar had promised obedience. The next nyght the armie lay at a place called Barbacastle: From this pairt the Regent sent the Laird of Wetherburne to the Laird of Lochinvar to move him to submission; but because he refused, they sirst marcht to St. Jhon's Clachan, and from that to the castle of Kenmoor (the Laird

of Lochinvar's hous), and rafed it to the ground. From this he marcht to Dumfries, and in his way, at the river of Urr, feveral gentlmen cam in [and] were receaved in favour. At Dumfries many fubmitted, Maxwells, Johnstouns, Bells and Irvings. The Lord Maxwell's houses were spared, because he cam under terms of submission. The Lord Herreis hous of Terreglis, the Regent gave full orders to throw it doune. But the Laird of Drumlangrig, whoe was the Lord Herreis uncle, and much in favour with the Regent, told that the Lord Herreis wold take it for a favour, if he wold eafe him of pains, for he was refolved to throw it downe himfelfe, and build it in another place. The Regent fware, he fcorned to be a barrowman to his old walls! And fo it was fafe. From Dumfries the Regent marcht to Annandaill, where Haddom (a hous lykwayes of the Lord Herreis) was rendered upon the third day, and given in keeping to the Laird Drumlangrig, whoe was heer made Warden of the West and Middle marches. The Regent left the camp, and went himfelfe with a pairtie to Annan caftle, which was delyvered. From this place he mett with the Lord Scroop, upon the Border, who was Warden upon the English fyd, whoe had the Queen at this same tyme in his keeping at the caftle of Boltone. In his retreat he tooke the caftle of Lochmaben by furrender, which he delivered to the Warden, Drumlangrig. From thence to the Lochwood and Lochhous, both houses belonging to the Laird Johnstone. The houses were rendered, and himself submitted. From this he marched to Pebls, and fo to Edinburgh.

All this tyme past, the Queen found her letters to the Queen of England slighted, and herfelfe guarded, though under pretence of honor and respect to her persone. She at length desyred Queen Elifabeth either to affish her with arms to recover her kingdome, or take some notice at least of her hard usadge with her subjects, by a tryall of the matter. Queen Elifabeth can hardlie gett this put off or resused. Wherupon she sent to the Regent, and desyred him to send up Commissioners to York, at a day apointed, where some should be from her, to hear the busines. She desyred him to send them sufficientlie instructed, to clear the ground of the cause that made the subjects of Scotland rase warrs against there

Queen, and at laft expel her the kingdome; attempts (fine faid) not to be overlookt by other Princes, becaus of the example, which might prove dangerous and of badd confequence unto all Princes in generall.

The Regent, although he knew this to be a matter of great concernment heerafter (if it should be questioned) to submitt unto a forrain prince the decision of busines of so great importance; yet, the confidence he had in the Queen of England, and the fecret emulation that he knew she carried to the Queen of Scots, encouradged him to obey. But becaus none of the nobilitie were willing to undertake the imployment by themfelves, he prepares himfelfe to goe, and tooke with him the Earle of Mortoune, the Lord Lindfay, Robert Stewart his owen brother, and Bifhop of Orkney, Mr. Robert Pitcairne, abbot of Dumfermlin, Mr. James Megill, Mr. Henrie Balnavis, and Mr. George Buchannan; Wilhiam Maitland, fecretarie, whome he knew to be a factious man, he carried with him alfoe, more for fear of his factious spiritt in his absence, then out of any great trust he gave unto his counfells. Thus, with a hundreth hors in train, he cam to York upon the fourth day of October. Thomas Duke of Norfolk and Sir Rauff Sadler, deputed from the Queen of England, cam thither lykwyfe, almost upon the same hour.

Some few dayes after they were come, both the Regent and Advocats from the Queen of Scotland appeared before the Duke. Those whoe were sent from the Queen of Scotland spoke first, and protested that they came there not as submitting to any judgment, for they acknowledged no superior but God. Then they declared before the Duke these injuries which the Scots subjects had perpetrat against there lawfull Queen, and at last how they had banished her her kingdome. There desyre was, that the Queen of England wold interpose her mediation, and perswad them in a peaceable way to receave her again in the kingdome as there lawfull Soveraign; or, if they result this in a peacefull way, that the Queen wold be pleased to affift her with an armie to recover her owen by force. That it was not onlie the Queen of Scotland's quarrell that she should own in this, but her owen and the generall quarrell of all Kings, whoe would at some tyme or other synd the fruits of rebellion, if they did not affift to chastice rebellious subjects.

The Regent answered, that nothing was done against the Queen but by equitie and justice, and the practice of the land; which were done by consent and subscriptions of many of the nobilitie, ratified and allowed by parliament, which he by his privat authoritie could not undoe.

The Duke gave answer, that decrees of parliament made, possible, by the power of saction, were not rules of equitie; that they were apoynted by the Queen to looke to the cause itselfe, so they desyred that the ground of the quarrell might be laid open, whereby they might make a clear report. To which again the Regent replyed, that that was the thing in the wordle (world) he had least mynd to divulge, which tended to the dishonor of his Queen and sister: yet he declared that if the Queen of England wold pass her princelie word to take the protection of the yong King and the cause, if he should make it appear that the Queen of Scotland was the author of her husband's murther, or that they wold procure to themselves, whoe were deputed from the Queen, a decisive commission, upon these conditions he would proceede; and if he did not prove the murther upon his sister, he wold willinglie submitt himselfe to her punishment.

The English Commissioners wold proceed no further, untill they had acquented the Queen with what had passed: And the Queen again, by her returne, defyred the Regent that some of his number might be sent to Londone to satisfie herselse. Whereupon the Regent sent up William Maitland (whoe was Secretarie of State), and with him Mr. James MrGill, Clerck Register, both to affist and observe the Secretarie's words and actions, whom he imployed mearlie for his witt, without any great considence in his honestie, for he is noted in the historie to keep intelligence with the Queen's pairtie, which the Regent knew; and yet he beleved he wold not wrong him, becaus his pairtie being the stronger for the present, he could draw most advantadge from thence!

Queen Elifabeth, after fhe had heard thefe Commissioners herfelfe, could not yet cognosce upon the matter before she heard the Regent. Wherupon she dispatches letters unto him, to defyre him to repair to Court, that she might hear things from his owen mouth. The Regent then dismissed most pairt of his followers, dispatched those noblmen home

to Scotland, and with a privat train went up to Londone himfelfe; where, being convented before the Queen, he again declared that it was much against his will to lay open those cryms wherwith he was to accuse the Queen his fifter, which (he faid) was but her dishonor and reproach; but was lothest to disclose them before the Counsell-table of England, whoe were strangers to him, and forrainers to his cuntrie. Neither the Queen nor the Counfel feemed to admitt thefe delayes; but urged him again to declair the courfe. Wherupon then he defyred that his accufers might be fent for, whose proper testimonies he was to use. The Queen's Advocats and Commissioners were lykwayes fent for, whoe answered, that all these testimonies, depositions, or letters, which the Regent was to produce, were mearlie forgt and counterfitt; but that was not there errant. They faid that the Queen there miftres was not to fubmitt herfelfe to any judge on earth, being herfelfe a frie-born Princes; but that which they defyred was affiftance from the Queen of England, as her fifter and neighbour, against her rebellious subjects, whoe had unnaturallie expulsed her out of the kingdome; or otherwayes, to let her have frie paffadge through her kingdome, that as fhe cam in out of hopes of protection, she might have friedome to goe and fute releefe for herfelfe.

These words of the Advocats were waved, and the Queen of England assist a day to hear those things by the Regent disclosed and proved; at which day the Regent produced acts of parliaments, depositions of witness of some whoe were execute for the murther, and last that filver box with the papers, which they said proved the sact clearlie. None appeared for the Queen this day, to either answer or controll these proofs; because (as is said) they both averred those depositions and papers to be forged, and that they would not submitt to a judiciall censure, in prejudice of Royall Majestie.

Antiquitie does much blaim the Regent in his carriadge of thefe busines. That all his actions appeared to be malice and ambition, the circumstances themselves doe declare; and no man doubted but these accusations given in to the Consell-table of England, and his voluntarie submitting himselfe to the judgment of the Queen, was an infringing of the liberties of Scotland, and a derogating from the honor of the croune;

which (if he had lived untill the King's majoritie) was lyke to have been interpret treafone. But, howfomever, the Queen of England fends to the Queen's Advocats, and commands them to answer, both to these accusations given in by the Regent, and lykwayes to accuse the Regent with what they had to say against him. Unto which the Queen's Advocats answered as formerlie, that they could not acknowledge Queen Elisabeth a judge over them nor the actions of Scotland; that they were onlie to defyre aid and affistance to there Queen against her rebellious subjects, according to commone interest of Kings. The Queen of England (in the mean tyme) deferred to give any judgment for the present, or to proceed any further in the matter; not from any affection to the Queen of Scotland, but that she stood in fear of both Spain and France, whoe, she heard, had alreddie engadged themselves in her quarrell; but resolved to detain her persone secure, for her owen advantadge, in case the should have to doe with either of those Kings.

In the mean tyme, the Queen and her friends, both in Scotland and France, were not idle. Those in Scotland made divers ryfings, upon new commissions from the Queen, although with small succes in end; and in France, they advyfe to fend home the old Duke of Chausterault (who had now, for a good tyme, reteared himfelfe thither), to take the top of the Queen's partie in Scotland; and, as nearest in kin to the King, to claim the government. The Duke undertooke the bufines, and was well fupplied with money from the King. He cam through England, and, by the way, faluts Queen Elifabeth. Heer, by advyfe of his friends, he acquents her that he is to goe to Scotland, and that he is to challenge the government of the kingdome, as due to him by the lawes of the land, as nearest kinfman to the King, wherof he brings divers precedents: How that, in the absence of King James the first, Robert Duke of Albanie was made Governor, whoe was the King's uncle; and after his death, his fone Duke Murdoch receaved the fame place: How, of late, John Duke of Albanic, grandchyld to King James the fecond, by his fone Alexander, was made Governor of Scotland, in the minoritie of King James the fyfth: How himfelfe had the government of the kingdome in this Queen Marie's minoritie; and that he was not feeluded from the government, at this tyme, by any legal order,

although by force and violence the Earle of Murray is preferred, whoe is a baftard, to the difhonor of the lawfull blood. He defyred Queen Elizabeth's affiftance, and that the wold interpofe her power with the Earle of Murray to dimitt his place of Regent in his favour, that the right and lawfull government might be established; and the Queen reponed without warr or blood.

The Regent at this tyme was returned; and upon this difcours the Queen fent immediatlie for the delegats whom he had left, unto whom fhe declared the Duk's defyre. There answere was in many words, to prove that thefe whoe were named Governors by the Duke were not made Governors by vertew of nearest of blood, but either through force or fraud: They faid, that that first law of succession was worne out in King Kenneth's dayes, whoe both extinguisht the faid law, and ordained that in tyme to come, in minoritie of Kings, the ableft and fittest man for the charge should be elected, by confent of the nobilitie; wherof many were produced, for examples, from the death of King Robert Bruce untill our tyms. Many inftances were also given where the nearest in blood had many types affected the croune, and either by murther, or fome other deteftable way, the trew heir perifhed; whereby the croune, by inheritance, might fall to themselves, whoe were Governors at that tyme. Examples, both forrain and at home, were produced for this poynt. For himfelfe, they confelled he was once Governor, but with fuch ill fuccefs that posteritie will remember; and that at last he fold the place to a French woman, and a stranger, for the Dutchie of Chastelrault, in France. So that he is nothing to be regarded.

The Queen heard both; and then, by advyfe of her Counfell, the approved the defences of the Regent's delegats, and rejected Duke Hammiltoun's defyre as unequitable; and declared withall that the had promifed to the King's Ambaffadors, that the Duke should be reflrained from going to Scotland, before they had ended ther commission, and were first at home, least he should move the kingdome to insurrection.

A little before this (as is faid) Queen Marie ufed all means to flirr up and encouradge her friends in Scotland, and acquented them, by a letter, how all busines were carried in England; which letter is inferted, ad

longum, in my Original: Wherin she declared the intent of the Regent to be far otherwayes nor was pretended by him. The letter fayes, that at the Convention, at York, her rebells were confounded; to colour which they dealt with Queen Elizabeth's Commissioners fo, that against the Queen's owen promeis, they were called up to her prefence, togither with fome agents from her owen Commissioners also; fo that the busines was delayed. In the mean tyme, that the Earle of Murray had agried with the Queen and flate of England, that the yong King, her fone, fhould be delivered to Queen Elizabeth and bred in England: That they shall deelare him lawfull fuccessor to the eroune of England, failing heirs of the Queen: That the caftles of Edinburgh and Stirlin shall be delyvered to the English hands, to be mantained upon the Queen's charges: That the eaftle of Dumbartain shall be taken, either by force or policie, and delyvered lykwayes to the English: That these conditions being perfyted, the Queen of England shall affift the Earle of Murray in all his actions and authoritie: And that the shall cause declare him legitimatt, and in capacitie to fueceed to the eroune of Scotland, if the yong King shall die without heirs of his bodie: That Murray shall acknowledge the croune of Scotland to be holden of the Queen of England and her heirs.

The letter makes mention, lykwayes, that a League was drawen up betwixt the Earle of Murray and the Earle of Hartford, who is to marrie one of Secretarie Sicil's dawghters (who is the contryver of all thefe things), to fortifie and mantain ech other in there titles, the one to the croune of Scotland, and the other to the croune of England; which muft needs turne to the prejudice of the yong King, and ruin of both him and his mother: That they have dealt with herfelfe to refigne the croune by confent, and confirm Murray in the Regencie, by perfwafions, promifes, and threats; but when they could not prevale, Queen Elizabeth (contrare to her promeis) added new Commissioners to the former, and admitted Murray to fpeak with herfelfe, before the Treatie was ended: That at last, her owen Commissioners (sieng no goodnes to be expected) had protested and left the Conference, and were to returne home, &c. &c.

These letters were intercepted and delyvered to the Regent, who was not a little astonished to sie things of the secretest nature divulged; out

he made his owen ufe of them, as he did of everie thing. He altogether denyed the contents, and fhew the letters to Queen Elizabeth, who feemed much inraged that fhe was taxt of breach of promeis, and made that a caufe of her further difpleafure. Wherupon the tooke occasion to ufe Queen Marie with more stricknes.

When the Regent tooke leave of Queen Elizabeth, he was, with great honor and care of his perfone, conducted from Shireff to Sheriff with ftrong guards, till he came to Berwick. From thence, upon the fecond day of February 1569, he entred Edinburgh, in manner of triumph. And within few dayes a Convention mett at Stirlin, where the Regent delyvered an accompt of all that was done; which was approved by those that mett.

A little after the Regent, the Duke cam lykwayes home, upon the feventeenth day of the fame month. He had gote a new Commission from the Queen for Leutenant of the kingdome; wherupon he conveened his friends, proclamed his Commission, and discharged obedience to be given to the Regent, or to acknowledge any other but himfelfe. This proved a fummer's tempeft! It was foone over; for inftantlie the Regent collects money and rafes fome troups of hors in pay, and maks a randeyous at Glafgow. This foone terrified the Duke, whoe perfaved his friends draw back, and the people in general to grumble. Wherupon he was content to treat; and the Regent, glade to breake the faction any way, was content to grant good conditions. So the Duke went to Glafgow, where it was agried, upon the Duk's pairt, that he and his friends shall, at a day appoynted, take there oaths for the King, acknowledge him there foveraine, and fubmitt to the authoritie. Upon the other fyd, the Regent was oblidged to reftore the Duke, and all his friends comprehended within this Agriement, to there goods, and efteem them faithfull fubjects. In this Capitulation a latitude was left for any of the Queen's faction that pleafed to accept the fame conditions. Argyle and Huntlie refused, absolutlie, to submitt.

The Duke cam to Edinburgh against the day apoynted; but being a facile man, he was wrought upon by others whoe blamed his fudden refolutions, wherupon he feemed a little to repent; and when he was put to

take oath by the Regent, he defyred a refpyte untill the tenth day of May, in which tyme he might advyfe with the rest of the Queen's partie, and make them acquented; and professed plainlie, that what he had yeelded unto was out of terror, and if he could eshew it he wold not stand to it. The Regent, fynding him waver, clapt both him and the Lord Herreis prisoners in the castle of Edinburgh, whom he altogither blaimed for putting new thoughts in the Duk's head; and befyds, he carried a great fpleen at him for the pains he had taken for the Queen, both in carrieng her over to England, and for agitating with the Queen of England in her favours. This was upon the feventeenth day of Apryle. This done, the Regent thought upon reducing Argyle and Huntlie, whom he fummoned to a Convention at St Androes. Argyle appeared, and was eafilie receaved in favour, onlie giving his oath, in tyme coming, to act nothing against the King nor his faction, and acknowledging his authoritie. The reafons of thefe eafie conditions were foon feen. Argyle was the Regent's neer kinfman, and had both been bred togither youths; and befyds, in the Regent's abfence in England, he came doune to Glafgow with fifteen hundred men, but refused to doe any harme or wrong to the lands of the Lennox, which flood for the King, although he was mightilie urged unto it by the Hammiltouns. But the bufines with Huntlie bred greater difpute. He had been active in the Regent's abfence, and had many friends in the North that tooke pairt with him. The Earle of Crawford and the Lord Ogilvie had both taken arms under his Commiffion; which being joyned, they feemed to the Regent a confiderable partie. He used all means to make them fubmitt; but he strove to bring them under the hardest conditions. He found many in this Convention that stood for Huntlie; at least to have the conditions easie. They laid before the Regent the truble it wold not faill to rafe in the North, if Huntlie goe to the fields: How a confiderable ftrength wold ryfe with him, able once to fight the Regent upon the field: If he fhould chance to gett the day, it was eafilie feen what wold follow, which was the hazard of all; and if he were beaten, yet he had the hills to flie unto, where he could be able to fave himfelfe untill new trubles were plotted; and poffiblie might procure aid and affiftance from forrain Kings, and renew the warr.

The Regent, and thefe on the other fyd, reafond in the contrarie, and feemed to fett light by all this power, which they faid could not be able to refift the power of the kingdome: That if the King's forces were beaten, they were able to recover quicklie; but if he were beaten and chafed to the hills, they could doe much to make everie man that were with him betray other, and possiblie either take or kill himselfe: That, for forrain forces, they feared none; England (that was nearest) they were fure wold not onlie not affift the Queen, but in eafe of need, wold lend both men and money for the King's ufe. After much debate, thefe that favoured Huntlie were over voted; and the Regent decerned that Huntlie fhould be pardoned, in the general, and what prejudice or harme the King or the Regent's felfe had receaved, in there proper goods, should be remitted alfo; but that Huntlie should be bound to make restitution to the cuntrie of what prejudice particular men receaved by him or his forces. That this was onlie a pardon of lyff for himfelfe and domefticks; but thefe whoe affifted and followed him, either as vaffals of his owen or others, should be weighed by themselves, and everie one must make his compofition for himfelfe: And laft, that the Regent was to goe to the North with an armie, in persone, to put things to execution, and fattle the cuntrie; which by no means Huntlie nor his friends could gett ftopt. Thefe were thought verie hard conditions. So the Convention broake up, with the execution of one fellow called Nick Niven, a notable Witch, who was burnt.

The Regent then prepared for the North, and with onlie two companies of foldyers, but many friends and followers, he marcht to Aberdeen, from thence to Elgin in Murray, and last to Innernes. All the cuntrie were summoned in, and obeyed. They were, for the most pairt, fyned for money, and some gave pledges. So the Regent returned to St Johnstoune, to a Convention apoynted there: At which tyme one Robert Boyd brought him letters of intelligence from England; by which he was informed, at length, concerning the Duke of Northfolk's intended marriage with the Queen.

The cause of this Convention was upon letters that were come, both

from Queen Elizabeth and Queen Marie. Queen Elizabeth's letters feemed to be in favour of the imprisoned Queen Marie; but in so indifferent a way, that the Regent and the King's faction might easilie she affection was but verie small. She defyred one of thrie things might be granted. First, That they wold restore Queen Marie, absolutile, to her authoritie. Second, If this could not be granted, that she might be admitted to reign conjunct with her sone; that all letters or dispatches might be given in her name; whom she desyred might retean the name and honor of Queen; but, in the mean tyme, that the Earle of Murray might have the absolut government of all, untill the King were seventeen years of age. Third, But if none of these would be yielded unto, that then they wold suffer the Queen to live a privat lysse amongst them, without medling in any publick busines. The first two desyrs were absolutile resuled; but the third was granted, upon condition that the Queen wold accept; which they were certain she wold never doe.

Queen Marie's letters were next lookt into; by which she defyred that judges might be apoynted to cognosce upon her marriage with Bothwell; and if it should be found unlawfull, that then a divorce might be intended; unto which she wold willinglie condiscend. These letters were red with scorne and contempt; and becaus she subscrived Queen, they were voted to be cast by, without any answer. Yet some that savoured the Queen defyred the matter might enter in debate; for (say they) it might seem strange, that this defyre should be now waved, which the former years was defyred with so much vehemencie. That formerlie we onlie defyred the Queen to separat her cause from Bothwell's; and now, when she is content to doe so and repents her error, it is opposed with greater vehemencie than it was at that tyme defyred; and if any informalitie be in the letters, there might be a procutoric drawen up in what terms should be thought fitt, and sent to the Queen to be subscrived. In the mean tyme, they thought the divorce might goe on.

Upon the other pairt, many reafons were alledged why they could not profecute the divorce. They faid they were not judges competent; that Bothwell must be summoned upon thriescore dayes; and that they could not fie how that summons could be lawfull, sieng it was not knowen that

Bothwell had not power of himfelfe to obey, being prifoner in another kingdome; that they wondred why the Queen was fo earneft to have a divorce now, but that poffiblie fhe thought to be as looflie married to another as fhe is to Bothwell; that they may not, by the laws of the cuntrie, have any correspondence with banished traitors, much les with Bothwell, either by summons or otherwayes, whoe was the murtherer of the King; but that the Queen's best course was to desyre the King of Denmark, by her letters, to execute justice upon Bothwell for the murther of her husband, and then she was a frie woman. At length they resolve to acquent Queen Elizabeth with all.

Mr. Robert Pitcairne, Abbot of Dumferlin, was made choofe for this purpofe; a man well thought on by the Regent. His commission was to acquent the Queen of England with all her proceedings, and to delyver answers to the Queen's owen letters; and the reasons why they had made choose to obey her last demand, and reject the two former; which reasons were strangelie interlaced with the fear of terrible events that might follow Queen Marie's libertie or marriage. These were motioned to exasperat the Queen of England against her, and to hasten the distruction of the Duke of Northfolk.

After this, the Regent went to Stirlin; where he tooke refolution to draw the Secretarie, William Maitland of Lithingtone, in question, for he knew him to be factious and never fast to any fyd; and in that respect determined to rid himself from these fears. Whereupon he was charged (being yet at Perth) to appear before the Regent and his Counsell at Stirlin. He obeyed, and in oppen counsell, one Thomas Crawford, a depender of the Earle of Lennox, accused him for being accessarie to the murther of the late King. Upon this he is presentlie removed, and put under arrest; and a partie fent out to bring in Sir James Balfour of Burlie, or Monimaill, to answer for corresponding with the Queen by seditious letters, which were intercepted, which tended to more commotions and rysings in the kingdome; and for being suspect for knowledge of the late King's death. For which causes, it was proposed that both he and the Secretarie might be put to a tryall at law. But for what secret reasons

this proposition was waved it is not fett downe; for it was certain that the Regent pardoned Balfour, and onlie fent the Secretarie to Edinburgh to the Lord Home, to be by him kept under guard untill further order. In the mean tyme the Laird of Grange, Captain of the castle of Edinburgh, at ten oclock one night, presents the Lord Home with an order, under the Regent's hand, to delyver the Secretarie to him; and (although the order was countersitt) yet the Lord Home tooke it for a trew one, and delyvered the prisoner; whoe was taken to the castle by the Captain. The next morning the Captain refused to come to the Regent, although he fent several tyms for him.

People imagined ftrangelie, upon thefe publick apparances, as though the Regent had fome fecret hand in all thofe things, for his owen end; for the next morning, he went himfelfe to the caftle, spoke at length with the Captain, and returned without any show of discontent. These things, togither with rumours that went of the Queen's releasement and her marriage with the Duke of Northfolk, gave some incouradgment to her faction; although all was but vain.

Soon after this, the Regent made a road to the Border. He first went to the Mers, and was in the Lord Home's hous, whom he found a little altered in his affections: from thence to Tiviotdaill, and fo through Liddifdaill, to Eskdaill and Eusdaill.

It was at this tyme, or a little before, that the Earles of Northumberland and Weftmorland had rafd a commotion in the North of England; but there forces were difperfed by the Earle of Warwick, Leutenant for the Queen of England, and were declared rebells and traitours themfelves. Wherupon, having none other fudden refudge, they came over to the Border of Scotland, to lurke in privat upon the truft of the Border men. The Earle of Weftmorland, being not fo well acquented with the Borders, made fhift another way and avoyded the kingdome of England; but Northumberland flayed ftill and tooke his fhelter amongft them; and at this tyme he was betrayed to the Regent by Hector Armftrong of Harlaw. The Regent, whoe fludied nothing fo much as to pleafe the Queen of England, caufed feafe upon him and bring him pri-

foner. This act of treacherie in Hector was fo foullie conftructed by all the reft of the Border men, that from this tyme all men difdained his companie, even his own nearest kinfmen; and to this day he is spoken of as an example of treasone! For amongst those Border men, there word of protection to any man in distres that come amongst them is held facred; and before they breake their faith, in this kynd, they will rather undergoe any hazard whatsomever. But to returne; the Earle of Northumberland was brought to Edinburgh, upon the thirtieth day of December; and within few dayes was sent prisoner to Lochleaven, where he was kept untill dyvers years after this that the Earle of Marr was Regent, whoe fent him to the Queen of England, and so to the skaffold. The Lord Home was lykwayes committed prisoner.

And at this tyme Mr. Robert Pitcairne returned from Londone; whoe brought certain intelligence that all that busines betwixt the Queen and the Duke of Northfolk was discovered; that the Duke himselfe was fent prisoner to the Tour of London, and the Queen was restrained of her libertie, and closlier to be put in prisone; that she was transported to Coventrie, and delyvered to the custodie of the Earles of Shreusburie and Huntingtoune; which was a more secure place, and further within the cuntrie. He brought letters of many thanks from the Queen of England to the Regent for his offers of affistance to the Governor of Berwick, in the tyme of the insurrection of Northumberland; but in special, that he had taken the Earle of Northumberland prisoner, which she esteemed such a mark of his affection to her service, that she professed herselse tyed in honor to remember him, if it were to affish him with her whole forces of England, in his need!

Jeloufies were ftill beaten in the Regent's head against the Laird of Grange, the Captain of the castle; and informations came daylie by letters, as though he was fomenting some plotts against him and the state; but ever as the Regent receaved these informations, it was known that he sent them in privat to be seen by the Captain himselfe, which made all men wonder what the Regent meant, and made many suspicious that some great secrets was betwixt them, which the Regent wold not have

to be knowen. And to agment people's amafements, that day of law apoynted for the tryall of the Secretarie (whoe was ftill in the caftle), which now approached, was continued by the Regent; which, he faid, was to efchew occasion of tumults, for that he heard the Earles of Argyle and Huntlie, and many more of the Queen's friends, were coming to Edinburgh with troups of there friends.

Now a period to all the Regent's ambitions drew neer; for about the beginning of January 1570, he went to Dumbartain, in hopes to have that caftle delyvered by the Lord Fleming, whoe kept it for the Queen; but was forcet to returne without fatiffaction.

James Hammiltoune of Bothwellhaugh had receaved many difgraces from the Regent, and amongst others, had been compelled to renounce a peice of land, to fave his lyffe. The man recented thefe injuries extremlie; and being of a revengfull disposition, he vowed to kill the Regent. Wherupon Duke Hammiltone, his cheefe, promifed him protection, and a reward for his pains. This James then thought this a convenient tyme, in his returne from Dumbartain. It is faid that he attempted both at Glafgow and Stirlin, but found not conveniencie; and now at Lithgow he refolved to fatiffie his revenge. It was in a hous belonging to the Archbishop of St Androes (where was James mother's brother). where he lay in a fore ftair, that was covered with linnings which were hung out to dry. He lay with a fyrlock chargt with two balls, and leveled fo just at the Regent, as he came ryding fast alongst the streets, that he pearced him with one ball under the navell, quitt through, neer the reins; and with the other bullet Georg Douglas, whoe was Abbot of Arbroth (ryding in the other fyd of the Regent), was fhott through the knee, and his hors killed! The actor himfelfe flipt out a back way, had a hors reddie, flanding in the yeard; and heer, because the back doore of the yeard was low, and his hors was large, he was forced to pull doune the wall above the doore head (which he eafilie did, being but dry ftone wall), before his hors could gett out. He was perfwed fo neer, that onlie the fwiftnes of his hors made his efcape. This hors (they faid) was given

him by John Hammiltone, whoe had been formerlie Abbot of Arbroth, the Duk's fourth fone. The Regent, fynding himfelf wounded, leapt from his hors, and walked to his lodging on foote. At first the furgeons thought the wound curable, but afterward they found he was mortallie hurt. So, fetting his affairs in forie ordor, he gave up the ghost that fame night, about twelve a clock, being Monday the twenty second day of January 1570, by the accompt now used; although the year did not change then before the twenty fifth day of March.

It is recorded that he had notice of this confpiracie long before; and that he was particularlie informed, this morning, that his lyffe wold be in hazard in this toune; but, whither by fatalitie or God's judgment, he feemed to difregard thes informations, and thought to efchew the danger by ryding quicklie through the toune, being guarded with multitudes, that they should hardlie fingle him out amongst the rest. He was buried in St Gyles' Church in Edinburgh, within the little doore upon the fouth syd of the church; and a tomb was built to his memorie, which to this day bears the name of the Earle of Murray.

This blow bred great alteration in the ftate. The Lairds of Buck-lewgh and Fernihurft broake into England, drove many goods, and fpoyled the cuntrie; and the Counfell, being mett at Edinburgh, releafed Secretarie Maitland, upon furtie to enter upon citation. Sir William Kirkadie, the captain, was cation. Then they went about election of fome of those whoe were nominated by the Queen, in her Commission at Lochleaven; which they thought to be the most warrantable way. But by the perswassion of Secretarie Maitland, the election was put off untill a general Convention of the nobilitie was mett.

Thomas Randulf was beer, agent for the Queen of England, when the Regent was killed, and had delyvered his commission to the Regent at Stirlin; whoe had promised his dispatch when he returned to Edinburgh. But this mischance fell out, so that he was forced to returne to England without any answer, and show the Queen [Elizabeth] the disastrous fall of the Regent.

He was now returned aganft this next Convention at Edinburgh, with a new commission, which he delyvered heer; by which he first declared the Queen of England's good affections to this kingdome, that she was most forie for the mishap of the Regent, and offred that her respects fhold ftill continue for the well and unitie of both the kingdoms. Then he reflected upon those incursions made by Bucklewch and Fernihurst, which the Queen (he faid) beleeved, verilie, were acted without the knowledge of the ftate; but if the cuntrie was yet unfettled, that they were not in a posture to repair these wrongs, the Queen offered her assistance that the would, if they pleafed, rafe a convenient power, and either force them to fatiffaction, or banish them the land. In the mean tyme, she should ingadge, that if her forces should com into Scotland, upon there defyre, that nothing fhould be done irregularlie; that the cuntrie fhould not be wronged; and that nothing should be taken from the cuntrie without reddie money. Then he concluded with many exhortations; but above all, to have a care to preferve the Relligion, and suppres poperie, &c. &c. But becaus there was no Regent elected, the answer was delayed untill the first of May next.

The Regent's two brothers, William and Robert Douglafs, prefented a bill unto the Lords whoe were mett at this tyme, to defyre juftice, for the flaughter of there brother; about which there arofe much debate amongft them, which way they flould perfew and try those whoe had any hand into it. Many advyfed to call in question everie man that was sufpected to have any hand in the matter, not by citation, but to cease upon there perfons suddenlie, and bring them to a tryall. Some advyfed lykwayes to use rigorous courses aganst all these whoe had been forfaulted or censured for taking arms aganst the King, whom they would have punisht without favor, according to the acts. The Earle of Mortoune, the Chancellor, and the Earle of Atholl's opinions were, not to confound the Regent's flaughter with the general busines, least it might breed a civil warr. In end, all was continued untill the Convention in May.

In the mean tyme, the Duk's fons, and those of that partie, expected a florme, and made fome preparations for defence. They tooke up men,

and were upon guard, and had there owen meetings. It was generallie aganfl all there mynds that the Convention fhold be kept at Edinburgh, where they durft not venture to appear; wherupon the Earle of Argyle and the Lord Boyd mett at Glafgow, and fent to the Chancellor and the Secretarie both, to vindicatt themfelves from any guilt of the Regent's death, and lykwayes to defyre that the Convention might be apoynted either at Lithgow, Faukirk, or Stirlin, where they wold willinglie affift with there opinions amongst the rest; and shew plainlie that they durft not come to Edinburgh. But they receaved no fatisfactoric answer.

Now it was thought fitt, to prepare way for the Convention, that a meeting should be kept amongst some of the greatest of the nobilitie; wherupon there mett in Edinburgh, upon the third day of March, the Earle of Mortoune, the Chancellor, the Earles of Huntlie, Atholl, Crawford, Mar, and Gleneairne, and the Lord Ogilbie, with dyvers more. The Earle of Argyle, John Hammiltoune, Archbishop of St Androes, and the Lord Boyd, flayed at Lithgow, with there whole friends and followers. The Earle of Huntlie used all means he could to bring them to Edinburgh; but could not prevale. In the mean tyme, those in Edinburgh fell to debate by what authoritie they could proceed to the election of a new Regent. Some argued, that the Queen's Commission, wherin eight were nominatt Governors, was now voyd by the death of the Regent. Others thought, that that Commission was the ground they walked first upon, by which they might proceed yet to a new election, \* of those nominatt in the Comwith the fame power of miffion of the Queen. There were many that advyfed the Chancellor to lay afyd the election untill a full parliament should be indited and mett. Secretarie Lithingtoune was faid to be the author of this opinion; but it was not much regarded, for it was thought he did this to confound bufines, and truble the ftate. The last opinion was, that the Queen's Resignation or Commission was not to be lookt unto at all, but as a thing unnecessar; that those whoe were the authors of the King's Coronation fhould now ftand to it, and proceed to an election, for (fay they) the

<sup>·</sup> A blank is here left in the MS.

trubles of the cuntrie will fuffer no delay. In end, this meeting diffolved without any conclusion; and everie man went home.

Much about this tyme, one Monfieur de Verat arryved at Dumbartaine. He was one of the King of France's domestick fervants, and was fent from the King to encouradge thefe of the Queen's partie heer; whoe rafed there hearts, and fluffed them with all manner of hopes. Wherupon they apoynted a meeting amongst themselves in the beginning of Apryle, at Lithgow. There mett together, at this tyme, the Earles of Huntlie, Atholl, Argyle, the Lord Boyd, and the cheefe men of the name of Hammiltoune, with many followers. They entered in deliberation upon the eftate of the Queen's affairs, which they concluded was meerlie croffed by the Queen of England's power; which they thought they might oppose with the affiftance they expected from France. Wherupon they thought upon warrs with England; but fynding this too weightie a bufines for themselves, they resolved to remove to Edinburgh, where they intended to have a more frequent meeting; which they apoynted upon the nineteenth day of Apryle, that there conclusions might be done with the greater glorie. But they mett heer with unexpected difficulties; for the toune of Edinburgh refused them entrie, and the Captain of the castle, upon whose favour they builded the hopes of there protection, and was at this tyme provoft, carried himfelf indifferent; which was all one as if he had opposed them directlie. The Earle of Mortoune, Chancellor, and many of the King's partie, were folicited to be of this meeting, with whom the Earle of Atholl tooke much pains; but he could neither move the Earle of Mortoune to come himfelfe, nor fuffer any that he could ftop to countenance the busines; and befyds, it was the Earle of Mortoune that both perfwaded the Captain of the caftle and the toun's people to refuse them entrie, or allow of any meeting before the first of May.

In the mean tyme, the King's partie, fearing the Queen's faction should move truble, had folicited the Queen of England to fend doune an armie for their affiftance, which might come to the Border, under collour to take fatiffaction on these whoe had made incursions within the

English Border. Which armie they refolved to make use of, if they stood in need; for they thought the verie countenance of that armie wold breake there enemies in peeces. The Queen of England, there trustic friend, has all things in preparation, and fent doune an armie towards Berwick, against the day apoynted. It was led by the Earle of Sussiex, and consisted of eight thousand men. The Lord Scroop was lykewayes reddie upon the West Bordor. Then, that nothing shold be done without the Queen of England's knowledge and direction, the Chancellor, in name of the rest, fent up to the Queen, to defyre to know whom she wold command to be elected Regent. She answered, subtillie, that positivelie to command, wold be derogatorie to the libertie of Scotland, and so be an occasion and ground of further truble; but that she advysed them to make choos of Matthew Earle of Lennox, the King's grand-stather, whoe was now in England, and comming down with this armie.

These things were in fecret agitation with the Queen of England; which, togither with fome expectation of affiftance, gave the Chancellor and the rest of the King's partie couradge to stand to themselves, and dryve out tyme till the first of May. About which tyme, fudden newes are spread that an English armie appeared upon the Border, which did much confuse the Queen's partie. The Queen's partie were mett alreddie at Lithgow, when they heard of this armie. Prefentlie they confult, and refolves to difperfe, and everie man goe home to his owen. In the mean tyme, those prisoners in the castle were suffred to escape; which were the old Duke, the Lords Herreis and Home, the Sheriff's fons of Air and Lithgow, with divers more of the Queen's partie. Yet they refolved to ftay togither untill the beginning of May was fpent; in which tyme they fent a messinger with letters to the Queen of England, and another to the Earle of Suffex. They fent them both to the Earle of Suffex; and by the letters direct to himfelfe, they defyred that he wold fuffer that other meffinger to pass, and grant truce in the mean tyme, untill he returned with an answer to there defyrs. The Earle of Suffex did not onlie refuse to fuffer him to pass, but tooke his letters from him which were directed to the Queen, fent him back, and broake open the letters and fent copies of them to [the] King's partie in Scotland.

About this tyme, the Queen's partie receaved new letters from France, by a gentlman whoe had been Monfieur Lawfell's fervant, and now in creditt at the court of France. These letters revived there spirits a little, and encouradged both them that were at Lithgow to byd togither, and those whoe were in Edinburgh to joyne with them and draw out of the toune; for they were fure the King's partie wold come strong aganst the first of May. Thus, being all joyned at Lithgow, they resolved to stop the wayes and interrupt the Convention. They had intelligence of the Earle of Marr's approach, whoe was upon the way with a thousand hors. Him they intend to stop, and drawes out there forces to the bridge of Even; but the Earle had knowledge of this trap, and crossed the water two myls above, and they joyned with the Earle of Mortoune, whoe had another thousand hors and five hundred soote; and so went safe to Edinburgh.

After this, a Treatie was proposed by those of the Queen's partie at Lithgow; and some there was that tooke pains to travell betwixt them and the King's partie at Edinburgh; but all to no purpose; for the King's partie, knowing that the Earle of Lennox was at Berwick, reddie to come to Glasgow with a strong convoy, which Sir William Drurie commanded, they both refused to treat, and proclamed a parliament to be kept at Lithgow upon the third day of Agust next.

In the mean tyme, the Earle of Suffex advanced with his whole armie, and ranges up through Tiviodaill and the Mers. In his way he overthrowes dyvers house pertaining to the Kers and Scots, and spoyled there lands. He laid feedge to the castle of Home; wher, being almost wearie and reddie to give over, letters were intercepted from the Lord Home to the Captain of the castle, commanding him, that if he were drawen to an extremitie, to be ruled and advysed by Sir William Drurie, one whome he trusted to be his friend. These letters were quicklie made use on, and the castle was delyvered; which they first spoyled of what belonged to the garrisone, and then thrust in a garrisone of there owen. The house of Mochtour, the village of Trawling, the castles of Fernihurst and Branxholme, were all fackt. So he returned to Berwick.

The Lord Home, fynding that his friends had for the most pairt left him and fyded with the King's partie, as the most fecure, he, with onlie two or thrie fervants, thrust himselfe into the castle of Edinburgh, refolved to take share with Sir William Kirkadie in his fortours.

Upon the Weft, the Lord Scroop, with an armie, came into Annandaill, and pearced up the cuntric even to Dumfries—but to little purpofe—for the Laird of Johnftoune in Annandaill, and the Lord Herreis in Galloway and Nithfdaill, were upon the fields with all the hors they could rafe; and the cuntric people were commanded to dryve all there goods to the moors, and themfelves to goe out of the way. So, fearing diffres in his armie, he reteared to Carleill, with lofs of many of his armie, whoe were cutt off by parties. [In his retreat, he throw down the caftle of Dumfries (a hous of the Lord Maxwell); he blew up with powder the caftle of Hoddom, belonging to the Lord Herreis; and the caftle of Annan belonging to the Queen, but in the cuftodie of Lord Herreis.]\*

The Duke and the reft of the Queen's partie at Lithgow, hearing that the Earle of Lennox was everied ay expected, they marcht to Glafgow, and refolved upon a fudden to furpryfe the caftle, which was kept by a garrifone for the King. Leaft the Earle of Lennox should make use [of it], they intended to rase it to the ground. There were onlie twenty-four men within, whose behaved themselves so gallant that they killed and wounded many of the beseedgers, and kept out the hous untill these without had notice that the Earle of Marr was alreddie at Stirlin, with a power of men, in his march from Edinburgh for there releese; and that the Earle of Lennox, with a convoy of a thousand foot and seven hundred hors, was alreddie come to Edinburgh; and that both there forces were to joyne to come against them. Wherupon they rose upon a sudden, and dispersed there men. The Duke himself, and the Earle of Argyle, and the Earle of Huntlie, went through the Highlands to the North; and the cuntrie gentlmen made shift for themselves.

The Earle of Lennox and the English convoy stayed two dayes in

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;In the MS, at the mergent, what's here within parenthesis, but in the author's owen hand-write."

Edinburgh, and tooke the oaths of the magistrats; whoe declared themfelves for the King. Then they march to Glasgow. In there way they fackt and spoyled the houses and lands that belonged either to the Hammiltouns or any of the Queen's partie; they laid seedge to the castle of Hammiltoune, that was mantained with a garrisone for the Queen, and fent to the castle of Stirlin for cannon to batter it. In this tyme a mutine fell amongst the foldyers for want of pay, but thereafter money was borrowed and the foldyers fatisfied. They kept on a feedge untill the castle rendered, upon fight of the cannon; wherupon the hous was plundered, and the rich furnitor, that had belonged to King James the Fifth, was made a prey to the foldyers. The castle was ruined, the toune was burnt, and the Duk's pallace was by the furie of the foldyers made levell with the ground. It is commended for a princelie edifice. This done, they return to Edinburgh.

The garrifone of the caftle had conditions to march out with armes. They were fiftie ftrong, and Andro Hammiltoune of Merrintoune was captain; whoe the verie night after that he rendred, furpryfed and tooke the Lord Semple prifoner and delyvered him to the Duke, whoe kept him a year in prifone heerafter.

Mr Robert Pitcairne had been in this tyme fent up again to the Queen of England, whoe returned a little after this. He brought letters from the Queen, direct to the Chancellor and the reft of the King's friends; wherby she declared that she was much folicited by the Ambastadors of France and Spain in Queen Marie's favours; that she had harkned to a Treatie, in which tyme she had promifed hostilitie should cease; the therefore desyred them that a cessation might be for a tyme from all acts of warr, and that they wold suspend the election of a Regent a little, untill she saw what might be the issue of the Treatie; which continuation (she faid) might possible redound to the common good of the kingdome.

This letter did a little flumble them; but they durft not diffobey. Wherupon they continued the election; but in the mean tyme they made the Earle of Lennox Leutenant, or Interegent, upon the nineteenth day of Junij; which was fearflie done when other letters come again from the

Queen, willing them to proceed, and choose the Earle of Lennox for the absolut Regent; which they did in a frequent meeting, which they had called for the purpose upon the seventeenth day of July.

The Queen's partie hes been this long tyme in a vifible declyning, and they faw that by that Commission of Leutennancie which there was given to the Duke, little good fucces followed. For which cause, they advyse now to cause the Queen to fend downe the lyke Commission to the Earle of Huntlie, which was done; and upon this Commission the Earle proclamed a parliament, in the Queen's name, to be kept upon the twenty-first day of September, at Lithgow; unto which he summons all those of the King's partie to answer upon this proclamation.

The new Regent commands all betwixt fixty and fixteen years of age to randevouz upon the fecond day of Agust, and in the mean tyme, he summons a parliament, in the King's name, to be kept at Edinburgh upon the tenth day of October. Then he commanded the Captain of the castle of Edinburgh to delyver to him the croune, the sword, and the septer, to be kept by him for the King's use; and that he wold give him some munition for his armie. The Captain gave fair words, but gave out nothing; excusing himselfe that the delyvering of these things might possible be occasion of more blood, which he strove to eveit. After this, he tooke the place of Secretarie from Lithingtoune, and prefers Mr Robert Pitcairne unto it. Then he sent Sir John Bellenden of Auchinnow, Justice Clerck, and Mr Archbald Dowglas, unto the Earle of Sussex, then Leutenant for the Queen of England in Northumberland, to treat upon matters of state; and procure safe conduct for the Earle of Mortoune to goe Ambassador to the Queen of England from the King.

Now the randevouz was made, and he modeld an armie of five thousand men, with which he marcht directlie to Lithgow to stop that parliament which was indited to be holden there for the Queen; and came there upon the twentieth day of September. But heer fynding no man to appear, he resolved to march to Brichen, with expedition, where he heard the Earle of Huntlie had put a hundred and fixty men in garrisone. He commanded the Lord Lindsay, the Lord Ruthven, and James Halibur-

toune, provoft of Dundie, to march before with those foote of Dundie and Perth, hoping to surpryse the Earle of Crawford, the Lord Ogilvie, and Sir James Balfour, whoe he heard were there. The Earle of Mortoune was lykwayes sent before with eight hundred hors; whoe being commanded a bout-way, it was the day after before they came up. In the mean tyme the foote, for expedition's cause, were mounted upon cuntrie hors, and march all night with great speed; but the newes of there march was before themselves; and the Lord Ogilvie and Sir James Balfour were both in the toune when the intelligence came. Wherupon they put twentie men in the steeple, and the rest in a hous which belonged to the Earle of Marr, exhorted them to couradge, and promised them releese within thrie dayes, if they wold byd it out; and then tooke hors themselves and went to there friends.

The Regent's armie, in his march, increafed to feven thousand men, with which he came up upon the third day after, and laid close feedge both to the steeple and hous. The steeple foone yielded, and had good quarter granted; but the hous held out longer and killed many, yet was forced to rander at last, upon mercie. The Regent caused hang thirty whoe had formerlie ferved for the King, and dismissed the rest frielie.

In the tyme of the Regent's abfence, the Duke, the Lord Herreis, the Lairds of Lochinvar and Fernihurft, convyned to furpryfe the toune of Edinburgh. They acquented the Earle of Huntlie with the defigne, but his returne by letters was, by mifhap, intercepted, which difcovered the project; wherupon the baliffs and counfell of the toune mett. They tooke the truft of the toune to themfelves (for the Captain of the caftle, whoe was provoft, was under fufpicion), apoynted guards and watches, and, having fecured the toune, fent in poaft to acquent the Regent. And this was occasion of his more speedie returne. In the mean tyme, at the election of new magistrats, the Captain was put out, and Mr James McGill of Rankilor (Clerck Register) was made provoft.

Upon the tenth day of October the parliament conveened, but little was done; for letters were fent from the Queen of England, by which the defyred a new Ceffation, and that nothing thould be done aganft the Queen's faction, at this tyme; and that the Ceffation might be untill the

first of Apryle next. These letters stopt the Regent's severitie, and nothing was done now, but a confirming of the Regent's authoritie, and a Convention apoynted upon the twenty-second day of January next; and the parliament was adjourned until May.

In this tyme of truce, Claud Hammiltoune, one of the Duk's fons, furpryfed the hous of Pafley (which was not garifon'd), thruft out the Lord Sempel's fervants, and placed there John Hammiltoune, Laird of Coughall, and fome men to mantain it in arms. Upon notice of this the Regent tooke a competent number with him and marcht againft it, and drew the garrifone to diffres, by cutting off there water. Then he made proclamation that those whoe were within, and had never born arms for the King, should have friedome and lysse, if they wold submitt and rander. This presentlie made a mutine; for the greater number were of those whoe forced the Captain and the rest to rander at mercie. The Captain and ten more were hanged, and the rest had pardone.

A little before this, in the beginning of February 1571 (according to the new accompt), the Earle of Mortoune went up Ambaffador to London. Mr Robert Pitcairne, the Secretarie, and Mr James McGill, the Clerck Register, went affesfors.

After the reduction of Pafley, the Regent went to Air to force obedience from the Earles of Caffils and Eglintoune, and the Lord Boyd; whoe, upon the first approach, sent in pledges, and shortlie therafter cam so Stirlin and submitted in persone. The Earle of Caffils was frielie pardoned, but the Earle of Eglintoune and the Lord Boyd were confyned to several places for a tyme.

Before the Regent came from Glafgow, he refolved to make an attempt upon the caftle of Dumbartain. He was encouradged in this interpryfe by a foldyer whoe had been of the caftle, whofe wyffe was newlie whipt for theft, and were both put out of the garrifone. The attempt was difficult, and appeared to be full of danger; but by the demonstrations which this fellow gave, and his couradge, the Regent gave eare unto him. Captain Thomas Crawford and Captain Home undertooke the

exployt with onlie a hundred foote. The caftle was kept by the Lord Fleming, in the Queen's name. One Monfieur Verack was heer, fent from the King of France to affift the Lord Fleming; but at this tyme they feemed to be in fecuritic, and were careles, far from fear of any furpryfe; because the truce was not yet expyred, and the Regent himself was sick of the gout at Glasgow, and lay fore bruised of a fall from his hors.

This attempt was contrived to be upon the fecond day of Apryle, in the daweng, which was the morrow after the expyring of the truce, which they thought wold be leaft fufpicious. Wherupon ledders were prepared, and things being put in ordor, thefe two Captains marcht out after midnight, and made halt at a place called Dumbuck, a myle on this fyd of the caftle. Captain Cunninghame was fent before with fome hors. At Dumbuck the foldyers were acquented with the project and encouradged; and the betrayer himfelf was to lead the way. So they marcht directlie to the castle without any stop or difficultic, and came to the foote of the rock in the dawning of the day, which (by luck) was all covered over with a thick fogg and mift, that the fentries above could not fie what was be-They had thrie feveral pairts to fcale with thefe ledders, which, with great difficultie, they overcame; and before they were difcovered, Alexander Ramfay, an enfigne, and two foldyers were over the inmost wall, whoe killed the fentries, and infantlie the reft of the partie was over. and called out "a Darnley!" which was the word. Thefe within were greatlie aftonished at the fudden furpryfe; but there was no remeed. Everie man run to fave himfelfe! The Lord Fleming efcaped by a back-gate, and gote a boat with which he fled to Argyle. All the reft fubmitted to mercie. Heer were taken John Hammiltoune, Archbishop of St Androes, John Fleming of Boghall, and John Hall, an Englishman, whoe was fent to London and there hanged. Monfieur Verack, the French gentlman, was lykwayes prifoner. The Lady Fleming, and one Alexander Livistoune were taken also.

The next day the Regent cam to the caftle in perfone, and gave the foldyers thanks with great commendation; which, truelie, they deferved! He used the Lady Fleming with all civilitie, and suffred her to pass frie

with all her baggadge; and befyds, affinged her to fome rents of her hufband's eftate, that had been forefaulted before. All the fpoyle was given to the foldyers. Monfieur Verack was kept prifoner fome tyme, but was afterwards difinified. But the Archbifhop of St Androes was fent prifoner to Stirlin. Upon the morrow, the Regent made Captain John Cunninghame of Drumwhafill Captain of the caftle, and gave him men and provifion of everie thing to mantain it, and fo returned.

This John Hammiltoune, the Archbishop, was the Duk's base sone, and a man of great action in all his lyffe; whoe, indeed, fpent but the least pairt of his tyme in spiritual contemplations. He willinglic tooke pairt with his friends and kinred in all there ingadgments; for which cause, joyned with his place of profession, he was more hated by the King's partie then most of all the rest. The murther of the King, and flawghter of the Regent, were both laid to his charge; whereof they alledged him airt and pairt. For the laft, we fie no proofe at all brought in against him; for the other, one Thomas Robsone, whoe had been a prieft, but now revolted, and turned fchoolmafter in Pafley, declared that John Hammiltoune of Cumnock, whoe was one of the actors of the murther, being tormented in confcience for the cryme, fome tyme before he died, confessed the fact to him, and the circumstances wherin the Archbishop was partner. The particular words are not fett doune by my author. Howfomever, the Regent, with all hafte possible (least any delay might have been procured, by the Queen of England's mediation, or fome other ftop have intervened), posifted him to death. It is faid, in the originall, this revolted prieft (whoe was hanged himfelfe within fifteen months after) was confronted with the Archbishop, and he publicklie declared the confession of John Hammiltonne. So, without any further fentence or jurie but that which past long before in parliament, by which he was declared traitor and forfaulted, he was drawen to the gallows, and hanged at Stirlin, upon the feventh day of Apryle 1571, and his bodie quartered.

In this tyme that the Regent was in the West, Sir William Kirkadie, Captain of the castle of Edinburgh, declared himselfe publicklie for the

Queen; wherupon proclamation was made at the Crofs of Edinburgh, commanding all men within the caftle to lay doune armes, and whoe did fo should be frielie pardoned; discharging lykwayes any man, under pain of death, either to jovne with him in tyme comming, or give him any fupplie or affiftance whatfomever. Nevertheless, the Captain tooke up more men, victualed the caftle fufficientlie, fortified the great fleeple of St Gyl's Church, manned it, and mounted cannon upon it, made a garrifone of Haliroodhous, which he provyded with everie thing, and then refolved to byd the worst extremitie. But as the Regent was reddie to march out of Stirlin, and make warr upon the caftle of Edinburgh, the Earle of Mortoune returns from England with his two conforts, and coms to the Regent; and at Stirlin gives him accompt of his ambaffadge, which is long and tediouslie sett doune in my author. The summ of all was, that they endevoured to fatifie Queen Elizabeth that all there former actions were lawfull, and according to the lawes of the cuntrie; to fatisfie her, and make it clear that Queen Marie was the author of her hufband's murther; and that it was the law and practize of Scotland to banish, correct, or execute Princes. All which being with long circumflances and examples declared and mantained, yet the Queen profeffed herfelfe unfatified. So, after many conferences with the Counfell, and fome tyms with herfelfe, they were at length defyred by the Queen to leave thefe juffifications of there actions, and think upon fome way of reconciliation, wherin fhe offerd to give her affiftance. This was totallie rejected by Mortoune, as derogative to the King, whose authoritie they did ftryve to mantain, and that it did exceed the order of there commiffion. In end, they were difmiffed, to confult at home with the next parliament in Edinburgh, which was alreddie proclamed, upon fome propofitions of agriment. It was neither love to there actions, nor care of the publick weall of Scotland, that made Queen Elizabeth countenance the King's faction, but her antipathie to the Romish Relligion, and Queen Marie's persone. All these far-fetcht practizes, anent the power of the fubject over the Prince to correct, chaftife, banifh, or execute, if the people thought they governed unjuftlie, were unfavorie arguments and expressions, that Queen Elizabeth heard with disdain. She was resolved to affift the King and his faction, and fuppres the Queen, whom now fhe had in her owen power, and never intended to fett frie. Yet that this was done by the power of the fubject, or by the law or practize of the kingdome, the could not endure to hear, as being the general intreft of all Kings.

To return to the busines of Edinburgh. The Captain of the castle, with the affiltance of the Queen's faction, were not idle, for they prepared for open warr. They fortified themfelves in Edinburgh, and put all things in a posture of refistance aganst the first of May to stop the parliament which was then to begin. The first action fell out upon the twentieth day of Apryle. The Earle of Mortoune fent from Dalkeith two hundred foote and twenty hors, to make proclamation at Leth, and discharge all men, under pain of death, to affift those in Edinburgh. Those in there returne came by Leth-wyne, and marcht out at Pleasance; and in the way hurt fome men of Edinburgh at the Nether-bow. The partie was commanded by Captain Home and Captain Ramfay. Sir William Kirkadie drawes prefentlie out fome foot and twelve hors, whoe were commanded by the Earle of Huntlie and the Lord Home, whoe overtakes and engadges his partie at the Borrow-moore; and heer was a hote fkirmish, but foon done; for the Queen's partie was beaten back with lofs. It was called the Loufie-law-field, becaus the place where they fought was fo called.

After this, upon the fourth of May, Duke Hammiltoune came to Edinburgh with three hundred hors and one hundred foot. There were in the toune, alreddie, the Earle of Huntlie, the Lords Herreis, Maxwell, Home, and Seatone; the Lairds of Lochinvar, Lethingtoune, and his brother, Mr John Maitland, Prior of Coldingham, Sir James Balfour of Burlie, Gawen, Abbot of Kilwimming, and the Duk's fons. Soone afterward came also the Earle of Argyle, John Hammiltoune, Abbot of Arbroth, an other of the Duk's fons, and the Lord Boyd. John Knox, the Minister, thought it tyme to begone. He conveyed himselfe out of the toune, and fled to the King's partie.

Now the Regent, fynding himfelf barrd out of Edinburgh, and that

there was no poffibilitie to keep the parliament at the place apoynted, he refolved upon a fecond, which was to keep it at the head of the Canogate, in William Cockie's hous, within the liberties of Edinburgh. This was thought the next remeed, and lawfull anuff, fieng they could not have entrie in Edinburgh. So, upon the first of May, there mett heer with the Regent the Earles of Marr, Crawford, Glencairne, Mortoune, Monteith, and Buchan, the Mafter of Marshall, the Lords Lindsay and Ruthven, with fome commissioners of borroughs. Heer, bieng stronglie guarded, they fatt but one day, where they onlie fenced the parliament, and pronounced forfaultrie against John Archbishop of St Androes, latlie executed, William Maitland of Lithingtoune, fome tyme Secretarie, Mr John and Mr Thomas his brothers, Gawen Hammiltoune, Abbot of Kilwining, and William Hammiltoune, bafe fone to the Archbishop. Then they adjourned the parliament to the twenty-fifth day of Agust at Stirlin: and fo reteared to Leth, and from thence the Regent went to Stirlin.

These within the toune kept the parliament at the place apoynted, which they onlie fenced, and continued untill Agust to be kept in the same place. But, to revenge that affront of the Loufielaw, the Lord Claud Hammiltoune and the Lord Home drew out two hundred and twenty fyrmen, and one hundred hors, and with thefe they march to Dalketh. The Earle of Mortoune fent lykwayes out what forces he had, which was equal in foot to his ennemie, but fewer in horfs. Heer they diffruted the busines a long tyme, veric hote, untill the Queen's partie reteared with fome difadvantadge; yet they reteared in ordor, as far as Cragmillar, where they mett with a fresh partie of their owen hors from Edinburgh, which gave them couradge to turne; and with the help of thefe new men they beated and routed there ennemie. About a dozen were killed, and twenty-fix taken prisoners. The Queen's partie lost none in the fight but one or two; but a barrell of powder that tooke fyre by miffortune, fpoyled many; whom-of fome died, of which number was Captain James Melvil, who commanded the foot. His brother David was put in his place.

There in the toune had intelligence that one Captain Weems was newlie come from Denmark with four fcore old foldyers, who were landed at Dundie; and were to be transported to Lothian, and carried to Dalketh. Wherupon Captain Cullen and a brother of Sir William Kirkadie were commanded to imbark one hundred and fixty men, and intercept them in there passage by sea. These put to sea upon the third of Junii, and light upon one of there boats, wherin they tooke twenty-five of there men; but the rest landed safe at Aberladie, ten myls to the West from Edinburgh, and were carried to Dalketh without truble. The Earle of Mortoune made what haft poffible to have receaved thefe foldyers at Leth; but you fie they went an other way; but being at Leth, he was taken with a collick, and was forced to ly there fome dayes. In which tyme Sir William Drurie, being come from Sterlin, came to Leth in his way to England, and the Earle of Mortoune (being recovered) drew out his forces, refolved to doe him that honour to put him a little in his way. Those of Edinburgh had notice of this, and drew out both hors and foot; fo, being both in fight, they drew up and faces other. Sir William Drurie takes great pains to agitate a Truce, which was agried unto by both; but, in point of honour, they could not agrie whoe should first draw off! In end, they come to fight a verie fherp fkirmifh; where thefe of the Queen's partie were routed and beaten back with great confusion, and with great lofs recovered the toune. Gawen Hammiltoune, Abbot of Kilwinning, was killed and fifty more. The Lord Home was hurt and taken in [the] chafe. Captain Cullen, and Captain David Melvill, and his Enfigue, Alexander Boyde, and a hundreth more, were all fent prifoners doune to Leth; and Cullen was foon after hanged. This was upon the feventeenth day of Junii.

At Glafgow, one John Hammiltoune of Crochnech, with his two brothers, were prifoners in the caftle, which held for the King, one day fynding advantadge, they flut out the keepers and made good the gates. Wherupon the Laird of Minto (being provoft) rafed the toune, forcet the hous, and carried all the thrie brothers to merkat place, where he throok the head from John, whoe was eldeft.

The next day after the fkirmish, the Regent cam to Leth, where he stayd some weeks; and from this tyme, untill the beginning of Agust, little was done upon the fields worth the relating. But within the toune of

Edinburgh they changed the magistrates and counsell, and made Thomas Ker of Fernihurst provost. Then they planted some peices of ordinance in several corners of the toune to annoy the ennemies, but in special the Abbay of Halliroodhous, that was kept for the King. David Spencer of Wormestoune, a Captain upon the Queen's partie, one day drew out a partie of hors, and encountred with the Lairds Drumlanrig and Apilgarth, wherin Apilgarth was hurt and the other taken prisoner. Then, by open proclamation, all that were knowen to affect the King's partie were commanded to avoyd the toune of Edinburgh. Many went out, and carried there families alongst, and two hundreth put themselves under colours, made Adam Fullertoune there Captain, and enrolled them selves in the Regent's fervice. In the mean tyme the Regent lay at Leth, he displaced Robert Richartsone of Smetoune from being Treasurer, and conferred the place on Lord Ruthven.

Much about this tyme, a French ship arryved at Bruntiland loaden with powder and munition. She carried three hundred calivers, two hundred head-peeces, five hundred collars, fix thousand pounds in gold. Chifolme had the charge of her, for the use of the Queen's partie. He being discovered, carried out the tronk and the money to a small creeck, and there lay in a little boat in hope to fave it; but he was tain by the Abbot of Inchcolmb and brought to Leth. The Regent difpofed upon the money, and caufed unlead the arms and munition, and put them in an other veffell to be carried up the river to Stirlin. This veffell lay careles at the Queenfferrie fome dayes, without fear; which being knowen to the Captain of the caftle of Edinburgh, he fent out David Spencer with a partie of twenty-five bors, whoe furpryfed the veffell by fmall boats. So much armes as they were able to carrie they brought alongft with them, and threw the rest into the sea. An other French ship was furpryfed, after this, with many letters. At the end of July, the Lord Home was exchanged for the Laird of Drumlanrig; and after thirteen months' imprifonment, the Lord Semple gave band for a fum of money, and was lykwayes releved, in the beginning of Agust.

The Queen's faction in Edinburgh began now to waver and breake;

and the Earle of Argyle and the Lord Boyd were the first whoe went fecretile to Stirlin, and made there conditions with the Regent. This (although knowen to the nobilitie) yet it was supprest from the people; and dyvers tounsmen whoe had stayed till now, were stollen out of the toune and submitted to the Regent. For which they were denounced rebells, and there goods confiscat.

At this tyme, those within the toune kept there apoynted parliament, wherin Duke Hammiltoune preceded. Nothing was done of any note, but some forfaultries pronounced; amongst whome were the Lords Glams and Ochiltrie.

At Stirlin, the Regent convened his parliament also upon the twenty fifth day of Agust. There were heer, with the Regent, the Erls of Angus, Crawford, Mortoune, Marr, Glencairne, Buchan, and Sutherland; the Lords Ruthven, Glaims, Semple, Ochiltrie, Methyen, and St Johne. There were many that reprefented the Bishops and Abbots, togither alfo with many Commissioners from touns. The King was brought heer in persone with crowne, scepter, and sword; whoe, but a chyld, was fett in his throne, and teacht to fpeake fome words; which were enlarged by the Regent, tending to the fettling of affairs in general, but to breaking of the adverse partie. They began, with enacting dyvers profitable lawes for the commonwealth, and then pronounced the forfaultries, which was the end for which this parliament was called. Thefe were both denounced traitors and forfaulted, the Duke Hammiltoune, the Earle of Huntlie, Sir William Kirkadie, Captain of the caftle of Edinburgh, Sir James Balfour of Burlie, the Bifhops of Dunkeld, Ros, Galloway, and Murray, Mr William Maitland of Lethingtoune, fometyme Secretarie, the Lairds of Bucleuch and Farnihurst, and many more, to the number in all of thirty four. The pallace of Hammiltonne was given in keeping to the Lord Semple.

The Queen's partie in Edinburgh attempted upon Leth, at this tyme, when the parliament was at Stirlin. They drew out most pairt of all these forces; where they fent a convenient partie toward Leth, the rest

in fmall parties were fent by obfcure wayes, in hopes to enter Leth when the garrifone should ish out against that partie that came directlie against them. But the Lord Lindsay (whoe was left Governor when the Regent went to Stirlin), fearing no les, left strong guards within, and drew out the rest, yet not so far as his ennemie could have any advantadge at ther backs. Little was done but skirmishing with small parties, wherin some were killed and some taken on both syds; amongst whom, Sir James Haliburtoune, collonel of the foot in Leth, had the fortoune to be taken

prifoner and carried to Edinburgh.

The greater attempt followed. Seven dayes the parliament at Stirlin continued. Upon the last of these the Queen's partie in Edinburgh refolved to furpryfe the Regent and all within Stirlin. They draw out two hundred hors, the choyfest amongst them, they draw out three hundred foot, which they mount upon cuntrie hors, for fpeed. These that commanded were the Earle of Huntlie, Claud Hammiltoune, Abbot of Pafley, the Lairds of Buckleuch and Fernihurft, David Spence, Laird of Wormiftoune, Captain Calder, and one George Bell, an old Captain of foot abroad, and a verie bold man; by whose onlie conduct and advyse this interprife was both attempted and execute. They knew those in Stirlin were above five thousand men, but neither foldyers nor men in difciplin. They knew they lay fecure and careles, without fear of furpryfe. They refolved, if there attempt fucceeded, at this one blow, to be mafter of the whole kingdome; wherin they failed but verie little, for the victorie was once in their hands! With this partie, then, they marcht out in a convenient tyme, upon Monday the last of Agust, that they might reach Stirlin before it was day upon Twefday. All which was ponctuallie done by the conduct of Georg Bell; and before any notice was given, they were within the toune, had fet guards convenientlie in everie street, and devyded the rest of there number in small parties; whom they fent, feverallie, to noblmen's lodgings. In an inftant all was acted, and most pairt of the cheese noblmen were either taken or in taking. The Earle of Mortoune trubled them most; whoe wold not fubmitt before the hous was broake up and fome killed; yet at laft he rendered himfelfe to Buckleuch. The Regent lykwayes kept his hous long, untill they threatened to blow it up. Then, being perfwaded by fome that there was powder in the low fellers, he yeelded himfelfe prifoner to David Spence of Wormfloune.

In the mean tyme, the Border men, whoe were with Buckleuch and Fernihurft, thinking all was alreddie ended, abandoned there poafts, fell to riffling of houses and taking horfs out of stables, which was soon perfaved by those in the castle, whoe presentlie issed out. Those whoe before were kept in by the guards, in everie street, had tyme now to come out, and joyne with those of the castle, which they instantlie did; and fynding nothing but confusion amongst there ennemies, they sell on there backs lyke a clap of thunder; which did so assonish them upon a sudden, that all that were upon horsback fled out of the toune. Then followed an uncouth change! Those that were even now prisoners, made prisoners of those that took them. Mortoune tooke Buckleuch, and the Regent tooke Wormstoune; Claud Hammiltoune escaped amongst.







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