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THE following volume contains what may be properly enough denominated the Original of the most valuable portion of Bishop Lesley's well-known history of Scotland, printed at Rome in the year 1578. That work, as described by the author, consists of two parts. In the first seven books, he gives an abridged account of the more memorable occurrences in early Scottish history, prior to the accession of King James the Second, in the year 1436; of which a more extended narrative had been already published, in the first edition of the work of Hector Boece, and in the Scottish version of Archdeacon Bellenden. In the last three books, he presents to his countrymen, for the first time, a copious detail of events from that æra, down to the year 1562.*

* The general title of Bishop Lesley's work is as follows:—"De origine, moribus, et rebus gestis Scotorum, Libri decem. E quibus septem, veterum Scotorum res in primis memorabiles contractius, reliqui vero tres posteriorum Regum ad nostra tempora historiam, quæ hucusque desiderabatur, fusiùs explicant." The title prefixed to the second part is,—*"De rebus gestis Scotorum posteriores libri tres, recentiorum regum historiam, quæ hucusque desiderabatur, ab anno Domini MCCCXXXVI. usque ad annum MDLXII. fusiùs continentes. Nunc primum in lucem editi."*

In the dedication of this latter part of his history to Mary Queen of Scots, Bishop Lesley alludes to its first composition in the Scottish tongue, as one of the expedients which his affectionate zeal in her service had prompted him to employ, for sustaining the fortitude and constancy of his ill-fated mistress. “ Ad quam rem cum plurimum momenti allaturam historiæ lectionem putarem, res gestas posteriorum nostrorum Regum (quas nullus antea tetigerat) nostra lingua scriptas, ego, cum legationis munus apud Anglos obirem, septem jam abhinc annis, præsens Majestati Vestræ dederam. Verum cum temporis nostri calamitas me publicis Reip. muneribus excluserat, nolui in hoc meo otio ita languere, ut nulla plane ex meis laboribus utilitas ad Remp. nostram manare videretur. Quare ne hoc meum otium sine ullo fructu Reip. periisse existimetur, non solum quæ antea vulgari lingua festinans effuderam, latino sermone explicavi, verum etiam anteactæ ætatis integram historiam in unum volumen arctius ad nostrorum commoditatem compressi.”*

To this part of his own eventful life, and to the fate of his historical labours, Bishop Lesley also alludes in the general dedication of his work to Pope Gregory XIII. After setting forth, in no very measured terms, the dignity and utility of the history of his native country; in which, as he is pleased to imagine, was so eminently displayed the invincible adherence, and devoted submission of her Kings and Saints, Confessors and Martyrs, to the faith and spiritual dominion of the Catholic church,

* Leslæi Hist. Scot. p. 286.

and from which her rebellious sons might derive so much wholesome correction and reproof, this unflinching advocate of the Unreformed Religion thus proceeds: “Nec hæc modo utilitas hinc ad Sectarios derivabitur: verum illa quidem multo uberius ad Catholicos nostros permanabit, qui cum viderint se non commentis hominum, ut hæretici, sed divorum plane oraculis affigi, non solum studium in comminuenda hæresi acrius collocabant, verum etiam exilii ac egestatis labores, quos Religionis causa subiverunt, animo multo quidem placatiori tolerant. Quarum rerum recordatio quanta et quam solida voluptate mentem meam perfudit in illis angustiis, quas domi forisque, Reipublicæ, Principis ac Religionis causa libentissime pertuli, facilius quidem et jucundius multo cogitando quam scribendo assequi potero. Quare quem ego fructum ex his longe uberrimum percepi, eundem a reliquis nostratibus delibare posse cum intelligerem, Scotorum historiam, quam in carcere rudiorum informaram, indeque tanquam naufragii tabulam in Italiam importaram, texendam, seu potius a principio denuo retexendam, qua potui diligentia, curavi; quam cum perpoliissem, multisque antiquorum annalibus non parvo labore conquistis cumulatus auctam absolvissem, statui ut, si emanaret in vulgus, tuo in primis nomine (Sanctissime Pater) tanquam numine quodam communita emanaret,” etc. *

* Leslæi Hist.—Ad Greg. xiii. Pont. Max. Epistola, p. 6.

To the readers of Bishop Lesley's Work it will readily occur, that in these epistolary addresses to the Pope and to the Queen, our author gives utterance to his own excruciated feelings in a strain which would have ill suited the more severe style of historical narration, but which is not without its use in unveiling the motives and purposes of the author, and in marking the real character and tendency of his celebrated work. At present they are referred to merely in proof of the fact, that the latter portion of Bishop Lesley's History is a Latin version, with additions and corrections, of a composition originally framed in his own vernacular tongue, and presented by him to Queen Mary in the year 1571, about two years before his final retreat to the Continent.

Of the fate of the manuscript presented to the Queen, nothing has been ascertained, and whether it may not still exist, can only be matter of vain conjecture. It may, however, be readily presumed, that it could not have been thrown aside or neglected, either by the Queen or by the several intelligent persons who followed her misfortunes, and in her dreary captivity continued to attend her till her death. Among these was Sir Andrew Melville of Garvock, her Master of Household, the brother of Sir Robert Melville of Murdocairnie, created Lord Melville in 1616, and of Sir James Melville of Halhill, author of the well known Memoirs of his own times. That the original manuscript may have remained in the possession of Sir Andrew Melville, after the death of his mistress, is by no means improbable; and that either he or

one of his brothers had obtained a transcript of it, there is the strongest reason to believe ; for unquestionably the earliest copy known to exist, is that in possession of the family on whom have descended the honours of the first Lord Melville. It is apparently in the hand-writing of a contemporary *English* scribe ; and were it not for the errors of transcription, particularly in proper names, by which it is occasionally deformed and obscured, and which could scarcely have been overlooked by the author, the credulity of an antiquary might have been tempted to recognise it as that which was prepared for presentation to the Queen of Scots.

This manuscript appears to have suffered some lamentable mutilations, which had been supplied by another hand about a century later ; but subsequent injuries and neglects have still left it in an imperfect state. It was communicated to the Editor by the late Earl of Leven and Melville, and has been adopted as the text of the present publication,—its defects having been supplied from a copy of later date, (probably of the earlier years of the seventeenth century,) preserved among the manuscripts of Archbishop Laud, in the Bodleian Library.*

The only other manuscript which the Editor has had any opportunity of examining, is that in the Yelvertonian Collection, formerly belonging to the Lords Viscounts Longueville, and now in the posses-

* See Smith, *Catalogi librorum manuscriptorum Angliæ*, To. I. p. 73, No. 1498. 72.

sion of their descendant, Lord Calthorpe.* It was obligingly communicated by his Lordship, but was found to contain only a small portion of Bishop Lesley's work, abridged and modernized by a transcriber of the latter part of the seventeenth century.

Among the manuscripts in the possession of Sir Henry St George, Clarencieux, as described by Smith, † there was a copy of Bishop Lesley's Scottish work, apparently complete ; but its age is not specified ; and of the fate of that collection no traces have been found.

In the library at Dupplin, there is a copy of the work, of which only a transient inspection has been permitted by the present owner. It appears to be nearly of the same age with that of Archbishop Laud in the Bodleian Library.

The readers of this volume, who may take the trouble of comparing it with the Latin version, will readily perceive that the alterations made by the author on his own original sketch do not consist merely in correction and enlargement ; but that, in numerous instances, he has been induced to suppress or generalize those more minute details and domestic occurrences which he may have found less susceptible of that classic attire in which he was naturally ambitious of exhibiting his historical work. In this respect, the present publication may be found to contribute some few particulars to the materials of our

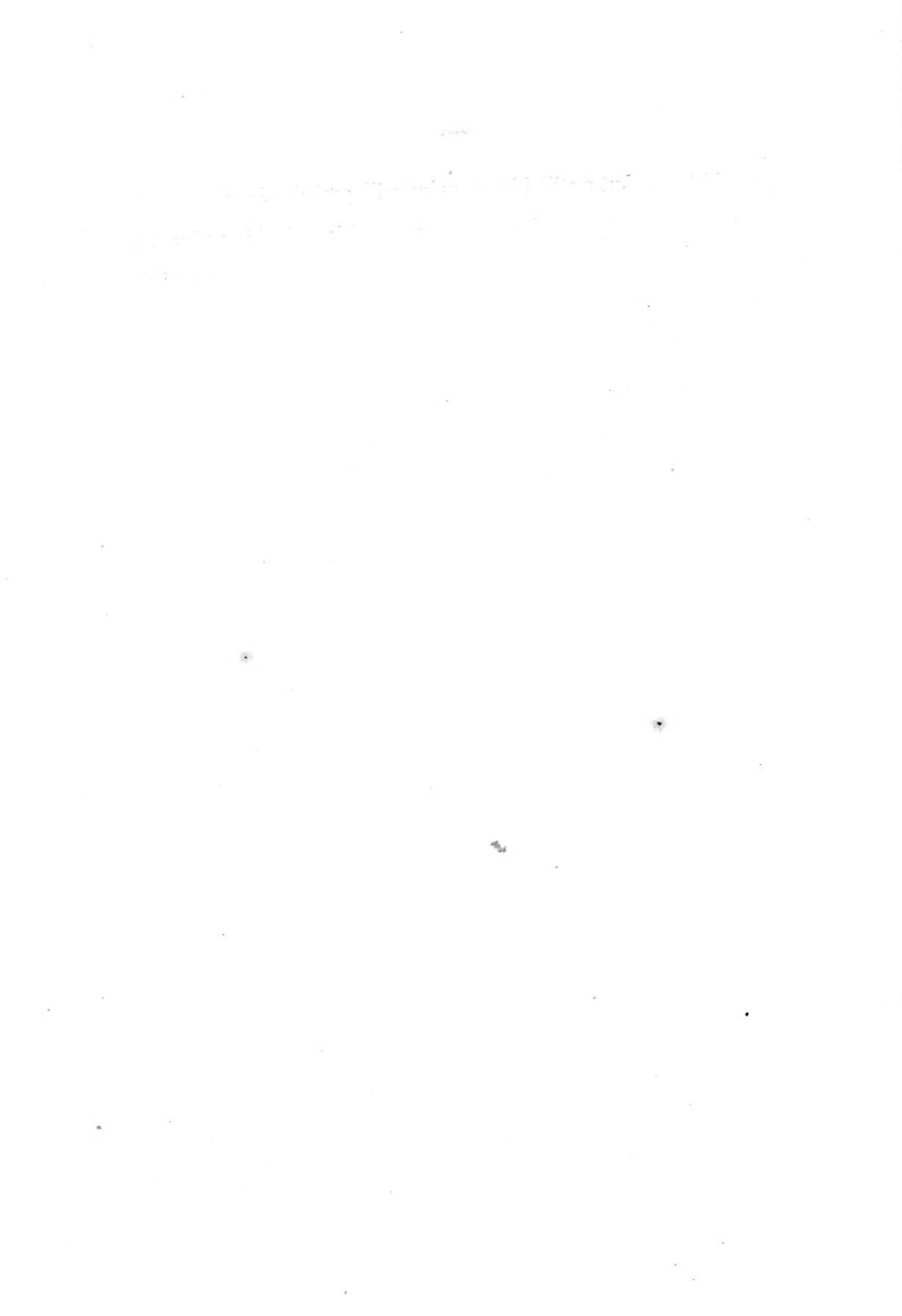
* Id. To. II. p. 141. No. 5291.

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It is scarcely necessary to add, that in the preliminary Epistle to the Queen, and at the conclusion of the work, will be found some minute but not uninteresting particulars, relative to the views and intentions of the author in the composition of the following History, as well as to the very unfavourable and inauspicious circumstances under which it was begun, and which must have distracted and overwhelmed a spirit of less energy and sanguine confidence.

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Throughout the whole of the Manuscript from which this work has been printed, there is a running margin, indicating the dates and principal events of the History. These marginal notes have been arranged into the following Chronological Abridgment of the History, and may serve the purposes of a more regular Index of Contents.

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TUALL FELICYTE.

THE noble wife and prudent Senatour Romane, callit Cato, (maist excellent and gracious Soueraine Lady,) travaillit so earnestlie in the common wealthe of his countrey, takand pleafair at all tymes to be vertuouly occupait, haiffing nothing in grytar difdane nor ydilnes, that commonly he was wont to faye, *Se nunquam minus otiosum fuisse quam cum otiosus, neque minus solum quam cum solus effat*; quhilk is, that he was never more biffie occupait nor quhen he was idle, or yit les folitare nor quhen he was allone. Be thir wordes, the eloquent and learned philofopher Cicero declaris this ancient counfalour to haife meanit; Quhen soevir he was sparit from the senate, and treating of the publick effaires of the counsell and Impire, than he employed his hail cure and studie to reide these buikes, be knaledge of the quhilkis he micht be mair abill to gife wise prudent and holesome concell for the comone wele of his cuntrey: And sua in ydilnes, (quhilk was but vacant time from the concell) he was studioulye and ernistly occupait; and being seperate fra the company of the senatours, was well accumpaneit with his buikis. Quhilk faieing is worthy to be notit and

followit be all thame quha hes ony entres in governing of the comone weill of thair countrey, that they continually travaile for increafe of knowledge, in sic things principallye as falbe maist comodious for the honor and weill of the same. And albeit that all kinde of honest knowlege and learning bringes sum singular commodite to thame quha studiouflye travailles thearin, yit the lyefe of man being fa schort, sufferis nocht the time to be sufficient to reide and comprehend all that is wreittin; thairfore maist comonly men dois employe thair studie to the reading of sic buikes as are maist facile, havig delectatione and proffeit joyned theirwith. Quhilkis thingis can not be had so perfittlye, (estir the judgement of many learned and wise men,) as be the diligent studye and reading of historyes; lyk as Cicero in fewe wordes hes comprehendit, saying, Historie is the witnes of time, the licht of truth, the life of memorie, maistres of life, and messenger of antiquite; for all uther sciences and artes hes certain preceptis and reulis prescrivit, quhilk without teaching and demonstratiōne of expert maistreis, and also knowledge of utheris artis joined thairwith, can nocht be learned, yet this science is fa facile that the same misteis no help of utheris, but be hearing and reherse only as also be reiding may be onderstand. As the maist excellent and godly Historiographer Moyfes, efter the compleitinge of the devine Historie quhilk he wraite, with the lawe of God infert thairintill, fays unto the pepill, Thow fall reherse this unto thy children sonnis and utheris, that the same may be haldin in perpetuall remembrance; mening that the historie might be easilye larnet and kept in memorie, althoughe the written buik therof hed perisheit; being only tauld and repetit fra fader to sone, and fra one to ane uther, and swa neidit nocht the teaching of any uther maister. The delectatione and pleasure heirof is fa gryit, that quha so ever enteris in the pleasand studye thairof fall thinke the same so delectable, that he wald never withdraw him selfe therfra with his will. And fon-

dry hes taken fo gryit plefour tharintill, that being fare vexed with feiknes, and gevin our by the medicinares as incurable, throch the heiring of histories hes recoverit thair helth : As we reide of Alphonfus, kinge of Spaine, be the historie of Titus Livius ; and Ferdinandus, kinge of Sicilia, be the historie of Quintus Curtius ; and Laurencius Medices was deliverit of his feiknes be the heiring of the historie of Conradus the therd emperor ; quha being at the siege of Guelphus duke of Bavare, and determinate to destroye him and the haille towne quharin he was included, yit mofeit with the pitious tearis and request of all the honest wemen of the same quha com to the emperour for releif, he grantit unto thame licence frelie and faufelye to depart of the towne, with fa mekill only as they micht carie on thair schulderis : And thairfore thay with ane stoute curage, steirit up with godlye pietie and luf toward the duke, thair parentis, thair husbandis and children, careit thaim upon thair schoulders furth of the town, leiffing all uther thair gudes within the same. The gud emperour feing the luffing behaviour of the nobill wemen, not only commendit thair doingis, but als for thair cause sparise the towne, and contracted peax with the duke, and remittit all injureis bygane.

As to the utilite and proffeit to be gaderit of historeis, it evidently dois appeire ; for quha will diligently reide and confider the devine and godly historie of the holy scripture, thairby fall they know the mervallus workes wrocht by the almichty power of the eternall God in the creatione and redemptione of man ; of the devine admonitiones of his propheetis ; the will of God declarit in his lawe and comandementis, be the quhilkis we may discerne godlines fra impietie, and know quhat is acceptabil to his godly majeste, and quhat thingis provokis his wraith ; quhilk is ane perfite rewill to a christiane man to direct his lise to the plefour of God, embrasing and following vertew, and declining fra vyce and syn. Quha lyftis also to reid the naturall his-

tories wreittin be Aristotle, Plinius, and divers utheris philofophors, they may weill know the naturall caufe of every thing, be the quhilk treuth fra falsheit may be discernit and separated. Be the humane hiftories, the lyefis of princeis and noble valeyant men and verteous women are defcrivit, quha leifit godly, honorabilly and vertuoufly, to be followit ; as also the liefis of the ungodly wicked, wrangus, quha leifit with shame and infamie, to be declinit and efchewit. Be hiftorie we keip in lively memorie thefe thingis that, mony hundreth yeres paff, wald otherwife bene buried in oblivione. We remembre thairby our creatione and beginning, and may fee, as in a verray mirrour, the exemplis of thame that ather for obedience to Godis holy will hafé ben deuly rewardit, or for difobedience and murmering aganis the famyn hes ben juftly punished. And ficlik, be perpetuall obferving in hiftoreis, the fubjectis are admonifcheit to obey thair prince and magiftrate ; for that rebelloun hes always brocht gryt harme to the comone weill, and never ony gude to the authoris tharof, bot utter ruine to thame, and decay in the end. We hafé also in minde the famous deides and verteus of mony nobill men, and the horrible vices of monye wicked perfonis ; and tharby allway dois remaine amongis us, alfweill the glory and prayfe of the gud, as the ignominie and reproche of the evill. Quharfore, with exemplis of bothe treulye fett furth in hiftoreis, we learne be following the ane, and efchewing the other, to lead our liefes with vertu and honefteye, mickell better then be the inftuccion of ony philofopher. Cicero thairfore juftly reportit the praife of hiftories to be the maiftres of lyfe.

Bot at this prefent, my purpofe is not to fett furth the ufe and commodite thairof, quhilk diverfe authors hefe wreittin at lenth. Thus only I thocht gud in maift humill maner to make knowin unto your Majefté, that following the exempil of the wife fenatour Cato, and the concell of the eloquent and prudent philofopher Cicero, I being reteirit fra the

Court of England, (quhair I was resident for a grypt space of the tother yere, in 1568, at your Majesteis command, in treating of your wechtie effaires with the Quenes hienes of Ingland and her confell,) and tharefter remaning at Burtown apon Trent, awaiting only on your Majesties service, yit not the les nether haiffing the commodite to exerce my selfe in youre Majesties service for that I was be commandement restranit; nor yit for the present haiffing that place to give counsell in the effaires of comone weill of my native cuntrey, or in adminiftratione of justice, as I was wont to do in Scotland, beinge one of the consailours and fenatours thareof; (albeit I acknowlege my selfe unapte therefore,) and swa fra both sequestrate; thocht verray necessarie to spare sum parte of my time in reidinge of hiftoreis, as maist facile, pleasand and profitable studie for the present, principallie nocht haiffing the commodite in these partes to exerce my time in the divine study of the scriptures, or of the lawis, for lake of buikes in these faculties, as also of the reporte and conference of expert and learnit men in these sciences, sic as I was wont to accompanye witheall in Scotland; and thairfore tuke me to reide the hiftoreis of the realmes of England, thincking wele to have the commoditie to gett the principall buikes therof in this cuntrey, as I dyd; and also that the knowlege of thaire histories is maist necessarye unto us before all other nations. And swa I employed ernistly my labouris in reiding the hiftoreis written by Polidorus Vergilius, Beda, Sir John Freffard knight, Fabian, Edward Halle, Lanquett and Copperis Cronicles, with the fummary wrytten lately by John Stowe: In the quhilkis I consider mony and fundry thingis sett forth by thir aucthouris, of the deedis and proceedingis betuix Scotland and England, far contrar to our annales, registeris and trew proceedingis collectit in Scotland. And albeit the trew hiftoreis of our cuntrey be largely, truly and eloquently treated and wreattin be that cunning and eloquente historiographe, Hector Boecius, yit he wreittis only to the deathe of

Kyng James the first, quhilk was in the yere of our lorde god 1436 yeires, sen the quhilk time nevir ane hes preassed to gif furthe any thing in wreitt; swa that the history of oure country sen that time, and the deides of the foure last noble kingis of oure realme, called Jameffes, your Majesties progenitours, of quhom ye are be line and grees lauchfully descendit, they being your fader, gudeschire, grandfchire, and forgrandfchire, and to whom your Heighnes most justly be inheritaunce succedes, are like to be erdit in oblivione, as also the estaite of your Majesties owne reigne and gouvernement, for lake of wreitting; it being left frie to uder nationis to wreitt of the estaite of our country at thaire plesoure, albeit oftymes beside the treuth.

Quharfore, most dreid and bening soveraigne Lady, leift that cancred oblivione fuld deface the glory and deidis of theise foure princes, and that sum part of the estate of youre owne tyme maie be holdin in memorie, I hafe in this vacant time compiled and gathered (and nocht maide) out of diverse, asweill foreine as Scottis wreittaris, this sempill treatise for the commodite of my country; only nocht takand upon me to wreitt ane Historie, for I knowe weill quhow unmeit I am thairto, but that your Majestie and your country maie hafe som schort abbreviacione or summarye of the principell deidis in these dayes, to serve only quhil it fall please otheris better learned, and more diligent in searching of the hail historeis and circumstanceis, to set fourth the samyn at grytar lenth, for the honour and weill of oure natione and country. Quhilk wark I intendit at that tyme to have endit, bot in the meane feason I being comandit be your Majestie to retourne againe towart the Quene of England your gude sifter, for treating of your effaires, I behoved thereby for a time to lat the same rest till farder oportunyte; and swa all the hail fymer in the yeire 1569, I was earnistly occupied with the Quene of England and her confall, and quhill the monethe of Februar; at quhilk tyme being sequestrate likwife in the Bischope of Londons house in the

cite of London, I entered againe to reide over, confider and revife theife thingis quhilke I had collected in my first restrainte. And having more aboundaunce of hiftoreis, becaus I was fo nere the librainies, I therefore corrected and reformed ane part conforme to the veryte of the hiftorye, and procedit in the rest fa lang as laifer was gyven to me, compiling the hole as it were in a fummary. In the quhilk, I absteyne fra wreiting of the deidis of uther countreis, (but in fo far as concernis your Heines realme,) becaus everye particuler natione hes hed thaire awne wreittaris diligent aneuch to that intent. Also in reporting these thingis quhilk hes ben of late tyme done, I must of necessitie speake of alteration of religion in our countrey, yit I doe witheowte reprochfull wordes reherse the thing as yt wes done, adding thairto no odious judgement of my awne, bot leaving to the reader to juge of thingis as he fall thincke gude; and becaus I hafe not presently all heir quhairwith I maie trye and examyn the treuth of this little warke, (albeit I did bring sum notes gathered of the noble kingis with me furth of Scotland,) thairfore intends not to put the same to light, quhill it be more diligently overseene and corrected. Beseiking your heich Majestie to take this sempill and rude collectione, according to your accustomed gudenefs, in gude parte, nocht regarding the warke bot my gude will to youre Heines and my native countrey, that the same thairof fuld not be darkened and defaced: Praieng the eternall God to fend yow victorie our your enemies, peace with your confederates, increafe of honoure, with lufe of your subjectes, and in conclusion, perpetuall joye and eternall felicitye.

Your Majesties maist humil and obedient
subject and ferviteur,

JO. ROSSEN.

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HISTORIE OF SCOTLAND.

JAMES THE SECOND.

THE noble, wife, vailyeant and vertuous Prince, Kinge James the first of that name, being mischeantly and trayfonable put down and deceiffit, James the secound, his eldest sonne, beand than bot fix yeires of aige, wes by the quene his moder, and Sir William Creichtoun, chauncellour of Scotland, kaped in the castle of Edenburgh, quhill the thre estatis of the realme was thaire convenit the xxth daie of Marche in the yeire of God 1436; quhair he was convoyt with greit tryumphe, favour and blithnes of the haile people, from the castle throch the toun of Edinburgh to the abbey of Hallirudhous, and with all dewe solemnitie required, was crowned kinge of Scotland, the 102 kinge of that realme fra Fergus the first; Charles the sevint than beinge king of Fraunce, and Henry the fixt king of England.

During the hail time of his minoritie, thair wes greyt trouble and civill seditione in the realme, bot at the last he stanchet the same be suppreffing of his enemyes. Efter the quhilk, he had fume wearis with England, and was ane valyeant prince, and grytly doupted of his enemyes, and weilbeloved of his subjectis in his lait yeiris, becaus he kept gryt justice throch all the partis of his realme. He was called James withe the firye face, be reffoun of ane bread reid spott quhilk he had upon ane of his cheikis.

Upon the next daie efter this coronation, thaire was ane parliament halden at Edenburgh, quhair the thre eftatis, confidering that the kinge was yong and of tendir aidge, and fua unhable to governe, thaie thairefore chefit Sir Alexander Levingftoun of Callender, knight, governour of the king and realme, and Sir Williame Crychtoun, knight, chancellor, was continowit in his office as he was of before; and the king was committed into his credit and kepinge within the caſtle of Edenburgh, and certane biſchoppis and nobill men choſin, quhois counfell the governour fulde uſe in all his proceedingis for the common weill of the realme.

In this meyne tyme, Archbalde Erle of Dowglas remanit in his owne cuntrie of Douglas and Annerdail, and wald not obey the governouris auſthoritie; quhilk miniſtred the occaſioun to fundrie utheris to do the like be his example, being a man of ſa gryt power, fua that ſchortlie thair raife gryt factiouns, difobediens and miſrule in mony partis of the realme. And at the laſt certane ſeditious perfons, be thaire evill counfell and perſuaſions, maid the governour and chancellor to be devidit in twa partis. The governour with the quene remanit in Striveling; the chancellor haiffing the king in kepinge within the caſtle of Edenburgh; and quhat the ane of thame commandit to be done, the uther diſchargit; quhairthroch thaire wes na obedience to the auſthorite nor executione of juſtice, bot throch all the partis of the cuntrie thair wes uſed greit ſpuleis and oppreſſione, without any feir or puneifment.

The quene feinge the truble ſo greit arrifing within the realme, exco-gitate ane waie quhow ſhe might fett forduart the governouris factioun, and paſſit fra Striveling withe ane quiet cumpany to Edenburgh, under colour to perſuade the chancellor to unitye with the governour, and to fett downe all civile and inteſtine diviſione amangis the nobillis, that her ſone the king might be obeyit and juſtice miniſtrate. And albeit the ſame was proponit by the quene under diffimulatione, yit not the les the chancellor gaif credit thairto, and aggreit to her defyris: and

thairethroch she wes received to ludge within the castle, and to intertany the king hir sone. But schortlie within thre daies thaire eftir, to performe hir awne purpose she departit furth of the castle in ane mornynge, dissimuling to go in pilgrimage to the Quhit Kirke, and caufit cary furth the barne the kinge, as ane birding of her awne clathes, to Leithe, and thairfra convoit him be boit to Striveling; quhom the governour gladlie reffavit, and gaif gryt thankes to the quene, praising her wifdome and ingine for that she had circumvenit sa wife a man as the chancellor, beand bot an woman.

And suddanly the governour convenit all his assistars, and raifit ane armye, and feigit the chancellor within the castle of Edenburgh. Bot he, seing him sua dissavit be the quene, and being siegit on this wife, and his estait standing in sa gryt hazard, send to Arcebald Erle of Douglas, desiringe his assistace and help contrair the quene and governour, promyttand faithfully, gif he wald sa do, that he fulde be his in all tymis cuminge. Yit the Erle of Douglas refusit ather to assist to him or to the governour, alleiging thame baith to be oure ambitious of the governynge of the realme. The chancellour thairfore feinge na support to be had, appointed with the governour, under certaine conditions, that he fould keipe still the castle of Edenburgh, and remane chancellour in his office; and thay both consentit with gryt hatreit contrair the Erle of Douglas. Bot in the meane time, this Erle of Douglas deceiffit at Lestalrig, fra the incarnation 1439, and left behind him Williame his sone, beinge bot xiiij yeres of aige; quha succedit Erle, appering to be of ane gude nature in the beginyng, bot sone eftir be evill cumpany and counsell became insolent.

This Erle Williame of Douglas send Malcolme Flemynge of Cumbernauld, and Allane of Lawder, to Charles the sevint, king of Fraunce, and obteyned a newe gift of the duchery of Turaine, quhilk Arcebald Erle of Douglas gat of before at the battaill of Vernoil in Fraunce, and

the laft Erle, his faider, bruikit the fame all his daies ; quhilk gift maid this young Erle more infolent nor of befoire.

About this tyme, James Stewart, commonly callit the blake knight, fone to the Lorde of Lorne, mariet the quene weddow, the kingis moder, and affistit to the infolence of the Erle of Douglas. Quhairfore he and his broder Williame Stewart and the quene were put in ward, within the caſtle of Striveling, be the governour ; but fone eftir wer releifit be the labors of Sir Williame Creyghtoun, and Alexander Setoun of Gordoun, quha come fouertie for thaire gude rule under grit paynis.

Quhan thir troubles was betwix the governour and chancellour, thaire was fundrie gryt ſlaughters done within the realme ; and ſpecially Allane Stewart, Lord Darnley, was ſlane at Pulmais thorne be Sir Thomas Boyde ; and the next yeire thairefter, Sir Thomas Boyde was ſlaine be Alexander Stuart Buktuth and his fones ; through the quhilkis thaire raife gryt trubles in the weſt partis of Scotland. Likewife Lauchlane M·Clane and Murdo Makoneill, Captanes of the Ilis, with ane wickit cumpany of Ilismen, heryit, ſpulyeit and brint the cuntrye of Lenox, and flewe Johne Colquhone laird of Luce under affurance, and flewe wifes and bairnis, and heiriet the haill cuntrie thairabout.

Thir trubles and cruelties happenit be reſſoun of contentione for the governement of the realme ; for at ſiclike tymes all juſtice and executione of law ceaffis, and thairfore the wickit and ungodly is than maift biſſye to ſeike thaire privat revenge aganis thaire neichbouris, and workes all kinde of miſchief, to the deſtructione of thair cuntrye, and of the beſt and verteous men thaireof.

Thaire was greyt derth this yeir and the nixt yeir following in Scotlande, ſic as was nevir of befoire, and vehement peſt ovir all, that nevir ane eſcapit quha tuik the famyn. And ſwa the realme wes plaiggit with reiſ, oppreſſion, derthe and peſt, as juſt and dew puniſhment for the offencis baithe of the reularis and people.

For appeasing of all thir troubles, the governour cawfed ane parliament be haldin at Striveling, the xiiij daie of Marche, in the quhilk thaire was certane liuetennentis appointed throch all the partis of the realme, for kepinge of gude rule, and punishing of thaim that brake the common quietnes, to the effect that the kingis lieges might lief but harme or skaith. Yit schortlie thairefter, the governour tuik the haile administration of the realme upon him onlie, quhairwith fondrie of the nobilitie, but principallie the chancellour, beinge offendit, past fra Striveling, quhair he had remanit certane space with the kinge and governour, to Edenburghe, and inventit ane waie to recover againe the kinge in his kepinge. And to that effect he convenit ane grypt company of his frendis in quiet maner to the Torwood, and passit himfelse thairfra secretly, accompaniet with xxiiij gentlemen onlie, wele horseit, in ane mornynge to the park of Striveling, quhair the kinge was at his huntinge; quhome he perfwadit to passe with him to Edinburgh, and sua he was convoit thair be four thousand men, quhilkis ware convenit to the Torwood be the chauncellour to that effect; quhair of the governour, beinge then absent in Perth, was verrey fory, and seing himfelse sua diffavit, and unhable to resist this interprise, raid in quiet maner to Edinburgh, and thair perfwadit twa godlie and wise bishoppis, Johne Innes bishop of Murray, and Henry Lichtoun bishop of Aberdene, to labor concord betwix him and the chancellour, quhilk they did in this wyse;—that the kinge fuld remane with the chancellour in keping, and the governour to be continewit in his office. And sua, be this concord, baith the factions ceassed and war joyned together.

During all the tyme of thir trubles, Williame Erle of Douglas, following his fatheris tred, wold not obey the governours auctoritie, nor yit assist the chancellour in any his enterprises, quhilk moved thame both to seik revenge of him. And to the effect thay might the better get thair intent execut, immediatlie eftir this concord, the governour and chancellour

caused warne all the nobles of the realme to come to ane counsell to be haldin in Edenburgh castell; quhair Williame erle of Douglas come amangis the rest, and entred within the castell. And eftir he was fet doun to the burd with the governour, chancellour and otheris noble men present, the meit was fudantlie removed, and ane bullis heid presented, quhilk in thay daies was ane signe of executione; and incontinent the said erle, David his broder, and Malcolme Fleming of Cummernald, wer heidit before the castell yett of Edenburgh. Thaireftir the estate of the realme become moir quiet nor of before; and succedit to him James Douglas barone of Abircorne his fader brodir, quha was ane man of gryit stature and verrey fatt, and levit onely bot the space of thre yeiris. All his tyme he preiffit to na thing bot to life quietlie. The faide erle Williame had bot ane sifter, quha was callit the fair maidin of Galloway, and was mareit on William Douglas sone to James last erle, before his deceis, that the heretage nicht remane together, becaus his fader succedit to the erldome of Douglas be tailye; and she to Wigtoun, Balvany, Annerdail and Ormound, by lyne.

The said erle Williame, eftir the deceis of his fadir James, begouth to be insolent, and to followe the maners of the uthir erle Williame heidit of before. And mony in divers partis of the realme; be his persuasione and mainteining, disobeit the authoritie of the governour and chancellour, and findre gryit slaughters and oppressionis war committit.

The governour and chancellour caufit convene ane parliament at Striveling, in the moneth of August 1440, whair it was ordanit be the estatistis that the king shuld ryd in proper persoun throch all the realme, and haild justice airis; quhilk he did, accompaneit with findre of the nobilitie and counsell, the twa nixt yeiris following, quhilk was the caus of fuddan alteratione in that court. For, libertie being permitted to every man to speik with the king, at lenth, be sum privat confel, he was persuadit to take the government in his awne hand, notwithstanding of his

yong aige. And sua schortlie eftir this, quhoufone he become neir to the aige of xiiij yeiris, be the confell of fum quha invyit the governouris estat, and preiffit to have ane change of court, he tuik upon him felf, and in his awn handis the governement, and caufit ane parliament to be haldin at Striveling the fourt day of November 1443, in the quhilk the King himfelf fat in propper perfoun.

At quhilk tyme thair was ane legat in Scotland, quha come fra Eugenius the Paip, be quhais perfuafione thair was ane act maid in the saide parliament, for the obediēce of the Seit of Rome, and maineteaning of the spirituall jurifdiētione; and that na perfonis, spirituall or temporall, change the fame obediēce, quhill the King and realme ordane and decreit thairupon.

The Erle of Douglas hering that the king had takin the governement upon him, paffit unto the King at Striveling, and put himfelf and all that he had in the Kingis will, defyring to be remittit of his offensis by-gane, promitting faithfullie to obey and ferve truelie in tymis cuminge. The King perceaving his guid mynd, not only remittit him, bot ufit him as maift familiar and fpecial confalour in all his effaris: be quhais perfuafion, within fhort fpace, remembering on ould injureis, he procured Sirs Alexander Levingfton and Williame Creychtoun to be removed fra the king, and depryved of thair offices, and all their favoraris to be put furth of court. And thay war fummonit to compeir before the King, and becaus they durft not compeir, war denunciit rebellis, and put to the Kingis horne. Than the Erle of Douglas raifed ane army, and heireit thair landis; and suddantlye Sir Williame of Creychtoun fpulzeit the Erle of Douglas landis, throch the quhilkis thair was gryit cummeris in the haill cuntrey; and the landis of Strabrocke, Abircorne, and the toun of Blacknes war brint. And this procedit, as the ufe is in all change of courtis and authoritie, rather of privat hattrent and revenge, nor for zele of guid governement or executione of juftice.

This Erle of Douglas had the haill reul of the King, and maid Archibald his brodir Erle of Murray, be mareing him upoun Janet Dunbar, heretrix thair of: and Hew Douglas was made Erle of Ormondie; and he maid bandis with the Erle of Craufurd, and with Donald lorde of the Ylis, and Erle of Rofs, to take part every ane with other, and with dyvers uther noble men also.

Thair was ane parliament haldin at Perth the xiiij day of July 1445, quharin it was statute that all the landis quhilkis was in the Kingis fatheris possellioun the tyme of his deceise, fuld remane with the croun quhil he war of lauchfull aige, and all proces and demandis to ceise in the meinetye. In the nixt winter following, the Erle of Craufurd, (solicited be the Erle of Douglas,) tuik ane gryit pray of guidis furth of the landis in Fife, pertaining to the bischop of Sainct Androis, called James Kennedy, sifter-sone to King James the first. And lykwise he purposeit to haif spulyeit the Abbay of Arbroth, pertening to the said bischop; and for defence thair of, the Ogilvyis of Angus convenit to the Abbay, quhair it chanced the Erle of Huntley in his jurney returning north from court, as the use of hospitalitie of the Abbaies was in theis dayis, to be ludgit, accompaneit with his ordiner houshold servantis only, and sum barronis with him; quhen suddantlie the Erle of Craufurd and the Ogilvyis joynit in battell, quhilk was verrey crewellie fochin on both the fydis, and the Erle of Craufurd was slayne, and mony barronis of Angus, sic as Robert Maxwell, laird of Telyn, Williame Gardin of Burrowfield, Sir Johne Oliphant of Abirdagy; and of the Erle of Huntleys cumpany war slayne, Johne Forbes of Petfligo, and Alexander Barclay of Gartullie; and in the haill, above the nombre of fyve hundredy men. The maister of Craufurd tuik the laird of Arley presoner, quha was principall of the Ogiluyis at that tyme, and the Erle of Huntley escaipit. This field was strickin the 23 day of Januar 1445. Thair-estir this maister of Craufurd succedit to his fader, and was called Erle

Bairdy, quha was a verrey awfull and rigorus man to all the barronis and gentlemen of the cuntrey, and keist down mony of thair houfes in Angus, quha wald nocht affist to him, quhair of findre remanis yit onbiggit agane in this our dayis.

The foresaid Erle of Douglas caufit the King require the castell of Edinburghe fra Sir Williame Creychtoun ; and becaus he refused to dellyver it, thairfore it was feigit the space of ix moneths be the King and the Erle of Douglas, Sir Williame Creychtoun being thairintill, bot at last gevin owre to the King upon certane conditions ; and the said Sir Williame Creychtoun made chancellour of new agane, bot wald not medle with the gouvernement of the Kingis effairis, bydand ane better tyme and change of court. At the same tyme, Sir James Stewart, called the black knycht, the Quenis husband, becaus he had spokin sum thing of the misgouvernement of the King and realme quhilk offendit the Erle of Douglas, was banished, and, passing to Flaunders, was taken on the fey be the Flemingis, and sone eftir deceiflit. The Quene hering of his death, shortlie eftir departit fra this mortall lyf, and was buried with King James the first, her first husband, in the Chartar-houfe of Perth, the xv day of July 1446. The Quenis name was Jane Seymmer, dochter to the Erle of Somersyd ; and King James the first spoufyt her in England, to help to paie his ranfome, and to loufe him furth of England. And she buir to him aucht childrene ; tua of thame sonnes, James, eldest, then presentlie King, and Alexander, quha dieit young ; and sax doichters, quhilkis war all honorablie mareit : The first, Margareit, with Lewys, Dolphine of France, sone to King Charles ; Elenor, with the Duke of Britanye ; the thirde, with the lorde of the Fear in Zeland ; the fourt, on the Duke of Auftriche ; the fyft, on the Erle of Huntly ; the sixt, on the Erle of Mortoun. And she buir alsua three sonnes to James Stewart, her second husband, quhilk eftir war Johne Erle of Athole, James Erle of Bouchane, and Androw bifchop of Murray.

The faide Lady Margareit was mareit with the Dolphin of Fraunce before the deceife of the King her fadir, in the toun of Toures, in the yeir of God 1436 ; and being honorable interteneit with her husband, and King Charles the sevint his father, she sent for tua of hir sistres to cum in Fraunce, to remane with hir quhill thay shold have bene honorable mareit. And quhen thay war cum to Flaunders in thair jorney, thay war thair advertesed that the Quene thair modir was deceifit in Scotland, and madame the Dophins wif thair sifter was deceifit also, in the toun of Chailons in Champagny, quhais body was erdit in the cathedrall kirk thair of : bot quhoufone Lewis the elevint, hir husband, com to be King eftir the deceife of his fadir, he causit transport her body to the kirk and abbay of Laon of Thouars in Poytow. Alwaies the said twa young ladies war convoyeit to the King of France, quhair thay war honorable receivit and intertenit quhill thay war boith mariet, the ane upon the Duke of Britanye, and the uther upon the Duke of Auftriche.

Thair was a parliament haldin at Edinburch, in the quhilk Sir Alexander Levingstoun of Callender, last governour, James Dundas and Robert Dundas knychtis, be the persuatione of the Erle of Douglas, war forfaitit and condamnit to perpetuall presoun in Dumbartane. And James Levingstoun his eldest sone, Robert Levingstoun thesaurer, and David Levingstoun knycht, war heidit. And the said James, before his executione, maid ane wife oratione to the people, declaringe the instabilitie of fortun and change of court, exhorting all men to beware thairwith, for envy followit ay the hiechar estait, and the wikit will nevir suffer guid men to lyfe or governe according to justice.

In the same parliament Sir Williame Creychtoun was alsua forfaitit for divers causis, bot principallie becaus his servandis refused to delyver the house of Creychtoun to the Kingis herauld, quha chargit thame thairfore ; quhilk forfaitour was led be vertew of ane Act, the quhilk the said

Sir Williame, quhen he was chancellour, caufet mak, and was the first inventar thairof, and fua wes first practifet aganis himself. Bot not lang eftir this parliament, Sir Williame Creychtoun was reconcyed to the King agane, and was fend ambaffadour to the Duik of Gilder, for mariage of his dochter callit Marye to King James the fecound ; whilk was compleitt be the counfell and affiftance of Charles the fevint, than King of France ; and fcho was honorably fend in Scotland, accompaneit with the Prince of Orange, the Erle of Naffoun, the Bifchop of Cemerage, and with mony otheris nobillis and gentlemen ; and reffavit be the affiftance of all the nobles of Scotland, with gryit banquetting, mirrynes and intertanement of the faid noble men frangearis.

Quhill this order was keiped in Scotland, thair was gryit trubillis in Fraunce betuix the Frenche and Inglifhemen, quhair of war fuddanlie rafed upon the bordouris of Scotland for the favour of Fraunce fum appearance of warreis, and fum gryit fpulzeis and invafiounes was maid betuix Scotland and Ingland. Drumfreis was brint in Scotland, and Anwyk in Ingland ; bot fone thaireftir trewis war tane for the fpace of fevin yeris, and gryit promeifis maid be Ingland to the King of Scotland to ceis the wears ; becaus the gryt troubles was thaire betuix thame and Fraunce, and alfo of civile feditione in Ingland, betuix King Henry the faxt, and Edward Duik of Yorke, for the crown, was than begun.

In the yeir of God 1449, thair was ane parliament haldin in the moneth of Januar, quhair fyndre actis wais maid for ftanching of reiff, fpulyeis and oppreffions in the cuntrey, fo that the realme was at ane griter quietnes thaireftir ; and divers uthers guid lawis maid, specialie concerning the feurty of the Kingis majesties perfoun, and punifhment of treffone ; quilkis actis war maid be the procurement of the Erle of Douglas, bot principallye war execut aganis himself, and his awn affiftars and frendis eftirwart.

The realme standing this wies at sum quietnes, the said Erle of Douglas being ane man of gryit power and welth, to shaw his magnificence in France and uthers cuntries, tuik his jorney toward Italie, with ane gryit cumpane with him, to pas his tyme and vyffie the cuntrey; and wes at Rome this yeir, being the jubiley, and left beheynd him Hew, Erle of Ormondie, his brodir, quha had the cure of his haille landis. Bot in his absence, the King (be the counsell of thame quha wes with him for the tyme,) fummonit the Erle of Douglas to compeir upoun three score dayis warning; and becaus he comperit not sa fone, he wes put to the horne, and his landis invadit, and guidis takin up to the Kingis use. Quhowfone the advertifement com thair to him in Italie, he returnit with gryit speid into Scotland, and send to the King to knaw his plefour. And he being send for to com to Striveling castell, wald not com thair quhill he reffavit ane assurance fra the king under his great seall, (as wes commonlie reportit,) quhilk being had, and he cuming to the kingis presens within the castell of Striveling, the king alleget that the saide Erle of Douglas wes preiffand to the croun, and to that effect, that he had maid him self stark, making bandis with the Erle of Crawford, and the Lorde of the Ilis, and divers uthers gret men: And that he had maid his twa bredir erls, the ane of Murray, the uther of Ormondie: And the Erls of Angus and Mortoun being of his surname, with divers uthers gret barronis and landit men; the same aperit verray suspicious unto him, and gaif him caus to fear. And becaus the Erle anfuerit to the King owre frilie and bauldie, he wes presentlye in the castell of Striveling flane at fastransevin 1451.

The laird of Cadyow, callit Hamiltoun, being in the toun of Striveling with ane gret cumpany of the Erle of Douglas freindis, for revenge of his deid, incontynent brint the toun of Striveling, and maid mony injurious proclamationis aganis the King and his counsell for the assurance brokin. Than succedit to the Erle, his fecound brodir callit

James, quha be the counfall of the faide laird of Cadyow, and of his uther twa bredir the Erlis of Murray and Ormondie, with the assistance of the Erle of Craufurd, raisit armyis in divers partis of the realme, and invadit the kingis subjectis in all partis; that few travellinge in the waye, durst tell quhidder he wes the Kingis man or the Erle of Douglas. Quairthrough, the King wes put to sic a sharp point, that he wes determinit to haif left the realme, and to haif passit in Fraunce by sey, were not that bischop James Kennedy of St Androis caufit him to tarrye, upoun the hoip he had of the assistance of the Erle of Huntlye principallie, quhom he had perswadit to convene ane army furth of the northe partis, and com forduart to the south for the Kingis relief, as he did than presentlye. Quha cuming with his army toward Brechin, purposing to go toward the King for his assistance aganis the Erle of Douglas, quha had ane gryt army upoun the fieldis to invaid the King, the Erle of Crawfurd with ane gret cumpanye, mett the Erle of Huntlye at Brechin, of purpose to haif stoppit him of passage; quhair thair wes fochtin ane gret battell, and the Erle of Crawfurd wes discomfite, and himself chaisit to Feneawin, and mony nobillmen, barronis, gentilmen and commons slayne, and the field won be the Erle of Huntlye. Thair wes alua findre slayne on the Erle of Huntlies part, bot not to sa gret nowmer; quhilk wes on the xvij day of May 1452.

Immediatlye before this battell, that samin day, the Erle of Huntlye gaif mony landis to the principallis of the furnames quha wes with him at that tyme; sic as the Forbesses, Leslyis, Irvingis, Ogilvyis, Grantis, and diveris uthers; quhilkis maid thame all to fecht the more vailyeantlie with him; for the quhilk caus the king gaif him the landis of Badyenoch and Lochquhaber agane in recompense.

In the meane tyme of the fyeld, Archebald Douglas than Erle of Murraye, broder to the Erle of Douglas, brint the peill of Strathboggie, pertening to the Erle of Huntley, and heriet the lands thairabout:

For the quhilk caus, the Erle of Huntlye at his returning, brint all the landis of the Erledome of Murray, and heriet the fame.

The Erle of Douglas beand upoun the fieldis aganis the King, accompaneit with findre erlis, lordis and barronis, to the nombre of threttie thousand men, merched fordwart toward the King, quhais army wes nocht neir to that nombre ; yit nochttheles, the King being encouraged be the lait victorie obtenit be the Erle of Huntlye, and be the prudent and wife counsell of the bischop of Sainct Androis, he send a herrald to the Erle of Douglas, and required him to scale his army and submit himself to the King, or ellis that he wald gif him battell the nixt daye ; and thairwith caufit make ane generall and publick proclamacione, geving remitt and pardon to all maner of man quha wald leif the said erle, and fhaw themselvis guid subjectis, and do thaire dutie and obedience to the King in times cumyng. Bot the erle answered, that he was of greiter forces and strenthis nor the King wes, and thairfore wald not obey him, nor yit wald gif battaill quhill he thocht tyme. The laird of Cadyow being ane of his cheif captanis and counsailours, advised him maist earnestlie than to geve battaill, sayinge that the erle wald never gett fa guid ane daie againe gif he lost that commoditie. And feinge that he wald in no wise gif battaill, he left him, and so did the whole multitude of gentlemen and commons that wes with him : Quhairat the erle himself wes compelled to flie into England, and his twa breder, Arcebald Erle of Murray, and John Douglas Erle of Ormond and of Balvanay, with findrie utheris thair assistars.

Be the granting of this generall pardon to the Erle of Douglas companie, so apperit to be Gods will that they fould not ficht, that the true lines of the kingis of Scotland might be preserved ; and albeit he might haif brought that to passe by uther meanis, accordingly as it fulde haif pleasit his guide will and omnipotent power, yit he did chuis this waie, quhairby the effusion of micle bludde might be avoided, quhilk by

civill battell had bene spilled, gif the parties haifing thaire hairtes filled with rancor and ire, had bene together in battaill. Bot the King, usinge the advife of his kinfman, James Kennedy archbifchop of St Androis, compaffed his purpofe in the ende, difpatching out of the waie all theis as he any waies miftrufte; of whilk number namely war the Douglas, whofe puiffance and auctoritie (not without caufe,) he ever fufpected. Many haif reported, (as before is faid,) that in the begynnyng King James the fecond, throch feire of the greit power of thofe Douglaffes, wes in mynd to haif fled the realme; that being recomforted be the counsaill and auctoritie of the faid James Kennedy, he advanced his studie to matters of greit importance. The faid James Kennedy turned the Erle of Angus, being of the furname of the Dowglas, and brothir to him by his mother, to taik parte with the King; he procurèd alfo diverfe utheris of the faid bluid and furname to revolt from the uther confedaratis, and to fubmitt thame felfis upon promife of pardon unto the Kingis mercy. And fo fic as were adverfaries to the King, in the ende he had thame all to his plefour.

It was thocht that for fameikle as the Dowglaffes had thair landis lyinge fo upon the weft and midle marches of the realme, that no man micht bere any reule in thois partis bot onlie thay thamefelvis, in cafe thay had joyned with the Englifhmen, confidering the greit intelligence befide quhilk thay had in all uther partis of the realme, what by kindred and alliance, the realme micht haif fallin into greit perrill. For trulie it is ane dangerous thinge for the eftate of ane realme, to haif men of greit power and auctoritie inhabiting in the borders and uttermoift partis thairof; for gif thay chaunce (upoun any occafion given,) to renounce thair obedience to thaire naturall prince and fupreme governour, the prejudice maie be greit and irrecoverable that aftintymes infuithe, as it well apperes in the Erles of March, and uther befoire mencyoned in the hiftories. And likewife in Fraunce, be the Duikis of Burgoine, Britanny and Nor-

mandy; for till those cuntries were incorporate and annexed to the crowne of Fraunce, the kingis of that realme was oftintymes put to greit hindrance and rebellion of thame whome thaire compted for thaire subiectis; and although theis duikis in Fraunce had farre greitter rentis than the duikis and erles in England and Scotland commownly haif, yet haith thaire bene boithe duikis and erles in athare of theis realmes, able to bring als mony men of war into the feilde as any of the Frenche duikis before remembred. For sic ernift guid willes and lovinge myndes do the people of Scotland and Inghland beare towardis the greit peris of the realmes, that it hathe bene feen and knowen that a xxx. or xl. thousand men haif bene redy to serve thame at thair awne coftis and chargis, gladlie following whether foever thaire war appointit to go; a greit mony of quhilk nombre, peradventure; nevir sawe the said nobill men in all thaire life tyme before, but onlie moved with ane inward affection, groundit and rulit upon custome of thaire auncesters.

Quhen that the said Erle was received in Inghland, he maide fundrie greit invasions aganis his awne native cuntrie upoun the west borders, be the assistaunce of thaire Inglis men, brinyng and spulyeing the cuntrie; quhilk movid all the Scottis bordourarres, albeit of before thay war his kynde natyve frendis and fervantis, to mislyke of him. And so he contynuit sum tyme on the borderors and uther wife, lying at the Newcastell certaine yeiris eftir the trubles, quhill at last makand ane raid within Scotland, the lairds of Johnstoun and Cokpule discumfeit him, and all the Inglis men was with him, and tuik the Erle himself prisoner, and delyvered him unto the Kinge; quha causit him to be kepeit in the Abbey of Lindoris in ward, yit honorable interteneit, quhair he diet and was buried mony yeiris thairefter.

During the tyme of his remaning in Inghland, the King caused ane parliament to be haldin, in the quhilk the faide James Erle of Douglas, Archebald Erle of Murraye, Johne Douglas of Balvany, his bredir,

Beatrix Countefs of Douglas, thair modir, with mony uther landit and gentlemen war forfaitit, and thair hail landis annexit to the croun.

Eftir thir troublis, the King being counfallit principallie be the bifchop of St Androis, James Kennedy his oncle, and the Erle of Orknay, he paffit throw all the partis of his realme, quhair he gaif ane generall remit of all offences, fpeciallie to the Earle of Crawford and utheris quha tuik parte with the Erle of Douglas ; and rewlit and governit his fubjectis in greit quyetnes, and caufit minifter juftice to thame in fic fort, that it wes faide in his tyme, he caufit the rafhe bufhe kept the cow.

In the nixt yeir following, for ftablishing of gude reule, thair was haldin ane parliament, in the quhilk thair wes mony guide lawis maid for the publick weill of the realme, as in the buikis of the aëtis of parliament is contenit.

He maid fic moyennis with the principallis Capitanis of the Ilis and hie landis, that the fame wes als peaceable as ony parte of the law landis, and obedient as weill in paying of all dewties of thair landis to the King, als redy to farve in wearis with greit cumpanyis ; and fpecially Donald, Lord of the Ilis and Erle of Rofs, quha oft befor had maid bandis with the Erlis of Douglas and Crawford aganis the King, and intromitted with the Kingis house of Invernes, and callit himfelf king of the Ilis ; yit he come to the King and obtenit remiffione, and gaif pleges for guid reule, and brocht ane cumpany of thre thoufand men to the King at the feige of Roxburghe. Schortlie heirefter, the King be the advife of [the] three eftatis, for the commone weile and policie of the realme, caufed make mony notable aëtis and lawis in ane parliament haldin at Edinburgh, the fixt daie of Marche [1457,] amongeft the quhilkis, ane is maift principallie to be remembred, that it fuld be lefum to every prelatt, barroun and frehalder, to fett landis in few ferme ; and ane uther, that erlis, lordis of feffione and men of lawe, fuld ufe certane diftinët habites in parliament and judgement ; and findre fic like ftatutis, quhilkis

war neceffare to be obferved, ufed and kept in thir daies. The realme of Scotland being in this maner at quietnes, thair raife ane greit commotione in Ingland; for Edward Duik of York purpofing to ufurpe the croun fra King Henry the Sext, quha had bene king xxxiiij yeiris continewallie befor, raifit ane greit armie, and come to Saint Albonis befyd Lundoun; quhair the faid K. Henry with ane uther army mett him, and faucht ane crewell battell, in the end quhair of the victorie fell to the Duik of York; and upoun the kingis part war flaine Edmond Duik of Somerfett, moder brodir to K. James the fecound of Scotland, Henry Erle of Northumberland, the Erle of Staford, the Lord Clifford and mony uther nobill men.

The King himfelf wes tane presoner, and had to Lundoun, quhair he wes kept, and the Duik of Yorke maid protektor of Ingland. In the meane tyme, the Quene and her fone the prince, with Henry young Duik of Somerfett, and mony utheris, fled into the north partis of Ingland, and fent to the King of Scotland to defier his help and fupport aganis the tierry and ufurpacione of the faide Duik of York. And the King being advysett with his counfaill apoun thair defieris, thocht the fame verray reafonable; principallie being movet that King Henry wes ane noble prince, and ane lufar of peace and quietnes, quhilk he had intertenyt with the realme of Scotland duringe all the tyme of his reigne preceeding. And alfua hering of the flauchter of his moder brother, the Duik of Somerfett, be the faide Duik of Yorke, maid him the mair forwart for thair fupport; and fuddantlie preparit ane army of xx thousand men, and pafft in Ingland. And the cuntrey men of Northumberland, Durame and all the north partis of Ingland, beand advertift of the incumming of the Scottis army, at the Quenes defire they conventit to the Quene, and pafft forwart with hir befor the Scottis armie was joynd with them: Quhair of the Duik of Yorke heringe, and not beinge hable to refift to the Erle of Warwick, fled furth of the realme,

and past to Callice, and thairefter King Henrie governit his realme peaceable agane, and maid ane concord with the faide Duike of Yorke, Erle of Warwick, and thaire freindis : Albeit the same was under diffimulatione of all fydes, yit it continewit certane yeires thaireftir ; and in the meane tyme, thair was greit enterteynment of freindhippe betwix the Kingis James of Scotland and Henry of England, for the greit favour the King of Scotland had showin to him in his necessitie.

Heire is to be remembrit that the excellent arte of prenting wes first inventit in the citie of Mentz in Germany, in thir dayes, to the greit furderance of all perfonis desiringe knowledge, or thirstinge for literature.

The Duike of Yorke remembring the guide mynde quhilk the King of Scotland bure toward King Henrie, in preparinge ane armie for his support aganis the faid duik, and thairfore to revenge the same, steired up the borders of England to maik fundrie incursions and spulyeis within Scotland, and wald suffer na redresse to be maid, nor dayes of trewis to be keipit on the border to that effect. Quhairfore the King of Scotland convenit ane grit armie, and passit him self thairwith in proper perfoun ; quhair in Northumberland, Durame and utheris partis in that cuntrie, quhair he brint diverse townes, kest downe mony houfes, castells and piels, and taryit within England, quhill that King Henrie sent to him, assuring that he walde keipe freindshipp with him, and promised to caus full redresse be maid, sua being he wald retire within Scotland with his armie, quhilk the King did with greit honour.

Efter thaire wes fundrie conspiracies attemptit be the Duike of Yorke and the Erle of Warwick aganis King Henrie ; and thairefore he sent to the King of Scotland agane, desiringe his assistance, ayde and support aganis thame, and promissit for the same, to restoire unto the King of Scotland the lands of Northumberland, Cumberland, Durame and uther shireffdomes quhilk the King of Scotland had of before, and bene

withaldin fra thame diverse yeires past; quhilk promifes were acceptit be the King of Scotland, and confirmit by treaties and contractis, maid, sealed and interchangit betwix the twa princes, in the yeire of God 1458.

The next yeire following, the said Duike of Yorke, Erles of Merche, Salusberie and Warwick, beand fled of before oute of Ingland, returnit with ane puissant armie within the same; and the xix daie of July 1459, met with King Henrie at Northampton, quhaire the Kingis hoist were difcomfist, and the King taken in the feilde, the Duike of Buckingham, the Erle of Shrewsbury and Lord Egremond slaine; and the Duike of Yorke proclaimed aire apparent to the crown of Ingland. The Quene, in the meane tyme, fledd in the northe partis, and send and desiret the King of Scotland to convene ane armie, and cum into Ingland for releife of King Henrie hir husband, quha was than haldin in prifon at London be the Duike of Yorke, conforme to the treaties and promifes past of before. The nobill prince, King James, willinge to keipe his promise, convenit ane grit armye of all the parts of Scotland, and cam forduart in Ingland with greit speid. The Quene havinge the Duikis of Exeter and Somersfet, Erle of Devonshire, the Lordis Clifford and Ros, with fundrie uther lordes of the northe partis of Ingland, being encoraget be the King of Scotlandis armye, maid greiter haft, and merchet forduart to Yorke, and fra that to the castle and towne of Wakefeilde, quhair the Duike laie, quhair he was environet on everie side like ane fishe in a nett, and his haill armie was difcomfist, himselfe slaine, and his twa uncles, Sir John and Sir Hughe Mortimers, with diverse utheris his counsaillors, and thre thousand gentlemen and commonis. And the Quene following furth apoun the said victorie, merchet forduart with hir armie aganis Edward Erle of Marche, eldest sone of the Duike of Yorke, quha was then liand at Glocester; bot on hir cuminge thair, she was advertifed that the King her husband was left at London with the Erle of Warwick and Duike of Northfolke, whene she past the nereft waie;

and at St Albons beside London, the said Duike and Erle, haifand the King with thame in cumpany, met the Quene with ane greit armie, and thair fet apoun thair enemyes on either side on fastrenfevins daie ; quhilk daie fortune sua favorit the Quene, that the Duike and Erle were difcomfitt and fledd, leavinge the King with the Lorde Bondveill, and ane uther knighte with him onlie, quhair thair wes abone fyve thousande men slaine. And sua the King metand withe the Quene, was restorit to his autoritie, and uset the government agane.

In this meine tyme the King of Scotland wes returnit in his awne cuntrie at the desire of the quene, bot the Erle of Marche ceasit not be the counsaill of the Erle of Warwick, quha than joynit withe him, and raifit ane new armie aganis King Henrie, and come forduart to London ; quhairfore the King was forced to passe in the north cuntrie, quhair he yet send againe to the King of Scotland, and winne the castells of Roxburgh and Warke, quhilkis war haldin be the favorers of the said Edward and his conspirators. And thairfore the Kinge, partlie moved at King Henries desire, partlie also becaus the said twa castells were lyand with the landis and shires promeisit him be King Henry, he campit his armie about the said castell of Roxburgh, and beseigiet the same.

Quhair the King of Scotland, being verray expert in the schooting of greit artalyery, tuike greit pleafure thairintill, and leving his campe, the Erle of Angus being with him in cumpany, passit to the trenches quhair the greit ordinance wes placed, quhilkis he causit schuit aganis the castel on fundaie the iij daie of August 1460, and it chanfit a wedge or flyce to flee fra ane of the gunnes, quhairwith the King wes slaine, and the Erle of Angus, quha wes with him, was evill hurt. And sua this nobill prince, King James the second, deceasit the thirde daie of August 1460, the xxix yeire of his aige, and of his reigne the xxiiij yeire ; and thaire wes greit meane made for him, becaus he wes well belufed of all his subjectis.

Notwithstanding of the deceife of the King, the siege continueit be

the persuasion of the Quene, being ane princes of hiech corage, quhill the castles of Roxburghe and Warke were wonne, quhilkis baith were castin downe to the grounde.

The King left behinde him three sonnes, James the eldift, quha wes shortlie thaireftir crownit King of Scotland, Alexander Duik of Albany, and James Erle of Mar, and twa dochters, the ane mariet on Thomas Master of Boyde, quha at his mariage wes maid Erle of Arrane; and scho wes thaireftir mariet on the Lorde Hamilton, quha gate with her the Erledome of Arrane, be the forfaltour of the said Thomas Boyde, and of hir the housé Hamilton is discendit, and thairthroch narest of bluid to the crown in this our daies; the uther of the Kingis daughters disseasid unmaried. The Kingis bodie was convoit to the Abbay of Halyrudhous beside Edenburgh, quhair it was buried with all funerall obsequies, according to his estate. The people generally lamenting his deathe with no lesse forowe and deulfull meane, nor is sene in ane private housé for the decessé of the welbeloved maister and awner thair-of; for in tyme of weare amang his subjectis in the campe, he behaveth him selfe so gentlie towardis all menne, that thaie femed nocht to feare him as thaire King, bot to reverence and love him like a fader; he wald ryde up and downe amangis thame, and eate and drinke with thame, even as he had bene bot ane private man and fellowe. Of harte he was couragious, politique in councell, in adverfitie nothing abashed, in prosperitie rather joyfull nor proude, in peace just and mercyfull, in warre sharpe and feirce, in the field bolde and hardie, and nochttheles no farther nor wifdome wolde advenurous; he had greit trubles in civill and intestine warres in his youthedde; bot in the tyme of his later daies, his realme was in quiet prosperous estate, and no feare of outwarde enemyes, and keipit his nobills in lovinge and nobill obedience, and the commons in guide peace; the Lardes whome he knewe at variance, he did appease. And so, withe his princely and guide properties, he endit his life.

HISTORIE OF SCOTLAND.

JAMES THE THIRD.

EFTIR the deceis of James the fecound at Roxburgh, the Quene and nobillis of the realme caufit the feige to be continewit forwart, till Roxburgh wes won and caffin down to the ground. And that they fuld not laike the presens of thair King, thay fend for James eldest sone to James the fecound, being than bot fevin yeiris of aige, and caufit him to be crownit at Kelso, with the univerfall consent of the thre estatis, and greit rejoing of all the armie and peple being thair present, in the moneth of August 1460; Charles the sevint, than King of Fraunce, and Edwart the fourt, than entrit King of England. Thaireftir thay feget the castell of Wark, quhilk wes lykewyis takin and caffin down; and eftir the faidis victories, the King and his haill nobillis come to Edinburgh. Of the doun casting of the faides castellis, wes wrettin thir veirsis:—

Quadringentenis decies sex mille sub annis
Roxburch Wark solo precipitata lego.

Beacus the King wes young, thair wes chofin to governe him and the realme fevin Regents, quhilks war the Quene his modir, the Bishop of Sainttandrois, callit James Kennedy, sifter sone to King James the first, the Bishop of Glasgou, the Erle of Angus, the Erle of

Huntly, the Erle of Argyle, the Erle of Orkney; quha during the tyme that B. James Kennedy leivit, aggreit weill on the governement of the realme, bot not so weill eftir his deceis.

Donald Lord of the Ylis and Rofs, quha had bene in the army with the King weill reconfaled, eftir his gryit difordour and evill reule, begouthe of new to use the lyke maneris, and spulyeit and heriet the hail cuntrey of Atholle, and tuik the Erle and his ladie captive with him into the Ylis, spulyeing als weile the kirkis and girthes of the cuntrey as uther places. And to repres his infolence, the Regentis of the realme caufit prepaire ane army; bot in the menetyme, the faide Lord of the Ylis, and the principallis of his cumpany, wer suddently strikin be the hand of God with frenessie and wodnes, sua that thay losfe all thair shippis and pray in the see in thair retorning, and than throuch of thair awn will caufit restore the Erle of Athole and his ladie agane; and come thame felses to Saint Bridis kirk in Athole, for recovering of thaire health, bot they wer na thing the better. This Donald was eftirwart flane treaffonablie in the castell of Invernes, be ane Ireland man that playit on the clarshot, as a dew punisement for his wickednes.

In this mene seafoun, Henry the saxt K. of Yngland eftir divers battallis wes vincuft be Edwart Duik of York at Saint Albanis, and last at Tuton beydes York; fra the quhilk he fled unto Berwick, quhair he fend to the King of Scotland, defyring ane fauff conduct for himself, his Quene, eldest sone and certane of his nobill men, to come in Scotland, to the nombre of ane thousand horse; quhilk wes gladly graunted unto him, and he varry honorablie and thankfully ressavit him, and weill treat and intertenyt in the toun of Edingburghe. Thair came with him the Quene his wife, Eduard his eldest sone, the Duikis of Somerfyde and Glocester, brether germane to King Eduard, the Erle of Pemburgh, brother to the faide King Henry, the Erle of Warwick, the Erle of Hungirford, the Lord Rofs, and Lord Revers,

quhais dochter the saide Eduard meryit eftir he had obteanit the croun, and divers utheris of the nobilitie of England. He declairit the caus of his cumming, defyryng to haif favour to remane in that cuntrey quhill he mycht obteane fupport of his frindis in France and uther placeis, to recover his croun againe, and to haif the King of Scotlandis affiftance thairto; quha, be the counfall of his Regentis and nobilitie, thinking his defyer verray reffonabill, accordit thairto. King Henry, thairfore, perfaveing him fa humanelye and thankfullie reffavit and intertenyt, caufit delyver the toun and castell of Berwyk in the King of Scotlandis handis, to remane perpetuallie with him, thinkand thairthrocht to confiliat the greater frendfchip and redier fupport, and alfo to make his ennemies the weaker through the wanting of the ftrenthe; quhilk movit the King of Scotland to prepaire more diligentlie forces for the fupport of the saide King Henry.

The saide Quene Margret and Prince Eduard thair eldest fone, pafft in Fraunce to hir frendis for fupport, (leaving the King hir husband and the uther nobill men in Scotland,) and hoipit to get the fame, becaus K. Henry was nevoy to Charles than King of France. Sone eftir hir cumming in France, Petir Breis ane Frenfhe capitane, with ane cumpany of Frenfhe men, war fend be the K. of France for the fupport of K. Henry into England, and wan the castellis of Bambrogh and Dunftanbrugh, quhilkis he keft down to the ground; and wan alfo the castell of Anwyk, quhilk thay keipit. Beand feiged be King Edwardis power, and opprest with fa greit hunger that thay wer constrainit to eit hors fleshe, and could not efchaip furth of the fame, fend in Scotland for releiff; quhairthrough the Erle of Angus, being wardan of the marches of Scotland, convenit xxiiij thousand men, and paffit to Wally...rou^t in England, quhair he cheifit furth five thousand weill horfit men, and certane led hors to bring awaye the Frenfche men, and paffit to the saide castell of Anwik, quhair in the prefens of xx thousand Inglis

men liand about the said castell, reliefit all the Frensche men that wes thairin and brocht thame faiff in Scotland.

The Duik of Somersyde stered up King Henry to pas in England, affirming him to haif greit favour thairintill; quha haveing ane gret company of Scottis men with him, enterit in England, quhair mony of the northe pairtys did resort unto him; and sua he obtenit greit favor as apperit, and past forduart throuch Northumberland and Durame, till he came to the toun of Exheme, quhair the Marques of Montagu with ane gret powar discomfist King Henry in battell. In the quhilk wes takin the Duik of Somersyde, the Lorde Hungerford, the Lord Rofs, quhilkis wer eftir putt to death at the New castell, with mony utheris; and King Henry escaped and returnit agane in Scotland, quhair he remanit certane space thaireftir.

Shortlie heireftir, the Quene of Scotland, moder to the King, deceffit at Edinburgh the xvj of November 1463, and wes buryit in the Quens College besyde Edinburgh, quhilk she hir self foundit biggit and dotit.

The same yeir, Alexander the Duik of Albany, broder to the King, returnand hame fra his gudschir the Duik of Gilder, quhair he had remanit certane yeiris, into Scotland, in the moneth of Junii, wes takin on the sey be Inglish men; bot Bischop Kennedy fend and caufit relief him with his schip and all the guidis, or utherwayis thay had maid wear on England, nochtwithstanding that thair wes trewis contractit befoir.

King Henry, eftir that he had remanit certaine tyme in Scotland, past in secret maner within England, thinkand not to haif bene knowin quhill he had past farr in the cuntrey; bot thair wes sa diligent watches laid upoun all the bourdouris, that he wes takin and convoit to King Edward, quhair he wes keipit prifoner in the tour of Lundoun; out of the quhilk, be the helpe and support of certane noble men his frindes, he

wes thaireftir deliverit, and reftorit to the crown agane, bot yit he joyfit not the fame lange, as the hiftories of Ingland dois declare at lenthe.

In this yeir, James Kennedy Archebifchop of St. Androis deceiffit, the xth day of Maye 1466, and wes buryit in Sainēt Salvatouris College in Saint Androis, in ane coffelie fepulture quhilk he caufit mak. This wes ane noble, wife and godely bifchop ; and in his tyme, be his confell and labouris, K. James the fecound fubduit the Erle of Douglas and his faētion, and keipit guide peace with Ingland. He foundit and biggit the faide college of Saint Salvatour in Saint Androis, and biggit ane gret fchip, with the faide magnifique fepulture ; and [it] wes commonly repute and haldin, that every ane of thay thre wes of a like coift.

Sone eftir this, thair wes ane parliament haldin in the moneth of Oētober, and ane uther in Januar thaireftir, in the quhilkis, there wes findre lawis and statutis maid for the weill of the realme, principallie for the eftate of merchandis and utheris ; and at the fame tyme, ordour tane that no Inglishman fuld haif benefite within the realme of Scotland, eftir the forme of the aēt maid be King Robert the Bruce of befoir.

And in the nixt yeir thair wes tua parliaments haldin, the ane in Oētober, and the uther in Januar following ; in the quhilk, amang findre utheris matteris, it was ordanit that certane ambaffidouris fulde be fend into Denmarke, for contraēting of the Kingis mariage with Lady Margaret, eldest dochter of Christiern King of Denmark and Norway, quha paffit thair in the nixt yeir following. And eftir the fame wes treatit, contraēt it and concludit be the King of Scotlandis ambaffadouris, quha was Androwe Dufdeir bifchop of Glafgow, the bifchop of Orknay, the Lorde Avendaill Chancellor of Scotland, and Thomas Boyd Erle of Arrane ; the faide ladie Margaret, accompaneit with findre bifchoppis and nobill men of Denmark, returnit in Scotland with the faidis ambaffadors in the moneth of July 1469, and was honorablie refaved be the King, and the mariage wes folempnifit in the Abbay kirk

of Hallierudhoufe beyd Edinbruch, the x. day of July, the King and Quene being almaist equall of aige. The King of Denmark, for the contracting of the faide mariage, as in tocher gaif our and renunceit all thair title and right quhilk thay had and claimed to the Erledome of Orknay, Zetland, and all uther Ylis liand betuix Norway and Scotland, for the quhilkis thair had bene gryit troubles betwix the realmes of Scotland and Denmark of befoir.

At the landing of the faid Quene, the kingis fifter, quha was mareit with the faide Thomas Boyd Erle of Arrane, passit furth of the toun of Edinbrugh to the schippis, and advertist him that the King had confavit ane greit hattrent aganis him, sua that gife he landit he was abill to lose his life; quhairwith he beand movit did remane in the schippis, and returnit with all possible diligence, and his wife with him, in Denmarke; and thairfor the King beand hiechlie offendit at him, causit forfeit him and his fadir the Lord Boyd, and fend for his wife, and causit her returne in Scotland; and in his absence led ane divorfe betuix thame, and mareit hir thaireftir upon the Lord Hammiltoun, to quhome he gaif the Erledome of Arrane with hir. Of quhilk mareage the hous of Hammiltoun is discendit, and thairthrow is nerrest of bloode to the croune.

Sone eftir this, in the moneth of November nixt followinge, the three estatis of the realme was convenit, quhair the Quene was crownit, and ane parliament haldin, and the most parte of the nobill men remanit with the King in Edinbrugh all the nixt winter. And the King and Quene maid thair progres in the northe partis the symmer following, quhair thay war honorablie receaved and interteanit, boith in the principall citeis and towns and be the nobill men of the cuntrey, to the gret confort of the haille realme. And eftir thair returning to Edinburghe, he causit ane parliament to be convenit in the moneth of May 1471; in the quhilk, amangis utheris actis was ordanit, that lordis, bar-

ronis and burrowis fuld gar mak schippis, bufchis and greyt pinkboittis with nettis for fischeing; and sic lik, that naue fulde weir silkis in dublett, gowne or cloak, except knychtis, minstrells and harraldis, without the wearar of the same may spend ane hundreth poundis worth of land rent; and that the fuit ball and golf be abufit, and the fluting usit, and findre sic like quhilkis war necessary to be observed.

James, eldest sone to King James the third, wes borne the day of Marche 1472, quha estiruart wes callit James the fourth, and wes ane iuste and guide prince.

Ane comette mervellus appeirit in the fourth, the xvij day of Januar till the xvijij day of Februar, castand gret beames of licht touart the south, and wes placet betuix the pole and the pleyaidis callit the seven starnis, quhilk the astrologis did afferme to be ane signe of mony mervellus changes in the world.

The greyt schip biggit be the bischop of St. Androis, callit the bischoppis barge, being laidinnit with merchandice, brak and perischit besid Bamburghe, the xijth day of Marche; in the quhilk mony merchandis clarkis and utheris passingeris war drownit, except ane few number quha did eschape be ane boitt, in the quhilk the Abbot of Saint Colme wes takin presoner, and haldin be ane James Kar in England, quhill he payit four score pundis for his ransom. The haille gudeis being in the saide schip wes spulyeit and takin away be the Inglisshmen, to the gryet hurt of the merchandis and awnaris thaireof, notwithstanding of the trewis.

The Abbacye of Dunfermeling vacand, the convent cheifit ane of thair awn monkis, callit Alexander Thomfoun, and the King promotit Henry Creychtoun Abbat of Paislay thairto, quha wes preferrit be the Paip, through the Kingis supplicationis, to the saide Abbacye. And sic lik Mr Robert Shaw, persoun of Mynto, was promotit be the King; of the Abbacye of Paislay, and sua than first began sic maner of

promotione of secularis to abbacies be the Kingis supplicationis, and the godlie electiones war frustrate and deokayde, becaus that the Court of Rome admittit the princis supplicationis, the rather that thay gat greyt proffeit and fowmes of money thairby; quhairfore the bischoppis durft not conferme thame that wes chosin be the convent, nor thay quha wer electit durft not persew thair awn ryght: And sua the Abbayis come to secular abuffis; the abbottis and pryouris being promovit furth of the court, quha levit courtlyk, secularlye, and voluptuoslye: And than ceiffit all religious and godlye myndis and deidis, quhairwith the secularis and temporall men beand sklanderit with thair evill example, fell fra all devocioun and godlynes to the warkis of wikednes, quhairof daylie mekill evill did increafe.

Becaus of the greyt spulye of guidis quhilk wes takin at the breking of the saide barge in England, and had bene oftymis required and no restitutione maid, and als that notwithstanding the trewis the Inglisshmen had maid invasione upon the bordouris, the King, be the adwise of the estatis, in ane parliament haldin at Edinburgh the ix day of Majj 1474, ordinit ane ambaffadour to be send to King Edwart of England, for redreis to be had thairof; quha passit shortlie thaireftir thair to the same effect, and maid guid aggrement.

In the same parliament, it was thought expedient that the King fuld send commiffione to his fadir the Kinge of Denmark, to mak and bind confideratioun and allyance with the Empriour, exceptand alwayis thair first allyance, quhilk wes treatit shortelie thaireftir, and thair seallis interchanged thaireupoun betwix the Empriour and Scotland.

This yeir in September, the indulgence of the feitt of St Androis wes publischet be Patrick Grahame Archebisshop thairof, and the same feitt erectit in ane Archebisshoprik; quhilk wes impetrat be the saide Patrick Grahame, quha maid narrative to the Paip, that becaus the Archebisshoprick of York wes metropolitane of Scotland before, and

that thair wes oftymis wearis betuix Scotland and England, quhair-through thay could not haif accesse to thair metropolitane, speciallie for remedie of appellacione, the Paip consentit to mak St. Androis primat and metropolitane of Scotland, and ordanit the uther xij bischoppis of Scotland to be under his primacie ; quha refisit thairto, and promesit ane taxacione of xij thousand merkis to the King for his mayntenance aganis the Archebischope. And the prelattis fend to Rome, quhair thay pleyit the cause.

At this tyme, it wes aggreit in ane parliament haldin at Edinburghe, 1475, the Kingis sifter fuld be mareit apoun the Lord Hammiltoun, and he to be made Erle of Arrane ; quhilk mariadge wes shortlie theireftir compleit, quhair of the hous of Hammiltoun is discendit, as is befoire said.

Thair wes ane gret pest in the realme of Scotland in the yeir 1476, sua that the King, eftir he had callit ane parliament to haif bene haldin in September, continewit the same quhill uphallyday. And the indwellaris of Leith left the same void for that cause, quhill the said parliament. About the same tyme, Johne Lord of the Ylis and Erle of Rofs wes forsalt, partlie for his awin deidis, bot maist principally for his fadirs, Donald Lord of the Ylis.

In the moneth of Maij anno 1476, the King caufit convene ane greyt army of the maist valyeaunt men upoun the northe syd of the watter of Forthe, to invaid the Lord of the Ylis be see and land, and maid the Erle of Crawford Admirall of the army be see ; and the Erle of Athole, (being the Kingis fader brodir) lieutenant of the army be land ; bot in the meane tyme, the said Erle of Athole maid sic diligent labouris, that the Lord of the Ylis be his meanes humyllit him self, and come to the Kingis will apoun certaine condicions ; for the quhilk caus the King gaif unto the faide Erle of Athole the landis and forrest of Clony. And thaireftir, in the beginning of the moneth of July, the said Lord

of the Ylis comē to the Parliament in Edinburgh, and thair maid ane concord with the King, and renuncit and gaif our the Erledome of Rofs, and the landis of Kintyre and Knapfden; quhilk erledome he annexit to the croun, and the King remittit and forgaif him and his fer-vandes all offencies and crymes by past, and infest him of new in the lordschip of the Ylis and his uther landis quhilkis wes nocht renuncet, under the service of ward and relieff. And sua the Parliament beinge done, the Lord of the Ylis returnit into his awin cuntrey.

Thair was ane ambassadour sent to [be] the Duik of Burgunye in Scotland, be quhome the allyance and confideracie betuix the realme of Scotland and Prince of Burgunye and the estatis of his landis, was confermit, and redres maid for certane wrangis done on the sey on both partys. And at the same Parliament thair was ambassadours direct and send in Yngland to King Edward, desyering his dochtir Cecilia in mariage to James the prince, eldest sone to the King of Scotland; quhilk was glaidlie grauntit, and mariage contractit betuix thame, to be compleit quhen the prince of Scotland fuld be of perfytt aige. And in hoip thairof, King Eduard lennit certaine sowmes of money to the King of Scotland, quhilkis was eftirwart randerit and paid to King Edward. At the same tyme, thaire was trewis renewit betuix the tua realmes, and baith the Kingis of Yngland and Scotland sworne to observe and keip the same.

About this tyme thair wes ane inquisitour send in Scotland be Sextus, Paip for the tyme, quha tuik iniquificione aganis Patrick Grahame Archebischop of St Androis; quhilk beand reportit to the Paip and Cardinallis, thay pronuncit sentence aganis him, be the quhilkis he wes depofed and degradit fra all the ordouris and dignitie of the kirk, cure, honour and execucione of his office; and wes decernit ane heretique, scifmatike, fymoniak, and declarit curfit and condamnit to perpetuall presoun. And Williame Scheves Archedeane of Sanct Androis wes promovit to the bischoprik in his place; and he wes committit to him in

keiping to be in prefoun, quha firft wes transportit to St Colmis Infche, and fra that to Dumfermling, and laft to Lochlevin, quhar he deit, and wes buryit in Sainct Sarffis Yle in Lochelevin.

The faide Williame Scheves wes confecrate Archebifchop of St Androis on Paffione Sunday in lentrene in Halyrudehous, the King being prefent and mony noble men, quhair he reflavit the pallium as ane figne of his Archiebifchoprik, and wes confermit primat and legat of the realme, notwithstanding of the impediment maid unto Grahame of befoir be the bifchoppis of the famin.

The fame yeir, Alexander Duik of Albany wes put in prefoun be the King his brodir in the caftell of Edinburch, through fenifter and evill counfell of fum of meane and fober eflat, quha wes counfallouris for the tyme; out of the quhilk he efchappit, and pafft to Dumbar, quhair he caufit furneis the caftell with all neceffaris; and leifinge his fervantis thairintill for keiping of the fame, to efchew the indignacione of the King departit into England, quhair he wes honorable receavit be King Eduard and weill treat. Thaireftir in the begining of Majj following, the King of Scotland caufit feige the faid caftell; and thair wes flaine thaireat of the Kingis fyde thre knychtis, the laird of Luce, Sir Johne Shaw of Sauchy knycht, and the laird of Cragywallace, with the fchot of ane gun; and Johnne Ramsay wes flane fic lik with ftanis. Bot the keipairs of the faid caftell pafft away be fee, beinge wery and tyrill of the feige, left the famin; and the Earle of Avendalle being lieutenant of the fiege enterit thairin.

The Erle of Mar callit Johne Stewart, being the Kingis younger brodir, in the moneth of December 1480, wes takin in the nicht in his awin houfe, had to Cragmillar and keipit thair at the Kingis command, and wes conviçt of ane confpiracie be witchecrafte aganis the King; and thairfore, in the Cannowgait befyd Edinburch, they cuttit ane of his vanes and caufit him bleid to dead. Thair wes alfo mony

and divers witches and forceraris, alſueill men as wemen, ſuſpect of that cryme, conuict and burnit for the ſame at Edinburghe.

Doctour Ireland, with ane knycht and ane uther religious man, wes ſend be the King of France in Scotland, to perſuad the King to move weir contrar King Eduard of Ingland; and eftir mony lange perſuaſiones maid be thame to the King and his counſall, thay condiscendit, at the King of France deſyer, to ſend to the King of Ingland, and requier him not to aſſiſt to the Duik of Burgundie, and to mak redres of ſic attemptatis as had bene committed aganis Scotland, be greyt ſpulyeis and inuaſiones apou the bourdouris, and als to reſtore the Duik of Albany; and incaſe that the King of Ingland wald reſuſe, he was deliberat to move weire aganis him. And to conforme to this determinatione, the King ſend ane herauld and ane purſeuant to King Eduart to requier him, and incaſe he did reſuſe to declare unto him, that be reſſoun he wes confiderat with France, wald aſſiſt unto thame, and als ſeik reuenge of his awin injuries; bot King Eduart wald not admit the ſaidis herauld nor purſeuant to his preſence, bot held thame contynewallie thair, quhill he had ſend ane navye of ſchippis in the firth beſoir Leith, Kingorne and Petteinweme; and the ſaidis herauldis wes than licent to return in Scotland and no ſonar. And the ſaide navye inuaidit all the ſchippis that wes in the firth, and tuik awaye with thame aucht greit ſchippis, bot wes not ſufferit to land in ony parte ſaffing at Blacknes, quhair thay brint the toun and ane greit barge ſchip wes lyand beſyd.

Throch this brek of peace, ane godlye and wife man callit Thomas Spens biſchop of Aberdene, quha was tenderly beloved of King Edward, and hed principallie intertynait and nurifeit the peace betuix Scotland, Yngland, France and Burgundie all his dais, hering now of the weir denunceit and begun, deceiſſit of malancolie in Edinburgh in the moneth of Aprile this yeir; and to him ſuccedit in the ſaid biſchop-

rik ane wife and lerned prelat callit Williame Elphinstown, quha wes foundatour of the newe college of lerning in Auld Aberdene, to the greit comfort, commodite and advancement of knowlege in the hole realme.

The King caufit convene ane army furth of all the partis of the realme, quhair the Lord of the Ylis come also with ane gret cumpany; and being redy to enter within England, thair come ane messinger of K. Eduardis, fend fra ane cardinall legat beand resident in England for the tyme, commandand him be auctorite appostolique to ceis the weir under the pane of interdictione, to the effect that peace being contractit all Cristiane princes mycht prepar ane gryit army aganis the Turkis and infideillis; quhilk command the King of Scotland obeyit, and dischargit his army. Notwithstanding the King of Yngland fend ane navie of fchippis agane the firth to Infschekeith, bot wes not sufferit to do ony skaithe upoun the coste fyde, for thay wer repulfit be the cuntrey men.

The bourdouris of Scotland invadit the marches of England, and tuik away mony praies of guidis, and distroyit mony townis, and led mony prefonouris in Scotland, so that greit troubles and invasions was betuix the tua realmes all that yeir.

The King of England caufit feige Berwik afueill be fee as be land all the winter, and kest down ane new biggitt wall about the fame; bot the fame wes sa stoutlie and courageoullie defendit be the Scottismen, being thairinto, that thay keipit it still in thair handis.

In the beginning of the nixt fymmer, the King caufit the thre estatis of the realme convene in ane parliament haldin at Edinburgh the [tuentie second day of Marche] 1481, quhair thair wes ane Act be universall consent maid, of the quhilk the tenor follows:—" We do you to wit that the thre estatis of this realme beand gadderit and assemblit in this present parliament, hes understandin and knawis weill, that this instant weir is now movit upone our Souerane Lord and his realme, aganis the

mynde, will and intencion of our Souerane Lordis hienes, quhilk fend his wryting with ane herald and pursevant, offerand for his part to have maid redressis of all attemptatis done agane the trewis that stude for the tyme, sa that siclyke mycht have bene had; and tharefter the said herald and pursevant beand lang haldin and taryit in Ingland, be the reifar Edwart calland him King of Ingland, thay war fend agane but answer outhir in word or writ, in lychtlyng of our Soverane Lord and his reffonabill defyris; quhilk was allanerly to have had peax, and to have keipit his trewis, as appeirit weill efter the hame cumming of the said herald and pursevant: quhen thair was ane hoist of the hail power of Scotland gadderit, to have past for the resistence and invasioun of our Inimies of Ingland: Oure Soverane Lord, at the requiest and monitionis of our haly father the Papis bullis, schawin to him in the tyme, skalit his greit hoist, in hope and traift, that his ennemeis fould have bene in siclyke wayis obedient to our haly father; under the quhilk traift, and the skaling of the power foresaid, thair was incontinent greit birning, heirfchip and distruction done upone our Soverane Lord, his realme and liegis: And notwithstanding all this his Majestie yit defyris and wald have peax, sa that it had bene according to the worschip and honour of his hienes and his realme, be the sycht of his said thre estatis, as his excellencie hes now offerit the samin. And becaus it is verraly traiftit and supponit, that the said reifar Edward, throw birnand auarice, and for fals reif and conquest, not dreidand God, nor the effusioun of Christian blude; nor havand respect nor remembrance that he wes obliff and sworne to have keipit the trewis foirsaid, bot postponand the band of his lautie and honour, that he fould have had, is utterly fet to continew in his weir that he hes begunnin and movit, and be all his power tendis and schaipis till invaid and distroy, in sa far as he may, to conquest this realme: The Thre Estatis foirsaid hes thairfoir hartfully of thair awin fre will,

grantit and promittit to our Soverane Lord, to remane and abyde at the command of his hienes with thair perfounis and thair substance of landis and gudis, in defence of his maist noble perfoun, his successioun, Realme and leigis, as thay and thair foirbearis hes of auld tymes done of befoir."

In the same parliament also it was ordinit, that all the strenthis and castells apoun the bourdouris and fey coastis of the realme quhilkis mycht be keipit, fuld be furneist with men, victualles and munitione, for resisting of the auld ennemies; and becaus that James sumtyme Erle of Douglas was cumin to the bourdouris, to invaid the realme with Inglishmen, it wes proclaimed also that quahafoevir wald slay or bring the said James presoner to the King, fuld be infest heritable in ane hundreth markes worth of land, and als to haif ane thousand markis of money of the realme for his reward. For the quhilk caus, findre on waft bourdouris awaitit so apoun him, that not lang thaireftir the said James Erle of Douglas being cumin with ane greyt cumpany of Inglishmen within Anerdaill, the lardis of Jonstoun and Cokpule sett apoun thame, and slew a greit number, and tuik the most part of the rest presoneiris, and the Erle of Douglas also, whome thay presentit to the King; quha using clemencie and mercie towart him, causit him to be keipit and intertyneid honourable all his dayis in the Abby of Lunderis, quhair he deceissit, as is also before mentioned.

At this tyme also thair was ane ambassadour send to the King of Fraunce, to requier him for help and supplie as his brodir and confederat, conforme to the auncient league and band betuix thame.

And for defence of the bourdouris, thair wes certaine garnisonis of men of weare placeit in Berwyk, Hume, Blacader, Jedburgh, Annand, Lochmabaine, and in mony utheris placeis apoun all the bourdouris, undir the charge of capitanis, and thair wageis payit be the thre estatis of the

realme, quha continewit thair all that fymmer, quhair thair wes dayly raidis, skarmisheis and invasionis betuix the tua realmes.

In this meane tyme, the Duik of Albany being with King Edward was honorablie interteynit, and greit promis maid unto him be K. Edward, that he fuld mak him King of Scotland, fua he wald ufe his confall and affist to his determinatione ; quhairto the Duik aggreit. And thairfor fone thaireftir K. Edwart caufit prepare ane gryt army of xl thousand men, with ane gryt navye be fey, to invaid Scotland ; and appointit captanis thairto, the Duik of Glocester, King Edwardis awin brodir and the Duik of Albany, quha paffit with the army in Scotland. King James of Scotland, hering of thair cuming, convenit ane gryt pouer for thair refiftance, and come forduart with the fame to the town of Lawder ; quhair his army beand campit, the principalle noble men of Scotland, fic as Archebald Erle of Angus, George Erle of Huntlye, Johne Erle of Lennox, James Erle of Buchan, Andro Lord Gray, Robert Lord Lylle and diveris utheris beand in armes, enterit in the Kingis lugeing, quhair thay declarit to him his former misbehaveour and misgyding of him felf, in doing diverse things contrair to the common weall of the realme, and his awin honour ; and fpeciallie becaus he ufet young counfall of unworthye vyle perfouns, fic as Thomas Cochrain, quhome of ane maifone he had maid Erle of Mar, quha caufit frik ane cunye of copper unmeit to have courfe or paffage in ony realme, quhairwith the pepill grudgeit, and fua wes the caus of greyt darthe and hunger throuhout all the cuntrey ; and alfo that he wald nocht fuffer the noble men to come to his prefence, and to governe the realme be thair counfell, bot keipit him felf quietlie, leveing voluptuouflic, and had lychtlyit his awin nobill Quene, and intertanit ane howir callit the Dæfie, in her place ; and ficylk had caufit flay his awin brodir, the Erle of Mar, and banifd his uther brodir the Duik of Albany furth of the realme, quhilk all wes done be his faid wicked

counfell; and thairfoir the nobilitie culd not suffer him nor the realme to be abufeit in tymis cuming. And than fuddanlie thaie tuik his counfallouris, Thomas Cochran Erle of Mar, Williame Roger, and James Hommyll tailyeour, with certane uthers, quha being convict, wes incontinent hangit our the brig of Lawder, and left onely Johne Ramefay beand xvij yeris of aige with the king, for quhome he maid ernist supplicatione to fauff his liff. And sua thay returnit to Edinburge, and caufit the king to be keipit in the castell be the Erle of Athole; and in the meane tyme, the Inglis army did marche foruart in Scotland, tending to come towart Edinburgh as they did.

The nobill men of Scotland convenit sic pouer as thay could for that present at Hadingtoun, quhilk alwaies wes nocht sufficient to resist the army of England, and thairfoir thought maist expedient for the savetye of thair cuntrey to treat peace with the saides Duikis of Glocester and Albany; and to that effect, apoun the secound day of August, fend the Archebifchop of St Androis, the Bifchop of Dunkeld, Coline Erle of Argyll, and Andro Steuart Lord Avendaill greit Chancellour of Scotland, to the saidis Duikis, and aggreit apoun certaine condicionis, and refavit the Duik of Albany to his peace, and gave to him the castell of Dunbar, with the Erledomes of Marche and Mar, and proclaymit him generall lieutenant to the King. Mairour, the toun of Edinburgh wes bound for the payment of the money borowed of King Edward, apoun the hoip of mariage as is befoir wrettein. And sua the Inglis men returnit towart England, and in thair waye feiged the town and castell of Berwyk, quhilk wes stranglye defendit be the Lord Halis, than capitaine thairof, quha fend diverse tymis to the Duik of Albany and lordis for support and relief to raise the feige. And in the meane tyme, he maid greyt slauchter on the Inglis men, for the quhilk caus the Duik and nobill men gadderit ane army, and fuddanlie come to Lamourmure; bot in the meyntyme the keiparis feing the realme of

Scotland devidit, and the army nocht able to raise the feige, thay aggreit apoun certane condicions of peace, and sua randering the castell departit thairfra with bagg and baggages.

Thus Berwik come agane in the Inglis mennis handis, the xxiiijth day of August in the yeir of God 1482, eftir it had bene in the Scottis mennis handis at this tyme xxj yeiris.

The King of Scotland being detenit within the castell of Edinburghe, the realme wes governit be the Duik of Albany, Lord Andro Stewart of Avendaill Chancellor, and utheris noble men.

In the meyn tyme the Duik of Albany, the Archebifchop of St Androis, the Chauncellar, the Erle of Argyle with certane utheris, passit to Striveling, and viffyit the Quene and Prince; quhare be the counfall of the Quene takin thair, the Duik returnit secetlye to Edinburgh and feiget the castell, quhill thay wer constrynit for want of victuallis to rander the same to the Duik, and sua put the King to libertie, and his fervantis quha war haldin in ward.

The Erle of Argyle, the Archebifchop of St. Androis, the Chancellor and utheris quha wer in Striveling, hereing thair of, throw gret feir fled into thair awin cuntreys; quhairthrow the said Archebifchop of St. Androis, at the request of the King and the Duik, resignit the bifchoprik of St. Androis in favouris of Maister Andro Stewart, Provost of Glentclowden, and wes content with the bifchoprik of Murey for the same.

The Duik of Albany wes weill intertenyt be the King his brodir, becaus he had deliverit him, and thairfoir maid him his companeyoun in bed and at meit; bot this familiar intertynment leffit nocht lang.

This yeir thair wes greit thift, reiff and slauchter in divers partis of the realme, quhilk come be the occasioun of the diversitie betuix the King and his nobles.

Shortely heireftir, the Duik of Albany allegeing him to haif bene poysonyt be ane drink in the Kingis chamber, fering his life, (and not

without caus,) left the King and past to Dunbar, quhilk wes the occasion of greit discorde and trouble followinge thaireapoun. The King fering mekill the perfute of his nobillis, past in the castell of Edinburgh for his awin fuertie, quhair he remanit certane space thaireftir.

At the samyn tyme thair wes divers noble men, sic as the Erlis of Angus, Buchan and utheris, quha left the King and affisit the Duik of Albany. Than the King be counfall of certaine of meane lynage quhome he had takin agane to be his counfallouris, causit sumound the Duik and certane his affitaris to ane parliament, quhilk wes haldin thaireftir in Edinburgh, the xxiiij daie of Februar 1483, quhair the Duik and findre utheris wes forsalded; and alsua greyt preparacioun wes maid to siege the castell of Dunbar; quhair the Duik, nocht myndfull to be the occasione of truble within his native cuntrey, and fering his lyfe alsua, departit in ane sobir boit be fey into the realme of Fraunce, quhair he wes weill reffavit and interteynyit be King Lewis, and mareit the Erle of Bolloignes douchtir, eftir his cuming within that realme.

The keiparis of the said castell of Dunbar delyverit the same (at the Duikis awin command as wes supponit,) in the Inglis mennis handis, quhilk thay keipit certane yeiris eftir.

This Duik leifit mony yeris thaireftir in Fraunce in gret reputacione, and wes sa expert in all faittis of armys, that he wes haldin and repute as ane fadir in chevalry; and at last being at the justing in Paris, wes (be Lewis then Duik of Orleance eftirwart King of Fraunce,) woundit be fortune with the sklyse of ane speir, and thairof dieit; leving behinde him tua sonis, the ane Johne Duik of Albanye, gottin apoun the Erle of Bulloungnes dochter quhome he maryit in France, quha wes efteruart governour of Scotland and tutour to King James the fyft in his mynrite; and ane uther, Alexander, gottin apoun the Erle of Orknayes dochter, quhome he had maryit as wes said befor in Scotland, quha wes Bischop of Murray and Abbot of Skone thereftir.

This yeir the Lordis Hume, Terrikles, Olyphant, Elphinstown and Drummond, wer maid lordis of parliament.

Quhill thir troubles wes in Scotland, Edward King of Ingland departit this life, the thirde day of Aprile in the yeir of God 1483, leving behind him tua sonnys Edward and Richard, quhilkis baith wes murdered be thair oncle, Duik of Glocester, in the tour of Lundoun; quha ufurpit the crowne of Ingland, and wes crownit King thairof the vj day of Julye in the same yeir. Eftir the quhilk raise gret civill fedicione and truble betuix him and the Duik of Buckingham, and uther nobill men of the realme, quha practifed to bring hame Henry Erle of Richmond as than remaning in Bretagne; thorow the quhilk there wes na peace kepit on the bourdouris of Scotland and Ingland; bot divers incurfionis and raides wer made on ather fyde, with greyt spoiles and prayes of guidis brocht furth of Ingland all the nixt winter, sua that thair wes greit appeirance of weir to ensue betuix thame. Innocentius Octavus than Pape, hering thairof, fend ane legat callit James Bifchop of Imola, to baith the kinges, for ane treaty of peace to be maid amangis thame; at quhilk tyme Kinge Richard, confidering his awin unquiet ftate within his realme, be civill fedicione attempted aganis him be his nobles, thought it wes the neirast way to appease the same be contracting of peace with the King of Scotland his neirast nychtbour; and thairfoir be perfuacione of the same legat, Commiffionaris wer appointit, quha mett at Nutinghame the fevint of September: Quha were for Scotland, Coline Erle of Argyle Lord Campbell and Lorne the Lord Chancellor of Scotland, Williame Bifchop of Aberdene, Robert Lord Lyle, Lawrence Lord Olyphant, Johnne Drummound of Stobhall, Archebald Quhytlaw Archedecon of Lowthien and Secretare to Kinge James, Lyoun King of Armes and Duncane Dundas: For Ingland wer appointit Johne Bifchop of Lincolne Chancellor of Ingland, Richard Bifchop of St [Aflaph,] Thomas Lorde Stanley, George Stanley Lord Strange,

Johne Grey Lord Powes, Richard Lord Fitzhugh, Johne Gunthrope keipar of the Kingis Previe Seill, Thomas Barow Maister of the Rolles, Sir Thomas Brian Cheife Justice of the Common Plaice, Sir Richard Ratclif Knight, Williame Catesbye and Richard Salkeld, Esquiers. Thir commissiонерis did sex tymis meit, and eftir lang debaitting, demanding and denying, in the end of September thay fully concludit and maid a determinacione, be the quhilkis there wes ane perfytte amitye and inviolable peace contractit betuix the realmes of Scotland and Ingland for thre yeiris, to begine at the sone ryfinge the 29 day of September 1484, and to indure to the sone setting the 29 of September 1487; during quhilk tyme it wes aggreit, that nocht onely all hostillitie and weir fuld ceise betuix the tua realmes, bot alsua all ayde and reffett of ennemies or rebellis fuld be avoidit, and be na coullourable meanes or waye in ony caise ufet: And all strenthis on the bourdouris to remane in the possessouris handis, saiffing onely Dunbar quhilk wes exceptit, and estiruart randerit to the King of Scotland. Thair wes divers uthers articles aggreit apoun for the weill and quietnes of the bourdouris, and subjectis of baith the saidis realmes. It wes accordit alsua, that in this treatye and amytye fuld be comprehendet the frindis obliget and confiderats of baith the princeis; and speciallie wer named for confiderats on the part of the King of Scotland, Charles King of Fraunce, Johne King of Denmark and Noroway, the Duik of Gilders and the Duik of Britane; on the King of Inglandis part, the King of Castile and Aragon, the King of Portugall, the Archeduik of Auftriche and Burgoyne, and the Duik of Britane.

Thair wes lykwise ane treatye of mariage concludit betuix James Prince of Scotland and Rothefay and Lady Anne de La Pole, dochtir to Johne Duik of Suffolk and of Lady Anne his wyff syfter to King Richard. And the foirfaid young lady wes immediatlie callit Princes of Rothefay; bot be the short lyf of her uncle

King Richard, shoe haiftelie thereftir loft that name, and fo that marriage ceiffit.

At the fame tyme, the King fend the Archebifchop of St Androis, with the faidis Papes legat Bifchop of Imola to Rome for certaine privilegis, quhilkis wer obtenit.

Shortely heirefter, Henry then Erle of Richemond, be perfuacione of divers nobill men of England, come frome Britane and France with ane greyt army into England, the cheif capitane of his faide army being Barnard Stewart Scotefs man, and ourthrew Richard King of England in battell, quha wes flane the 22 day of September 1486. Eftir the quhilk, King Henry wes crownit, and governit his realme peaceable, and come to the north partis of England, quhair he remanit the maift part of the nixt fymmer. And efteming na thing fo precious as to have frendfchip, peace and confideracie with the Kingis his nixt nychtbouris, did fend from Newcaftell into Scotland, Richard Fox Bifchop of Exifter, and Sir Richard Eagecome knycht, ambaffadouris to the King of Scotland, to treat, renew and contract ane band of peace and trewis betuix the faidis Kingis and thair realmes; quha wer thankefullie refavit be the King, quhair he declaret unto thame that he himfelf bure greit favour and lufe toward King Henry, and wald gladelie fhaw all the plefour that he mycht do; yit nochttheles his fubjectis wes not of fa guide mynd touart him, nor to ony Inglis men, as he wes. And thairfoir, that he fuld nocht offend his nobilitie and fubjectis of Scotland, he defierit the faides ambaffadouris to accept fevin yeiris peace, and to contract thairupon, promittand fecretlie to keipe continuall peace with him, and als to renew the faid peace for uther fevin yeiris; quhilk the faid K. James did principallie perfuade unto thame, becaus he knew himfelf to be fo odious to the maift part of his nobilitie and fubjectis, that thay wald not approve nor consent to ony band nor treaty made be him. The faidis ambaffadouris underftanding his benevolence and

guid will, acceptit thankfullye this anfuer, and confermit the trewis for fevin yeiris, and returnit to the King of Ingland, quha effermit thair proceidingis, and wes verray glaide thairof.

Quhowfone thir trewis war takin betuix the tuo realmes, King James cauffit the three estatis convene in ane parliament at Edinburgh, the first day of October 1487, quhar ordour wes takin that Justice airis fuld be haldin throch all the partis of the realme, and that no remiffiones fuld be gevin for any gryit cryme to be commyttit for the space of fevin yeiris to cum; so that the King begouth to use sharp executione of justice in all partis, quhilk mony culd nocht abyde. At the same tyme thair wes ane ambaffadour fend to the King of Romanis, for downputting and destroying of ane lettre of marque quhilk had been grantit aganis Scottis merchantis, at the instance of certane Holanderis and Burgundyeonis, quhilk be thair procurement shortely thereftir was dischargeit. Eftir this parliament was endit, the King passit to Striveling to remane, leaving the prince his sone in Edinburgh castell with the Quene his modir. And thair the King leiffit quietlie, accompaneit with sum men of meane and sobre estate, taking his plesour of wemen, gevin to averise, and gadding of golde and silver, quhairby he become in greit hatrent and disdaine of his nobillis and peple.

And thairfore certane noble men of the realme of Scotland, in speciall the Erle of Angus, the Erle of Argyle, the Erle of Lennox, the Lordis Halis, Hume, Drummound, Gray and divers uthers, alleging the King to be abusid be wicked and evill counfall of privat perfones, and wald nocht use the counfall of his nobillis, and that thai had sufferit sic abuses with lang paciencie, and that the king did nothing mend his manners, thay determynit with ane consent to restore the libertie of the cuntrey, and to purge the same of all wicked counfall and abuses; thairfoir convenit ane gryet army to invaid the King. And that it fuld nocht appeir that thay did ony thing aganis the weill of thair cuntrey,

thay made James the Prince, the Kingis eldest sone, beand bot xvj yeiris of aige, and of ane guide nature and inclinacione to vertue, capitane and principall to thame and thair armye, and persuadit, or rather compellit him to passe with thame, publifand be proclamacionis, that thair purpose wes not to truble the realme nor guide subjeētis thair of, bot to reforme ane evill King and remove his wicked counfall.

The King being advertifet of thair conspiracie, wes movit with ane greit and suddane feir, anguise and truble of spreit, thinckand with himself how grevous and heavy ane matter it wes to him, to fecht contrare his awin native borne subjeētis, his eldest sone, quha wes maist precious of ony thing in erd to him, being thair cheiff head and capitane; quhilk it semit, as it wer, the head to fecht with the rest of the members of the same bodie; and yit thocht it verray perillous gif he wald nocht resist thame, for that mycht incurage his ennemies, and mak thame to be mair strenthy. Bot first he thought it maist necessare to assailie all uther meanes possible before the hafard of any batell, and thairfore he had causit mak proclamaciones for the preparacione of ane armye. He send messingers unto his sone and the Lordis being with him, than resydent in Edinburgh, desyryng that sum treatye and aggrement of unytie mycht be maide amangis thame; and in the meintyme he send also to Charles than King of Fraunce, and Henry King of England, his confiderat frendis, and to Innocencius than paip of Rome, desyryng thame to send ambassadouris to treate of concord betuix him and his subjeētis, and to pacyfie the envymēt greit perellis and truble arising within his realme; hoiping thairthrough, with proces of tyme, and be the dres and labouris of they godlye and noble princeis, to mitigat the hartis and ire of his adversaris, quha wer stirrit up by wickit counsell to his distruccione. Nochttheles the myndis of his adversaris wes sa kendlit with hatrent aganis him, that nane of thir remeidis culd take place: And to the messingeris send be himself unto them, extreme anfuēris wes gevin be

the Lordis being with the Prince, that give he wald renunce his crowne in favouris of his sone, thay mycht perchance therefter talk of peace and concord, uther wayis wald here of nane. The same anfuer wes given to the ambaffadouris come fra the Kingis of Fraunce and Ingland, fend to that effect; albeit theis Princeis declarit be thair ambaffadouris, that thay thought the same as ane common injurie done unto thame selves, and the exampill to be verraye wickit and pernicious, and not sufferable be Princeis that subjeētis fuld be permittit to put handis into thair Prince.

There wes also ane legat fend be the Paip to that effect, quha come to laitt, for the battell wes foughten, and sua endit befor his cuming. The King feing he could on na wise pacifie and brek the grundit malice and hatrent conceyved aganis him, and hering that thay wer cumand forduart with ane greit armye to Striveling quhair he wes resident, wald nocht abynd the cuming of the Erles of Huntly and Crawford and utheris noble men quha wes cumand with greit pouer from the north partis to assist him, bot rashely past furth of the said toune, being accompanyt with the Erles of Glencarne, Montrose, Lordis Ruthven, Maxwell and certane utheris, and jonit in battell aganis his ennemyeis, at Bannok burn within tua myle to Striveling; quhair eftir gryeit slauchter made on baith sides, the King wes slane the xj day of Junij 1488, and of his regne the xxix yeir. His bodye wes burieit in the Abbaye of Cambuskenneth. It wes reherfit that befor the joyning of the fieldis, the Prince gaif speciall commaund that nane fuld put violent handis in the King his fader, quhairthrouch all the tyme of the battell he wes fauffe. And eftir the same wes endit, certane wicked men, quha had him in hatrent of ald, awaitit on him and flew him in the mill of Bannokburne, nocht far from the place quhair the field wes strekin.

In the begininge of the faide attemptat aganis the King, the Erles of Angus, Argyle, Lennox, Lordis Hwme, Halis and utheris thair

assistaris, send to James some tyme Erle of Dowglas, (quha being forfaitit be the King of befoir, wes keipit in ward in the Abbay of Lundoris, as is befoir mentioned,) and defyrit him to assist with thame, and he fould be restorit agane to his awin leiffing, and honourit as principalle of that factiōne. Bot the noble, wyife, ancient Erle being brokin with trubles, and havinge lerint experience apoun his greit chargis, refusit to brek his ward or to assist to thame in ony wise, dissuadinge thame fra thair interpryse, becaus that the same semit nother godlye nor honourabill unto him, and afferming that throwe siclik interpryses he and his frindes had sufferit so greyt damage and skaith that thay wer utterlie reuyned, quhilk fuld be exempill to thame and uthers to doe the like; and this refusē wes the occasiōne that he was nevir releivit furth of that ward, bot keipit quhill he deceiffit thairintill.

HISTORIE OF SCOTLAND.

JAMES THE FOURTH.

THE Eternall God calling to his mercy James the thride of that name, James his eldest sone wes crownit King of Scotlande, and began his regne the xxiiij of Junij 1488, being xvi yeir of aige; quha albeit be evill counfall he past in batell aganis his fader, quhair, fore aganis his will he wes flane, yit nochttheles thereftir he become ane nobill prince and of greit repentance, and in takin thairof he [weir] ane chenyne of iron about his middill all his dayis. He wes mekill given to devotione and prayer, vissituing religious places, and dotinge thame with divers giftis. He governit his realme in greit quietnes, peax and justice, riding himself in proper perfoun mony [nichtis] as weill as dayis, for suppressing, taking of thieffis, revaris and oppreffaris throuhout the haille realme, till the same wes at ane gryt quietnes. He wes also ane prince verray liberall and wele lerned, and wes indued with mony uther gud qualities and vertewis.

Sone eftir his coronatione, the Erle of Lennox and Lord Lylle, with utheris thair assistaris, nochtwithstanding that thay had bene with him at the slauchter of his fader, mofeit throch invy that the King wes mare governit be utheris of the factione nor be thame, convenit ane greit cumpany, and raifit the kingis bludy fark for thair baner; and comand fordward to Striveling to invaid the King and his cumpany, wer our-

thrawin at the mofs befyd Touche, quhair ane greit number of the Lennox men wer flane, and findrye of the barronis, sic as the Lords of Kilcrouicht and utheris tane and hangit thairfoir.

The King convenit ane parliament, quhilk wes haldin at Edinburch in October the same yeir, quhair he, movit of clemencie, grantit ane generall remiffione to all thame quha come to the feld at Striveling with his fadir aganis him, and ordinit every ane to raife particular remiffionis under the fealles thairupoun.

He difpenfit alfo with the airis of thame that diet with his fader in the feld, to be fervit be brevis to thame and thair landis; and ordinit thair particular difpenfacions to be raifet and infert in thair retouris and fervices. He ordanit alfo that all officers, sic as juftices, fheriffis, ftewardis, baylieffis, lieutenantis, and utheris having thair offices in heretage, quha wes with his fader at the feld, fuld be fufpendit fra ufinge of their offices for thre yeirs; and utheris quha had the lyke offices in lyff rent or for termes, to be fecludit thairfra alluterly, and appointit utheris his trew liegis to ufe and exercife the fame; and commandit that all the gudis and geir taken fra onlandit men and burgefifis, fould be reftorit agane; bot nocht that quhilk wes takin fra erles, lordis, barronis or landit men being in the feld aganis him. It wes likewife concludit, that the flaughter of the King his fader come onely upoun his awin default; and that King James the feird his fone, and all his adheirantis and pertakeris in the faide feld, wer innocent and quite of all flaughter maide at that tyme, and of all perfute and occafione of the fame. And the thre eftatis of the realme grantit to gif thair feillis to testifie the fame, with the Kingis gret felle of the realme, to be fhawin to the Paip, Kingis of France, Spanye, Denmark, and uther princes thair confiderattis upoun the famyn.

And for ftancheinge of reiff, thift and gret enormities, the King himfelf wes appointit to ryd in proper perfon, anis in the yeir, throch all the

partis of the realme. And certen of the noble men wer ordanit to use justice in everye schyre, within the boundis maist adjacent unto thame, but ony delay, and gaif thair aithes that thay fuld exerce the same justelye and diligentlye; quhilk ordinances wes weill kept all the dayis of K. James the feirds lyf tyme, and wes the occasione that the haill realme wes governit in greit tranquillitie, peace and justice.

The King alswa dischargit all giftis givin be his fader prejudiciall to the croun, fra the secounde daye of Februarye immediatlie preceding his deceise to the dayis of his deid, affirming the same wes maid for assistance of the perverst counsal that wer with his fader, contrar to the commone weaille of the realme.

At the samyn tyme, be the advyse of the estatis of parliament, thair wes send ane esquier and ane herald in France, Spanye and uther realmes, to se and consider quhair ane honorabill princes mycht be had for mariadge of the King, to the effect that eftir thair returning and report maide, ambassadouris mycht be send to treat thairapoun.

Sone eftir, the King causit ane parliament to be haldin at Edinburghe in the moneth of Februar 1489, quhair all the foresaide statutis was confirmit, and fundrie utheris eiked thairto, quietnes and justice to be uset. He causid also nureis and bring up in vertew his tua breder, the Duke of Rothefaye and Erle of Mar, being younge and of tender aige, and appointit thame to be sustenit honorable upoun thair awin levingis, quhilk wes gevin to thame be his fader.

Thair wes send honourabill ambassadouris in France, Hispanye and Denmark, quha renewit the auld confideracies and allyance betuix thame and Scotland, as thay wer in his progenitouris dayis.

The trewis wes also renewit betuix Inghland and Scotland. The Kinge also confideringe himself to be unable be reffoun of his younge aige and wantinge experience to governe the realme, he thairfoir in presence of the estatis in parliament, cheifet ane counsall of the pre-

lattis, nobill men and barronis of the realme, and sax at leaft of thame to remane continually with him, quhais counfell he fuld use, and that he fuld do na thing without thair advyfe in all his wechtie effaires finceirlye keipitt, and that all signatouris fuld be fubfcryvit be sax of thame, with the Chancellour ; and in cafe any war done without that ordour, the fame to be null and nocht obeyit.

Eftir the returninge of the fquier and herald, quha had vifiet uther cuntreis, and reportit of diverfe princeis quhilkis thai had fene, thair wes ane parliament haldin in the moneth of Majj 1491 ; and theirin ordanit that the Bifchop of Glasgo, Erle Boithweill, ane Lorde and the Dene of Glasgou fuld pas as Ambaffadouris in France, Spanye and uther cuntrys for the Kingis mariage, quhair it fould best lyke the King.

Thair wes ane grete controverfie betuix the Bifchopps of St Androis and Glasgou for thair juriffdiction and preheminece, quhilk drew the nobill men in diverfe factions ; and thairfoir the King commandit the fame to ceife, and the mater to be decidit in the law befoir thair judge competent.

At the fame tyme be the advyfe of the eftatis, Sir James Ogillyv of Erlie knight, ane clark and Rothfaye herald, wes fend to the King of Denmark for renovatione of the confideracione maid with him, and uther privilege, speciallie for the weile of the merchaundis ; quha did his meffuage and charge fo wele, that at his returning he wes made Lord Ogillyv.

It wes commandit be the King, for increafe of riches within the realme, that fchippis and bufches fuld be maid in every toun, to pas to the fey and take fyfches, and that the Lordis and Barronis fuld helpe the merchaundis to mak the faidis fchippis, and quha pleafit to be pertenaris with thame. And for gude exempill, the King caufit to make fchippis of his awin, and put to the fey to that effect.

The King also and estates, considering the ignorance that was among the landit men, quhen thay past apoun inqueistis and briefis, quhairthrouch diverse of thame beand convict in assyis of errour, sustenit greit skyth in thair guidis ; ordanit thairfoir be act, that every landit man fuld hald his eldest sone at the scule, quhill he had lernit perfectlye the lawes of the realme, under greyt panis.

In the samyn parliament thair wes mony gude lawis and constitucionis maid in the beginninge of his governement for the common weille of the realme, quhilkis he causit be diligentlie keipit duringe his tyme.

The vertuous beginning of this younge Prince maid his fame and honour to increase among all Princeis, quhairthrouch that the Paip Alexander the sixt fend ane protonotar callit Forman in Scotland, with ane roise and leptour of gold to the King ; desiering him hartelie to persever in godlynes, honour and vertew, as he had begun.

The King raid throwch all the partis of his realme mynistering justice, principallie in the north partis all, the maist parte of this yeir, to the greit comforth of all his guide subjectis.

About this tyme wes apperaunce of weris betuix K. Charles of Fraunce and the King of England ; and theirfor the King of France fend in Scotland, desiering the King to assist to him, in case K. Henry hapnit to raise ony army aganis France ; and declarit unto him that thair wes ane callit Richard Duik of York, quhom he affirmet to be K. Edward the fourtis sone, than presentlie with him in Fraunce, and had bene preserved mony yeris secretlie be Margaret dutches of Burgonye his father sifter, and thairfoir wes just heritour of the realme of Inglande, quhom he wald fend in Scotland ; desiering the Duik therfoir to assist him to recover his realme of Yngland. Thairfoir the saide Richarde being honorable and weille accompaniit, and supportit partelie be the King of France, bot principallie be the saide dutches, arrivit in Scotland ; quhair he declarit unto the King the cause of his cuming, and how he had bene

preserved furth of the handis of Richarde Duik of Glocester, his fathers broder, and had bene favourable interteynit with Charles Duik of France and the saide Dutches. And becaus that his predeceffouris knichtis of Scotland had oft tymes suppartit thame quha wes unjustely rest and spoilyeit of the saide kingdome of Yngland, and last of all King Henry the sext, thairfoir he wes movit to cum and put him in his handis, desiering his help to recover his realme of Ingland, promittand faithfullye that he suld be used be him as his awin proper broder, and suld do him all the plesour thairfoir that suld ly in his power. And the King hering his desier, eftir advyse and deliberance of his counfall, reffavit him thankfullye, and estemit him publictly in honour, calland him Duik of Yorke. And he persaveing him self to be weill intertaynit be the King, willing also to conques the favour of the nobles of the realme, desyrit in mariage ane fair younge lady, being than in the Quenes court, and tendir couignes unto the King, dochter to the Erle of Huntley, quhilk wes grantit. And eftir their mariadge, the King beinge persuadit be the saide Richarde to belief that thair wes mony of the principallis within the realme of Ingland that wald assist him, gif that he come within that realme with ane armye; quhairthrouch he convenit ane greit cumpanye, principallie of the bourdouris, and passit within Ingland; quhair first he causit mak publict proclamacionis, declaring that he wald onely forbeir to invaid thair boundis quha wold assist to Richard Duik of York and none uther, and sua invaidit the cuntrie, spoilyeit and heriet the same in divers places of Northumberland, and tuik away greit praye of guidis and presoneris. Bot the King seing that no Inglisheman did resort to the saide Richard, nochtwithstanding of the gret extremitie used, returnit agane within his awin cuntrey of Scotland; and considering that the said Richardes promeissis of the assistance of his frindes followed not in deid according to his wordis, causit the King to change the guid opinionone quhilk he had of him, and to hald him in les estimacion nor he

had befor; and this wes the occasiōe of the beginning of greit weir betuix the tua realmes. Henry King of England being advertist heiroy, and heichlie commovit aganis the King of Scottis, raifet ane gret taxatiōe to prepare forces to pas in Scotland; and the army beand in redynes to pas thair, thair was raiffinn greit fediciōe and conspiracie in Cornwall, becaus that cuntrey men refuset to gif ony tax of money; and thairfoir the King stayit the sending of the army in Scotland, and caufit thame pas in Cornwall to repress thair furye and to pecefye that cuntrey; and fend Thomas Erle of Surry, beand ane vailyeant capitane, to ly apoun the bourdouris of Scotland, that be the affistanc of the cuntrey men of Northumberland and Durame they mycht resist the Scottis men in case thay invaidit, unto the tyme the King fend gretar forces. The faide Erle awaitit all that yeir apoun the bourdouris; nochttheles the King of Scotland invaidit the bordouris of England agane, quhair he did mekill harme in casting down houffes and spoilyeing the cuntrey; and he himself in persoun with his army caufit seige the castell of Norame, quhilk wes than weill furneifit be Richard Fox Bischop of Durame with men, munition and victuallis, quhair he lay long tyme at the seige thairof; bot seing that he couth not win the same, albeit that he had done greit damage and skaith thairto, he returnit within his realme, and left greit cumpanyes of men upon the bourdouris for defence of the samyn.

In the meynetyme the faide bischop of Durame perswadit the Erles of Surry, Northumberland and utheris to convene the cuntrey men, to pas to the bourdouris for relief of the faide castell; bot or the cumming thairto, the King and his army were departit.

At this same tyme, Fardinand King of Spanye, quha wes confiderat freind to the Kingis of Scotland and England, and lusit thame boithe tenderly weill, fend ane ambassador in Scotland callit Petrus Hielas, ane wyse, vertues and larned man, offerand himself willinglie to be

auctour of peace and concord betuix thame; and the said Petir traivel-
lit by all meanes possible at King James handis for concorde and peace
to be made, and upoun the tennour and condicions of the same; and
persuading him to haif guid hope thair of at his handis, wreitt to K.
Henry to joyne with him sum ambassadour to that effect; quha, know-
ing himself to be in greit trouble with his awin subiectis, and thairfor
mair desyerous of peace with his nichbouris, commandit Richard Fox
Bisshop of Durame to pas and assist the said Petir; quha meting and
convening with the commissiounaris of Scotland at Melros, eftir lang
reasoning apoun the condicions of peace, it wes desyrit in King Henryis
name that Richard Duik of Yorke, quhome they callit Parkin War-
beck, fuld be delyverit to him as ane that trublit the quietnes of the
realme of England. Bot King James esteeming his honour mair pre-
cious nor ony uther thing, refusit to delyver him in ony way, not onely
for that he wes cumin willinglie in his realme for refuge and support,
bot als that he wes joynit in affinitie with him be mareage of his tendir
cougnes, dochter to the Erle of Huntlye. And becaus thay culd not
aggre upoun ane perpetuell peace to be maid amangis thame, thair wes
trewis takin and confirmit for certane yeires, upon that condicione that
the said Richard Duik of York fuld be fend furth of the realme of
Scotland, and nocht to be refett thaireftir thairintill; and sua the saidis
ambassadouris returnit to K. Henry, quha glaidlie effirmit thair said
treatie, quhilk wes maide in the yeir of God 1498.

The K. of Scotland willing to keipe his promes maide in the said
treatie, knowing him also to be abusit be the said Richard, quhome
he had esteemed to be Duik of York albeit he wes not, declarit unto
him the guide will and mynd quhilk he had borne unto him, reducinge
to his remembrance howe he had takin weir aganis Inglande, in vaidit the
cuntrey, belevand to haif had sum assistance be his frindis within the
same, and yit did repair unto him; and albeit he had mariet his tender

coufignes, he mycht not keipe langer weir with Ingland (for his caus onely) without greater affiftaunce, quhair of he could perfais no appearance. And therfoir prayit him to withdraw him felf furth of his realme, and pas in Flanderis to the Duches his mothers fifter, or to the King of Fraunce, be quhome he wes fend in Scotland, or to fum uther place as pleasit him beft, quhair he mycht abyd ane mair convenient tyme for his weill; and fua the faid Richard gyving thankis to the King for his guid will obeyit gladlie his command, and fhortlie thaireftir departit and his wif with him in Ireland, of purpofe to pas in Flanders; bot he wes takin be King Henry in the fanctuarye of Bewdley, and pardonit of his lif; and his wiffe Lady Katherin wes takin alfo; and the King feing her gret bewtye and fayrnes, thought her a pray metar for ane emperour nor foldiouris, and thairfoir fend her with ane cumpany of honorabill women with her to the Quene, and fhe wes weill intertaynit all the Kingis daies, and for her fairnes wes callit in Ingland the quhit rofe, quhair fhe leivit verray honourablie mony yeiris thairefter.

This yeir guid peace beand keipit betuix the tua realmes, thair happenit ane fuddane difcord betuix certane young Scottis men bourdoureris, and the keiparis of the hous of Norame, quhilk almaift had renewit the wearis betuix the faid tua realmes, war nocht the mater wes be wifdome pecifyit and fett down. The maner thairof wes, that certane Scottis men lyand neir to the hous of Norhame, albeit thai menit na fraude nor evill, certane Inglishemen iffchewt furth of the place, and fet on thame; quhair thair wes divers Scottifmen flane, utheris fair woundid and chaift; quhilk beand reportit to the King of Scotland, wes hiechlie offendit thairwith, thinckand and fayand that thair wes na thing more uncertane nor to haif peace with Ingland, and thairfoir he wrait sharpe and vehement lettres to K. Henry thairupoun; quha did anfuer that the fame wes not done be his counfall nor command, bot of the rafchnes and foly of the keiparis of that place of Norhame; and thairfoir thocht

that thairby the trewis wes na wayis violett nor brokin, and he fuld schortly take knowledge of the caise; and gif ony of his had offendit, thay fuld be punyiest thairfoir. Richard also bifchop of Durame, being forye that throw the occasioun of his men (quha keipit the hous of Norhame perteyning than to his bifchoprik,) the truble fuld be renewit betuix the tua realmes, wrait divers lettres unto the King of Scottis, praying him to accept mendis for the injuris done, quilk fuld be reparit at his pleasour.

The King confidering the wifdome, faithfullnes and gravitie of the said bifchop, did anfuere gentlie unto his saidis lettres; desiering him to come and treat apoun theis thingis quhilkis had fallin apoun the bordouris, purposing also to treat apoun uther matters with him, quhilkis did eftir follow. This bifchop, obteneing leif of King Henry with his commiffioun to that effect, come to the Abbay of Melros within Scotland, quhair the King wes resident for the time; and eftir greit plaint maid for the slauchter of his subjectis, the same be the labouris of that wise bifchop wes peciefiet and agreit. The King thaireftir secretlie did declare unto him the guid will and mynd quhilk he had to intertayne perpetuall frindschip with K. Henry, and wald wische the same to knitt, that it mycht in na wayis be diffolvit agane; and that the maist sure waye was, as appered, gif the King of Ingland wald gyf his eldest dochter Margaret in mariage to him, and to that effect he wes of purpose to send ambaffadouris in Ingland to the King; desyring partlie the saide bifchopis counfall thair apoun, for he wolde be loth to desier that thing quhilk fuld be refusit; and the bifchop puttand the King in gud hoip thairof, returnit touart the King of Ingland, quha hering his proceedingis, and being glaid thairwith, causit the saide bifchop adverties the King of Scottis to send his ambaffadouris for the effect abonewreittin. And schortly thaireftir wer send in Ingland the Archebifchop of Glasgo, Erle Bothuell and certaine utheris noble men ambaffadouris, quha de-

lierit the mariage of Margaret his eldest dochter ; and thair propoficione being hard be the King, the fame wes thankfully acceptit and treatit in his counfall. Some of the counfellouris did prepone certane reffonis for ftaying of the faide mariage, allegeing that it mycht happin that the heretage and fucefflioun of the realme of Ingland mycht fall to Margaret his eldest dochter, and to her fucefflioun of her body, and thairfoir semit us best that fho fuld be marieit apoun ane forane prince. To the quhilk the King did anfuer,—quhat than gif sic thingis did happin—(quhilk chance God forbid,) I fe that it wald come fua, that our realme wald receive na damage thair thorow, for in that caife Ingland wald not accrefs unto Scotland, bot Scotland wald accrefs unto Ingland, as to the most noble heid of the hole yle. For at that tyme, that thing that is leift is ufet to be joynit unto that thing quhilk is maift, till the great decour and honour of the fame ; evin as quhan Normandy come in the powar of Inglifis men our forbearis. And fua the wifdome of the King wes commendit, and his anfuer approvit, and be univerfall confent Lady Margaret wes grantit unto the K. of Scotland. Sua wreittis Polidorus Virgilius in his ftorye, the xxvi buik. Neque intercefferant multi dies, cum Jacobi legatio adfuit, ad petendum Margaritæ filiaë regis conjugium. Henricus, auditis legatis, rem ad confilium detulit. Erant qui fufpicarentur poffe aliquando forte contingere, ut hereditas regni Margaritæ veniret, ac propterea eam non externo principi locandam indicarent. Ad ea rex refpondit, quid tum? si enim tale quid accideret, quod Deus omen avertat, video futurum, ut noftrum regnum nihill inde dampni faceret ; quoniam, accessio Angliæ non ad Scotiam, fed ipfius Scotiæ ad Angliam fieret, tanquam ad totius infulæ caput multo nobiliffimum ; cum femper quod minus eft, foleat ad decus et honorem ad id adjungi, quod eft longi majus, quemadmodum olim Normania in ditionem et potestatem venit Anglorum majorum noftrorum. Ita laudata regis fapientia, et cunctis una voce rem probantibus, Mar-

garita virgo regi Jacobo pacta est. And so the King of England, be the advyse of the nobilitie of his realme and counfall, grauntit gladlie to gif his eldift dochter in mariage to the K. of Scotland, and thairapoun certane contractis and indentouris was maid, quhairwith thay returnit in Scotland with great confort.

Thair was also at the same tyme ane peace contractit betuix the Kingis of Scotland and England, for the terme of baith thair lyves; and to the effect that nane of either of the subjectis that offendit the lawis fuld be reffavit in ony of thair cuntries, it wes agreit that nane Inglis men fuld pas in Scotland without his princeis lettres suplicatouris to the King of Scotland, nor na Scottis man to haif passage in England without the like of his awin prince, desieringe to haif fauffe conduct or passport, otherways to be just presonares; quhilk custome was of befoir, and yit is observed in our daies.

Schortlie eftir this contract maid, Elizabeth Quene of England, spous to K. Henry the sevint, and dochter to King Edwart the fourt, be quhais mariage with K. Henry the titillis acclamet to the crown of England be the housis of York and Lancaster wes unytit, as she lay in childbed in the tour of Lundoun, deceiffit.

The bishop of Glasgo, Erle Bothwell and utheris nobill men, ambassadouris for the King of Scotland, past in England agane for ending of the contract and conclusion of mariage betuix the King and the said Lady Margaret; quhilk Erle as commissiонер and be mandat in the name of K. James his maister, contractit and handfastit the saide fair lady publietlie at Sanct Pawlis croice in Lundoun, the 25 day of Januar, beand Sanct Pawlis day, with gryit rejosing and triumphe in the kirk, and gryit fyris maide throuch the haill citie of Lundoun; quhilk beand done and finifit, the saidis ambassadouris returnit agane in Scotland.

Eftir this, thair wes gryit preparatione maid in England for the convoying of Lady Margaret into Scotland. Lykeas thair wes gryit prepara-

tione maid also in Scotland for hir reffaving. And the King her fader, for convoying of her, tuik his journey at Richemount the xvi day of Junij, having in his cumpany his faide dochter, and come to Colyvestoun, quhair the Countis of Richemount Henryis moder than lay; and eftir certane dayis of folace endit, the King gaif hir his blessing as a fatherlie exhortacione, and committit the convoyance of hir, quhill she come to the prefence of the King of Scotland her husband, to the Erle of Surry; and the Erle of Northumberland, wardane of the marches, was appointit to delyver her in Scotland to the Kinge. Sua this faire ladye wes convoyit with ane gryit cumpany of lordis, ladyis, knyghtis, esquiers and gentlemen, till she come to Berwik, and fra that to St Lambertis Kirk in Lamer muir within Scotland, quhair the King with the principall nobill men of his realme wes redy to reffaif hir; to quhome the Erle of Northumberland, according to his commiffioun, deliverit her. Than wes this lady convoyit to the toun of Edinburgh, and thair the nixt day eftir, King James the fourt in prefens of all his nobilitie espoufyt the faide princies, and maid gret banquetts to the Inglis Lordis, and schew to thame justingis and uther pastymes varray honorablie eftir the fasshoun of his cuntrey. The Scottis men at this tyme war nocht beheynd, bot far abone the Inglis men baithe in appareill, riche juellis and massy cheanis; and mony ladies haiffing thair habilyemantis partly sett with goldsmyth work, garnisshet with perrill and pretious stanis, with thair galland and weill trappit horsis, quhilk wes cumly to se. Quhen all thingis were done and finisyt according to thair commiffioun, the Erle of Surry with all the Inglis Lordis returnit into thair cuntrey, geving greit praisse not onely to the manheid of the Scottis men, bot alsua to thair guid manners and hartlie intertenyment quhilk thair reffavit of thame, and dyvers ladies be young gentill wemen remanit with the Quene, quha weir eftir weill mariet upoun nobill men of the realme of Scotland, quhais posteritie leiffis yit in honour to thir our dayis.

Be reffone of this mariage and alliaunce, thair wes perfyte peace and fyncere amity keipit betwix the tua realmes of England and Scotland lange tyme eftir. And verayly during the lyfe of King Henry the fevint, no caus of brek was miniftrat be either of the princeis, bot that thay contynewit in gryt luf and frindfhip and mutuall focietie, contracting of mariages, contynuall interchange of merchandice betuix the fubjectis of both the realmes, as thay had bene all under the obedience of ane prince, quhairthroch juftice, polycie and richeffe did flowrifhe and abound through the hole Yle of Albowne.

The King and Quene, all the reft of this yeir, paff throch the principalle townes in the fouth partis of the realme and abby placeis, quhair gryt interteynement wes maid to thame, and findrie gudely propynels and giftis was giffin to the Quene, in tokin of blyeithnes, for the ufe obfervit in Scotland was at that tyme, as it was mony yeiris befoir, that the King, the Quene and thair trayn traivaillit for the maift parte of the yeir throch the realme, and lodged in the abby placeis, or with the bifchops and prelats, quhair thay wer weille intertayneit certane dayis, and at thair departing, the bifchop or abbot, maifter of the plaice, gave ane purfe to the King and ane uther to the Quene, with certane quantitie of gold contenit thairintill, quhilk extendit yeirly to ane gryt fowm.

About this tyme thair happynned a gryt divifione betuix the King of Denmark and his nobillis be meanes of the Duik of Holftre, quha pretendit to haif the croun, quhairby the King of Denmark was conftreyned to leave the cuntrey and come in Scotland, requiring fupport of the King as being laitly come of his bloud, and his confiderat alfo. Quhairfoir the King, be advyfe and perfuacione of the King of Fraunce, prepared ane army of ten thoufand men, and appointit the Erle of Arrane thair liuetenaunt, and fend thame in Denmark with the King, quhairby he wes reftorit to his kingdome, autoritie and governement of the cuntrey; and fo thay leiffing him in peace and quietnes returned in

Scotland with greit honour to the King of Scotland and his cuntrey, for his princely support gevin to this afflicted King, being of his kyn and confiderat; and in doing thair of shew himself a mirrour in geving guide exampill to all uther Princis in the like case.

Sone eftir the mariage of the Kinge wes complet, he caused convene the three estatis of the realme, and held a parliament, in the quhilk the Quene his wiffe was crowned, and many guide actis and constitutionis maid, specialllye tueching the divisioun of sherriffdomes, be the quhilk it wes certanely knowen. quhair and in quhat place justice shuld be ministrat-ed in the justice arys and shiriff courtis, asuell to the inhabitantis of the Hielandis and of the Ylis as to the Lawlandis; sua that during all the Kingis tyme, thair wes als greit obedience observed toward him and his lawis be the same Hieland men as in any part of the Lawland.

Quhill the King wes in this maner at guid peace with England, justice being weill ministrat within his realme, sua that all his subjectis wer in tranquillitie and quietnes, certane of his counfall inventit moyen-nis and wayis to conqueis landis and silver unto him be the way of re-cognitiones, as they did call it at that tyme; quhilk wes in effect that the King causit charge every barroun and frehalder quha held lands of the crown, to produce thair evidentis beirand the maner of the halding of thair landis; and in case the same wer not sufficient, conforme to thair auld infestementis and lawis of the realme, the landis be rigour of the lawe mycht be decernit to becum in the Kingis will; bot the noble and gentle Prince [perfavand] his subjectis to gruge thairwith as ane new inventit maner to truble the estate of the cuntrey, did easely and gentlie aggre with the auld possessouris and awnaris, for the quhilk he conquiest gret favour of his people, and the inventouris of that practis greit hatrent.

For haldin of the cuntrey in guide ordour, the Kinge travelled throch the north partis of the realme, and caused hald justice aires for punishe-ment of gryit crymes, and pardonit small offenceis, sic as oppressiounis,

under condicione that in case the committaris thairof war found culpable in the lik in tyme cuming, all thair former offenceis shuld be imput unto thame, and thai to be puneist be the rigour of the lawe, quhilk is three greit oppreSSIONES be death ; and this maid the hole realme to be haldin in greit quietnes all his dayis.

This yeir in Maye the King begouth ane justice air at Lawder, and held furth the same in Edinburgh, quhair the Lord of Thorntoun wes conviCT be ane assise for the slauchter of his wyfe, and heidit.

Thair come ane ambassadour furth of Gilder to the King, to renew the baund and lege of frendeship standand amangis thame ; quhilk wes done principallie becaus he fearit the Duches of Burgondye, than governant of Flanders, fuld invaid his cuntrey, as sho did estiruart.

At the same tyme thair come ane hearald furth of France fra the King, callit Mongumry, with glaide messuages to him, and was thankfullie reffavit, honeffly rewardit, and spedely send againe with ansuer.

In this symmer ane greit and costly ship, quhilk had bene apoun the Kingis expensis, wes compleit, and sett furth into the raid of Leith the sevint of Julij ; and the King salit him self into her to the yle of Maij in the firth, and wes drevin in agane with storme ; bot wes schortlie thaireftir send furth agane to the seas with findre vailyeant gentill men into her aganis the Holanderis, quaha had takin and spoilyeit divers Scottis ships, and crewally had muredrest and cassin ourburd the merchauntis and passingeris being thairintill ; bot for revenge of the samyn, Andro Bartone did tak mony shippis of that cuntrey, and fillit certane pipis with the heidis of the Holondaris and send unto the King in Scotland, for dew punihement and revenge of thair crueltie.

Ane starn lyke ane comete the x. day of August did appear, quhilk gaif greit lycht lyke ane sone beame, and continewit the space of xx daies ; and thairfoir the King, be the counsell of sum godlye men, usit greit devosioun and prayer all that tyme.

Ane Frenſche man callit Sir Anthony Darfy knycht, callit eftiruart Monſieur de la Bawtye, come throw Ingland into Scotland at this tyme, ſekand feattis of armis, and come to the King the 24 of September ; and the Lord Hamiltoun faucht with him in harneis vailyeantlie, bot nether of thame leiſet ther honor thairthrough ; and eftir he had tereat certane ſpace in Scotland, he returnit into Fraunce agane.

In this wynter the Kingis firſt ſone, callit James Prince of Scotland and of the Ylis, wes borne at the Abbay of Halyrudhous the xxj day of Februar ; and on the xxij day of the ſame moneth he wes baptyſet in the Abby kirk with convenient triumphe, and wes callit James ; his godfaderis being Robert Biſchop of Glaſcow, and Patrick Erle Boithuell, and the Countas of Huntly his god moder. Eftir the quhilke birth the Quene wes wexit with ſeiknes, quhairfoir the King paſſit to Sanct Ninianis on his futt for hir helth, and eftir in Julij the King and Quene baith paſſit and viſſet Saint Ninianis in pilgrimage.

Schortlye thaireftir Julius the ſecound, Paip for the tyme, ſend ane ambaffadour to the King, declaring him to be proteſtour and defendour of chriſten faythe, and in ſigne thairof, ſend unto him ane purpour diadame wrocht with flouris of gold, with ane ſword, having the hiltis and ſkabert of gold, ſett with precious ſtains, quhilkis war delyverit be the ſame ambaffadour, and Abbot of Domfermeling in the Abby Kirk of Halyrudhous, and confirmit alſua the treaties of peace contractit betuix the King of Scotland and Ingland.

Alſo at the ſame tyme, the Lorde of the Fier in Zeland, quha wes laitlie deſcendit of the King of Scotlands bluid, in remembrance thairof ſend his bailye of the Fier to the King with guid horſſis, and uther riche propins, quha ſend agane his ordour of Scotland unto the ſaid Lord, and maid the bailye ane knycht, and rewardit him honourable ; quha returnit in his awin cuntrey againe in the moneth of Auguſt thaireftir.

The hail realme of Scotland wes in ſic quietnes, that the King raid

him allane with great deligens on ane day fra Striveling be Perth and Aberdene to Elgine in post, quhair he reposit him on ane hard burd ane certane space of the nycht in Mr Thomas Lellies hous, than parfoun of Kinguiffie ; and on the morn raid to Sanct Dutheis in Rosse be the messe, the last day of August, bot returnit agane to Striveling be jorney, accompaynieit with the nobilitie of these cuntries.

The xxvij day of September the Archebischopp of Sanct Androis and the Erle of Arrane wer send ambaffadouris to the King of France, and past be sey, for obteaning of certane privilegeis for the commone weill of the realme, speciallie towart the garde and gentlemen of armes in Fraunce, and the weill of merchantis.

This tyme thair wes ane Italiane with the King, quha wes maid Abbott of Tungland, and wes of curious ingyne. He causet the King believe that he, be multiplynge and utheris his inventions, wold make fine golde of uther mettall, quhilk science he callit the quintaffence ; quhairupon the King maid greit cost, bot all in vaine. This Abbott tuik in hand to flie with wingis, and to be in Fraunce befor the saidis ambaffadouris ; and to that effect he causet mak ane pair of wingis of fedderis, quhilkis beand fessinit apoun him, he flew of the castell wall of Striveling, bot shortlie he fell to the ground and brak his thee bane ; bot the wyt thairof he asscryvit to that thair was fum hen fedderis in the wingis, quhilk yarnit and covet the mydding and not the fkyis. In this doinge he preiffit to conterfute ane King of Yngland callit Bladud, quha, as thair histories mentiones, decked him self in fedderis, and presumed to flie in the aire as he did, bot falling on the tempell of Appollo, brak his neck.

Upoun the xvij day of Februar nixt following, James the Prince of Scotland diet at Striveling ; and the Bischop of Gallouy, quha wes appointit to be his maister, deceiffit that same tyme.

The foresaid Sir Anthony Darfye, callit de la Bawty, and ane of his

breder with him, come into Scotland agane in cumpany with the Bischop of Ross, and wes weill intertaynit and treit be the King and nobilitie of his vailyeantnes and practys of armeis.

And upoun the ix day of Maij the Lorde Obinye, callit Barnard Stewart, a Scottisman, and the President of Tholowze, war fend into Scotland ambaffadors for Lewis King of France, and thay war thankfullie reffavit be the King. The fume of thair message wes, declaring how that he had no man child of his awin, and thairfoir wes purpofit to marye his eldest dochter to Franceis de Vellois, Dolphine de Vien, and Duik of Angolefme, albeit that Charles the King of Castell, quha eftir wes Emperour, maid greit fute to have her in mariage. And becaus he wald end no greit contract concerning the estate of his cuntrey without the advyce of the princeis his confiderat frindes, of quhom he estemit him maist tendir in blud and be lang obfervance of frindship, desyryng thairfoir his counfall thairintill; quha eftir advysemēt gaif anfuer to the saidis ambaffadouris, that albeit the K. of France his guide brodir had sufficient counfall of mony noble and wise princeis, alfeweill within his dominione as without the same, yit becaus he had desyrit his advyse, he wald frindely gif the same; that he thocht it best that his eldest dochter fuld be marieit within his awin realme of France, and rather upon him quhome he appointit to succeid eftir him, nor upoun ony utheris; for gif sho wer maryeit apoun any forene prince, it mycht gif ane cullour to clame title to the faide realme eftiruart. And sua the faide president of Tholowze returning in Fraunce reportit the said anfuer unto the King, quha wes verray glaid thairwith, as according to that quhilk he had determinat with himself to do. The Lord Dobenye tuik seiknes and diet at Corstorphine in the moneth of Junii, quha caufit fend his hart to Sainct Ninianis in Galloway, becaus he had advouted his pilgrimage to pas thair, the tyme of his being in Naples, quhen he wes viceroy thairof for the King of France, and had fochin divers battellis in Italie

and France and wan the fame ; and wes principall liuetenant fend with King Henry the fevint in Ingland with the King of France support aganis Richard the usurpar, and wan the battell quhair K. [Richard] wes flane ; and sua eftir mony noble and valyeant actis, endit his life in his awin native cuntrey.

This fymmer in the moneth of Majj and Junij, thair wes greit atturmentis and justinge in Edinburch, be ane quha callit himfelf the wyld knycht, and ranconterit be the Frenfche men, with counterfutting of the round tabill of King Arthour of Ingland. This wyld knycht wes the King himfelf, quha wes vaileyaunt in armeis, and could very weill exerce the fame.

The Archediene of St Androis and Sir Anthony Darfye wes fend in ambaffadrie to the King of France be fey, quha departit the xxvij day of Majj, and the King convoyit thame to the yle of the May in the firth be fey. The principall effect of thair meffuage was rather for intertainment of frindschip nor for ony greit or wechtie effaris. And at the same tyme the bifchop of Murray wes fend ambaffadour in Ingland for the like caus.

Schortlie thaireftir the Quene partit with ane madin barne the xv day of July, and wes in greit pereill of her lief ; and fone eftir the barne gat cristendome, deceiffit.

About this time the bifchop of Glasgou, quha wes pallit to Jerufalem, or he come to the end of his journey, deceiffit the xxix day of July. He wes ane noble, wyfe and godlie man ; and the faide bifchoprik wes gevin be the King to James Betoun, quha wes becom ane wise counfallour eftirwart.

Thair was a gret gadding the xxx day of Julij, betuix the Lord Maxwell and the Lord Creychtoun of Sanchar, quhair the Lord Creychtoun wes chaiffit with his cumpany fra Dumfreis, and the Laird of Dolyell, and the young [Laird] of Crauchlay flane with divers utheris,

quhair of thair appered greit deidly feid and bludhdhed ; bot the King tuk sic ordour, partlie be justice and partely be aggrement, that the hole caufe wes suddanlye quyeted and stancheit.

In September, ane gret erd quak wes, the xix day thair of in divers placeis, and for the maist part in the kirkis, quhilk wes afueill in Ingland as in Scotland.

For intertynement of freindship, the King of England fend ane gentill man with horflis to the King and Quene, and sum of thame barde steille, for the Kings use, quhilk wer presentit the first day of OOctober, and the messinger weille rewardit be the King, returnit into Ingland. And shortlie thairefter, the King of Scotland fend againe certane propper Scottis horflis, principallie of Galloway, with a greit number of guid Scottis halkeis to the King of Ingland ; so that be sic mutuall taikinnis and propoynes, the love and hartly kindnes mainetened and nurished betuix those tua princis, as betuix the fader and the sonne.

At the saide tyme, the Archdene of St Androis returning frome France in ane greit ship callit Thesaurer, the same brak on the coist of Ingland ; the saide archedene with three hundreth personis that wes thairintill, wes had to the King of Ynglandis presens, bot schortlie was delyverit, and returnit to Edinburgh in November nixt follouinge.

Adame Erle Boithueill and Lord Hales deceiffit at Edinburgh the xvij daie of OOctober, and Erle Patrick succeidit to him.

The King and Quene passit to Falkland, quhair thay remanit till the next yoill, quhilk thay keipit with thair nobles in Sant Androis, with greit triumphe and banqueting, and thairefter about the xvij of Januar returnit to Edinburgh, quhair thay remanit quhill neir Pasche, and than passit to Striveling.

In the beginning of the nixt yeir, Henry the sevint King of Ingland, ane noble, wise and vertuous prince, deceiffit at Richemont the xxij of Aprill 1509 ; and left behind him Henry Prince of Walis, Lady

Margret Quene of Scottis his eldest dochter, and Marye, quha eftir wes mariet on King Lewis of France, bot had na yffue to him, and eftir his deceiffe wes mariet upoun Charles Brandone Duik of Suffolk, eftir the coronacione of King Henry the aucht.

The K. of Scotland fend ane honorable ambaffaderie of certane lordis with ane bifchop to congratulat him at his first entre to his crown, as the ufe of prelatis is. About this tyme Johne Bartone, haveing ane lettre of mark upoun the Portingallis, and Andro Bartone alfo, tuik diyers Portingall fchippis with costely merchandife, and brocht thame into Scotland.

This fymer, the King paff with ane cumpany in pilgrimage to Saint Duthois of Roffe. And in the menetyme, the Quene remanit in Halyrudhous, and wes delyverit of ane fone the xx day of Oclober, quha wes baptifet the third day thaireftir, and callit Arthour Prince of Scotland.

At this tyme thair come tua greit fchippis furth of France, laidnit with gunnis, fpeiris and all kinds of municionis, fend to the King be the King of France.

The King, Quene and Prince being refident in the caftell of Edinburch, Alexander, new maid Archbifchop of St Androis, baftard fone to the King, quha had bene lang in Germanie at the fkulis with Eraffmus Roteradamus that cunning clarke, come in Scotland furth of Flanders be fey; quha wes thankfullie reffavit be the King and nobles, principally becaus he had exercieit his youthhed fua weill in letteris and vertew. And with him come alfo in Scotland the laird of Faftcaftell, quha had traivellit throwch all Christendome, and hed bene with the Turk in the cietie of Cair, quha caufit him remane in his fervice weill treatit; quhair beand advertit that the leving of Faftcaftell wes fallin unto him as lauchfull air thairto, albeit at his departinge of Scotland thair wes alive aucht findre perfons befor him to fuceid, and than all deid, the Turk rewardit him richelie for his fervice, and fend him

hame in Scotland. The King had also ane uther bastard sone callit James, quhom he maid Erle of Murray, and was a verray wyfe noble man, and leived in gryt honour mony yeiris thairestir in Scotland.

The xiiij daye of July, Arthour Prince of Scotland and of Ilis deceiffit in the castell of Edinburgh, throwch the quhilk the King and Quene left the toun and past to Strivelinge.

Thair wes fund tua scorpionis, ane quik and the uther deid, in the orchard of Cragmillar, quhilk wes haldin ane greit marveill that ony sic fuld be within the Ile of Britane.

Thair wes ane feknes univerfallie in the moneth of September in Scotland, throucht hoist, quhilk infectit utheris lyke ane pestilence, quhairof mony deit, and it wes callit be the peple stoup galland.

The King caufit ane perfyte gunnar, callit Robert Borthuik, yett gunnis in the castell of Edinburgh, apoun the quhilkis wes wriettin, *Machina fum Scoto Borthuik fabricata Roberto, Jacobo quarto rege jubente pio* ; quhairof fum remanis yit to this our dayis.

About this tyme thair come ane fair woman in Scotland, and called herself Katherin Gordoun, as it hed bene sho quaha wes mariet with Richart Duik of York, and wes past into Yngland with him as is befoir mencioned ; and this woman was weile intertynait be the Erle of Huntlyis frindis, and convoit to Saint Duthois in Ros, and thairfra verray honorably, quhill sho come to the King in Edinburgh ; quhair secretly sho confessit to the King her abuse, quhilk he confelit also apoun hir, and caufit hir depart furth of the realme schortly. In this meane tyme Lady Katherine Gordoun her self, callit the quhite rose, wes dwelling in England, and had ane guidly rent of landis thair gevin to hir be K. Henry the sevint, quhair she levit mony yeiris thairefter honourablye.

At the same tyme the King raid furth of Edinburgh, the viij of November one the nycht, weill accompanait to the watter of Roulle, quhair

he tuik divers brokin men and brocht thame to Jeduart ; of quhom sum wes justifeit, and the principallis of the trubillis come in lyning claythis, with nakitt fordin in thair handis and widdyis about thair neckis, and pat thame in the Kingis will ; quha wes fend to divers castells in ward, with findrie utheris of that cuntrey men also, quhair throch-out the bordouris wes in greiter quietnes thairefter. And the King thairfra passit to Perth, quhair justice aris wes haldin the rest of that winter.

This yeir in the beginning of May, the Quene tuik voiage furth of Dumfermling to St Duthois in Ross, and in all her journey wes honourable interteneit, and come to Edinburgh agane about the x day of July ; quhair the Lord Dacre and Sir Robert Drury wes cumin ambassadouris fra the King of Yngland, and wes honourable reffavit.

In the moneth of Junij, Andro Bartone, being one the fey in weir-fair contrar the Portingallis, aganis quhome he had ane lettre of mark, Sir Edmond Haward Lord Admirall of England, and Lord Thomas Haward sone and air to the Erle of Surry, past furth at the King of Englandis command, with certane of his best schippis ; and the said Andro being in his voyage sayling towart Scotland, haveand onelie bot one schipe and ane barke, thay sett apoun at the Downis, and at the first entre did make signe unto thame that thair wes freindship standing betuix the tua realmes, and thairfoir thocht thame to be freindis ; quhairwith thay na thing movit, did cruelly invaid, and he manfullie and currenceously defendit, quhair thair wes mony flane, and Andro himself fair woundit that he diet shortlye ; and his schip callit the Lyoun, and the bark callit Jennypirrvyne, quhilkis with the Scottis men that wes levand wer hed to Londoun, and keipit thair as presonaris in the bischop of York hous, and eftir wes fend hame in Scotland. Quhen that the knalege herof come to the King, he fend incontynent ane harald to the Kinge of Yngland with lettres requiring drefs for the slauchter of Andro Bartane, with the schippis to be randerit agane, utherwayis it

mycht be ane occasioun to break the leage and peace contractit betuix thame. To the quhilk it wes anfuercit be the King of Ingland, that the slauchter being ane pirat, as he allegit, fuld be na break to the peace ; yit nochttheles he fuld caus commiffionaris meit upoun the bordouris, quhair thay fuld treat upoun that and all uther enormities betuix the tua realmes.

Here is to be confidered and weile noted, the first motione of the gryit trubles quhilk estiruart did fall betuix the tuo princis of Scotland and Yngland, quhilk happinit principale becaus King Henry the aucht of Yngland, being ane young man left be his fader with greit welth and riches, wes varray desierous to haif weiris quhairin he mycht exerce his youthhed, thinking thairby to [dilate] his dominions ; and hering of greit differenceis and wearis standing betuix King Lewys the xij of France and Paip Julij the fecound, and also betuix Margret Duches of Savoy and dochter to Maximilian the empreour, governor of Flanderis and the Lawe Cuntreis, aganis the Duik of Gilders ; the faide King Henry fend fyftene hundreth archeris with Sir Edward Pwnyngis knycht, thair capitaine, to assist the faid Duches for invading of the faide Duik of Gilder ; and siclike determinat be his counfall and parliament to invaid the realme of France, alleiging him to haif just title to conqueis the same ; and the tyme sa commodious be reassoun of the wearis standing betuix the Paip and the King of France in Italie ; and sua maid greit preparacione thairfoir, and determinat him self to passe in proper person in France to that effect, as he did in deid thaireftir. Quhairfoir the faide King of France and Duik of Gilderis fend thair ambaffadouris in Scotland to the King, desiering his concurrance aganis King Henry in respect of the ancient confideracie betuix thame ; bot he willing to interteny frindship amangis thame, did fend ane ambaffadour to the King of Yngland, desiering him in broderly and luffing maner to lief in peace and quietnes, and not to mak ony invasioun

upoun his confideratt frindis, beand tender as thay wes in bluid and frindshipp unto him ; and offerit him redy to tak labouris to aggre and compone onye difference standing betuix the King of Ingland and the saidis princis ; to the quhilk he gaif guid anfuers, difsembling that he wes makand ony preparacione for France, and promiseing to caus his army returne from Gilder, and that he wald use the King of Scotland his guid broderis counfall in all his greit and weychty cauffis ; suppois he meant na sic thing bot to dryf tyme, as it proveit shortlie thair-ettir.

At the samyn tyme the saide ambaffadour come hame in Scotland furth of France, Johne Lord Gordoun, sone and air to Alexander Gordoun than Erle of Huntly, quha wes ettir marieit with the kingis bastard dochter, in November in the same yeir of God 1512, of quhome the hous of Huntly is discendit.

Thair wes ane provinciall counfall haldin in the Black Fryeris of Edinburgh, be the haill clargy, bifchoppis, abbottis, pryouris and utheris prelattis of the realme, quhair thair wes ane legat of the Papis, quha caufit make ane taxacione of all the benefices that wes above fourty punds yeirly rent, callit Bayemontis taxt, quhairthrough the Paip and the King alsua mycht know the valour of the benefices, and to haif taxaciones thairof accordingly ; the Paip for the annat and the bullis, and the King quhen any taxacione fuld be had to do granted be the clargye. Sone ettir the Bifchop of Murray come hame fra Rome, France and Ingland, with mony guide wrettingis fra all thay princeis, and ane clark of Spayne come with him to the King.

In the moneth of Aprill, in the xj day thairof, 1512, the Quene wes deliverit of ane fair prince in the palyce of Linlythgw, quha wes schortlie thairettir baptist, and namet James the fyft, Prince of Scotland and Ylis, quha ettir succedit to the crowin.

The Lord Dacre and Doctour West come ambaffadouris fra the K.

of England to Edinburgh, the fourt daye of May, with guid lettres promeing to caus redress be maid of all wrangis betuix the realmes of Scotland and Yngland; quhilk wes done onely to staye Robert Bartane and utheris Scottis men, quha wes bound in weirfair to the sey, and also quhill that the army of England mycht be transportit in France.

In the same tyme greit weir wes begun on the sey betuix France and England, and Monsieur de la Mote come in Scotland, send ambaffador be the King of France, with lettres to persuaide the K. of Scotland to mak wear aganis England, promeisand money, munitioun and all necessar furnesing thairto; and in his cuming he drownit three Inglis schippis, and brocht in sevin uther pryfes with him to Leith, and schortlie eftir him, maister James Ogilby abbot of Drybrough come fra the K. of Fraunce with lettres to the same effect. Eftir the quhilk, Robert Bartane past to the sey in weirfare, and brocht in Scotland schortlie thair- eftir xiiij pryfes of Inglis men in the moneth of July, and the saide Monsieur de la Mothe returnit shortlie in France, with a guide anfuere to the King.

About this time the laird of Drumweydy wes slane in Edinburgh be tua of the surname of the Jerdains, quha tuik girthe in Halirudehous and escapit.

Johne Erle of Athole deceifit the xix day of September, and Lyon harald king of armes deceifit the first of October.

Thair wes greit misreule apoun the bourdouris, and thairfoir the King convenit the lordis in Edinburgh for reforming of the same; and quhill thay wer thair, the Quene partit with ane child quha wes cristenit and deit sone eftir.

In the same moneth of November, thair come to the Kinge ane greit schip, send fra the King of Fraunce, full of artailerie, pulder and wyne, and the leag and band betuix Scotland and France renewit [be] Monsieur de la Mot quhan he landit at the Blacknefs the 29 of November.

Unicorn and Ilay purfyphantis wer fend be the King, the ane in France, and Ilay to Ingland, quha defyrit ane fauf conduitt to ane ambaffadour of the King of Scotland, to haif paffit to the prefence of the King of Ingland, bot the fame wes refulet. Eftir quhais returning, Monfieur de la Mote wes fend agane in Fraunce, and Sir Walter Ogilby with him, and ane poft of the Papis quha had bene than in Scotland. And thaireftir the xvj day of Marche, Doctour Weft come ambaffadour fra the King of Ingland, quha appointit ane meiting to be apoun the bourdouris, of commiffionaris for redrefle of all controverfies and debatis betuix the tua realmes, in the moneth of Junij nixt thereftir; quhilk wes keipit, bot na redres maid thairat.

Eftir this meitinge of the commiffionaris on the bourdouris, the bifchop of Murray wes fend be fey in France in ambaffadre, to declare the cuming of the faid Doctour Weft, and of his meffage, and of meiting one the bordouris, and to know the King of France pleafor in all thefe proceedingis.

In the moneth of May, thair come certane fchippis fra the King of Denmark to the King of Scotland, with gunnis, poulder, harnes and uther kindes of munitioun. Alfo de la Mote brocht in four fchippis at the weft fey fra the King of Fraunce, laidinit with wyne and flour to the King of Scotland, the xiiij day of May, and departit againe the xxix day.

At the famyn tyme, the greit Odinle of Ireland come to the King at Edinburgh the firft day of Junij, offering his frindefchip and fervice to him befoir all uther princeis, and in speciall contrar the King of England; quha wes thankfullye acceptit, weile interteynit and richelie rewardit, and ane band of frindeshipp maid with him, and fua he returnit into his cuntrey.

In the meane whyle, King Henry of Ingland pafft in France with ane greit army, and befeiget the toun of Turueyn.

During this feafone the King preparit ane greit navy of fchippis, the

principalls thair of being the Michael, Margaret and James, weil accompaniit, quha passit to the sey the xxvij day of Julij. The King himself failed in the Michael till thay past the May. James Gordoun, sone to George Erle of Huntly, quha is yit levand, wes ane of the capitaines of the faidis schippis.

The commissiouners of baith the realmes, as wes appointit be Doctor West, meit on the bordouris in the moneth of Junij, quhair the wrangis done unto Scotland mony wayis, speciallie of the slauchter of Andro Bartane and takine of his schippis ware confessit, and findrie billis also fylit one the bordouris, as the use is; bot the commissiouners of Ingland wald not consent to mak ony redress or restitucione till the xv day of October nixt, thinking be that delay and continewatioun thay mycht know the estat of the King of Inglandis proceedingis in France, in the meane tyme to hald thair handis full of Scottis menis guidis, quhilk thay had takine baith be sey and land; quhilk being reportit to the King of Scotland, he fend Lyoun king of armis with all possible diligence in Fraunce, to denunce and declare to the King of Ingland, being thair for the tyme, that becaus of the injuries and wrangis done to him and his subjeētis be the said King of Ingland and his subjeētis, and als the present invasioun quhilk he maid upoun his confideratt frindis, the maiste cristene King of France and Duik of Gilder; thairfoir requirit the King of Ingland to returne into his awin realme, and discift fra the perfute of the faidis princis, and to repair and redress the injuries quhilkis he and his leiges had sustenit, utherwyis that the saide Lyoun harald fuld denunce to him wear; and to that effect the King fend to K. Henry ane lettre with the said herald. And the King of Ingland lyand at the siege of Tirwyne in France, the saide Lyon herald arryvit in his army with his cote of armes one him, and desyrit to speike with the King; quha wes within schorte space be gartar cheif king of armes in Ingland brocht to the Kingis presens, being accompaniit with

his nobillis ; quhair with dew reverence and sum guid wordis first spokin, deliverit the saide lettre to the King, quha [releit] the same, and red it him self, and thaireftir caufit reid it befor his counfall, and whair of the trew tenour follouis,—

Rycht excellent, rycht heiche, and mychty prince, oure darrest brother and coufing, We command us unto you in oure maste hartlie maner, and releit fra Rayff herauld youre lettres, quhairintill ye approve and allowe the doyings of youre commiffioneirs latelie beinge with ours at the bordouris of bayth the realmes for makinge of redrefs, quhilk is thocht to you and youre counfalle fould be continewit and delayit to the xv day of October. Alse ye writ that flayers be fey aucht not compair personallie, bot be thair atturnayis. And in youre uther lettres with oure herauld Ilay, ye ascertane us ye will not entre in the treux takin betuix the maist cristene King and your fader of Aragone, becaus ye and uthers of the hallie leige nether fuld nor may tak peace, treux nor obffinence of weare with your commone enemy, without consent of all the confiderattis ; and that the Emperoure, King of Aragon, ye and everie of yow be boundin to mak actuall wear this instant fommer aganis youre commone enemy, and that so to do is opinelye sworne and concludit in Pawlis kirk in Lundoun, upone Sancte Markis day last by past. And fardir, haiff denyeit save conduite upone oure requestis, that ane servitor of ouris mycht have refertit your presens, as oure herauld Ilay reportis. Rycht high, excellent, rycht high and mychty prince, oure derrest broder and coufing, the saide meiting of oure and your commiffioneris at the bordouris, wes peremptourielie appointit betuix you and us, eftir divers dietis for reformatioun befor continewit to the commiffionaris meitinge, to the effect that dew redres fuld haiff ben maide at the same meiting ; lyke as for oure part oure commiffionaris offerit to have maid at that tyme, and for your part na malefactour wes arrestit to the saide dyet ; and to glofe the same, ye now wryt that

flaiers be fey neid not compeir perfonallie, bot be thair atturnys, quhilk is againe law of God and mane ; and gif in criminale actioun all flaiers fuld nocht compeir perfonallie, na punifione fould follow for flauchter, and thane vane it wor to feik farder metingis or redrefse. And heirby apperis, as the deid fchawis, that ye will nother keipe guid wayis of iuftice and equitie, nor kindnes with us ; the greit wrongis and unkindnes donne befor to us and oure leiges we ponderat, quhilk we haiff fufferit this long tyme, in upberinge, maynfwering, nonredreffing of attemptates ; fo as the bill of the takin of in halding of baftard Heron with his complices in your cuntre, quha flew oure wardane undre trest of dayis of meiting for iuftice, and thairof wes fylit and ordaynit to be dellyverit ; in flaying of oure liege noble men under coullour by your folkis ; in taking of uthers oute of our realme, pefonit and cheineit be the craggis in your cuntrie ; with halding of oure wyffis legacie promeff in your diuerfe letteris, for dyfpit of us ; flauchter of Andro Bartane by your awine command, quha thane haid nocht offendit to yow nor your leigeis, unredreffed, and breking of the amitie in that behailf by your deid ; and withhalding of oure fchippis and artillarie to your ufe ; quhairupone eftir oure diuers requificionis at your wardens, commiffioners, ambaffadouris and yourfelff, ye wrett and als flew by uthers unto us, that full redrefse fuld be maid at the faid meiting of commiffioneris, and fua wer in hope of reformatioun ; or at leff ye for our faik wald haif defiftit fra inuafione of our frindes and coufingis within thair awine cuntries, that have nocht offendit at yow ; as we firft requirit yow in fauour of oure tendre coufinge the Duik of Gilder, quham to diftroy and difhereit ye fend your folkis and dyd that in thame ; and rycht fua laitlie defierit for our brodir and coufing the maiff hie Cristiane King of France, quhame ye have caufit to tyne his cuntrey of Millaigne, and now inuaidis his felff, quha is with us in fecund degree of bluid, and hes ben unto yow kind, without offence, and more kindar thane to us ;

notwithstanding in defence of his persone we mane tak part, and thairto he, becaus of uthers, haif gevin occasiōe to us, and to oure leiges in tyme bipast, nother doing kindlye nor justelie towerd us, proceding alwayis to the uther destruētiōne of oure nearest frindis, quha mane do for us quhane it falbe necessarie. Ane evill exampill that ye will heireftir be better unto us, quha ye litle favour, manifestlie wrangid your sifter foir oure saike, incontrary oure writtis, and saying unto oure herald, that we gif yow fair wordis and thinkis the contrarye. In deid, suth it is we gif yow wordis as ye deid us, trusting ye fuld haif mendit to us or worthin kindar to oure frindis for oure saikeis, and fuld nocht haif stopped oure servitouris passage to labour peace, that thay mycht as the paipis holyness exhorted us by his brevites to do, and thairupone we wor contentit to haif oure seyne our harmeis, and to have remittit the same, thoch uther informatione wes maid to our haly father Paip Julij by the cardinale of York, youre ambassadour. And sen ye have now put us fra all guid beleif throw the premissis, and speciallie in denying of save conduit to our servantis to resort to your presens as your ambassadour, Doctor West instantlie desyrit we fuld send ane of oure consale unto yow upoun greit matters, and appointing of differenttes debateble betuix yow and us, furthering of peace, gif we mycht, betuix the maist hie Cristiane King and yow, we nevir hard to this purpose save conduit denyet betuix infideles. Herfoire we write to yow at this tyme at lenth the playnes of our mynd, that we requyre and desyer yow to decist fra farder invasiōe and utter destruētiōun of our broder and coung the maist hie Cristene King, to quhome be all confidderacione, bluid and alye, and also be new band, quhilk ye have compellit us latelie to tak throw your injurys and harmeis without remedie, done daylie unto us, our leiges and subjeētis, we ar boundin and oblist, for mutuall defence ilk of utheris, lyk as ye and your considerattis be oblist for mutuall invasiōis and actuall warr: Certefying yow we will tak part in defence

of our brother and coufing the maift hie Chriftiane King, and will do quhat we traitt may craft caus yow to defist fra purfute of him ; and for denyet[or]poftponet juftice to oure leiges, we mane gif lettres of marque, according to the amitie betuix yow and us, quhairto ye have haid litell regard in tyme begane, as we have ordaynit oure herauld the berer heiroy to faie, gif it lik yow to heir him and gif him credence. Rycht excellent, rycht high and mychtie prince, oure derrest brother and coufing, the Trinitie have yowe in keping. Gevine under oure fignet at Edinburgh the xxvj day of Julij 1513.

Quhen this lettre wes red and confiderit, the King of England fend for Lyoun herrald, and declarit to him that he had weill advyfed upoun the contentis of his lettre, and wald gif anfuer unto him be tounge, fua that he wald tell the fame to the King his maifter. Than anfuerit the faid king of armes,—Sir, I am his naturall fubject, and he my naturall Lord, and that he commandis me to faie, I may bauldly fay, with favour ; bot the commaundementis of utheris I may nocht nor dar nocht fay to my Soverane Lord ; bot youre lettres may, with your honour fend, may declar your pleafour ; albeit, your anfuer requiris doing and no writing, that is, that immediatlie yow fuld returne hame. Than faid the King, ‘I will returne at my plefour to your damage,’ and with mony uther ficlik injurious wordis, and nocht at thy maifters fummoning. Than Lyoun denunceit weare to the King of England, yit the King deliverit him ane lettre bering his anfuer to the King ; and fua the faid harrauld departit and pafft in Flanders to haif fchippit thair, bot he gat nocht redie paffige, and come nocht in Scotland quhill Floudoun feld wes strikin and the Kinge flane.

Eftir this defyance declarit be the King of Scotlandis herrald to the King of England, he fend in England with all diligence to the erle of Surry his lieutenant, callit Lord Thomas Haward, fone to the Lord Johne Haward Duke of Northfolk, and hiech thefaurer and marfhall of

England, quhome he haid appointit at his departing to be his lieutenant in the north partis aganis Scotland, and that he fuld rais the powars of all the schippis fra Trent northe, besyd his ordinar cumpany and foul-diours appointit to remane with him, gifand him commaund to invaid Scotland with all possibill diligens with fyir and fuord in maist cruell maner. And the King of Scotland beand advertist of that greit preparacione, albeit his herrald wes nocht returnit to him with ansuer; hear- and also that Sir Walter Bulmer wes cuming with ane greit cumpany to the bourdouris the first day of August, and sua be oppin takingis dailie perfeit that the Inglis men intendit weare: Quhairfor the Lord Home, chalmerlane and wardan of the marches, hearing that the Inglis men wes cumin within Scottis boundis, and had takin away prays of guidis, he suddandly follout thame, and chaifet thame within thair cuntrey far into Northumberland and releifit the pray, and tuik findre presoneris, and nocht beand contentit thairwith, raifet fyer and brunt diverse townis; bot or he could returne agane, the Inglis men wes affem- blit in greit cumpany, and lay in ane strait way of his passage, quhair at a brume feld besyd Milfeild thay forgadderit, and dyvers wes hurt and flane, and sum Scottis men tane presoneris, bot the saide Lord cham- berlane eschapeit; quhilk wes the xij day of August 1513; and this wes the first declaracione of oppin wear betuix Scotland and England.

Than the King of Scotland raifet ane greit army and come toward the bourdouris of England, and wald not tarry apoun the hail forceis of the realme, quha wes prepairand and comand forduart. He passit over the watter of Twede and enterit in England the xxij day, with ane few cumpany, and lay that nycht at Twefilhauche in Northumberland, and one the nixt day layet seige to the castell of Norhame, quhilk wes weil furneifit with men and all kynd of munitione; and within schorte space thaireftir thay wan the fowfeis, keift down the barmekine, and flewe fundre within the said castell. And the keiparis thair of desyerit the

King to delay the feige quhill thay mycht fend to the Erle of Surry, quha was than lyand at Newcastell with ane army, promiseing gif thay wer nocht reliefit or the xxix day of the said moneth, thay fuld delyver the castell unto the King; quhilk wes grantit unto thame, bot nane come to releife thame; and thairfoir the castell wes delyverit to the King the said day, and gret spulye gotin thairin, and ane greit part thairof wes distroyeit and cassin doun. During the tyme that the army wes lying at the feige of the castell of Norhame, thair wes ane aēt maid be the King, with the consent of the nobilitie and barronis thair present, anent the waird, releife and mariages of thame that deceiffis in the army, of the tenour followinge: “At Tuefilhauche in Northumberland, the xxiiij day of August the yeir of God 1513 yeiris, it is statut and ordanit be the Kingis hienes, with avyfe of all his Lordis being thair for the tyme in his oift, in this forme as followis: That is to faye, gif any man beis slaine or hurt to deid in the Kingis army and oift be Inglishemen, or deis in the army induring the tyme of his oift, his airs fall haiff his wairde, releife and mareage of the King free, dispenfand with his aige, quhat eild that eur he be of; and ordinis the Kingis lettres to be direct heireupoun, to the effect aforefaid necessar as effeiris.”

Thaireftir the King wan the castell of Furd, Ettell and mony utheris, of quhilk part he caufit be cassin doun, and tuik findre presoneris and fend in Scotland, and mony wes affured; and taret in the realme of England, seikand and cravand battell, contrar the aduise of the noble men of his realme, being thair with him the space of xviiij dayis; sua that the maist part of the commonis and gentill men of his army quha come furth of far partis of his realme, for laik of victuellis, and being vexit also with evill woder, for thair wes nevir ane fair day nor scarce ane hour, bot gret cold, wind and weitt during thair remaining in Ingland, sa that onely the principall noble men of the realme nor few companyis remaynit with him.

In this meane tyme the Erle of Surray come fra the New castell with ane army of xl thousand men, and marcheit our the watter of Till touart Flowdoun hillis, quhair the King lay; quhair thair wes herrald fend one every fyd, and the day of the battell appointit, to meit on the watter of Till the ix day of September; quhair the King tuik his campt and prepairit him self redie for the battell, placeand his ordinanceis and artillarie for the same, and fend his querell in writt to the said Erle with Ilay the herrald, on the nycht preceiding the battell, beiring thir wordis :

“ Quhair it is alleged that we are cum in Ingland aganis oure band and promeis, thairto we anfuere; Our brodir wes bound als far to us as we wer to him; and quhen we suare laft befor his ambassade in presens of oure counfall, we expressit speciallie in oure aithe, that we wald keip to our brodir gif oure broder keipit to us, and nocht ellis. We fueir oure brodir brak first to us, and sen his brek we haif required diverse tymes him to amend, and laitlie we warnit oure broder, as he did nocht us or he brak. And this we tak for oure quarell, and with Godis grace fall defend the same at your defixit tyme, quhilk we fall abyde.”

And quhen the day of the feild wes cumin, and the King marchand forward toward the place quhair his enemye did campt the nycht preceiding, quhair he had the avantage of the grund, he wes schortlie advertifed of the craft of the Inglis men, quaha had that morning raifet thair campt, and marcheand about diverse hills and straittis, passit betuix the King and Scotland, thinckand to haif invaidit thame on thair backis, bot maid continewance to pas in Scotland and burnit the Merse; fua the King wes maid to beleif be ane Inglishman callit Giles Moufgraef, quhilk wes his famelier and espy, that the same wes done for ane pollicie, to caus the King and his army to leif the strenthe and com down fra the hill callit Flowdoun; and in his doune cumin the Inglis ordinaunce schot fast and did greit skaiethe, and flew his principall gunnaris; bot the Kingis artillarie did small skaithe, be reffoun of the hiecht quhair

thay ftude, they fhote over the Inglis army. Thay marched forward; the Erle of Huntly haveand the vandgard, the Lord Hwme and his frindes beand with him. The Erles of Crawford and Montrois had the reirgard, and the King him felf wes in the gret battell, and with him the Erles of Argile, Lennox and dyvers utheris. One the Inglis fyd, the Erle of Surryes eldest fone had the vandgard, and Sir Edward Stanly knycht had the reirgard, and the Erle of Surry had the greit battell.

The Scottis vantgard feirllie fett on with fperis and lang weaponis, and certane horsfemen, and threw the maist part of the said vandgard of England to the erd, flew mony of thair folkis, and the uthers fled; yit thay quha did eschape joynit thame felfis to thair greit battell; quhilk the King perfevand, beleving all to be his awin, and that the ennemies had givin bakkis, avanceit forduart the battell, nocht abyding the reirgard, him felf being on fute with thame, fet encourageoullie on the Erle of Surris battell, quhair eftir mony arrowis schott on everie fyde, and greit skaith done thairwith, the said Sir Edward Stanley with his reirgard come firefelie doun of the hill of Brankiftoun upoun the back of the Kingis army, quhairin thay faucht cruellye one baith fyds lang fpace; at laft the victory inclinit to the Inglis men, and mony of the Scottis men flane or takin prefoneris; yit nochtheles thair wes in that battell ane griter nombre of the Inglis men flane nor of the Scottis men. In this feld wes flane the King, the bifchop of St Androis his bastard fonne, the Erles of Crawford, Montrois, Erroll, Athole, with dyverfe utheris lordis and barronis.

On the morin the Inglis men caufed feik the body of Kinge James, quhilk thay allegit thay gat, and carriit it to Berwyk and fra that to Richemond. Bot it is haldin for truth that the fame wes the body of ane vther Scottis man callit the laird of Bonehard, quha wes flane in the faide feild. And it wes affirmit be findre that the Kinge wes fene that

same nycht levand at Kelfo, and wes commonlie haldin that he wes yit levand and past in uther cuntries, speciallie to Jerufalem and the hally graif, to dryfe furth the rest of his dayis in pennance for his bygane and former offenceis. Bot howevir the matter come, he appeirit nocht in Scotland eftir as King, no more than Charles Duik of Burgonye did appeir in his cuntreis eftir the battell of Nantfi; quhowbeit his pepill hald that vane opinione that he escapit fra that disconfiture alyve, and wald returne againe.

This battell done, the Inglis men being fa foir handilit thairat, and fa mony of thair folkis flane, thay wor glaid to returne within thair cuntrey without farder invasioun of Scotland, and sua the bourdouris wes at greit quietnes all the nixt yeir thaireftir.

This battell wes callit the feild of Flowdoun be the Scottis men, and Brankiftoun be the Inglis men, becaus it wes striken one the hillis of Floudoun befyd ane townn callit Brankiftoun, and wes strikin the ix day of September 1513, at fore estire none. The King deit thane in the xxv yeir of his regne, and xxxix yeir of his aige.

For his polliticall government and due administracione of justice quhilk he exercyfeit during the tyme of his regne, he deservit to be numbrait amangis the best princes that evir regneit abone that natione. All theft, reif, murder and robbery, [ceifit] in his dayis, be sic scharp executione of lawis penall as he caufit to be exerceit through all the boundis of Scotland; for famekill of the savige pepill of ye outylis adreffit thame felfes, through terror and dred of due punifhement, to leif efter the ordoure and lawis of justice, quhair utherwayes of thame felfis thay are naturally inclynit to fedicione and disquieting of every ane utheris.

To conclud, men war in gued hoipp, gif it had pleasid the hiche determinat will of almichtie God to have lente him langer lief, he should have brocht that realme of Scottoland to sic flowrishinge estate, as the like in none of his predifceffors daies was neuer yit heard of.

HISTORIE OF SCOTLAND.

JAMES THE FYFT.

FTER the death of this noble courageous Prince James the fourth of that name King of Scottis, in the unhappy feild of Flowdown, the Quene caufit with diligens the noble men and eftatis of the realme convene at Struelinge, quhair, apoun the xxj day of September 1513, James the fyft eldest fone to the faide King James the fourth, was crownit King be univerfall advyfe and consent, being ane yeir fyve monethes and x dayis of aige; quhair it wes also aggreit that the Quene fould be Regent of the realme, and to use the counfell of James Betoun archbishop of Glasgou, the Erles of Huntlye, Angus and Arrane; and fra that come to Edinburgh, quhair thay remaneit. Bot schortlie eftir thay difaggreit uppoun the dispositionis of the beneficeis of thame quha wes flane in the feild, quhairthrouch fum of thame did fecretly wreitt in France to Lord Johne Duik of Albanie, to cum into Scotland to be tutor and governor to the Kinge and realme, as he quha wes maift tender of bluid and nariest to fuceid unto the crown, failyeing the Kingis barnis. And thairfoir he fend Monfieur de la Bawtye in Scotland, in cumpany with the Erle of Arrane, Lord Fleming and Lioun Herald, quha had bene befoire lang resident in France, and landit at the west fey the third day of November; quha fhortelie thaireftir deliuerit his wreittings to the Quene and Lords; quhairfoir the Quene convenit the Lordis at Perth,

and thair be univerfall consent it wes aggreit that the Duik of Albanye fuld be admittit tutor and governour to the Kinge and realme, and the same fuld be confirmit be the three estatis in ane parliament, quhilk wes than proclaymed to be haldin at Edinburgh the xiiij day of Marche nixt; and the King and Quene returnit to Edinburgh, quhair thay remaneit quhill the same parliament wes haldin.

In the meane tyme, for the wele and quietnes of the bordouris, the Quene fend to the King of Ingland hir broder, and tuik trewis with him for Scotland for the space of ane yeir and ane daye nixt following.

In the beginning of Februer thaireftir, the King of Ingland hering of ane parliament to be haldin in Scotland, for the hame bringing of the Duik of Albany to be tutour, he fend to the Quene defyring hir to stay his cuming; allegeing that he wes neirist to succeid, and thairfor fuld nocht have the kepinge of the King, being sa young, quhais weill he wald regard and tak cure of, being sa tender in bluid to him as his eldest sifter sonne. Albeit this wes declarit to be the uttwart caus moveing him, yit nochttheles he wes principallie movit to stay his cuming in Scotland, becaus he had instantlie weiris with the King of France; fering that the saide Duik wald steir up the Scottis to mak weair aganis Ingland in favouris of France. He did alswa fend ane herald to the King of France, with ane letter, defyring him to stay the Duik of Albany within his realme on cuming into Scotland, for the cause aforesaid; bot notwithstanding all his labouris maid, it wes concludit be the haill estatis of Scotland, in the parliament haldin at Edinburgh in the moneth of Marche following, that Sir Patrik Hamiltoun and Lyoun King of armes fuld be fend in France for the saide Duik of Albany, quha wes confermit tutour and governour, as said is, conforme to the lawis of the realme; and to that effect thay departit in the moneth of Aprill nixt eftir following toward France.

At the same tyme thair wes [ane legate] fend from the Paip, quha

come into Scotland with certane preveleges to the King and realme, and to comfort thame eftir the greit losse and skaith quhilk thay had susteynit be the death of the King and counfell of the feild, quha wes honorablie reffavit and weile intertayned.

Eftir this parliament, the Quene wes deliverit of ane prince at the castell of Strivelinge, the xxx day of Apriell, quha wes baptiset be the Postulat of Dunfermeling and the Archedene of St Androis, and infantlie confermit be the Bischop of Caithnes, and he wes namet Alexander. During the tyme that the Quene wes in childe bed, thair wes greit diffencione betuix the lordis of the west land and the uther lordis of the realme. Bot sone eftir, the Quene caufet ane conventione to be at Edinburgh, the xij day of July, quhair thay wer all weill aggreit; and ordanit tua clarkis to pas in Ingland ambassadouris to the King, for peace to be contractit betuix the tua realmes; and thaireftir, the xxviiij day of the faide moneth, M^r James Ogilby Abbot of Drybroucht, and Sir Patrik Hammiltoun, and Lyoun herald, come furth of Fraunce, with wrettingis and articles fra the King and Duik of Albany, be the quhilk the Duikis cuming wes delayit, and excusit be the King, that he could nocht gudlie want him furth of the realme, quhill sum ordour wer takin of the wearis betuix him and the King of Ingland; quhilkis ceasit in the moneth of October nixt following, be the aggrement maid betuix the Kingis of Fraunce and Ingland.

Nocht lang heireftir the Quene wes moved to ane fuddan mariage, quhilk sho did fore eftirwart repent; for apon the vj day of August sho mariet Archebald Erle of Angus for her plesour, without the King of Ingland hir brodiris assent, or the counfell of the nobilitie of Scotland; and incontinent thaireftir, be the proud confell of hir husbandis frindes, tuik the hole government of the realme apon hir; caufit tak the Bischop of Glasgw being Chancellor in Saint Johnstoun, and tuik the great seale fra him; quhairfoir he passit to Edinburgh, quhair mony Lordis assifted

to him, and kept the toun, and wald nocht suffer the Quene nor Erle of Angus to enter thairin; quhair apoun raife greit trouble within the realme, that sho and her husband baith wer confranit to leif the realme and fle into Ingland.

Quhill this bufines was ado in Scotland, thair wes peace contractit betuix Lewis the xij King of France and the King of England, in the quhilk na mencione wes maid of Scotland; and in that doing it wes reput to the King of France dishonour, becaus that the wear principallie wes begun for defence of the King of France querrell.

At this famin tyme King Lewis mariet Marie sifter to King Henry the viij, on Sainct Denys day the vij of October, in the toun of Abbayveile, albeit he wes auld and weik, and thaireftir leifit nocht lang eftir that mariage; for he deit at Parys the first day of Januar nixt following; and immediatly eftir his deceis, Franceis de Valloyse Duik of Angolfme, neirrest of the bluid one the male fyde, wes crownit King of France; quha wes ane noble vailyeant prince, and governed weille that realme mony yeiris. Not lang eftir this the faide Lady Marie wes brocht into Ingland, and mariet on Charles Brandone, quha for that caus wes maid Duik of Suffolk.

About this famyn tyme, 25 October, deyet ane godlie wife man, Williame Elphingstoun Bischop of Aberdene and Lord of the Preve Seill, at Edinburgh, quha wes ane faithfull counfallour to King James the fourt; and be the help and assistance of the faide King his maister, he foundit, dotit, biggit and compleittit the honorabill college situate in the auld toun of Aberdene, for the increafe of gude lettres and vertew, quhilk hes florifit senfyn thairintill to thir our dayis.

In the moneth of November, about the xx day thairof, De la Bawtye reffavit the castell of Dunbar in the behalfe of the Duik of Albanye, be delyverance of the Dene of Glasgw, brodir to the Bischop of Murray, callit Forman.

And schortlie thairefter electit to the bischoprik thair of be the convent, and nominat thair to be the Lordis Regentis of the realme, Johne Hepburn prior of St Androis than beand, feigit the castell of St Androis, and wan it be force fra Maister Gavin Douglas seruantis that keipit it; quhairwith the Quene and Erle of Angus wes hyechlie offendit, becaus the faide Maister Gawin wes nominate be thame to the faide benefice.

The divisone being in this wayis standing betuix the Quene and lordis, every ane preassed to tak sic possessioun as thay mycht obtaine, principallie of that was lyand nearrest unto thame; and thairfoire the Erle of Levenox and maister of Glencarne, in ane mirk wyndy nycht, the xij day of Januar, under myndit the neddir sole of the yett of Dumbartane, and enterit thairat and tuik the castell, and pat furth the Lord Erskine than capitane thair of; and schortlie thairefter thair wes ane greit gadding betuix the Erle of Arrane and the Erle of Angus, the 15 day, quhilk wes the beginnunge of greit troble eftirwart.

At Edinburch the samyn xv day, the bills of provisioun [of] Androw Forman than bischop of Murray, to the archebischoprike of St Androis, Abbayis of Dunfermeling and Arbroithe, raifet in Rome be the supplicacioun of the Quene and Duik of Albany, wer publiset and servit; for the quhilk caus, the prior of St Androis pretendand title to the bischoprike be the faide electioun and generall gift of the lords of the realme, appellit thairfra and made greit impediment; and thairfoir convenit the maister of Halys and utheris his frindes to Edinburgh, and the Lord Hwme chamberlane, with dyvers utheris in thair contrair; quha caufit denunce the faide maister and priour with all thair assistaries be the Kingis letters rebellis, and putt thame to the horne, and thairfoir wes compellit to leif the toun. And the prior of St Androis, in Maij thairefter, past to Rome to justifie his awin appellacioun.

Thair wes ane parliament set to be haldin at Striveling the xxiiij daye of Februar, quhair mony of the lordis convenit, and becaus thay cold

nocht aggre amangis thame felfes, continewit it to the hame cuminge of the Duik of Albany; for all that tyme Sir John Sterling of the Keir wes cumin fra him with lettres, affuring of his cuming in the moneth of Aprile or May nixt. Nocht lang eftir, trewis wes takin betuix Scotland and Ingland for the fpace of three monethes, and proclaymit the xv. day of May. Bot one the famyn day, at fax houris eftir none, the Inglis men ran ane forray one the watter of Roule, quhair thay did greit skaith under trust, nochtwithftanding of the trewis.

In the meane feafone, the noble and valyeant Prince, Johne Duik of Albany, tutour and Governour of the realme of Scotland, arryvit at the town of Air the xvij day of May, with aucht fchippis weille furneffit with men, and all kind of apperell for his honorabill convoy, and fra that falit to Dumbartane, quhair he landit; and one the nixt day paffit to Glasgw, and all the weftland lordis with him; and be his cuming and prefens wes weille aggreit, and all controverfies and debattis takin up and refeirit to him; and therfra than paffit to Edinburgh, quhair he wes reflavit the xxvj day of May, be mony lordis and barronis quha mett him, and findre feres and gude playis maide be the burgefis of the toun to his honour and prayfe. The Quene alfo come fra her awin ludeging and to do him honour.

Sone eftir his cuminge, the lordis being convenit furth of all the partis of the realme to Edinburgh, he acceptit the governement of the realme; quhilk he promeiffit to ufe be thair advifs, fua being thay wald affift to the furth fetting of juftice; quhilk thay promeiffit to do, and affixit the parliament that wes continewit of befoir, to be haldin at Edinburgh the xij day of July, as it wes; in the quhilk thair wes diverfe actis maid; and in the famyn the Lord Drummond come in the Duikis will for ftryking of Lyoun king of Armes, bot the Duik pardonit his leif and honour, bot his landis and gudis wes ordanit to remane in the Kingis handis, to the quhilk he wes eftirwart reftorit.

In this parliament the Duik of Albany was confermit be the three estatis of the realme, tutour and greit Governor to the King, and the septour and fword delyverit to him, and his aith takin be the lordis, and thair aithes gevin to him, to be liell and trew to the King and him, and promeifit to assist him in the furth setting of justice; and to that effect findre guide actis wes maid for provisioune of thift, reiff, and all uther crymes.

In the meane tyme of this parliament, the Governour wes advertist that the Kinge fuld have bene convoyit secretlye away in Ingland from Strivelinge; quhairfoir he suddanlie departit apoun the nycht frome Edinburgh with his men of weir in guide array to Striveling, quhair, apoun the third day of August, the King and Alexander his brudir wes delyverit to him, with the castell of Strivelinge, the Quene being thairintill. And he committit thame and the castell to the keiping of foure lordis of the realme.

Shortlie apoun this suspicione takin, thair wes raisit greit factiones betuix the Governour and the Quene, and suddanlie the Lord Hwme, for assisting to the Erle of Angus and the Quene and the factione aganis the Governour and the loirdis, was denunciit the Kingis rebell; for the quhilk caus the Erllis of Arrane and Lenox with greit cumpayneis war fend to taik all his placeis, quhilkis wes maid pattent to thame. Bot in the castell of Hwme thair was certaine gun poulder laid in sic placeis, quhilk being fyerit, brint findre of thame quha enterit first in the castell: And in the meane tyme the Lord Hwme passit into Ingland, and maid invasions and rack aganis Scotland, and brint findre townes and spulzeit the cuntrey, sua that na day of trew mycht be haldin on the eist nor middill merche duringe his abydinge thair.

Also the Quene, the Erle of Angus and George his brudir, past furth of Temptalloun to Berwike, the xij of August, and fra that to the Nonrye of Caldframe; quhair estir confell takin of the Lorde Dacreis and dyvers

utheris Inglifhemen, and advertyfement maide to King Henry her brudir, fho wes reffavit be the faide Lorde Dacres, the xxvj day of Auguft, and convoyit to Harbottill, quhair fho remanit quhill fcho wes delyverit of ane dochter callit Margaret Douglas; bot thair wes no Scottis man nor woman reffavit with hir in England.

The Governour feing the rebelloun of the Loird Hwme, paf with his army of Frenchemen to the bourdouris; quhair the fact of Oötober the faide Lord Hwme come and put him in the governouris weill, lik as his brodir did eftirwart, and than wer gevin in keiping to the Erle of Arrane in Edinburgh; bot the faide Erll Arrane and the Loird Hwme and his brodir departit on the nycht furth of the townn, going fecretlie awaye on thair futte the xij of Oötober. And thairfoir the Governour caufit hald furth the parliament, quhilk was affixit to the xxiiij day of the fame moneth, quhair the faidis Loird Hwme, maifter William and David Hwmeis, wes forfeited for treafoun be the haille eftatis, of thair lyfeis, landis and guidis; and the parliament wes continewit xv dayis, quhilkis war affignit to the Erll of Arrane to compeir, or ellis to proceid aganis him ficlyk.

In this mene tyme, the Governor paf to feige the caftell of Hammiltoun, quhair ane nobill greit lady, dochter to King James the fecund, and moder to the Erll of Arrane, and fader fifter to the faide Duik, come to him and caufit rander the caftell in his will, and procureit the faid Erll of Arranis peace, quha come with the bifchopp of Glafgw to Edingburgh, and pat him in the Governouris will the xij day of November thairefter.

At the famyn tyme, certane lordis affistit to the Erll of Murray, the Kingis bafarde bruder, aganis the Erll of Huntlye; and thairby fum trouble wes begun betuix thame in the townn of Edinburghe; quhairfoir the Governour come fuddantly fra the Abbaye to the townn, and tuik the Erllis of Huntlye, Erroll, Murray and uthers, and pat thame in the

castell in ward, quhill he tryeit the caus ; and fynding the samyn to have bene raifit be the labouris of [maifter] James Hay, being than with the Erll of Murray, the governour caufit fend the faid maifter James in France, to remane during his plefor, and the faide erllis wes fchortlie releifit furth of the castell.

At the bordouris, Lyoun king of armes being fend in Inghland with the lettres to the King, wes takin at Caldframe be the commaund of the Lord Hwme, and his letters takin fra him, and keipit as a pefonier ; quha wes interchangeitt and deliverit agane for Alexander Hwmeis moder, quha hed bene keipit pryfoner in Dunbar.

Alexander Duik of Rothesey, the Kingis bruder, deceiffit at Strivelinge the xvijj day of December.

Eftir this the Governour paffit from Edinburgh to Dumbar, and thair to remaine, quhill the lordis commiffioneris for Scotland [and] the commiffioneris of Inghland mett at Coldinghame, for tretye of ane peace betuix the tway realmes : for the part of Scotland maid of the Governour was Monfieur Duplanis, ambaffadour of France, Maifter Gavin Dunbar, Archedeane of St Androis and clerk of the regifter, and Sir William Scott of Balwery knyght, quha tuik trewis with the Inghlifmen, comprehending the Erll of Angus and Lord Hwme in thair part, quhill Witfonday nixt cuming, at quhilk tyme the Quene was feik in Morpeth in Inghland, perrell of her lyfe. Thir trewis war takin the xvij day of Januar.

In this meane tyme the erle of Arrane left the Governor agane, and pafft to the waft cuntrey, quhair he drew certaine lordis together, albeit that Sir James Hammiltoun and the Lord of Cawdar was lyand pleageis in the castell of Edingburgh for his guid reull. Yit he and the Erllis of Lennox, Glencarne and uthers, caufit furneis the castell of Dumbar-tane and uther castellis, and tuik the castell of Glasgw, the Kingis greit artillery being thair, and fpulyeit the fame ; quhairfoir the Governour raifit ane army and pafft to Glasgw, quhair be the labouris of the bifchopp

of Glasgo, thair wes ane appointment maid, and the castell wes delyverit to the bischop. The Erll of Lenox come into the Governour and tuik ane new respitt, and the Erll of Arrane did siclik in the beginning of Marche thaireftir.

The Governour, willing to pecifie all debatis being amangis the nobill men and uthers, for tyillis of the beneficeis quhilkis befoir was vacand, and speciallie betuix Forman archebisshop of St Androis, and prior Johne Hepburne and thair frendes, quhilk wes the caus that the haill lordis war devidit in dyvers factionis; and thairfoir, the Governour persuadit the saide archebisshop come to the townith of Edinburgh, and to put all the saidis thre beneficeis in the Governouris will, to dispone at his plesour; quha be counsell of certane lordis, for fateiffeing of thame quha clameit entres, gaif to Forman the said archebisshoprik and Dumfermeling, and gaif the bisshoprik of Murry to maister James Hepburn, freind to the Erll Boithuell, and gaif ane thousand merkis pensione to the priour of St Androis for his contentacoune. He gaif the Abby of Dribrough to maister James Ogilbye, frinde to the Lord Ogilbye, and the bisshoprik of Aberdene, than vacant, to Alexander Gordoun, frinde to the Erll of Huntly, and disponit Arbroith to the archebisshop of Glasgo callit Betoun, and gaif furth thairof ane large pensione to the Erll of Murray, and disponit the Abbacy of Kylwinning to ane frinde of the Erll of Arranes, callit Hammiltoun, and admittit Sir George Dundas to the L. L. of Sanct Johnne, gaif diverse uthers beneficeis to findre uthers lordis frindis, quhilkis war vacant at the feild and sen syne; and sua usit greit liberalitie towart thame all, to pacefy sic debattis and controverseis as wer amangis thame before his hamecuming, speciallie for the disposicione of beneficeis, quhilk wes done in the moneth of Februar 1515. In the quhilk thair was greittar respect had to the satiffeing to the averice of the warld, nor to the plesor of God, in promoving of godly men to have used thair office according to thair calling.

Sone thaireftir, the Governour be counfall of the lordis, to haif the hail realme at quietnes, and the noble men unyt togiddir for the commoun weaill of the fame, reffavit the Erll of Angus and maifter Patrik Pantoun fecretar, quha had bene haldin in Infche gay for his caus in ward, and pardonit thame for all offenscis bygane ; and ficlik reffavit the Lord Hwme with his tua breder in favour, and held ane parliament the first day of May, in the quhilk he restorit thame to all thair heretages, offices and honouris agane.

In this tyme the laird of Strowan in Athoill committit diverse greit offenceis and crymes, for the quhilk he wes takin be the Erll of Athoill, and heidit at Logyraith, be the Governouris commiffioun.

At this tyme thair wes ane parliament rynnand under continewatione. And sua the fame begane agane the first day of July, quhair the King of England, being persuadit and ernistlye solistit be the Quene of Scotland, his sifter, than makand residens with him at Lundoun, fend lettres to the lordis of Scotland, defyring thame to expell the Governour furth of the realme ; bot all the lordis and estatis, with univerfall consent, fend Albany herauld with lettres to the King of England, refusing to do the samyn, as being aganis reffoun and the lawis of thair cuntrey.

In the moneth of September, the Governour causit arrest the Lord Hwme, his broder Maifter Williame, David Kar of Farnyheirft, at Hal-lyrudehous, and delyverit thame to findre placeis, for guide ruell to be kept upoun the bourdouris ; bot thay being in ward, thair was mony complaintis maid one thame, and thairfoir the viij day of October, the said Loird Hwme and his brodir wer convict for treaffonable assisting and menteining of the thevis one the bourdouris and uther cauffis ; for the quhilkis he wes heidit, and on the morn thaireftir his said brodir ficlik wes heidit, and thair heidis sett on the tolbuie of Edinburgh : The saide David Kar wes resplatit and relevit. And schortlie thaireftir the Governour raid to Jedburgh with ane greit cumpany, and stanchet the

greit thift wes one the bordouris, left guid wardanis to rewll the famyn, and returnit to Edinburgh.

Ane new parliament wes haldin the third day of November, in the quhilk it wes decernit that the Governour wes fecound perfoun of the realme, notwithstanding of ane claim maid be Alexander Stewart his broder, elder gottin upoun the Erle of Orknayis dochter, quha wes alleget to haif bene first maryit with the Duik of Albany thair fader, befoir he wes maryeit to the Erll of Bolognes dochter in France; and thairfoir Alexander maid proteftatione in the contrary; bot thay wer eftirwart aggreit, and the faide Alexander renuncet his title in his broderis favour, and wes maid bifchop of Murray and abbott of Skone. At the famyn parliament, the Governour defyrit licence of the lordis to pas in France for the fpace of fax monethes, bot it wes contractit quhill Aprill thaireftir.

The Erll of Lennox wes put in ward at this tyme, in the castell of Edinburgh, quhill he fuld deliver the castell of Dunbertane; quhilk he caufit rander to Allane Stewart in the Governouris name, and than he wes reftorit to his libertie.

In the moneth of December Monsieur de la Bawtye wes maid wardane of the eft bordouris, in place of the Lord Hwme, and keipit dayis of trew with the Lorde Dacres and uderis wardanis of England; quhair throucht thair wes greit hatrent confavet aganis him, quhilk wes the caus of his deid eftirwart.

In the nixt moneth of Januar, the Governour paffit to Perth and held juftice airis, quhair the Lord Fleming wes proclaimed great chamberlaine of Scotland in place of the Loird Hwme, for his tyme, with all the feis thairof.

Quhill the Governour was in this wyis occupeit in ministring juftice, thair come ane ambaffadour furth of France, defyring the auld leage to be renewit betuix Franceis than new crownit King of France, and the

King of Scotland, thair realmes, dominionis and fubjectis; for the quhilk caus the haille Lordis convenit in Edinburgh, quhair it wes aggreit that the Governour him felf fuld pas in France, and the bifchop of Dunkeld, the fecretare and the Maifter of Glencarne ambaffadouris; quha departit the xij day of Maye be the eift fee, and the Governour fchippit at Newark befyd Dumbartane the vij day of Junij.

It wes ordanit that he fuld remaine bot onelie the fpace of foure monethes furth of the realme; and be confent of the eftatis, he appointit the bifchops of St Androis and Glasgw, the Erllis of Huntlye, Argyll, Angus and Arrane, Regentis during his abfence, and maid de la Bawtye lieutenant of the bordouris to his returninge; and or his departing caufit bring the Kinge to the caftell of Edinburgh to be keipit; and appointit four Lordis to keip him, quhilkis wes the Erll Marfchall, Lord Erfkyn, Lord Borthuik and Lord Ruthven, and tua of thame to be ay prefent with him.

The Quene being in England, heiring of the departing of the Governour furth of Scotland, returnit to Edinburghe the xvij day of Junij with ane quiet trayne, bot wes nocht admittit to viffie the King in the caftell quhill in Auguft thaireftir, becaus thar wes fum feir of the peft in the caftell, the King wes transportit to the Cragmillar, quhair the Quene viffiet him oftymes; bot thair throuch rais ane greit fufpition that he fuld have bene ftollin awaye be her into England, and thairfoir he wes brocht againe to the caftell of Edingburch, and wes keipit thair to the returning of the Duik.

At this tyme Johne Lord Gordoun, eldeft fone and apperand ayre to ane noble peir Alexander Erll of Huntley, quha wes callit commonlie gude Erle Alexander, quha hed bene in France refident, come in Scotland the firft day of September and wes weill reffavit be the Lordis, and departed in the north; quha wes ane vallyeaunt noble young man of grit courage; bot he not lang thaireftir deceiffit in the Abby of

Kinlos, quhair he wes also erdit, his father than being levand; bot within few yeiris the Erle also departit of this lyfe, leiffing behind him the faide Johneis fone callit George to fuceid, as he did to the erledome of Huntly, he being than bot x yeris of aige or thairby. His warde and mariag was disponit to the Erll of Angus, quha thairfoir kepit the faide younge Erle with him, and quhill he wes baneift Scotland be the King; at quhilk tyme the Erle of Huntley walde not go with him within Ingland, bot returned to the King quha receaved him thankfully, for that he wes his awin fifter sone, and wes weill thaireftir brought up in wertew and honorable behaviour, and thairfoir was haldin in great effimacione and honour, alfweile be his prince and his cuntrye all his dayis, as also be the Kingis and nobilitie of France and Ingland, quhair he had bene resident, to the greit praife and commendacione of his hole natione.

The Governour being absent into France, the Lord Hwmeis freindes foucht the commoditie to be revenged of his death; and thairfoire the Lairde of Weddirburne and dyveris utheris lordis of the Merse, remembering the injurie reffavit be justifieing of the faide Lord Hwme, and beand impacient alfua to suffer de la Bawtye to exerce his office, and speciallie to have charge abone thame, conspirit against him; and to performe thair purpose, causit the hous of Langtoun to be keipit, and to be feiget under collour be the faide Laird of Weddirburne; and de la Bawtye, being luftenent and wardane of the bourdouris, come furth of Dunbar quhair he remanit, to convene the cuntry and raise the feig; but whoufone he come neir thairto, he wes chaiffed be the faide Laird of Weddirburn and diverse utheris and crewallie flane, and uther foure Frenschemen with him, and his head cuttit of and affixit on the toun of Duns the xix day of September; quhilkis cruelltie beand shawin to the Lordis Regentis, thay wer hiechly offendit thairwith, and cheifit the Erle of Arrane lieutenant of the bordouris in la Bawties place, quha

wes cholin alſua provoft of Edinburch for guid rewill of the toun, quhair- with the Erle of Angus was offendit; yit nochttheles the ſaide Erle of Arrane cauſit tak George Douglas broder to the Erle of Angus and Mark Kar, and put thame in the caſtell of Edinburch, for favour borne to the ſaide Laird of Wedderburn be thame; and for dew puniſement of the ſame ſlauchter, thair wes ane parliament haldin at Edinburch the xix day of Februar nixt, in the quhilk David Hwme of Wedderburne and his three breder, William [Cokburne,] Maifter Johne Hwme and dyveris utheris his partakers, wer forfaitit for the treaſſonable ſiegeing of the caſtell of Langtoun, ſlauchter of la Bawtie and ſetting up of his heid, intercomoning with the Inglis men and utheris cauſis. And immediatlie eftir the ſaide parliament, the Erle of Arrane with ane greit army paſt in the Merſe, with the Kingis artailyerie with him, of purpoſe to haif ſeiget houſis incaife thay had bene holdin. Bot the keyis of Hwme wes ſend to him in Lawder, quhilk on the morne thaireftir he reſſavit, and put men thairin to keip the ſame; lyke as he did in the caſtellis of Langtoun and Weddirburne, quhilk he cauſit reſſavit. Lykewyſe he did alſa ſerce the maifter of Hailes to have apprehendit him for the ſlauchter of David Hwme priour of Coldinghame, quhome he had treaſſonable ſlane about the ſamyn tyme.

Ane ſchort ſpace befor this parliament, the biſchop of Dunkeld quha had bene ambaffadour in France, returnit in Scotland with the leag and band renewit betuix Scotland and France, and with him Capitaine Moreis Frenſche man wes ſend furth with certaine men to reſſaif the caſtell of Dunbar in keiping, as he did.

Nocht lang thaireftir the Erle of Lennox, quha hed bene with the governour in France, come hame in Scotland, and with him ane Frenſche herauld ſend be the King of France with wrettingis, and Maifter Galteir, (eftirwart abbot of Glenluce,) wes ſend be the Governour; and becaus the Quene and lordis wes advertiſt that the King of France had

instantlie contractit peace and maid new leagis and bandis with the King of Ingland, makand no mencioune of Scotland being his confiderat frindis, thairfoir thay fend scharp wrettingis to the King and Governour with Albany herauld.

In the moneth of Junij Maister Gavine Dunbar, archedene of St Androis and clerk of the Register, wes promovet to the bifchoprik of Aberdene than vacant be deceis of Alexander Gordoun. This B. Gavine wes ane wyse godlie man, and warit the haille fruiçtis of the same bifchoprik during his tyme apoun godlie warkis, quhairwith he biggitt ane hospitall in Aberdene, and dotit the same with landis, to fusteine twelf puir men with ane provest to take cure one thame: And caufit bigg ane fair brig of fevin greit bowis our the watter of Die besyd Aberdene, and dotit the same with landis for the perpetuell uphaldinge thairof. He biggit alfua tua fair hiech steipillis apoun the cathederill kirk, with the half of the crofs kirk, and brocht hame furth of uther cuntreis riche and coiftely kaipis and ornamentis of clayth of gold and filkis, with chalices of fyne gold and uther vessellis of silver, quhilkis remanit in the saide kirk of Aberdene mony yers eftir his deid; and biggit alfua ane fair palice for the lugeing of all the finall prebendaris, callit the chaplins of the said kirk; lyke as he did mony uther gud and godlie actis, worthie to be remembrit to his honour and praise, and nevir spendit ony part of the fruitis of the saide bifchoprik, during the space of thirteine yeiris that he wes bifchop, bot apoun sicklyk godlie warkis.

Upoun the xvij day of Junij, thair wes ane greit discord in the toun of Edinburgh betuix the Erle of Rothes and the Lord Lyndsay, quhilk raise for the sheriffshep of Fyff; quhairfoir thay war baith put in ward, the ane in Dumbar, the uther in Dumbertane, but schortlie thaireftir releifit.

In the beginning of the moneth of August, the Quene remaning in Edinburgh, wes advertist that the Erle of Angus her husband, being than in Douglasdaill, had takin awaye ane gentill woman in that

cuntrey ; for quhilk caus sho conceavet sic joylessly and hatrent aganis him, that thair wes nevir perfyte luf betuix thame fra that furth, bot sho focht be all meanes thaireftir to be divorceit fra him, as sho was, for that he had bene marceit befoire to the Lord Hwmeis dauchter.

In the nixt winter in the beginning of Februar, thair come ane clark ambaffadour fra the King of France, with letteris to the Lordis for making trewis betuix Scotland and Ingland ; quhilk meffage wes nocht thankfullie reffavit be the Lordis, becaus the King ommitit to comprehend Scotland, quhen he endit his awin leage with Ingland of befoire. Here is to be remembred that ane wod man posselt slew in Dundie [in ane] hour ane lady of heretage, ane gray sifter, and tua uther wemen, ane of thame being with child, and uther tua men, the vij day of Junij ; quhilk happeneid throch the evill governement of the baylyeis of the townn, who fuld nocht have suffred sic men to go frie in any town or citie.

This yeir Maximiliane Empriour of Germanie deceiffit, and in his place was chofin be the electouris of the empyre, Charles the fyft Empriour, than King of Spane, he being than resident in Spanye ; and the Count Palatine wes fend to him to intimee and mak knawin to him the electione ; and sua he come the nixt yeir to Germany and wes crownit Empriour. The King of Ingland fend diverse meffages to the King of France, desiering him earnistlie to stay the Duik of Albany and nocht to latt him come in Scotland againe, and laid schippis in the pafe upoun the fey to hald wate one his cuming for his displeafour.

In September the King wes removed furth of the castell of Edinburgh to Dalkeithe, for feir of the pest quhilk wes suspectit to haif bene in the castell. And fra Dalkeithe the Erle of Arrane, Regent and proveit of Edinburgh, past to the town of Edinburgh to haif bene chofin proveit agane ; bot the men of the town, be assistance of sum utheris greit men, wald not latt him enter at the portes, quhair thair wes finerie hurt on bathe fydes. For the quhilk caus Sir James Hammiltoun thair-

eftir flew ane wricht of Edinburgh callit Gawie ; and of this impediment maid, the Erle of Arrane raife greit diffentione betuix him and the Erle of Angus, quhilk devydit the realme in tua partis, and wes the occafioume of divers flaughters, fic as the prior of Coldinghame callit Blackadder and fax of his men, quha wes flane be the Lorde of Wodderburne at Lamertoune the faxt of October, and dyvers utheris thaireftir.

At this tyme the King returnit to the caftell of Edinburgh ; and in the town of Edinburgh remanit the Erllis of Angus, Erroll, Crawford, the Lord Glames and utheris, and the bifchopis of St Androis, Aberdene, Orknay, Dumblene, with utheris abbotis and prelettis ; and in the town of Glasgou, the bifchop of Glasgou, chauncellar, the Erllis of Arran, Lennox, Caffillis, Lords Rois, Sempill, abbot of Pailay, bifchop of Gallowaye, and utheris of the weft ; and nother of thay tua parties wald concur with uther for the commoun weill of the realme. At the quhilk tyme in December, Monsieur de la Fiot and ane Frenfche clark callit Cordell, with ane Inglis herauld callit Clarens, come fra the King of Fraunce and Ingland, with ane ambaffadour alfua fra the Governour, with ane treaty of peace for ane yeir tane betuix Scotland and Ingland ; quha come to Edinburgh and wer reffavit be the Erle of Angus and uther Lordis being thair, quha fend for the chauncellar and the Erle of Arrane, bot thay wald come na nearrir therto nor Lithqw ; and thairfoir the faidis ambaffadouris perfuadit ane conventione to be appointtit at Striveling, quhair the Erle of Angus and the Lordis his affiftaris wald nocht compeir. Nochttheles the faidis ambaffadouris paffit to Striveling, quhair the chancellor, the Erle of Arrane and diverse utheris reffavit thame varray thankfullie, proclamet the peace takin and gaif thame anfuer with honorabill reward. And in the returning of the faidis ambaffadouris towart Ingland, the Erle of Angus with ane greit power of men mett thame at Carlaverok, and reprevit thame fcharplie for thair behaviour in takin anfuer of the chancellor, quhairwith thay war not

onely offendit bot alſua greatlie effrayet. The foreſaid peace wes takin for ane yeir onely, be reafſoun the Kingis of France and Ingland wes to meit in the nixt ſymmer, as than did, thairfoir wald remove all impedymētis mycht be found thairto.

Efter this, in Januar, thair wes greit gaderingis betuix the Erle of Angus one the ane part, for halding of ane court in Jedburgh forreſt, and the Laird of Farnyhirst on the oder, with quhome Sir James Hamiltoun aſſiſtit; and he cumand with four hundreth Merſe men at Kelſo, the Laird of Ceffurd than wardane, quha aſſiſtit to the Erle of Angus, mett him with greit cumpany and lichtit one baithe fydes and enterit to fecht; bot the Merſe men left Sir James with his awin men, beand few in number, quhairthrouch (with grit difficultie) he wes horſet and chaiſſit to Hwme, and foure of his ſervauntis flane, and on the uther fyde thair wes ane Ingliſhman quha wes with the wardane, callit Raif Ker, flane alſua. And one the morne Farnyhirst keipit the court appointit at the principall chemiſe of Jedburgh forreſt, as bailye to the Erle of Angus of that regalitie, and the Erle held his court apoun ane uther parte of the ſaidis landis, three myllis diſtant thairfra.

The Laird of Wedderburn and maifter Williame Douglas, new maid priour of Coldinghame, with utheris thair pertakeris in great number, come to Edinburgh, and one force enterit at the neither bow to aſſiſt the Erle of Angus quha wes within the townn, and one the hie gait flew the maifter of Mongumery and Sir Patrik Hammiltoun of Kincavil, bruder to the Erle of Arrane, and conſtranit the Erle of Arrane to leiſe the town, and pas throw the northe loch, and the chancellor archebiſhop of Glaſgw with him, the xxx day of Aprill.

And upoun the xxj day of July nixt following, the Erle of Angus being in the toun of Edinburgh, George Hwme bruder to umqhill Alexander Lord Hwme, come with ane greit cumpanye to the townn of Edinburgh, the priour of Coldinghame, brodir to the Erle of Angus,

and David Hwme of Wedderburne, with mony utheris greit gentill men being togidder, and past to the tolbuith, quhair thay remanit quhill the heiddis of umquhile the Lord Hwme and his brother Mr Williame war takin down of the tolbuthe gavill, quhair thay war fixit with irn, in prefens of the proveft for the tyme. And one the nixt day thay past to Linlythgw and thairfra to Striveling, beleving to haif found the chancellor and sum uther cumpany thair, and returnit againe to Edinburgh the xxv day of the famyn moneth; and eftir that thay had caufit folempne funerall and obsequies be maid in the Black Fryers, for the faulis of the faidis Lord Hwme and his bruder, quhairat thair wes greit offeringis and banquetis maid, thay returnit hame to thair awin dwellingis.

Quhill this truble and diforder was raifit within the realme, the Duik of Albany, Governour of Scotland, hearing of the fame, and of greit factionis and diverse that wes amangis the lairdis and greit men, for stancheing of the fame, and to put gud ordar thairto, notwithstanding the King of England had maid greit laboris to hald him still in France, he arryvit in Scotland at the west feyi in ane heavin callit Gawrathe the xix of November, and come to Edinburgh the xxij of the fame, being accompanyit with the Quene, the archebifchop of Glasgw chancellor, the Erle of Huntley, and mony uther lordis, knychtis, barronis and gentill men in greit number; and within fax dayis thaireftir he depofet the proveft and bailyeis of Edinburgh, quhilkis wes chofin be the meanes of the Erle of Angus off thair offices, and electit utheris in thair placeis, for the common weill of the faid burgh. And be the advife of the chancellor and Lordis of counfall, on the faxt day of December caufit proclame ane parliament to be haldin at the faid burgh, the xxvj day of Januar nixt and immediat following; and one the ix day of the fame moneth, he caufit proclame ane generall fummondis of forfaltour at the markat croce, fummoning the Erle of Angus, prior of Coldinghame his

bruther, the Laird of Wedderburne, the Laird of Dalhoufye, Johne Symmervell of Cambufnethane, and William Cockburn of Langtoun, with thair complices, to come in the faide parliament, to be adjuget and decernit to be forfaltit for findrie greit crymes quhilkis thay had committit.

Maifter Gawin Dowglas bifchop of Dunkeild, hering of this extremitie begun be the Duik, for feir fled into Ingland, and remanit in Lundoun, in the place of the Savoy, quhair he deceiffit, and is buryit in the kirk thair of. He wes ane learned man, and ane guid poet, tranflatit the xij buikis of the Æneads of Virgill in Scottis metir, almaist anfuering in verfes to the Latine; and maide the Palice of Honor, with dyvers utheris notable werkis in our Scottis langage, quhilkis ar extant in thir our dayis.

Alfua the Erle of Angus, feiring the proces of forfaltour to be led at the parliament aganis him and his frindis, caufit the Quene his wif (albeit thair wes nocht perfyte luf amangis thame,) labour at the Governouris handis for his remit; and fua it wes aggreit that the Erle of Angus and his bruder George fuld pas in France, and remaine thair duringe the Governouris will; and fua thay departit in France, quhair thay remanit all the nixt yeir following.

The King of Ingland being advertifet of the Duik of Albanyis ar-ryving in Scotland, and howe he hed tane the reule agane upoun him of the King and realme, feiringe that he wald perfuade the Scottis men to affist the King of France, aganis quhome the King of Ingland intendit fchortlie (be perfuatioune of the Empriour,) to maik weir, fend thairfoire Clarentius king of armes into Scotland, to requier the Duik of Albany to depart; alleiginge that it wes promeift be the King of France, at thair laft meiting, that he fuld nocht cum into Scotland againe. And als that the King of England wes uncle to the King of Scottis, and be band of natour aucht to defend his nevo. Quhairfoir, he being young, and in the custodie of him to quhome, gif he fuld dee, the

realme of Scotland fuld discend, he doubtit left he mycht be brocht out of the waye as uther young kingis hes bene broucht of befoire. He alleigit alſua the Erle of Angus to have bene fend furth of Scotland, to the effect that the Governour mycht enjoy the Quene of Scotland his wif King Henryis fifter, quhairwith he could not ſtand content; and gif he wald not depart out of Scotland, than Claurencius wes commaundit to declare wear to him, like as he did, reporting his meſſage unto the Governour at Halyrudehous as he wes commaundit. To quhome he anſuerit, that nether the King of France nor King of Ingland fuld latt him to come in his native cuntrey be thair aggrement. And as tuicheing the King, quha wes younge, anſuerit that he luſit him as his Soverane Lord, and wald keip him and defend his realme aganis all utheris quha wald preiſe to invaide the ſame, accordinge to his conſcience, honour and dewitie. As to the Erle of Angus, he had uſet clemencye and mercye towartis him, nochtwithſtanding of his evill deſertis, and that principallie for the Quenes cauſ, quhome he wald honour as modir to his Soverane Lord. This anſwer being reportit to the King of Ingland, wes na thing content tharewith; preparit ane army to invaide Scotland, as he did thaireftir.

Their come fevin greit ſchippis of Ingland in the firthe to Inſchkeithe, the xth day of Aprill, to haif tane ſchippis and invaidit the townis one the coift; bot thay weir ſa ſtoutlie reſiſtit and defendit, that thay war nocht ſufferit to do any evill, and ſua returnit without any pray or pryſe.

About this tyme Andrew Forman archebiſchop of St Androis deceiſit, and biſchop James Betoun, archebiſchop of Glaſgw and chancellor of Scotland, wes promovit to St Androis and Abbacy of Dumfermelinge; and the archebiſchop of Glaſgow wes gevin to ane young clerk, weil lerned, callit Gavin Dumbar, quha wes the Kinges maifter; quha become ane wiſe councellar and chancellor of Scotland duringe all the Kingis dayis.

About this tyme, Charles the Emprior come in England in the moneth of May, to perfuade the King of England to maik open war aganis the King of Fraunce, quhilk he did, and to that effect fend ane army be the fey, and ane uther be lande, to invaid France. And sua movit war baith aganis France and Scotland, with greyt extremitie.

At quhilk tyme he banifet all the Frenche and Scottis men that wes dwelland within England, and tuik thair hail guidis to his awin use, and caufit convoy the Scottifinen furth of his realme one futt, with ane quhyt crofe fewit upoun thair umast clayth.

In the moneth of July the King of England fend the erle of Schrewsburye to convene ane army in the north partys to invaid Scotland, quha fuddanlye come to Kelfo, quhair thay raifit fier and brint ane part of the towne; bot the bordoraris of Merse and Tewedaill nocht beand hailf sa mony in number as thay, fett upoun thame, flew and tuike mony of thame proneris, quhair throwcht thay wer confrantit to returne in England with na honour.

In meane tyme, the Governor and the estatis of the realme war convenit in ane parliament haldin at Edinburgh the xxiiij day of July, quhair with univerfall consent it wes aggreit that an army fuld be raifed to pas forwart to the bourdouris of England; and ane acte was maid for the wardis, releiffis and mariagis of thame quha happenit to die in that oist, conforme to the act maid of befoir at Tuefilhauch befoir Flowdoun feild, with addicione that all these quha had tackis fuld bruk the same be thair wif and barnis for fyve yeiris.

Schortlie thaireftir, conforme to the ordenances of the estatis in parliament, the Governour purposing to meit with Erle of Shrewysbury, quha wes apoun the bordouris with a greit army, convenit out of all the partis of the realme in ane mychty and puiffant oste of Scottifinen, with certaine Frenschemen and greit artailere, and come forduart till thay come to the watter of Esk fornent the town of Carlille, quhair the men of the

town fend to the Governour and promiseit to him ane great sump of money to leif thair townn on feigit and distroyit, quhilk he mycht easelie have done, and remanit thair in camp, abyding the Inglis mens cuming. Bot he persaveing that the Inglis army wald not come within Scotland to invaid for feir of bataill, he wold haif persuadit the noble men of Scotland to pas in England with thair forceis and invaid the same. Bot eftir that thay had consultit and deliberat amangis thame selfis, ane noble wyse man proponit unto the lordis in this manner :

“ My lordis, hether we be cumin be the commaund of my Lord Governour the Duik of Albany ; and houbet we be redy to defend our awin natyve realme, contrar the invaioune of our auld eniemies of England, yit nochttheles it semes nocht gude, nor for the weill of oure realme of Scotland, to pas within England with our army, to invaid the same at this tyme. And the eirnest persuasione quhilk the Governour makis to us to doe the samyn, proceidis onelye for the plesour of Fraunce. It apperis to be sufficient aneuche for us, sa long as the King our Soverane is within aige, to defend our awin realme and nocht to invaid, utherwayis we may putt the haille cuntrey and nobilitie in hazard of tinfall ; for King James the fourt brocht the realme of Scotland to the best that evir it was, and be his weir it wes brocht to the worst almaist that might be ; for be that weir wes he and his nobilitie flane, quhilk Scotland fair laments ; quhairfoir be my advyse, latt us go to the Governour and knaw of him the caus quhy he wald persuade us to invaid England.” Than they all come to the Governouris tent, and the Erle of Arrane, ane ancient and wyse man, spake for thame all, and saide, “ My Lord Governour, be your will and commaund heir is assemblit the maist parte of the nobilitie of Scotland, with thair powar, upoun a pretence to enter within England : My loirds heir wald knaw the caus and querrell quhy this weir is begun, gif it maye please your goodnes thairintill to satisfie thair myndis.” The Duik studyit

ane litill fpace, and faid, This queftione walde haif bene demandet or now, for weill ye know that I, for the werray luff I beir to the realme of Scotland, of the quhilk I have my name, honour and linage, I haif paffit the fees furth of the noble realme of Fraunce into this realme of Scotland. Ane great caufe thair of was to bring yow to a unitie quhen ye war in divifione, be reaffoun of quhilk divifione your realme was likelie to haif bene conquered and diftroyet. And alſua the King of Fraunce be my futtis and interceffione, will joyne with you in aid aganis the Inglis natione. And quhen this weir was determinatt in the parliament, ye maid me capitane, auethoryſeing me to invaid Ingland with baner difplayed. Than wes queftione demandet of the caufe or querrell, and that that I haif done is by your affent and aggrement, and that I will juftifie. Bot to anfuer your demaund, me think ye haif juft caus to invaid Ingland with fyer, fworde and bloude, gif ye be nocht foryetfull, and without ye will beir dihonour and reproche forever; for ye know that this realme of Scotland is our inheritance, as a porcione of the warld allowet to our natione and anteceffours, quhome we fuceid. Than quhair may thair be bettir weir than to meanteine this our naturall inheritance? Is not daylie ſene the great invaſionis that the Inglis men one us makis? the great manſlaughters and murthouris, with thift and ſpulyeis that thay doe daylie? Is not this ane caufe of weir? To defend the cuntrey is the office of a King, the honour of noble men, and the verray ſervice of chevalrie, and the dewitie naturall of the communaltie. For I think it a juft querrell gif we mycht conqueis the realme of England and annex it to our awin realme, for the great injuries and wrangis done be that natione to us and oure prediceffouris. For ſene the beginning of our habitacione in this Ile of Bretaine, the Inglis men and we haif evir bene enimies, and us haif thai evir hated, and yit we haif evir withſtande thame.

Suppois we, at the laſt batteill of Flowdoun, by chance loſt our Sou-

verane Lord and diverse nobill, quhilk wes rather be treaffoun of the Lord Chamberlane nor utherwayis, quha wald not releife the Kingis army quhone he mycht; and yeit I think we wan the feild; quhilk murthour all we noble men aucht to revenge. Thairfoir I wald that ye fuld courageoullie awance your selfis in this querrell, to get honour and to be revenget." Than ane wyfe man of the counfall anfuerit to the Governour sayinge, "My Lord, fortune of weir is led be him that all ledis; and he stryakis the strake, we can wirk na miracles. And heir are the lordis of Ingland redy to encounter us; and gif we invaid thair realme, fuerlye thay will fecht, for thair powall fall increafe dailie, and ouris will diminifche. And gif God grant us the victorie, (as I trest he fall,) yit haif we not won the feild, for redy cumin is the Erle of Shrewysburie (sa mekill dred in France, as ye knaw weill,) with ane great puiffante armye. And thair is no doubt bot the King of Ingland will fend or bring ane uther army, gif we fuld chance to get the first battell; and gif we gat the secounde feild, that will not be without great los of mony nobillis, be reaffoun quhairof the realme salbe weaker. And gif we be our cum, how mony fuld be flane God knawis. They that flee be worthy to be reputed as traitouris to the King, and sua be wilfulness and fule hardynes may be in jepordye to be undone. I saye, quhill the King is within aige, we aucht to move na weir, lest be weir we may bring him to diftructione." Than saide the vailyeaunt Governour, "Heir is ane puiffant army of Scotland; gif we returne, we falle encourage our enniemyes. Thairfoir, sen ye thinke it not guide to invaide, my counfall is, we campt still on the bordouris quhill we se quhat the Inglishemen proceidis to do aganis our realme"; to the quhilk the nobillis consentit, and lay still thair in campt certaine dayis thaireftir.

Eftir this communicacione, the Quene of Scottis, albeit absent, wes in counfall with the lordis, fend word to the Governour and desyerit him to commoun of a peace with the wardane of the Inglish marches,

and that scho wald fend for him to come to the Governouris campt apoun pleages, quhilk he condiscendit unto ; fua the Lord Dacre than wardane of the west marches come unto the Governouris campt, quhair the Quene be that tyme wes cumin; quhair thair wesane abstenence of weir and trewis tane for ane feafoun, and in the meane tyme it wes aggreit that the Duik and the Quene fuld fend ambaffadouris in Ingland to treat and conclude a peace. The faide trewis wes tane the xj day of September 1522.

In the moneth of October nixt following, thair wes thre ambaffadouris fend to the King of England, as wes devyfit of befoir ; at quhais cuminge to the faide King, thair wes sic extreme and unreasonabie condicionis proponit unto thame, that the famyn could not be acceptit, as being contrar to honour and commoun weill of the realme of Scotland. And fua thay returnit without aggrement or conclusioun one the bordouris of baith the fydes of the realmes, quhilk movit the King of Ingland to fend Henry Erle of Northumberland, quhom he maid wardane of the haill marcheis, to remane and keip the same ; bot he wes sa trublit be the perfute of the Scottis men, be continewall invaioune, spulyeis and burning within Ingland, that he maid eirneast fute to the King of Ingland and his counfall, nevir left of quhill he wes dischargit of the same. And the Erle of Surraye wes maid generall warden, and the Marques Dorset wardan of the eist and middill marches, and the Lorde Dacres one the west marches ; quhilk thre lordis come to the bordouris for defence of the same, the vj day of Marche.

About this tyme, the Duik of Albany confidering that the wearis betuix Scotland and Ingland wes teudious to the noble men of the realme, principallie thay beand tane on for pleasour of the King of Fraunce, thairfoire he past be the west see in France in the beginning of Marche, quhair he wes verray hartelie and thankfully reffavit and intertaineit be the King, and desyrit onely that he mycht haif v thousand horsemen and tenne thousand Almanes to be landit in Scotland, and doutit nocht bot

be the assistance of Scottis men, to vincus the King of Ingland in battell, or else dryve him out of his realme. Bot the King of France at that tyme mycht nocht spare fa mony, haifing wear with the Empreour and the King of England, yit promiseit to gif him support, quhairapoun the Duik of Albany taret and awaytit lang.

In this meyne tyme, the lordis of Scotland caufit certane nobill men remane with the bordouraris monethlie, as use is, of the quartaris for defence of the bordouris contrar the saidis thre wardanis and thair invaifouris, luikand daylie for the supporte of France, and sua continewit every moneth quhill September nixt; and thair wes findrie houfes caffin doun baith in Ingland and Scotland. During the quhilk tyme the King of Fraunce caufit prepaire certaine schippis with men and munitione, to fend with the Duik in Scotland, bot the King of Ingland laid ane greit number of his schippis in the pafe betuix Dover and Calleis, one the fee to meite with the saide Duik of Albany; bot he imbarkeit at Brift in Bartanye, and failed be the west partis of England, and the xxj day of September landit at Kirkcubrie in the west of Scotland with ane guid cumpanye of Frenschemen, and ane great man of Ingland; quha wes banist thairfra, callit Sir Richard Dolopole. Quhan the Duik wes one the fee, the Erle of Surray with ane great armye come in Scotland to the towin of Jedburgh, being xx^m men, quhairthrowcht thay could nocht be sa hastelie refistit be the bordouraris and cuntrymen; and thairfoir thay brint the said town and Abbay of Jedburgh; bot thay wer sa scharplie perfewit, that albeit thair purpos wes to haif past farder in the cuntrey, thay wor confreinit with ane fewer number nor thay wer, to retyre towart thair awin cuntrey, and nocht without greit los of mony of thair folkis.

The Duik sone eftir his returning come schortlie to Edinburgh, quhair he caufit all the Lordis of the realme to convene, and declarit to thame the great luff and favour that Francis the King of France buir to the

realme of Scotland; in sa far that he, being advertifet of the greit flauchteris, murdouris and burningis done by the Inglis men, thocht that he sufferit na les hurt and damage than thay did, accompting him self ane of thair memberis, and thay lykwyis unto him and his realme; and for the revenginge of the same he wald be partiner as thair member; and for the mair crediet he fchew the saidis Kingis favourable letter affirming his declaracioune; and thairfoir desierit thame to convene ane army for revenge of the injuries and wrangis done to thame and thair cuntray; for he had brocht with him sum money, men and artailerie in the realme to that effect. And sua it wes concludit, that the army fuld convene at Douglafdaill the xvij of October, quhilk thay keipit. And fra that the haill army passit to Caldftreame upoun Tweid, and send our the watter certaine great artailerie, with ane cumpany of Frensche and Scottis men, and Dand Kar with thame, and laid seige to the castell of Wark, quhilk wes keipit be Sir Williame Lylle captaine thair of, with ane great cumpany of Inglifhmen being thairin, quhilk wes weill furneiffet with all kind of provisioun and munitione necessar. And at the first assault, the utter barmkin wes won, and the saide cumpany of Scottis and Frensche men lay within the same, purseward the castell. In the meynteime the Erle of Surry, with xl^m men, wes lyand at Anwyk nocht far fra the said castell, and send the Marques Dorset with ane greit cumpany to keip the toun of Berwyk, feiring the same fuld haif bene seigeit al sua; bot the said Erle durst approche na nearrir the said army of Scotland. In the meyne tyme ane new assault wes givin to the inner barmkine, and wan the same; and thairfoire thay sett one the castell and pursewit it at ane parte, quhilk wes brokin with the artailerie lyand on the Scottis fyde of the watter of Tweid, and preffit to enter thairat, quhair thair wes great flauchter maide, and speciallie one thame quha wes within the house; and the assault leffit quhill within the nycht, that thay wor constrenit be mirknes

to retire thairfra, purposeing the nixt day, being the feird of November, to haif affailyeit the same of new; bot thair wes that nycht sic ane vehement storm of tempestious wooddar, quhairby thay weir confranit to leif thair interprice at that tyme, and to retire thame to thair army, lest be the ryfeing of the watter of Tweid thay mycht haif bene cutt of be thair ennemies.

In the meynteyme of thair lying at the feige, thaire wes ane cumpany of Scottis men raid in Ingland throw Glendaill and uther partis, and brint and spulyeit diverse tounis, keist down findrie peillis, and returnit without ony resistance; for the Erle of Surray wald suffer nane of his army to break findrie, for feir of greater perfuet.

The Duik of Albany lyand in his campt, fend ane heirauld unto the Erle of Surraye, remembring him how baldlie in his absence he come within Scotland, invading the same crewellie with fyer and sword; quhairfoir he requyrit him apoun his honour to come forduart, and he fuld meit him at the marche in Scotland and gif him battell. To the quhilk the faide Erle anfuert that he had na commissioun to invaid Scotland at that tyme, bot onelie to defend, and sua he come na neirrir nor Anwyk; and fend word be sum secreit message of his awin to the Quene of Scotland, quha wes nocht than far fra the army, desyering hir to labour sum abstinence and trewis to be tane, and to persuade the Duik and his army to returne. And sua be hir labouris thair wes certaine trewis tane instantlie, quhilk wes efter confirmit betuix Scotland and Ingland for ane lange space, and the Duik returnit hame with greit honour.

Thir trewis and peace wes keipit all the nixt wintar following betuix the tua realmes, and thair wes na invaision one nather fynd quhill the moneth of May.

In this yeir Cristierne King of Denmark with his wif, quha wes sifter to Charles themprior, and thair thre children, with xvij schippis arryvit in Flandaris, banieft out of his realmes and dominionis be his

uncle Frederick Duik of Holftin and his awin subjectis, quha wes weill intertaynit in Flandaris.

In the beginning of the faide moneth of Maye, the Erle of Surray wes fend down agane to await one the Inglis bourdouris, and one the uther part the Lordis of Scotland awaitit one the bourdouris monethelie be quarteris, as the use is. And apoun the xxj day of this moneth, beinge trinitye sonday, thair enterit fyve hundreth Scottis men within Ingland, and awaitit apoun the marchantis and cuntrey men passing to Berwik that day to the fair, for every trinitye sonday thair is keipit ane greit faire in the said towin, quhair thay tuik mony marcheandis and riche preseintis abone the numbar of tua hundreth, and brocht thame in Scotland.

Eftir this, upoun the first day of July, Sir Johne Fanwyk, Leonard Mufegraif and bastard Herroun, with diverse utheris gaderit the nowmer of ix hundreth Inglisemen and enterit in the Merse, and begouthe to rub and spoilye the cuntrey; bot thay war sone compassit about with Scottis men, quhair thay wer hardelie affailyeit, and thay foucht valyeantlie a greit quhill; bot be fyne force thay caufit thame leyf the grund and fle, and in the flicht wer tane tua hundreth Inglis men, and bastard Heirroun and diverse utheris flane. Off the quhilkis pre-foneris findrie wer greit gentell men, as Sir Rauff Fanwyk, Leonard Mufegraif, with mony utheris.

At the same tyme one the vij day of July, the Lord Maxwell, Sir Alexander Jerdane, with dyverse uther Scottismen, with ane greit company enterit in Ingland at the west marches be Carlille, with displayt baner one day lycht, and brint in diverse placeis. The Inglis men assemblit one ewery fyde, sa that thay war in far greater nowmer, and fyerlie fet one the Scottis men, quhair thair wes ane greit fechtine ane lang space. Bot the Lord Maxwell being a wyse capitane incurraget his company; and eftir that Sir Alexander Jerdane and his sone wes

tane be the Inglishmen, he begouthe ane new skarmishe and recoverit all the presonaris, and tuik diversę Inglis men abone thre hundreth, and led with him presoneris in Scotland, and findry wes alfua flane.

Eftir this jorney thair wes ane conventione in Edinburgh of the Lordis, with the Duik of Albany than Governour, quhair wes greit reafsonning about the weiris. Sum of the Lordis perswadit the weiris to be continewit forduart for pleafour of France, and uther perswadit peace to be contractit betuix Ingland and Scotland, alleging great damage thai had sustenit through the lang and continwall weiris quhilkis hes bene betuix the tua realmes hole thre yeris. Their wes alfua greit reafsoning for the aige and tutoury of the King; sum of the Lordis allegeing that the tutory ran out, expirit sonar in ane prince nor in ane uther privat persoun. And sua certane of the Lordis thocht guid that the King him self fuld tak the gouvernement apoun him, albeit he wes bot ane barne, and nocht of aige to governe himself. Quhair-through the Duik Governour, persaveing the Lordis to be devydit amangis thame selfis, and nocht content of his gouvernement, nor yit willing to hald foruart the wearis agane Ingland, quhilk he eirnistlie perswadit for pleffour of France, declarit unto thame he wald returne againe in France; and sua tuik his leiff fra the nobilitie, and thaireftir past to Strivelinge quhair the King wes, and tuik his leiff sic lik of him, geving him his maist loving and hartlie counfall, and departit to the west cuntry, quhair he tuik schip and sailit in France in the moneth of September, and nevir thaireftir returnit in Scotland.

Befoir this tyme, in the moneth of Junij, the King of Ingland send in France to Archebald Erle of Angus, quha remanit thair be commaund of the Duik of Albany, and caufit him cum secetlie furth of France into Ingland, breking his warde, quhair he did persuade him to pas in Scotland, and make truble to the Duik of Albany and to the Lordis his favouraris, caufand him belieff that the Duik focht all meanes to distroy

him and his frindis ; bot or his cuming in Scotland, the Duik wes departit.

The King being in Striveling, be counfall of the Quene his modar, and fum young lordis and utheris, left Striveling and come to Edinburgh, with ane quiet cumpanye the xxvj day of July. And apoun the third day thaireftir, the Quene tuik the hail governement of the realme and reule of the King apoun her, and enterit with the King in the castell of Edinburgh, quhair thay maid residens the maist part of the nixt winter. Instantlie the Quene causet discharge the provest of Edinburgh, quha wes chofin be the toun of befoire, and maid the Lord Maxwell provest thairof, quha tuik the hail reule and governement of the toun apoun him. Thay causet alsua instantlie proclame ane parliament, to be haldin at Edinburgh the third day of Februar nixt.

The King of Ingland hering of the Duikis depairting, he wes glaide thairwith, and send ane callit Doctour Magnus and ane Roger Ratleif in Scotland, to declare unto the Quene and lordis, that becaus of the Duikis departing, thay thocht best that trewis fuld be takin betuix the twa realmes, for he understude that the Duik wes the onely caus to interteny the wear for pleasour of France ; quhilk meffage being weill and thankfully reffavit be the Quene, and lordis beand with the King for the tyme, thay aggreit to tak peace for the space of ane yeir, and in the meantyme, thay ordanit to send ambaffadouris in Ingland to treat apoun farther peace, amitie and alliaiy to be betuix the tua Kinges and realmes.

In the meyntyne, the Erle of Angus come in Scotland, and becaus thair wes great joleffie betuix the Quene and him, the same wes occasion of great factionis and divisionis within the realme. The Quene, with consent of certaine of the lordis, send Gilbert Erle of Caffillis, Robert Cokburne bischop of Dunkeld, and the Abbot of Cambuskenneth, ambaffadouris in Ingland, in the moneth of December, quha wes reffa-

vit be the King of Ingland at Grenwiche, the xxiiij day of the said moneth, quhair the bischop of Dunkeld maid ane eloquent oratione in Latine, declaring the caus of thair cuming; the quhilk in effect wes to interteny frindschip, peace and amitie betuix the tua realmes; and that the same mycht be establisshed and contractit perpetuellie, thay defyrit that mariage mycht be maid betuix the King of Scotland and the Lady Mary, dochter to the saide King of Ingland, quhilk fuld be ane band to knit togidder the tua realmes in perpetuall luff and amitie. Quhilk being glaidlie hard, thair wes certaine commiffioneris appointit to entreat and commoun thairapoun with the saide ambassadouris, quhair thair wes diverse articles proponit be the King of Ingland, inspecialle ane, that the King of Scotland fuld leif and forsaik the leage with the King of Fraunce and his realme, and mak the lik leage and band with Ingland as he had with France. Alwa that the King of Scotland fuld cum in Ingland, and thair to remaine quhill he wer of perfyte aige to be mariet. And becaus the ambassadouris had na commiffioun to treat apoun these and siclik articles, the Erle of Cassillis returnit in Scotland, to know the myndis of the lordis and counfall thairupoun, and the uther tua remanit at Lundoun to his returning againe to commoun.

The King and Quene being at this tyme resydent in the castell of Edinburgh, thair wes sa great ane wind one Uphally day, that the same blew doune mony houfes within the toun of Edinburgh, and raifet fyer within the Quenis awin ludgeing within the castell, that the same wes almaist haill brint; and the haill battellin stains of Davidis tour wes blawin down; and keft down the bischop of Gallowayis hous apoun him, quhon he wes sayand his devyne service; yit his life wes saiff be the speciall grace of God, for the quhilk he thankit God, and maid a solemnit wov he fuld nevir be langar ane courteour; and sua left the same, and past hame to his awin seat in Galloway, quhair he remanit the rest of his days, awaiting apone his awin cure and office according to his vocatioun.

Quhen the day of the parliament appointit to be haldin in the tolbuith of Edinburgh wes cum, the King, Quene and lordis, feiring tumult in the towin to be raifet be the Erle of Angus, wald nocht pas furth of the castell, bot fenfet the parliament, and keipit the ordour thair of within the fame. And the Erllis of Angus and Lennox, with diverse utheris to the number of tua thousand men, come into the toun of Edinburgh apoun the nycht, foir feir of the gunnis of the castell; and one the nixt day thaireftir, being the xiiij day of Februar, the said erlis, and the bischoppis of St Androis and Aberdene, quha be the counfall of the Quene had bene wardit of befor, and the bischop of Dumblane and the Erle of Argyll, with diverse utheris lordis and barronis being in the towin, fend to the castell, allegeing the King to be keipit in presone be the Quene and justice smorit to the great hurt of the commoun weaill of the realme, and thairfoir thay desyerit the King to be deleverit, and to be governit be advyse of the thre estatis; quhilk gif thay refuset to do, thay wald seige the castell, and dispone upoun all thair liffes quhilkis wes thairintill, saiff onely the King. Bot the Quene, be the counfall of the Erllis of Arrane and Murray being with her, refuset to delyver the King, and assured thame that thay wald schutt all the ordinance of the castell at the towin gif thay departit nocht hastelie thairfra; quhair thair wes ane greit fier in the toun, speciallie amangis the burgesse, bot sum wyse men interponit thair labouris, and tuik assurance betuix the parties for certane dayis. And in the meyntyme, the Erle of Angus and certane utheris his assistaris, watchet the castell in sic fort that thay wald suffer na meit to be had thair to, bot sa mekill as mycht sufficientlie serve the Kinge onely to his awin proper use. At last all the partyis wes aggreit, sua that the xxiiij day of Februar the King come unto the parliament in the tolbuith of Edinburgh, in the maist honorabill maner, with the assistance of all the estatis, croun, septour and fuord beand borin, and thairfra convoyit to the abbay, quhair he remanit. In this

parliament, thair wes chofin viij lordis to be the Kingis secreet counfall, quha acceptit the gouvernement of the King and realme apoun thame ; quhilkis wer, the archebischoppis of St Androis and Glasgw, the bishoppis of Aberdene and Dumblane, the Erlis of Angus, Argyll, Arrane and Lennox. The Quene wes adjonit unto thame as ane principalle, and that na thing fuld be done but hir advyfe ; alsua the erle of Cassillis wes fend agane to the King of Ingland, with anfuer fra the faide parliament, quha come to Lundoun the xix day of Marche ; bot or his cuming thair, the King of Ingland wes advertist fuerlie that Franceis King of France wes tane in the feild of Pavy be the Empriour, and thairfoir he wald not treat apoun mariage with the King of Scotland quhill he fuld haif the Empriouris advyfe, quhome he faide wes his confiderat ; and sua thay renewit the trewis for thre yeiris and sax monethes, and the ambaffadouris returnit in Scotland (without ony contract of mariage,) the fourt of Aprill nixt followinge.

This aggreance of the Quene and lordis indureit bot ane schort tyme ; for sone eftir, the bishopp of Dumblane deceiffit, and the Erle of Angus obtenit fra the King ane gift of the bishoprik to his brodir maister Williame Douglas, without the advyfe of the Quene and loirdis. Quhairfoir the Quene departit to Striveling, leaving the King with the Erle of Angus, quha tuik the haille reule and gouvernement of the King and realme apoun him, and maid Archebald Douglas his fader brodar, thesaurer of the realme, and disponit beneficeis, offices and all uther thingis, be the advyfe of his brodar George, and of the Erle of Lennox quha did assist with thame.

In this meyntyme, the bishopp of St Androis, and Erles of Arrane, Argyle and Murray, beand with the Quene in Striveling, allegeing the King wes haldin be the Erle of Angus aganis his will, fend and requyrit him to be delyverit unto thame, quhilk wes _____ and caufit the King gif the anfuer him self, that he wald not leave the Erle of Angus,

albeit that indeid he remanit thair aganis his will ; for he fend diverse secreet meffuagis to findre of the lordis to convene thair freindis and tak him furth of thair handis, as he did than presentlie fend to the Quene and lordis being in Striveling, desiering thame to convene ane army to that effect ; quhilk thay hastelie did, and come forwart to Linlithgow one purpose to pas to Edinburgh for his relief furth of thair handis. Of quhas cuming, the Erlis of Angus, Lennox, and thair assistaris being advertist, come to the feldis with the Kingis banar and displayet, and caufit the King come with thame, albeit partelie aganis his will. The Quene and lordis being with hir, understanding the King to be present, for reverenceing his persoun, and also feiring the same mycht be in hazard and danger incais of battell, thay retirir thame felfis to Striveling.

And thairfra the Quene past north to Murray, with the Erle of Murray, quhair scho remanit ane lang space thaireftir. The Erlis of Arrane and Argile past in the west cuntrey, and the bischop of St Androis to Dumfermeling. And thaireftir the Erle of Angus tuik the government of the King and realme mair baldlie nor of befoir ; and fend to the bischop of St Androis (quha wes chancellor,) for the great feale, quhilk wes delyverit.

The nobillis of the realme beand in this maner devidit, thair wes litell or na obedience unto the auctoritie, bot diverse slaughters in findrye partis committit, great theft and spulye maid be the bordouraris apoun the in cuntreys.

In the meynetyme, the Quene caufit fummoun the Erle of Angus her husband befoir the bischop of St Androis, quhair thair wes ane proceis of divorce led betuix thame, and sentence pronouneit thairintill ; the caus thairof being, for that the Erle wes first mariet with the Lorde Hwmeis sifter, and was nevir lawchfullie divorceit from hir, quhairby the mariage with the Quene was found null and onlauchfull. And thaireftir scho mariet Henry Stewart, sone to the Lord Avendale, quhilk

Henry wes eftir maid be the King Lord Methwen and maifter of his greit ordenaunce.

All this tyme thair was greit mifrule upoun the bordouris. Thairfoire in the moneth of Julye 1526, the xxiiij day thairof, the King being accompaneit with the erle of Angus, the Loird Hwme, the Karris and utheris, paft in Jedburgh of purpofe to haif put ordour to the bordouris, and to punifche the thevis ; quhair efter thay had remanit thre dayis with litell or na obediens, returnit againe one the xxix day of the fame moneth ; and at the brig of Melrofe, the Laird of Balcleuche accompanyit with ane thousand horfemen apperit in thair ficht ; quhais principall purpose was (be the Kingis awin advice and commaund) to haif reliefit his perfon furth of thair handis. The Erle of Angus fend ane herauld to Balcleuch, to knaw quhat wes his intent ; quha anfuerit that he come redy to do the King honour and feruice, and to fhaw his freindis and powar, as the ufe is of the bordouris. The Erle of Angus, be [advyfe of] Lord Hume and the reft, nocht being content with this anfuer, and als greit fead ftanding betuix him and the Hwmes and Karris, be thair counfull fend and commaundit Balcleuch in the Kingis name to depart thairfra, and come na narrer to the Kingis prefens under the pane of treafoun ; quha anfuerit, that he knew the Kingis mynd weill aneuch, and wald nocht spare for thair commaund to cume to his prefens ; quhilk anfuer beand reportit, the Erle of Angus, Lord Fleming, Lord Hwme, the Karris, Laird of Ceffurd and thair freindis lichtit one fute, the King remayning one horfback, accompanyeit with the Erle of Lennox, Lord Maxwell, George Douglas and Niniane Creychton tutour of Sanquhair.

The Laird of Balcleuche lychtit alfo one the uther fyd ; bot becaus the maift part of his cumpanye wer of the thevis and broken men of the bordouris, at the firft joyning of thair fpeiris than fled, leaving the Laird of Balcleuch accompanyet with ane few number of his awin frindis

in greit perell ; yit thay defendit stoutlie, and flewe the Laird of Cefurd and diuerse utheris being with the Erle of Angus ; bot thair wes foure score or thairby of Balcleuchis cumpany flane in the cheiffe. Eftir the quhilk the Kinge returnit to Jedburgh, quhair he remanit the space of foure daies, and fra that come to Edinburgh.

At this tyme the King wes nacht content of the governement of the Erle of Angus and his freindes, albeit oppinely he bure uther contenance and discimblit with thame ; and feing that tua interprifes maid for his relief, first be the Quene, the Erlis of Arrane, Argill and utheris, and than be the Laird of Balcleuch, failyeit and tuk nocht effect, thocht guid to assay the thirde interpris ; and thairfoir persuadit the Erle of Lennox to conuene ane cumpany with the Quene and hir assistaris for his relief. Quhairfoire the faide Erle of Lennox conuenit ane greit cumpany, and come fra the west cuntrey to Lythqwo. The Erle of Angus being aduertiset thairof, send to the Erle of Arrane for his assistaunce contrar the Erle of Lennox, desiering him to come to Lythquo, quhair he fuld meit him, and bring the King thair, quhilk the faide Erle of Arrane obeyit. And being thair the third of September, the Erle of Lennox cum with his powar neir to the towin of Lythqwo, quhair the Erle of Arrane send message to him, requyring him to returne and stay his interprise, assuring that albeit he wes his sifter sone, he wald nocht spare him gif he held fordwart his jorney. To the quhilk he anfuerit furiously that he wald nocht stay, bot fuld be in Edinburgh or ellis dee in the way. Thairfoir not abyding the cumin of the Erle of Angus fra Edinburgh, uifchet furth of Lythqwo, and at the west end of the towin rancounterit the Erle of Lennox and his cumpany, quhair thaire wes ane creuall onfet and meting one baith the fydes ; bot suddantlie the Erle of Lennox cumpany fled from him, and the Erle himself was flane. The Laird of Houstoun and dyuerse uther gentill men war flane. Also in the meynetye the Erle of Angus, bringing the King with him,

arryvit, quha had cum befoire the joyning, war nocht that the King haveing na will to come furth of Edinburgh, for that caus maid refift-
 aunce, as he did alfo be the way, allegeinge him to be feik ; bot George
 Douglas callit his horfe verray fchortlie and caufit him ryde, and gaif
 him mony injurious wordis, quhilk wes remembrit eftirwart. The fame
 nycht the King with that cumpany paft to Strivelinge, and thaireftir fchort-
 ly throw Fyff, fercheand the Quene and bifchop of St Androis ; and becaus
 thay could nocht find thame, being fecretlie be thair freindis keipit and
 confealit, thairfoire thay fpulyeit the abbay of Dumfermeling and caftell
 of St Androis, taking away all the faide bifchoppis mubillis being thair-
 intill with thame, and returnit fone thaireftir to Edinburgh.

All this tyme, be reffoun of the great controverfie being amangis the
 Lordis, thair wes mony flaughteris maid in diverfe partis of the realme ;
 principallie the Erle of Caftillis wes flane be the fheriff of Ayre, in the
 Waft cuntrey, and Maclane was flane in Edinburgh be fir Johne Camp-
 bell of Caldel knycht, and thair wes great fpulyeis maide one the bor-
 douris, and continewit ryiding be the thevis in the in cuntrey ; and
 in the north partis alfo, thair was in the fhyre of Aberdene gryt and
 fcharp weris betuix the twò firnames of the Lelleis and the Forbeffes,
 and thair frindes and affiftaris, and findry fcharp fkarmifheis, with great
 flaughter boith of barones, gentlemen and commones, quhilk continewit
 mony yeires, almaiſt during the Kingis les aige, quhill at laſt thay wer
 aggreit be the labouris of the principalle noble men of the realme and
 lordes of the counfall. Yit eftir the fame aggrement, the lard of Mel-
 drum, quha was of the Lelleis freindes, was treasonable flane in the toun
 of Aberdene, be the Maifter of Forbes and the Larde Lenturk, quhair-
 upon the deadly fead was walkynned againe ; bot the Lordis of the
 counfall maid thame to be aggryit thaireftir, fwa that the fame continewit
 ſtill in quyetnes to thir dayis.

Thair was lykwyfe gryit troubles in the Hielandis, ſpecialllye in the

fchyre of Murry in the north amanges Makintoshe kin, called the Clenchatten ; for the custome of that clan and trybe, as of mony utheris in the Yrifhe cuntrey, has bene at all tyme to acknawlege ane principall for thair cheif capitane, to quhome thay are obeyent tyme of wear and peace, for he is mediatour betuix thame and the prince. He defendis thame aganis the invasionis of thair enemies, thair nychboures, and he caufis mynifter justice to thame all in the maner of the cuntrey, fua that none fuld be suffered to maik spoile or go in forning, as thay call it, or as vagaboundes in the cuntrey ; lyke as at the same tyme, the principall cheif of the Clanhatten was a verrie honest and wyfe gentleman, callit Lachlane Makintoshe of Dunnachtan, ane barroun of gude rent, quha keipit hes hole kin, freindes and tennentis in honest and guid rewl. Nochttheles, sum wicked perfones being impacient of vertuous leving, sterit up one of his awin principall kynnifmen, callit James Malcomfone, quha crewellie and treffonable flew his said cheif. Bot fudantlie thairupoun thair followit great troble, for the residew of the same clan perfewit the said James, quha tuike for his refuge ane ile within the loch of L. Rothemurcows ; quhair he wes takin and all his cumpanie, quha wes executed and reffawed just punifchement for thair treaffonabill deid. And becaus the said Lorde of Dunachtains sone, quha fuceidit unto his fader, was young and tender of aige, and so not meit to governe thame, thay did chuse one bastard broder of the said lordis, callit Hector Mackintoshe, to be thair capitane during his minoritie. Bot the Erle of Murray haiffand respect to the young childe, being his awin sifter sone, caufit convoy him from thair handis in keping with his modir freindis, quhair he wes weill nurist and brocht up in vertew ; yit the saide Hectour ceased not to feik be all moyance possible to haif the barne restorit to him, quhilk wes hoipit to be for no guid. And becaus that the saide erle staiet him frome his wicked determination, the said Hectour and Williame his broder, accompanyet with the

hoill kyn, invadit the landis and cuntrey of Murray pertening to the erle, speciallie the paroche of Dyk beyde the castell of Tarnway, quhair thay raised fyer and spulyeit the cuntrey, and spared nocht to slay men, wiffes and children; and thay also beseged the castell of Pettie, pertening than to the laird of Durne callit Ogilvy, quhair thay was slane to the number of xxiiij gentle men of Ogilvis, and perseverit in thair wickitnes ane lang space thaireftir, thinking thame selffis as kingis of that cuntrey. Bot schortlie thaireftir thay reffavit dew punishement for thair creweltie, for the saide erle hayffing commissiōne of lyvetenanttrie frome the King and counfall, rafet ane greyt army and past in thair cuntrey; quhair he caused tak abone the number of three hundreth of the principallis of thame, quha war than presentlie hangit within the cuntrey, and William Makintosh brodir to the saide Hectour was takin and brocht to the toun of Fores, and thair was heidit and quarterit, and his head fixed at Dyk, and the quarteris of his body in the townis of Elgin, Fores, Invernes and Aldern. Thairfoire Hectour seing him destitut of all assist-
 ance and sua desperat, past secretlie be the convoy of Maister Alexander Dumbar, than dene of Murray, to the King, and pat him in his will; quhair he was reffavit and remittit of his former offences, and haldin as ane of the Kingis familiar servandis estiruart. Bot the King wald not leif him unpuniest, sua that he wes slane in the citie of Sainct Androis, upoun a suddantie, be ane procurour of the toun callit maister James Spence, quha wes heidit for the same thaireftir. This kin of the Clenhatten kepe at all tyme better rewill thairfoir, quhill the perfitt aige of thair younge capitaine, quha wes sua well brocht up be the meanes of the Erle of Murray and the Laird of Phindlatir, in vertue, honestie and civile policie, that eftir he had received the gouvernement of his cuntrey, he was a mirroure of vertue to all the hieland capitans in Scotland; bot fortune did invy his felicitie, and the wicked practizes of the dissoluit livers of his awin kin, sufferit him nocht to remaine lang amangis

thame; bot the fame factiuous cumpanie that raise aganis his fadir, was the caus of his destruccioune, as hereftir will appeare.

In this yeir the King, be the counfall of the Erle of Angus, Arrane and utheris, weill accompaniet to the number of fax thousand men, past to the toun of Jedburgh, for stancheing of the greit thift and riff made be the thevis of the bordouris; and one the viij day of Junii, the principallis of the firnames on the bourdoris come to the King, oblisand thame for guid rule, and sum pledges was delyverit to that effect.

Ane great conventionne of the Lordis being in Halyrudhous with the King the xvij of Junij, thair come ane sempill lyk man, being fume tyme firnamed to the Erle of Lennox, and in the midis ane great confluence in the Abbay close, furiouslye and disperatlie struk Sir James Hammiltoun knyght with ane qhingyear in the wambe, thre findry straiks to the heft, albeit that the saide Sir James deit nocht of thay straikis. The man beand suddantlie takin, confessit the deid without ony repentaunce, cryinge, fye on the feibill hand quhilk wald not do that thing the hart thocht, and wes determinatt to do. And being inquiryt quhat he wes, and quha had causit him to do the fame, anfuerit he wes ane servend of God, send be him to do that deid; and albeit he wes put to greit pynes dailie be the space of ane moneth thaireftir, wald nevir gif ane uther anfuer; thairfoir he wes hangit, and his heid fixeit upoun the port of Edinburgh.

At this tyme thair come ane clark furth of Almany, callit Maister Patrik Hammiltoun, abbot of Ferne, and brodir sone to the Erle of Arrane, quha had bene at the scule with Luther and utheris in thay partis; and being callit and exeminit upoun certane articles, sic as of the matters of justificacioune, predestinatioune, of free will, and diverse utheris beand contrararious to the doctrine haldin and techet be the Catholique kirk, becaus he did afferme and with ane pertinacitie defend thame, wes declarit ane heritique, and brint.

The xxvij day of Marche, the King feiget the castell of Edinburgh, the Quene being thairin, and Henry Stewart her husband, and James his broder; bot how fone the Quene knew that the King himself wes present, sho caufit oppin the yeattis, and askeit grace one her knees from the King to hir husband and his broder, and wald nocht ryife quhill sho had obtenit the same; yit thay tua wor wardit within the faide castell during the Kingis plesour.

In this yeir, the King being neir the aige of fevintene yeiris, and of guid discretione and judgement accordinge to his aige, and nocht willinge to remane langer under the tutell and governement of the Erle of Angus and his cumpanye, convenit diverse nobill men at Striveling; be quhais counfall he send ane herauld to the Erle of Angus and his assistaris, being than resident in Edinburgh, commaunding thame under pane of treaffoun that thay fuld depart furth of the said towin, and that nane of thame fuld come within foure myllis to the King, quhair evir he happenit to be.

And the King himself, being accompanyit with tua thousand men, folowit schortlie eftir the faide herauld; quhairfoir the Erle of Angus being charget be the herauld, and als hering of the Kingis cumin, left the toun and departit. Shortlye thaireftir the King send the same herauld, and commaundit the Erle of Angus pas and remane in ward within the cuntrey of Murray during the Kingis will, quhilk he wald nocht obey. And thairfore he and dyverse utheris his assistaris wes summonit to enter in the parliament to be haldin at Edinburgh, in the moneth of September nixt following, to ansuer for certaine pointis of treaffoun to be laid to his charge. Quhilk parliament wes haldin at Edinburgh the first day of September in the yeir 1528; in the quhilk the Erle of Angus, George Douglas his brodir, Archebald Douglas his fadir broder, Alexander Drummond of Carnock and dyvers utheris, war be decreitt and sentence of the Statis forfaltit for diverse causis, and principally for con-

vocatione of the Kingis liegis to haif invaidit the Kingis perfoun, and for that alfo he held the King aganis his will with him the fpace of tua yeiris and mair, being dailie in fear of his liff. In this parliament Henry Steuart the Quenes husband wes created Lord Methwen, and was appointit to be Maifter of the Kingis artailyerie.

In October following the King convenit ane greit cumpany, with artailyerie, and diverfe kind of munitione, to feige the caftell of Tamtalloun, haldin than be the Erle of Angus; quha being advertift of the feige, caufit furneis the caftell with men and all kind of neceffaris, and paft himfelf in England. The feige being laid to the faide caftell, it wes fa ftrange of it felf, and fa weill providit, that it culd on na wayis be won at that tyme; quhairfoir the King caufit the feige be raifed, eftir that David Falconar, principall gunnar of the Kingis artailyerie, wes flaine. Bot the faid caftell nocht lang thairefter wes delyverit to the King be appointment.

In Orknay the xvij day of Maye, the Erle of Caithnes and Lord Sinclar, with ane greit army, arryvid to haif paffed and occupiet that cuntrey; but the cuntrey men convenit at the commaund of James Sinclar of Kirkwal thair capitaine, quha defendit the Ile and faucht ane crewell battell with thame, in the quhilk the Erle of Caithnes and fyve hundreth of his men wes flayne and drownit in the fee. The Orknay men haldis oppinione that Sanct Mawnis thair patron wes fene that day with thame in the feld, fechtand for thair defence. The Laird Sinclar and all the reft of the cumpany wes tane prifonares.

In the famyn moneth of May the xvj day, thair wes ane greit conventioun of the lordis with the King in Edinburgh, and the King himfelf presentlie fittand in judgement. The Laird of Hinderland callit Cokburn and Adame Scot of Tufchelaw, quha wes callit king of theivis, wes accufet of thift, refett, and maineteyning of theivis, flauchter and uther crymes, and convi&ct thairfoir and heidit, and thair heidis

fixit upoun the tolbuith of Edinburgh. The same day the Erle Boithuell was conviçt for manteyning of thame, and for certaine uther crymes, and thairfoir wes in the Kingis will ; for the quhilkis, the King caufit ward him in the castell of Edinburgh ; thaireftir he wes fend in Murray and laft banieft Scotland, fua that he trayvellit to Venice, quhair he remanit during the Kingis lyve tyme. Alfua the Lord Maxuell, Lord Hwme, Larde Balcleuch, Farnyhirft, Pollock, Johnestoun, Mark Kar and uther principallis of the bordouris wes conviçt be affyflis, and all put in warde ; quhairthrowcht the bordouraris keipit better reule thairefter, fo lange the Kinge wes one lyfe.

About this tyme, ane landit man callit Johne Scott, quha had travellit in Italie, France, England and uther cuntreys, arryvit in Scotland. And becaus he wes bruttit to haif fastit in uther realmes the fpace of fortie dayis continewallie togidder, without meit, drink, or ony uther fustenance, thairfore the King caufit him to be keipit within the castell of Edinburgh in Davidis tour, with maift fcharpe and delyverit watcheing, quhair he fastit the fãidis fourty dayis and fourty nychtis togidder, without ony meit, drink, fpice or uther kynd of nureifement, lyke as he had done in findry other cuntreis of befoir ; quhilk wes haldin ane greit mervell amangis the pepill, fume of thame making account that it did proceid of halynes as a myracle, and utheris that it proceidit of frenesie.

In this fymmer Archebalde Douglas, refufeing to pas in England with the Erle of Angus, albeit he wes forfaltit, come his allane to the park of Striveling to the King quhair he wes huntand, and askit his pardon, quhilk he had obtenit, becaus the King favourit him better nor ony of the rest of that furname, war nocht he had determinat to fuffer nane of the principallis of thame to byde within the realme at that tyme. And thairfoir the faide Archebald past in France, quhair fone eftir through displefoure he deceiffit. The Erle of Angus, George Douglas,

and findrye uderis remanit in Ingland, and gat certaine penfiones afinit to thame be King Henry of Ingland, quhairupoun thay leifit thair contynuallie quhill efter the Kinge of Scottis deceis.

All this fymmer, the King tuik greit cure to paciefie the bordouris, and puneis the theivis and oppreffouris being thairon. And to that effect, in the moneth of Junij he paffit to the bordouris with ane great army, quhair he caufet xlvij of the maift nobill theivis, with Johne Armeffrange thair capitane, be tane, quha being convict of thift, reiff, flauchter and treaffoun, war all hangit apoun growand trees, and thair wes ane notabill thiff brint, quha had brunt ane hous, with ane woman and mony her barnis being thairintill. Yit George Armeffrange broder to the faide Johanny, wes pardonit and refervit levand to tell of the rest, like as he did, quha within proces of tyme wer apprehendit be the King, and puniest accordinge to thair desertis.

In the moneth of Auguft following, thair wes diverse mervellis fene about Striveling; fic as candillis burning apoun the heid of hillis in the nycht, and in the morningis befoire the fone ryefing; diverse armett men in harnes fene fechtand one the erd on day lycht, quhillk wes haldin for ane foir warning takin of fum troubles to be in theis partis. And fchortelie thaireftir, apoun the xv day of Auguft, thair beand great confluence of pepill at the mercat and feftuell day in Cambuskynneth, thair wes fyfty tua perfonis drownit in the ferry boitt thairof, amangis quhome their wes findry honest men and women of the cuntrey.

Apoun the first day of Marche, in the fame yeir, the abbot of Culrofe, callit James Inglis, wes creually flaine be the Lord of Tullyallan and his fervandis; amangis the quhilkis thair wes ane priest callit Sir William Louthien, quha beand comprehendit, the faid Sir Williame one the xxvij day of the fame moneth, apoun ane publick skaffald in the toun of Edinburgh, wes degradit, (the King, Quene and a greit multitude of

pepill beand present,) and he presentlye delyverit to the Erle of Argyle heid Justice; and one the nixt day thaireftir, the saide Tullyallane and he wes heidit thaireftir.

This yeir the Erle of Angus being reffavit at the King of Inglandis commaund in his realme, maide great perfuasionis to the King to invaide Scotland be reffoun of his forfaitur and banifement. Bot the King of Ingland wes sa biffy occupyit all this yeir in purchafeing ane devorce to be led betuix him and Quene Katherin his wyffe, that he wes glaid to keip peace with all his nychtbouris.

In thir daies, a singlar wele learned clark, called Hector Boetius, doctor in theologie, and principalle of the Univerfitie of Aberdene, a man of gryit erudicione in all the liberall fciences, wreit the hole hiftorie of Scotland in the Latine tongue, frome the beginninge thairof, to the death of King James the first, in the yeir of the nativitie of Christ m¹ iij^c xxxvj yeiris, in fo eloquent stile, fo truelie and diligentlie collected, that none of all the wreittaris at that tyme wreitt better, as the wark it self bearis recorde; quhilk wes eftiruart tranflated in the Scottishe language be Mr Johne Ballanden, and recited to the greit furderance and commoun weille of the hole natione.

In this yeir, the King of Ingland, knawing his bordouris nocht to be sa weill plenyfit with men and habitacione as the Scottis bordouris wes, proponit in his parliament to have ane taxacioune to big mare pellis and strengthis apoun his bordouris, for refifing of the Scottis men, but the fame wes defferrit at that tyme.

Thair wes ane meitting appointit betuix the Paip and the King of France at Marfillis this yeir, and becaus the King of Ingland had repudiat his wiff contrar the Papis auuthoritie, he thought guide to speke with the King of Fraunce befoir, thinking to perfuade him to mak his excuse at the Papis hand, and thairfore the saidis tua Kingis meitt in Oclober at Bullin and Calleis in France.

Thair was a parliament haldin in Edinburgh, in the quhilk thair wes findrie guide lawis and constituciones maide for the commone weille of the realme, speciallie for stanching of thift, reiff and oppreffiones, quhilk the King caufit to be weille keipit with fcharpe executione during all his dayis.

And in the meanetye, the King of Ingland fend Sir Anthony Darcy to the bordouris, quha beand at Berwik, be the counfell of the Erle of Angus thair refident, raid with ane greit cumpany in Scotland, and rafet fyer; quhair fuddantlie certane Scottis men beand affembled for thair refiftans, affailyeit thame in sic fort that thay wer chaifet to Berwik agane; and the Erle of Angus being with thame, was takin, bot fecretlie lattin go agane in Ingland, quhairwith the King wes hiechly offendet. Eftir this thair wes diverfe invafiones apoun the bordouris on every fyde, without ony weir proclamit, and taken of fchippis appoun the fey alfweill as be lande.

Eftir that King Henry had repudiat Quene Katherin, he mariet Lady Anne Bulleyn, quha buyre to him ane dochter, callit Lady Elizabeth, eftirwart Quene of Ingland; bot apoun fum fufpicione of gellifie quhilk he tuik aganis the Ladye Anne, he caufed her to be headed, and findrye gentlemen with her.

In thir dayis, the doctrine and opinionis teached be Marten Lutar, aganis the Papis aucthoritie and the Catholique religione, wes spread in Germanie and diverfe utheris partis; and King Henry of Ingland hearing thairof, fa far as tuechit the difcharge of the fupremycie that the Paip wes wont to haif abone Ingland, did the moire glaidlie embrace and accept the fame, that he intendit to maik ane cullour thairof to be divorcit from Quene Katherine his wif, and to mak him felf riche be the treafour, jewallis and patrimonie of the kirkis and religious placeis, as he did eftiruart. And thairfoir, Paip Clement, than Paip of Rome, forefeing the denger quhilk mycht haif happinit in cafe the fame doctrine

of Luter haid bene receaved in Scotland, he fend ane legatt to the King, with mony gracious and benevolent priveleges and benefyttis, desiering him most effecteoullie to be most war with these pestiferous errouris and herrefies, and that he shold not followe the counfall of his uncle King Henry of Ingland, quha was begun alreddy to declyne frome his dew obedience to the feate of Rome. Quhilk meffage the King acceptit verrey glaidlie, and caufit convene the thre estatis in a parliament haldin at Edinburgh the xvij day of Maye 1532; quhair the King exponit, fen he and his noble progenitouris Kings of Scotland, and leiges of the fame, had bene the first, or at the leift, with the first that evir acceptit the Christiane faithe, and bene most obedient sonis to the Paip of Rome and feat apostolique, without ony manner of spott, violatioun or defectione; and thairfoir to shew him thankfull and obedient sone thairto in tymis cuming, it wes flatut and ordanit with consent of the thre estatis in parliament, that he fall keip, observe, manteane and defend the aucthoritie, libertie and fredome of the feat of Rome and halie kirk, as evir it hath bene keipit and observit in his maist noble progenitouris tymis; and with the fame, thair wes findre actis and constitutionis maid for punishing of herefeis and manteaning of privieligies of Halie kirk, quhilkis was published in the nixt parliament.

At the samyn tyme, the King with the advice of the thre estatis, confidering the great hindraunce of justice, and abuse that was growin within the realme, be the ordour quhilk was observit in his prediceffouris daies, be the keiping of fessionis in findre partis of the realme, principallie becaus that the judges which war chofin thairto war chofin of the clarkis, barronis and burgefis, and for the most part of anie onlernerd and not skilfull in the lawis; and that thay war so oft tymis changit, thay coulde not have that commoditie to inquier, try and judge of every cause as was necessarilie required. And thairfor, being maist desyerous

to haif ane permanent ordour of iustice for the uniuersall weill of all his leiges, institute and ordanit, and be uniuersall consent of the thre estatis and act of parliament, confermit ane Colledge of cunning and wise men, baith of spirituall and temporall estate, for doing and administratione of iustice in all civile actionis, and to decyde the same; quhais procellis, sentences and decreittis, shall haif the same strenght, force and effect, as the decreit of the lordis of session had in all tymis bigane, and that the number of thame suld be fourtene personis ordiner maist convenient and qualesseitt, half spirituall, half temporall, with ane president, providing alwayis that my Lorde Chancellor being president with thame, shall haif voit and be principall of the said counsell; and sic lik uther lordis as fall pleise the Kingis grace to joine to thame, of his great counsell, to haif voit sic lik to the number of thre or four; and the said lordis shall haif pouer to advyse, counsell and conclude apoun sic rulis, statutis and ordinances as salbe thought be theme expedient to be obseruit and kept in thair maner and ordar of proceeding at all tymis; and as they devyse, conforme to reasone, equitie and iustice, the King, with the advice of the estatis shalle ratifie and approve the same. And becaus thair might nothing be spared of the patrimonie of the crowin, to be gevin to the saidis lordes for releif of thair ordinarie chargis during thair residens; thairfoir the prelattis of the realme grantit a certane contributione furth of thair benefices, to be payet yeirlie to the saide colledge in all tymis cuming for the caus foirsaide; and in respect that the saidis lordis chofin upoun the session, do present the Kingis person, and beir his aucthoritie in the doing of iustice, the Kingis grace did thairfoir receave thame baith spirituall and temporall, in speciall honor and maintenance, promielsing that he shall authorize, mainteine and defend thame all, thair personis, landis and guidis fra all harme, wrang, hurt and injurie to be done to thame, be any manner of person, and exemit thame also fra all maner of contributionis,

taxationes and bering of offices or chargis, bot gif it be of thair awine free will and consent; quhilk institucione of the college of justice and all pertening thairto, was ratifeit and approvit be the confirmatione rasit in the seate of Rome. And in the meyntyme, thair was appointit and chofin be the King sic personis spirituall and temporall to be upoun the dalie sessioun, and to minister justice equalie amang all the leiges, as saide is, eftir thair conscience and understanding, and thay war sworne to do the samyn. Quhilk institucione and ordour of ministring of justice hes bene observed till this our dayis, to the great honour of the realme and comforth of the hail pepill thairof.

In the famin parliament thair wes also mony guid lawis and constitutionis maid, bot the same wer nocht publiſt quhill the parliament quhilk wes haldin in the yeir of God 1535.

In September thair mett certane commiffioneris baith for Scotland and Ingland at the toun of New Castell, for redres and recompanis to be maid of burning of townis, taking of guidis, doun casting of peillis, taking of schippis, flachteris of men, and diverse utheris spoilyes and injuries done alfueill be fee as be land, fra the 24 day of Aprill 1532 to the saide meiting of the commiffionaris; quhilk was litell les in effect nor had bene done in tyme of oppin wear, albeit thair wes nane proclaimed. And becaus the skaithe and injuries wes sa greit one baith fydes, that particular redres could nocht be maid, the same wes referrit to the will and plesour of baith the princeis, and commoning wes had for a perpetuell peace to be contractit; and for tretim and ending thairof, it wes appointit that certane ambaffadouris fuld meitt at Lunden, as thei did thaireftir.

Upoun the xxv day of Marche, ane reverend fader William Steuart bishop of Aberdene, the abbot of Kinlofs, and Sir Adame Oterburne knyght, ambaffadouris and commiffioneris for the King of Scotland, beand honourably accompanyit with diverse knyghtis, barronis and gentill men,

arryvit at Lundoun, and had prefence and conference with Henry King of England, for ane treatie and peace to be had and confermit betuix the tua realmes, quhair thair wes certane commiffioneris appointit on ather fyde to treat thairupoun, quha aggreit weill apoun all conditionis and articulis, and concludit ane peace during baith the Kingis liffis togidder, and ane yeir eftir the deceaffe of the firft prince than regnand ; and returnit in Scotland in the moneth of Maye.

At this fame tyme thair paft furth of Scotland in France David Be-toun abbot of Arbrouthe, and Sir Thomas Erskine fecretar, ambaffadouris for the Kingis mariage to be contractit with the Duik of Vandomes fifter, quhairwith fcho and hir frindes wes weill content. Nocht-theles eftiruart, the King himfelf paffing fecretlie in France in propper perfoun, eftir he had fene the faide ladie was nocht content to marie hir, bot futeit to haif in mariage Lady Magdalene, eldeft dochter to the maift chriftiane King Francis King of France, quhome he mariet eftiruart ; quhairfoir the faide Duik of Vandomes fifter refufet at all tyme eftir to marye ony uther, bot advowit hir felf to ane religious place, quhair fho remanit the reft of hir dayis.

The King of Ingland fend ambaffadouris in Scotland, quhilk war the bifchop of Duresme, Sir Thomas Cliffurd, the priour of Duresme, and ane clark callit Doctour Magnus, quha wer honourable reffavit and intertaneit in the moneth of July ; quhair the peace concludit befor the ambaffadouris at Lundoun wes conformit be the King, and the great feallis of baith the realmes interchangit thairupoun, duringe baith the princes lyves, as is befoire wrettin.

In this yeir the King paffit throw the north partis of his realme, hald-and Justice airis. And alfua thair wes fharpe inquificione and punifhement of heretiques in Edinburgh, the King himfelf affiftand thairto. Maifter Normond Gourlay, beand abjurit of befor, and Andro Strait-toun, obftinat in his oppinione, wes brynt. The fheriff of Lynlythqw,

capitane James Borthuik, and diverse utheris fugitive fra the law, war conviēt for heresie.

Becaus the King of England had repudiat his wif Quene Katherine, and renunceit and abrogat the Papis autoritie within his realme, and tuik apoun him the supremacie, calling himself supreme head of the kirk of England, and becaus diverse religious men did preache and speik aganis the same, he caufit put findry of thame to deid; utheris he pat in preffoun, and at last banieft all the freiris furth of his realme, and diverse of thame wes reffavit in Scotland. He demolisheit all the abbaies and religious houfeis, with chanteris and collegeis, at his plesour.

Thair wes ane parliament in England haldin in November, in the quhilk it wes concludit the King fuld in all tymis cuming be supreme head of the kirk of England, and the Paipis auctoritie abolished furth of that realme. Quhairfoir the Paip Clement for the tyme, fend ane messenger to the King of Scotland with ane breif, desyferand his assistans aganis the King of England, quhome he had decernit ane heretyque, schismaticque, ane manifest adulterar, ane publicque murthourar, and to haif committit sacreledge; alsua rebell and conviēt of lese majestie contrar him quha wes his our lord; and thairfoir justlie had declarit him to be deprivit of the said kingdome, and wald dispone the same to him and uther Catholic Princes, sva thay wald assist for recoverie of the samyn.

This yeir the King passit to the sey with fyve schippis, without the knowlege of the maist part of the lordis of his realme, of purpose to sale in France, quhair his ambassadouris wes lyand for the treating of his mariage; and salit about the Sky and Lewis and the Ilis; and be storme was driven to land at Sainēt Ninianis in Galloway, and sua returnit to Strivellinge, and thairfra passit one his feitt in pilgrimag to the chapell of Lorrett besid Muffilburgh. Thaireftir fend for dyverse of his lordis, and be thair counfall pat ordour to the government of the realme during his absens, making the Erle of Huntley regent with a

certane counfall assignit to be with him ; tuik his vayage agane be fey with the number of fyve schippis, and inbarkit at Kirkcaldy the last day of August, and foneftir arryvit weill and prosperoullie in France ; thair being with him in cumpany the Erle of Argyll, the Erle of Arrane, the Lord Boyd, the Lord Fleming, with diverse uther barronis, knychts and gentell men ; and thair wes befor him in Fraunce the Erle of Murray, the Erle of Lennox, the Erle of Cassillis, the Lord Erskine, Abbot of Arbroithe and utheris. And incontinent eftir his landing he past in secreit maner disguisfet, with ane fervand callit Johne Tennent, quhome he maid to be knawin as his maister, to Vandome in Picardye, quhair he sawe and confiderit the duikis sifter quhilk wes appointit for his mariage ; and becaus he plefit hir nocht, he returnit schortlie, without ony speache with hir or ony of hir freindes, to Rowan, quhair his noble men and cumpanye wes awaittand one his cuming ; and thairfra passit with ane honourabill cumpany to Parise, quhair the King fend the Dolphine to meitt him sevin liggis fra the toun, quha convoyit him to the King ; quhair he wes reffavit in sic hartly maner as he had bene his awin sone, and with als gret honour as he mycht haif done to the greateft prince in erd. He wes lugeit, and all his traine with great magnificence, housis hung with coiffie hingars, and all uther necessaris preparit and furneissit apoun the King of France charges in maist honourabill maner ; diverse justis, tornamentis and triumphis maid, in the quhilk the King of Scotland shew himself, in justing and exercing the faittis and deidis of armes, als couragioullie and expertlie as ony in all the realme of France ; for the quhilkis he wes mekill prayset and commendit abone the rest.

In the meanetyme, he caufit his ambaffadouris and the noble men being with him, declair unto the King of France, the caus of his cuming wes for mariage of Lady Magdalene his eldest douchtir, quhome he pleffit, and lufit best of ony uther within his realme. And the King of France being wonderous glaide of his desier, anfuerit that he estemit and pre-

ferrit the amitie, freindfchip and confideracie quhilkis he had with the King of Scotland and his realme, befoire all uther princeis his confiderattis, becaus thair leage and band is fa auncient betuix the tua nationis, and hes bene fa truelie and faithfullie obfervit and inviolablie keipit; thairfoir, willing to intertenie the fame in all tymes cuming with greatar luffe and frindfchipp, he will with ane luffing hart gif him his douchter in maryage; bot alwayis he did declare that his eldeft douchter Magdalane wes of ane tender complectione, and mickell subject to feiknes; and thairfoir he wald referr it to the King of Scotland, quidder he wald take hir or his uther dochter, callit Lady Margret (quha wes lang eftir mariet one the Duik of Salvoy.) Quhilk . . . beand reportit to the King of Scotland, he perfeverand in his constant demand, cheifit the said Lady Magdalane, quha wes ane young ladie of pleafand bewtie, guidlie favour, luffing countenance and cumly manners, abone all uthers within the realme of Fraunce. This beand declarit, contract of mariage wes maid, in the quhilk their wes promiseit in tocher ane hundreth thousand crownis of the fone, thirtie thoufands frankis of pensione duringe his lyf tyme; quhilk fome wes delyverit to the King eftir at his departing hayme, with mony coiftly hingardis, cupburdis of golde and filver, filver plait, fumptuoufe apperall, and mony uther riche juellis to him and his wiff, far abone the fome of ane uther hundreth thousand crownis; with tua greit fchippis, the ane of thame callit the Salamander, with mickell artailerie, poudar and uther municione; and befydis all this, his haill chargis of expenfis wes borne be the King of France, during his being in that realme. And at this fame tyme, the ancient leag and band betuix Scotland and France wes renewit, and the first day of Januar appointit to the solemnefing and compleitting of the mariage; and in the meane tyme, thair wes great preparacione maid for the tryumphe, and the King of France fend for all his nobillis and estatis to be present thairat. And fua one the first day of Januar at Parys, in

Nofre damus kirk, the King of Scotland mariet Lady Magdalaine publiclie; the King hir fadir, the King of Narvar, fevin cardinallis, the xij pearis of the realme of France, with mony duikis, marquessis, erlis, lordis, bifchoppis and uthers being present. Eftir the faide mariadge he remanit in France, paffing his tyme with all kynd of plefour quhill the moneth of Maye thaireftir; at the quhilk tyme thaire wes preparit findrie great fchippis for the convoying of him and his Quene in maift honorabill wayis to Scotland. And thay baithe tuike thaire leiff of the King of France at Paris in the latter end of Aprill, and paff thairfra to Rowan, quhair thay wair reffavit with greit triumphe, and wes convoyit doun the revar of Sane to the New Heavin, quhair thay fchippit; being accompanyit be the admirall of France and mony uthers nobill men of France fend be the Kinge to convoy thame in Scotland, and fayled with pleafand windis and prosperous vayage throw the feis, and landit at the peare of the heavin of Leith the xix day of May 1537; quhair thair wes mony erllis, bifchoppis, lordis, barronis and uthers of Scotland, quha reffavit thame with exceding great blythnes, and with greit tryumphe wes convoyit to the Abby of Hallierudehous.

This guide lady, throwch hir luffing countenance and cumlie behaviour, at hir first arryving conquieft the luiffe and hartlie guide will of all the nobillis of the realme and of the pepill alfua; and pleafit the King fa weill in all fortis, quhairthrowch thair wes nevir greattir hoip and appearance of welth and all kynd of prosperitie, within that realme, nor did appeare than. Bot fortoun invying thair felicitie, wald nocht fuffer thame to byd lang togidder, and thairfoir caufit Atropes to cutt hir threid; fua that about the moneth of Junij fcho wes vexit with feiknes of ane vehement fever, quhair of fho deiceiffit the xth day of Julij, and wes buryit in the Abbay kirk of Hallierudehous; quhair of the King tuik great difplefour, and thairfor keipit him quiet ane lang tyme eftir.

Quhen the King was in Rowan, in this vayage, beinge than of the

aige of xxv yeiris compleit, made ane generall revocatioune of all thingis done in his mynoritie, ather to his hoirt of his conscience or prejudice of his crowin ; and the same wes ratifiet in the nixt parliament.

Here is to be remembred, that thair wes mony new ingyis and devyis, alfweill of bigging of paleicis, abilyementis, as of banquating and of menis behaviour, first begun and used in Scotland at this tyme, eftir the fassione quhilk thay had sene in France. Albeit it semit to be varray comlie and beautifull, yit it wes moir superfluows and voluptuous nor the substauce of the realme of Scotland mycht beir furth or susteine ; nottheles, the same fassionis and custome of coistlie abilyements indifferntlie used be all estatis, excessive banquating and sic lik, remains yit to thir dayis, to the greit hinder and povartie of the hole realme.

In this fymer wes tane the Lady Glammes, sifter to the erle of Angus, and David Lyoun hir husband, and brocht to the toun of Edinburgh, and wer accusit and convicēt be ane affyse for conspiracie of the Kingis deid. And the faide lady wes brint, and hir husband hangit thairfoir. The Lord Glammes her sone wes convicēt for knowlege and conspiracie of the famin, and thairfoir forfeitit of his landis and condampnit to dee. Bot becaus he wes younge and tendir of aige, the King sparit his lyff and committed him to perpetuell presoun, quhair he remainit during the Kingis liff tyme in the castell of Edinburgh.

Schortlie thaireftir, Johne maister of Forbes and eldest sone to the Lord Forbes, quaha had maryit the faid Lady Glammes sifter, wes accusit in Edinburgh, and convicēt be ane affyse for the like conspiracie of the Kingis deid ; and thairfoir wes heidit and quarterit at Edinburgh, and his heid and quartris affixit apoun the portis. The Lord Forbes his fadir being suspectit thairof, wes haldin in ward in the castell of Edinburgh lang, bot he wes thairefter releifit.

The King held a parliament this yeir, in the quhilk he apreivit his generall revocatioune maide at Rowin, and maid annexacione of many

landis to the crowin, be the quhilk the rent thairof wes augmentit. And becaus the patrimonie thairof wes small, and culd not fusteine his chargies, thairfoir he nominatt foure of his bastardis soneis, being bot infantis, to the Abbayis of Hallierudehous, [and Kelfo,] the Priour of St Androis, Melrose and Coldinghame, and reffavit the hole fruittis thairof during all the dayis of his lyff, quhilk wes greitar profit to him nor the hole revenew of the crowin.

This yeir the King caufit justice airs to be haldin in the north partys of the realme, in the moneth of September and October, and in winter thairefter, in the fouth and west partis. And the King him self wes oftymes present, affisting to the lordis his commiffioneris for fordring of justice and menteining of the same thorowch all partis of the realme.

The King, be counfall of the nobill men of his realme, thinking necessar to mary sum honorable princes, fend in France to the erle of Murraye and Maister David Betoun, Abbott Arbroithe, then new maid Cardinall, ambaffadouris thair refydent, to treat and be the King of France advyse, the mariage of ane lusty plesand and verteous princes Marie Lorane, Duchies of Longaveill, wedow, and dochter to ane vailyeaint and excellent prince the Duik of Guife. And beand advertiest that the King of France, the Princes her self, and her freindis wes weill content thairwith, the King fend in the beginning of Maye the Lord Maxwell and the Maister of Glencarne, weill accompanyit in France to concur with his uthers ambaffadours; and eftir thair arryving thair, thay contractit the said mariage, and aspouset hir be procuratouris, as use is, at great triumphe at Paris, in presens of the King and mony nobill men, and wes honourable convoyit be hir frindis to the New Havin, quhair scho schippit and sailet plesandlie through the sees, and landit at Carelle in Fyff the x. day of Junij, and thairfra passit to the new pallice in the Abbay of St Androis, quhilk wes honorably preparit for hir reffait; quhair the King and mony nobill men being present,

the mariage wes publicly folemnyfet and affirmit in the faide Abbay kirk with great tryumphe, and the King and Quene remanit thair all that fymmer. And within few monethes eftir the mariage the Quene confeavit barne, quhair of the King and realme wes greittlie rejoyfet thair wes fa guide hoipe of fucceffione; and thairfoir generall proceffionis and publiēt prayrs wes maid throw all the partis of the realme, for prosperous fucces of the fame.

Eftir that the King had pacyfiet his haill bourdouris and all the partis of his realme through the exerceing justice, and traivelling be him self in propper perfoun in all placeis to that effect as neid requyrit, fua that thair wes als gret quietnes, tranquilitie and pollitie in Scotland as evir wes in ony Kingis tyme of befoir; yit nochttheles, thair wes some in the Ilis quha wald not cum to obedience; quhairfoir the King caufit prepare ane navy of guid fchippis, and paff him self thairintill, being accompanyit be the Erlis of Arrane, Huntley, Argyll and mony utheris erlis, lordis, baronis; and fchippit in the raid of Leithe in the moneth of May, and falet be the coaftis of Fyff, Angus, Aberdene, by Murray firthe, Suthirland and Caithnies, quhill he come to Orknay; quhair he landit and all his cumpany, and wer honorablie reffavit be the Bifchop thairof, callit Robert Maxwell, and thair renewit thair victuellis as wes neceffar with freifhe meitts; and thairfra falit to the Iles of Sky and Lewis, quhair M'Clewde of the Lewis and the principallis of his kin war brocht unto the King; fic lyk, fend ane cumpanye to M'Clewde Hariche, quha come furth of his Ile to the Kingis prefens alfua. And thaireftir falit be the coaft of Ros by Kintail to the Ile of Trauternes, quhair diverfe of M'Coneyllis kin, fic as the laird of Glangarry, Johne Moydert and utheris, quha allegeit thame to be of the principalle bluide, and lordis of the Iles, wes brocht lykewayis to the Kingis prefens. And thairfra cummand to Kintire, Knapdane and the reft of the Ilis, Maclane and James M'Oneile beand the tua principall capitanes

of the small ilis, come to the King sic lyk; and the King him self landit at Dumbartane, and send the capitanes and schippis with the presoneris thairin about the Ilis the same way thay come to Edinburgh, and eftir that landing thair, the principallis of thame wes keipit in warde as plegis for guide reule of the cuntrey; quhair thay remanit during the Kingis tyme; quhilk wes the caus that thair wes also greit quietnes and obedience to the auctorite in all the Ilis as thair wes in ony uther part of the realme, and also gude compt and payment maid yeirly to the Kingis comptroller in his eschekker for the landis of the Ilis perteyning to the crown, as for any uther part of the patrimony on the mayne land.

Quhill the King wes in this voyage, the Quene wes deliverit of ane faire Prince at St Androis; quhair of he beand advertist at his landing, come with all possible diligence to the Quene; and schortly theirefter the Prince wes baptiset and callit James, his godfaders beand the Archbisshop of St Androis and the erle of Arrane, and the Quene the Kingis moder wes godmoder. Throw this birth of the Prince thair wes fyeris of blythnes mad throw all the partis of the realme, with greit triumphe and thankis gevin to God for the samyn.

Efter this the Quene moder to the King passit to Methwen, to remane thair with her husband, quhair scho tuik seiknes and schortly eftir decessit, and wes buryit in the Chartour hous Kirk at Perth, in King James the Firtis graif, with greit honour and pompe funerall, the King him selfe and mony nobill men being thair present.

In the same yeire thair wes fundrie convict for heresie, and brint thairfore in Edenburgh; of the quhilkis thair wes a regular channon, twa blacke Friers, and ane secular man, and twa uther priestis wes degraidit and condampnit to perpetuall presoun. At the same tyme thair wes ane graye fryer in the cietye of Glasgwo brint for the like caus, and mony uthers war fummonit for heresie, and becaus they wald not compeir, war declarit heretiques.

About this tyme ane reverent fader James Betoun Archbifhop of St Androis, being of greit aige, quha had lived lang in greit honor in Scotland, deceiffit and wes bureit in St Androis; and befoir his deid had providit fuceffouris to all his benefices, quhilkis were Mr David Betoun then being cardinall to the archbifhoprik of St Androis and to the Abbacye of Arbroith, and Mr George Durye quha wes archdene of St Androis to the Abbacye of Dumfermling; quha enterit with the Kingis benevolens, and without ony ftoppe to thair benefices eftir his deceis; he foundit and biggit ane greit part of the new colledge of St Androis, and left greit fomes of money in threfoure to compleit the famin.

In the moneth of Auguft, Sir James Hamiltoun of Finart knight, ane of the Kingis maift familiare counfelleris and fervitouris, beand in the town of Edinburgh; thair come to him David Wod controller to the King, and charget him in the Kingis name to pas to ward in the caſtle of Edinburgh, quhilk he glaidly obeyit, beleving affuredly that becaus he had ben fa diligent in the Kingis ſervice, ſpecially in reforming the pallices of Striveling and Linlithquo, and making of new lugeingis thairinto, and fa tenderly belovit and familierly treated with the King, that thairthrough he had na caus to feire. Yit ſchortly eftir he wes accuſit and conviēt in the tolbuith of Edinburgh, of certane pointis of treaffoun allegit aganis him, quhilkis he nevir grantit, and wes heidit thairfore. Befoir his executione he proteſtit before God that he had not offendit the King, bot affirmit that gif he had bene als guid a ſervant to God as he was to the King, he had not dyet ſo ſhamfully; and confeſſit that he deſervit that deith becaus he offendit God oftymes for pleaſour of the King, and thairfore prayit every one to taik exempill of his doingis.

This fymer the Quene beand in Striveling wes deliverit of ane uther ſone, quha wes baptifet in the chappell of Striveling, and callit Arthur, bot within viij dayes thaireftir he deceiffit at Striveling; and that famin

daye the Prince James the Kingis eldest sone being in St Androis, deceiflit alfua, thair being only the fpaice of fix houris betuix thair deidis, quhilk wes the caus of no les dolor throuch the haill realme, nor thair wes joye for thair birthes of befoir.

Eftir this the Quene paffit to St Johnftoun, quhair fcho wes reffavit honorably with triumphe maid be the toun, and wes accompanyet with the principall nobillmen of the cuntrey; and fra that maid journey to Aberdene, the King being alfua in company, and wes reffavit thair with diverfe triumphes and playes maid be the town, and be the univerfity and fcules theirof, and remanit thair the fpace of fiftein dayes, weill intertenit be the bifchop, quhair their wes excerfife and difputationes in all kind of fciences, in the colledge and fculis, with diverfe oratiouns maid in Greke, Latine and uther languages, quhilk wes mickell commendit be the King and Quene, and all thair company; and eftir they had bene weill intertenyt thair, they returnit to Dundye, quhair wes ane coiftly entres preparret for thame alfua. And fra that to Falkland, and fo to Edinburgh.

Eftir the Kingis retouring he caufit hald ane parliament in Edinburgh, quhair, be the advife of the three eftaitis, thair wes mony lawis and conftitutionis maid for the cõmon weill and quietnes of the cuntrey and the miniftring of juftice, as is conteynit in the buik of the actis of parliament.

About this tyme, Sir John Borthwick, commonly callit Captane Borthwick, fufpectit and delatit for herefy, wes fummonit to compier in St Androis befoir the cardinall and diverfe utheris bifchopis and prelatis thair present; quhair notwithstanding his abfence, the fame beand provin be fufficient witnes agayns him, he wes conviãt and declarit ane heretique, his imiage maid in the liknes of him wes brunt at the merkett croce [for] the exempill and feir of utheris; for the quhilk caus, he fled and paft in England, quhair he wes reffavit, and employed

in service be the King of England, sending him in message to diverse princes of Germanie, quha wes his confideratis in the alteration of religion.

The King of England in his parliament caufit proclame him selfe King of Ireland, albeit his predeceffouris had nevir that style of befoir, for thay war callit bot Lordis of Ireland allanerlie. Quhairwith the King of Scotland was nothing contentit, becaus thair is ane greit parte of Ireland, specialye in the north thair of, quhilk hes bene possessed mony hundreth yeres be Scottifmen, and under the obedience of the King of Scotland; quhilkis notwithstanding the said acclaimit title, James Mackoneillis ayres and utheris Scottifmen dois yit possede in thir dayes.

The King of England haifing abolisheit the Popes auctoryte furth of his realme, expellit all friers, and reformit uther religious personis; at his plefour applyit the substance and jowellis of thair abbayes and patrimonye of the same to his awin use; als he knowing that the Paip, Emperour and King of France had mett at the town of Nece in Italye, quhair thay war all weill agreit; feiring thairfore his realme to be invaidit be thame, like a politique Prince forfeing the daunger, send Lord Wiliame Haward to the King of Scotland, desiring him as his maist tendir kinfman and nevoy to meit him at the ciety of Yorke in England, quhair he wald communicat with him sic thingis as fould be for the weill of baith the Princes and thair realmes. And the King of England belevand fuerly that he wald haif fulfillit his desire, caufit maik preparatione in the meane time at the ciety of Yorke and uther places for his ressaie. Bot the King of Scotland, albeit of him selfe wes willing to haif past in England to haif mett with the King his uncle, yit eftir lang reffoning and deliberatioun with his counfall and nobillitie, understanding how greit hazarde it wes to him, haiffing na successioun of his body at that tyme, to pas within the realme of England, incaice he had bene haldin thairintill be King Henry the vijth, as King James the

first his predeceffour wes ; and that it wes notourly knowen, that the principall caus he desirit him for wes to haif perfwadit him to haif usit the like ordour in Scotland, as he had done within his realme of Ingland, in abolishing the Paipes auctorite, making him selfe supreme heid of the kirke, demolishing all the abbayes, expelling religious personis, and applieng of their jowellis, landis and rentis to his awin use, in sic fort as pleasit him ; and gif he wald attempt the like be the King of Inglandis counfall, then fould he lose the frindschipp quhilk he had of the Paipe, Emperour and King of France, and uther christiane princes, his greit freindis and confederatis. And thairfore fend be the counfall of his nobilyte, pleisand writingis and messages to the King of Ingland, desiring to haif him excusit that he come not in Ingland at that tyme ; quhilk wes for sic causes as he fould maik his said uncle to understand be his ambassadouris, quhilk he wald schortly fend in England for that and uther caussis. And sone thaireftir fend Sir James Leirmond to the King of Ingland ambassadour, to maik his said excuse, and also to complane upoun certane invasions maid be the borderaris of Ingland within the realme of Scotland ; and apoun the using of the debaitable land betuix the twa realmes. Bot the King of Ingland beand hiechly offendit becaus the King of Scotland wold not come within his realme to fulfill his desire, wald admitt na excuse, bot determitt with him selfe to maik weare in Scotland, albeit he wald not suffer the famin to be knawin quhill he had maid and preparit all thingis in ridines thairfore. And in the meyne tyme fend commissioneris to meit upon the debaitable ground, and for making of redrefs, bot nathing wes done at thair meiting for dedying of the debaitable lande, nor yit for repairing of the wrangis done.

In this simmer the King of Ingland maid greit preparatione to maik weare apoun Scotland, baith be fey and lande ; and to that effect convenit ane parliament at London, quhair he declarit the causes moving him thairto ; quhilk wes principally becaus the King of Scotland wald not

come at his desire to the cietye of Yorke to meit him ; and that he had just title to the superioryte of the realme of Scotland ; and instantly fend ane navye of schippis to the fey, and ordanit ane greit armye to be fend with the Duik of Norffolke to invaid Scotland. The marcheandis of the realme of Scotland, knowing nathing of the King of Ingland his intentione nor purpose, specialie na proclamacione of wear beand maid, travellit with thair schippis and guides to France, Flanders, Denmarke and uther cuntreys, as they war accustomit. The King of Ingland beand advertit of thair returning, caufit taik xxviij of the principall schippis of Scotland, beand laidnit with all kinde of mearchandife and coiffly wairis, and caufit thame be brocht within the realme of Ingland. Quhairfore the King of Scotland heiring thierof, fend with all diligence ane herrauld, with letters desiring restitutione of his schippis, seing thair wes na wear proclamet betuix the twa realmes. Bot the King of Ingland beand gredeye of the praye quhilk he had gottin, and mindfull alsua to maik weir, thocht best to remane fulhandit, and thairfore refuset to deliver the said schippis, and imediatly thairefter fend down Sir Robert Bowis with ane greit company of men of wear to the bordouris, geving thame command to invaid Scotland without any proclamacione of wear maid. And the said Sir Robert with the number of three thousand men raid within Scotland, and raifit fyer and spulyeit certane small townes ; quhairthroch the fray beand raifit in the countrey, the Erle of Huntley, quha wes appointit lifetenant to remane on the bordouris for suddand incurfions, schortly convenit ane number of borderaris and sett apoun the Inglifmen ; quha war all put to flicht, and Sir Robert Bowes, Sir Richard his broder, and all the principallis and utheris to the number of vj hundred were tane prafoners. The said Sir Robert and the uther principall landit men war kepit fill in Scotland quhill efter the Kingis death. This victorie wes on St Barthilmois daye, the 24 of August, at ane place in the Merse called Halden Rig.

Efter this foresaid victorie, the King of Ingland fend the Duik of Northfolke, with the Erles of Shrewsbery, Darbye, Cumberland, Surrey, Hartfurd, Angus, Rutland, and the erles and lordis of the north partis of Ingland, with fourtye thowland men, quha enterit in Scotland the xxi daye of October, and brunt some townes on the walter siede of Tweide ; bot the Erle of Huntly beand presently thair with ten thousand men of the borderars and uthers, awaytit sa weill on thame with skarmishing, that they durst not cum twa myle fra the walter of Tweide within the boundis of Scotland. In the meynetye, the King of Scotland beand advertit thairof, gaderit ane gret armye throche all the partis of his realme, and come to Soutray ege, quhair they musterit and wes nowmerit to be xxxvj thowland men. And thairfra come to Faley mure, quhair they camptit, beand determinat to haif gifen battell on the morne to the Inglifmen : bot the duik of Northfolke heiring of the coming fordwart of the King with his armye, retirit him selfe within Ingland, not withoute greit losse of men, horse and spoilye takin of thame in the retreat, be the Erle of Huntleyis company and borderars, speciallye at the ourganging of the walter of Tweide. The King on the morne beand advertit of thair departing furth of Scotland, wes verray forye that the armyis had not mett within the realme, thinkand it had bene maist godly and honourable alfu, to haif gevin battell for defense of his awin cuntrey, beand invaidit, within the samin. Yit nocht theles, he beand of hiech and manly courage, for revenge of the injureys done be the Inglifmen within his cuntrey, thought guide that his hail armye fould pas within Ingland and invade the samin, and he determinat to pas him selfe thairwith in proper persoun ; and desirit the principallis of his nobilyte to consent thairto ; quha efter lang reffoning and guide advisement, gaife answer unto the King, saying, that they could not thinke it guide that they fould pas within Ingland and to seik battell, the King alfu being with thame ; confidering that the Kingis

two fones wes laytly deid and he had na fuccefioun of his body; and the chance of battell being fo douptfull, that incafe the famin war loft be the Scottifmen, then the King of England, quha had griet fubftance quhilk he had gotten of the spoilye of the kirkis and religious placis of his realme, nicht thairwith folowe furth his victorie, and put the realme of Scotland in greit hazard. Thairfore they thocht it fufficient to defend thair awin boundis and to confreyne the enemye for feir to leif the invafione thair of, as prefently they had done; and declairit that they war determinat to haif gifin battell to the enemies gif they had remanit within the realme, and douptit not bot be the help of God, haifing fa juft a quarrell, being invaidit, bot they had obtenit the victorie. The King heiring thair determinacioun, albeit his hiech courage preffit him to invaid, yit the wifdome of his nobilyte and counfell maid him to followe theare advife: And fua retournit with honour with his haill armye the firft daye of November, the armye of England beand firft difchargit, and the Duik of Northfolke departit towart Londoun.

Heir is to be rememberit thair wes ane acte maid at Faulay mure, be the King with consent of the Lordis, conforme to the auncient cuftome of the realme, that quha foever happenit to die in that jorney, thair nerrest air fould have the warde and nonentres of thair landis, with the mariage; quhilk priviledge wes keipit to the Erle of Athollis fone and ayre, and the laird of Gartully of that Ilk, for thay deceiffit in Edinburgh returning fra the faid oift.

Sone eftir, the King of Scotland being fare movit in his minde for that his nobilyte wald not consent to invade England at his defire, paffit him felfe in proper perfone to the weft marches of his realme, quhair the Lord Maxwell wes wardane, in quiet maner; and caufit the faid Lord Maxwell and the Erles of Caffiles and Glencarne, Lord Fleming and certane utheris lordis quha wes with him for the time, accompaniet with the borderars, with quhom he fend alfua Oliver Sincler, and the reft

of the gentill men of his awin houfhold, to entre within Ingland and invaide the fame ; quha enterit thairintill one St Katherins even, the xxiiij daye of November, and brunt diverfe townes apoun the walter of Elke ; bot howfone the fraye wes raifet in the cuntrey, the Lord Quharton wardane of the weft marches of Ingland, fuddandly convenit ane greit nowmer of the cuntrey men, and come to ane littell hill, quhair they remanit in ficht. The Scottis perfaveing the Inglifmen convenit, affemblit thame felfes togidder, and enquirit quha wes lieventenent deput be the King ; and incontinent Oliver Sinclar wes haldin up apoun twa mens fchoulders, quhair he producet the Kingis commiffion makand him lieventenent of that cumpany ; bot howfone the famyn wes red, the erles and lordis thair present thocht thame felfes lichtlyit our farr, making sic a meane gentilman lieventenante abone thame all ; and thairfore determinat not to feicht onder sic ane captayne, bot willingly fufferit thame felfis to be takin be the Inglifmen without ony reffiftance, and without flauchter of any perfoun on aither fyde. This raid wes callit Soloway Mofs. At the fame tyme were takin prefonners, the Erles of Caffillis and Glencarne, the Lord Fleming, the Lord Maxwell, the Lord Simmerwell, the Lord Oliphand, Oliver Sinclar, the Lord of Cragy, and fundrye utheris gentillmen, quha were led prifounars to London, quhair they remanit quhill efter the King wes deid.

During the tyme of this raid, the King of Scotland remanit in Carlavrock apoun the bordour, not far fra Soloway Mos ; and heiring of the taking of his Erles, Lordis and utheris, as faid is, and remembring alfua of the refufe maid be his haille nobilyte convenit with him at Fala, to invaid Ingland, thocht with him felfe that all his nobillis had been confpirit aganis him ; and thairfore tuik ane vehement and hiech melancholye and difpleafour, and fuddandly departit thairfra to Edinburgh, and fra that in quiet maner to Falkland ; quhair he remanit quietly,

beand fair troublit baith in spreit and bodye, and nane wer permittit to haif acceffe unto him bot onely his secreit and familiar fervandis. He beand in this maner vexit and inquietit, novellis wes brocht unto him that the Quene his wief wes deliverit of ane maden barne, beand ane faire Princes, the sevint daye of December; quhilk he estemit na guid novellis, bot eikit the same as ane grief to his former displeafouris, in sa farr as perceavit the end of his awin life to approche, and said that he forfawe greit trouble to come upoun his realme of Scotland, for the perfute quhilk the King of Ingland wes abill to maik thairapoun, to haif the same subjeēt unto him outhir be mariadge or uther wayes. It wes brutit alfuā that the King of Scotland wes vexit be some unkindly medicine; bot howsoever the mater wes, he yeldit his spreitt to almighty God, and departit fra this warld the xiiij day of December 1542, the xxxiiij yeire of his aige, and the xxxij yeire of his reigne.

Sone theireftir his body was carryet fra Falkland to Edinburgh in maist honourabill maner, with greit funerall pompe, the Cardinall, Erles of Arrane, Argyle, Rothes, Merfchall, and mony utheris nobill men present, and wes buryit in the Abbay kirk of Halyrudhous, besyde the body of Quene Magdalene, dochter to the King of France, his first wief. Thier wes gryt dule and meane maid for him throw all the partis of his realme, because he was a nobill Prince, and travaillit mekill all his dayis for maintening of his subjeētis in peace, justice and quietnes. He was a man of pearsonage and stature convenient, albeit nichtie and strong thairwith, of countenance amiable and lufely, specially in his communicacioun, his eyes graye and scharp of sight, that quhomefoevir he did ones see and marke, he wald perfytylly knawe in all tymes thairefter, of witt in all thingis quick and prompt, of a princely stomacke and hiech courage in greit perillis, douptfull affaires and materis of weichtie importance; he had in a maner a devine foresicht, for in sic thingis as he went about to doo, he did them advisedlye and

with greit deliberacion, to the intent that amangis all men his witt and prudence micht be noted and regardit, and alffarre excell and pas all uthers in estait and dignitie. Besides this, he wes sober, moderate, honest, effabill, curteous, and so farr abhorrit pride and arrogance that he was ever sharpe and quick to thame quhilk were spottit or notit with that crime. He was alsua a good and fuir Justicar, be the quhilk one thing he allurit to him the hartis of all the people, becaus they lived quietly and in rest, out of all oppressioun and molestacioun of the nobilyte and riche perfonnes; and to this feueryte of his, wes jointit and annexit a certane mercifull pitye, quhilk he did oftymes shew to sic as had offendit, taiking rather composicions of money nor menis lives; quhilk wes a plaine argument that he did not use his rigour, (only as he said him selfe) to bow and abate the hiech and wrangous hartes of the peopill, speciallye Irishmen and borderaris and utheris, nureft and brocht up in seditious factiounis and civile rebellionis, and not for gredie desier of riches or honger of money, althoch such as weir afflictit walde crye out; and surely this guid and modest prince did not devour and consume the riches of his cuntrey, for he by his hiech pollicye mervellousslie riched his realme and him selfe, both with gold and silver, all kinde of riche substance, quhairof he left greyt stoir and quantyte in all his palices at his departing. And so this King, living all his tyme in the favour of fortune, in hiech honour, riches and glorye, and for his nobill actis and prudent pollyces worthye to be registrat in the buike of fame, gaif up and randerit his spreit into the handis of Allmighty God, quhair I doubt not bot he hes fuir fruition of the joye that is preparit for these as fall sitt on the richt hand of our Salveour.

HISTORIE OF SCOTLAND.

QUENE MARIE.

THE ETERNALL GOD callinge to his mercye the nobill, wife and vailyeaunt Prince Kinge James the Fyfte of that name, Marie his only doghter and air begane hir reign the xiiij day of December, in the yeire of our Lorde 1542 yeres; that young Princes being bot vij dayes aulde; Fraunces first of that name than Kinge of France, and Henry the viij of that name King of England. The Quene hir moder being than lyeng in childbed in the pallice of Lynlythqw, keipit this young Princes their, albeit with greit feir, throch diverse factionis quhilk rais amangis the principall nobill men schortly theirefter, contending amangis thame felfis for the governement of the realme, and also to have the keping of the Princes perfoun; quhairthrow hir coronatione was differrit quhill the moneth of August nixt folowing, that sho wes convoyit to Striveling, and be univerfall consent of the noblytie and estaitis, crownit as eftir shall appeir. The Erle of Arrane being nearest of the Kingis bluid, and second persone of the realme, wes declarit be the estaitis to be lauchfull tutour and Governour to the Quene and realme, accordinge to the lawis and custome of the samin; quhilk wes published and proclamit in the town of Edenburgh the xxij day of December 1542. Notwithstanding that, the Cardinall of St Androis and sum utheris wald have made sum impediment, allegeing that the King be his testament nominat four Regentis;

bot the same on no wife could be vereseit nor provin. The Governour accepting the said office apoun him, intromettit with the Kingis pallices of Halierudhous and Falkland, with all his movabil pose and jowellis, and callit all the Kingis thesaurars, comptrollers and officiaris of howse to their comptis; efter the quhilkis he continewit sum of thame still in office, and utheris he dischargit, and appointit utheris as pleasit him in their places. At the same time, for fuir preservacione of the Quenis perfoun and sustentacioun of her tryne, it was be the Governour and the estaitis agreit that hir most nobill perfoun, be reson of hir tendir age, shulde remane with the Quene hir moder in kepinge duringe hir infancie, and certane rentis of the patrimonie assignit for hir interteiment; and for hir mair fure keping, certayne Lordis war appointit to remane continowallye with the Quene dowarier in company; albeit sho wald admit nane of thame sassing the Lorde Levingstoun to make residens with hir in Linlithqw, quhill the Quene wes transportit to Striveling.

Quhen thir thinges wer doing in Scotland, Henry King of Ingland perseving ane reddy way (as he thought) quhow baith the realmes might be united and maid ane without wear, be contracting and mariage of his sonne King Edwarde, beyng than bot five yeris of aige, with that young Princes the Quene of Scotlande, thairfore he determinat with him self to caus the samin taik effect uther be peace or wear, force or pollicie; and for that caus fend for the Erle of Cassillis, Glencarne, Lordis Maxwell, Fleming and utheris presonners beyng than at London, and caufit thame be convoit to Hampton Court, quhair thay wer weil intertenyt, and maid ane overture of his mynde, proponing the said matter unto thame; desiring thame for thair partis to make ane contracte of mariage betuix the Quene of Scotlande and Edwarde his sonne, with certane utheris conditiones and articles for keping of the Quenes persone unto the completing of the sayd mariage; and promesit to thame

thair libertie without any ranfoun, with uther rewardis, fwa they wald labour the Governour and nobilitie of Scotland to consent thairto. And they beand glaid to obtene thair liberty, accepted the Kingis offere, and promeisit to do thair diligence thairintill at thair cuming in Scotland for his contentatione; quhairupoun thay departit to the Newcastle, and remanit thair with the Duke of Suffolk, quhill he receivit certane pledges of the principall Lordis furth of Scotlande for performance of thair promeiffes; likewise the King sende the Erle of Angus and George Douglas his broder with thame in Scotland, with letters to the Governour, praying hym effectuouflye to restoir thame to thair awne rowmes, landis and possessyons; quhilk lordis arrivit at Edinburgh about the middis of the moneth of Januar, and declared to the Governour thair message and propositione maid be the King of Inglande; and the Governour beand perswadit be thame thairto, sende for the lordis and nobilitie of the realme to cum to Edinburgh to ane conventione, the xxvijth day of Januar; quhair thay beand all convenit, appoyntit ane parliament to be haldin in the moneth of Marche next folowing, for satisfieing the King of Inglandis desires in all poyntis. And becaus they feared lest that the Cardinall, quha wes thair present, wald persuade the nobilitie not to consent thairto, for favour quhilkis he buir to France, and the feare quhilk he had conceaved of the alteraciones of the religione in Scotlande, to that mariage, and for diverse uther respectis, thay caused him to be put in ward in the castle of Dalkeith, and thaireftir kiepit in St Androis, the Lord Seytoun beyng appointit hes keipar; quharthrow the diocye of St Androis wes interditit, the messis and all uther devine service ceassed in Edinburgh and in all uther partis of that diocie; for the quhilk caus the Governour, be persuasione of the Lordis newe come from Inglande, causit ane Blacke Frier, callit frier Guiliame, preche aganis the Paipes aucthorytye, and usit sic service as he thought guide, notwithstanding the said interdictione, and maid lesum to every man to

haif the Bible in Inglis, quhilk was not permitted in Scotland of befoir : And swa at this tyme was begun the first alteratione of religione in that realme. In this mein tyme, that King Henry of England micht the better perswaid his purpos to taik effect, sende Sir Rauf Sadler in Scotland to remane as ambassadour, as he did during the time of the sayd parliament, and lang theirefter. At the tyme appoyntit the parliament was halden at Edinburgh, quhair, throch the persuatione of the said Lordis that come furth of England, a mariage of the Quene with Prince Edward, be the three estaitis wes aggreit, with ane peax to be kept betwixt the twa realmes for ten yeris ; and for confirmatione thairof, and to satisfie the King of Englandis defyres, thair wes send into England Williame Erle of Glencarne, Sir George Dowglas, Sir Wiliame Hamilton and Sir James Leirmound knightes ambassadouris, quha departit immediatlye thairefter, and remanit thair to the ende of the moneth of Julij, quhair the said contractes and treatis war sealed and interchanget ; and thairfra they retornyt in Scotland, efter the quhilk the Cardinall wes reliefit out of warde. In the sayd parliament alfua, the Erle of Angus, George Dowglas his brother, Sir James Hamilton sonne and air, the Lorde Glames and diverse utheris quha had been forfalted of thair landis and guidis in the tyme of Kinge James the Fifte, war restorit agane thairto be decretit of the three estaitis of the realme.

At this parliament tyme, Sir Robert Bowis, Rycharde Bowis, Mr Slingilby and utheris Inglis prefonners, quha had bene tane at Halden Rig on St Barthelmois day befoir, were sende home in England be the Governour.

About the same tyme, ane yonge prelat, wyfe and weill learnit, callit Johne Hamiltoun Abbot of Pailay, and broder to the Governour, come into Scotlande furth of France, quhair he had bene resident in the universities, and be the waye in Inglande, he and diverse utheris clerkes with hym were weill treat be King Henry the aucht.

Sone eftir his coming to the Governour, he wes maid thefaurar of Scotland, quhilk offyce he ufite during all the tyme of the Governouris authoritie with great prudence and induftrye, and wes ane worthy counfallour to his broder, and ane ftoute, readie, vailyeant captayne for defence of the realme aganis the Inglifmen at all tymes.

The King of France, heiring that the Governour wes making fic contractis with England, not beyng content of the fame, fende the Erle of Levenox quha wes nurift and upbrocht with hym in Fraunce into Scotland, with letters direct to the Governour and nobill men of the realme, defiring thame to keip and interteny the auld leage and bande of France, and not to maik any contractis with England quhilk might be prejudycial thairunto; promefand unto thame that in cafe England wald maik ony weare, he fhoude fende greit fupport in Scotland baith of men, munitione and money, for thair defence: And to that effect the Erle of Levenox had ane commiffioun gevin him be the King of France, to promeis the fame to the Governour and nobilitie; quha war at his comming convenit in Edinburgh, quhair he declarit the faid Kingis guid mind, deliverit the lettres, and fchew his foresaid commiffioun; but he perfaving the Governour and his adherentis bent to fatisfie King Henry of England, thairfore he not abiding ane refolute aunfwere thairin, be counfall of the Erle of Argile, the Cardinall and utheris that favoret the Frenche party, and wes not content with the Governouris proceedingis at that tyme, fuddantly departit furth of Edinburgh toward the weft cuntrey; and be the way in Linlythqw conferrit with the Quene Dowarier, for the convening of the hail nobill men of the realme, fic as favorit hir and the Frenche factioun, for releiffing of her and the Quene her dochter, and placing of thame at libertie in Striveling; becaus it wes fufpectit that the Governour and his adherentis of the uther factioun walde caus the Quene be delyverit in King Henries handis in England. And to the effecte thair might be ane better cullour to fteir up ane uther

faction aganis the Governour, the erle of Lenox acclaimed ane title to the government of the realme and tutorie of the Quene, allegeing him felse to be nerrest and lawchfull fecound person to the crowne, and the erle of Arrane governoure to be unlauchfull; quhilk wes the caus of gret civile weare and trubill within the realme estirwart.

In the moneth of August thaireftir following, the Quene douarier fend to the erlis of Huntlie, Argyle, Lenox, Montrose, Menteith, the Cardinall and divers utheris, quha convenit at Linlythgw, and thairfra convoyit the Quene with ane gret army to Striveling; and thair, for the moir fuir keping of her perfoun, the lordis Levingstwn, Erkyn, Fleming and Ruthwen wes appointit to remane with her; and the estaittis war warnit to cum to her coronatione in September nixt following.

The tyme of this convoy of the Quene fra Linlythgw to Striveling, the Governour haiffing oftymes required the castell of Edinburgh to be delivered to him be Sir Petir Chreychtoun of Nauchtane knycht capitane thairof, and that he had refused; and thairfore, be the counfall and manheid of the Abbot of Pailley, his broder, thay twa enterit thairintill with ane few nombre, and being within, interpryfed courageoullie aganis the capitane and keparis thairof, and behaved thame felffis so stoutlye, that the castell was randerit to the Governour, and the laird of Stanehou, callit Hammiltoun, maide capitane thairof; quha kept it verey vailyeantlie thaireftir aganis the Inglis men, principallie at the burning of Edinburgh at the battell of Pinkincleuche.

The Erle of Huntlie and the Cardinall, willing to have the Governour and principallis of the nobilitie to assist at the coronation of the Quene, past to Edinburgh, quhar thay persuadit the Governour to cum to Striveling, as he did; and assistit the said coronatioun with all the principall Erlis, Lordes, Bischoppes and Commiffioneris of burrowis, except onlie the Erlis of Angus, Glencarne, Cassillis, the Lordis Maxwell, Symmervell and Gray, and sum utheris that had bene in Inglande;

quha with the sheriff of Air, and laird of Drumlanrig and thair assistance, persuadit the Erle of Lenox shortly efter the solempnitie wes done, to withdraw him self from Striveling and adjone with thame, contrar the Governour, the Quene and lordis.

The King of Ingland hering of the transporting of the Quene, and that the Governour wes revoultit be perswatione of the cardinall and utheris, and had bene present with thame at the coronatione; hering alswa the Quene dowarier and lordis quhome he esteemed to be faworaris of France, to haif the keping of the Quenis persoun, maid him to suspect hichlie that the Quene shuld be convoyit quietlie in France; and thairfore caufit Sir Rauf Sadlar his ambassadour resident in Scotland, require the Governour and lordis to fend the Quene into Inglande, thair to remane quhill the completing of the said marriage, with certane lordis of Scotland to be her keparis; and becaus the samyn wes refused, he prepared ane gret army to be fend in Scotlande, baith be sey and land, in the beginning of the nixt yeir. About this tyme thair come fyve shippes, quhilkis arryved at the west sey within the mouth of the river of Clyde, in the quhilkis thair wes ane patriarche of Venice, Legat fend fra the Paip, and with him in company thair wes Monsieur le Broche, and Monsieur Menage, and James Stewart of Cardonald, with fiftie thousand crownis of the sone in gold, and munitione worth ten thousand crownis, fend be the King of France to haif bene delivered to the Governour for defence of the realme aganis Ingland. The Erle of Lenox heringe thair of, past with expeditione to Dumbartane. Schortlie thairefter, the said erle be the counsall of the lordis foirsaid, raifit certane bandis of men of weir with the said silver, and convenit all his freindis; and being accompanit with the Erlis of Angus, Glencarne and mony utheris, come to the toun of Leith of purpose to invaid the Governour, being than in Edinburgh; quhair be labouris of the Erle of Huntlie and Cardinall, thair wes ane appointment maid, and Sir George Douglas wes entered in

waird, pledge for the Erle of Angus guid reule, and the maister of Glencarne for his fader, and war send to the castell of Hammiltoun; and the Erle of Lenox wes remittit and promesed to remane with the Governour in cumpanie. Bot within sax dayis thaireftir the Governour past to Lynlythgw, quhair the Erle of Lenox departed fra him secreitlie on the nycht, and past to Glasgw with men and all kynd of munitiōne.

Quhen certane knowlege wes brocht to the Governour, that the Erle of Lenox wes thus suddantlie departed, and that he had forteseit Glasgw, tending to disobey his authoritie, suddantlie convenit ane pouer of his awin freindis, most speciall with the assistance of the Lord Boyde, and tuik his jorney toward Glasgw, quhair the Erle of Lenox and Glencarne had convenit gret pouer of thair freindis for resisting of the persuit of the Governour, and determinat to meit him furth of the toun of Glasgw, and gif him battell; bot the Erle of Lenox him self tareit not apoun the fraikis, bot departed thairforthe immediatlie befor the battell to Dumbartane castell, quhair he remaned all the tyme of the feild; and the Erle of Glencarne, accomaneit with the lairdis Tullibarne, Houftoun, Buchannane, M'Farlan, Drumquhassill, and mony utheris baronis and gentill men of the Lenox and barrony of Ranfrew and utheris places thairabout, with the haill burgeffes, communitie and abill kirkmen of the citie of Glasgw, come furth of the toun and arrayed thame in battell upoun the muir of Glasgw, one myle frome the citie apoun the eist pairte thairof. The Governour with his army approcheing to thame lychtit upoun fuit, and suddantlie boith the armeis with sic forces ran together and joyned, that none culd perfitlie discerne quhilk of thame maid the first onfet. It wes crewellie fochin a lang space on ather fyd, with uncartane victorie, and gret slauchter on boith the fydis. Bot at last the victorie inclyned to the Governour, and the uther parte was confraned to gife bakis and flie. Thair wes on Lenox part slayne mony gentill men, preiftis and commons, and speciallie the laird of Houftoun;

and the laird of Minto being than proveft of Glasgw wes evill hurt, and mony takin prafoners. And on the Governouris fyde the laird of Kamfkeyth and Siluertoun hill war flayne with dyverfe utheris. The Governour following his victorie, entered in the toun and befegit the caftell and ftcpill, quhilk wes randerit to him. Bot prefentlie he caufet faxtene gentill men quho kepit the fame, to be hangit at the croce of Glasgw, and pardonit the uderis inferiors fuddartis. The hoill citie wes fpulyeit, and war not the fpéciall labouris of the Lord Boyd, quha maid ernift fupplicatione to the Governour for fauftie of the fame, the hoill toun with the bifchoppe and channonis houffis had bene alluterlie brint and diftroyit. The Erle of Lenox being in Dumbartane, hering that the feild was loft, and the caftell and ftcpill feigit, fend to the Erle of Angus and Lord Maxwell, and defyred thame to pas to Glasgw, and labour fum guid aggrement betuix the Governour and him; who at his requelt paff thair to that effect. Bot fhortlie eftir thair cuming thair, the Governour caufed convoye fecretlie the Erle of Angus furth of the black freris of Glasgw, quhair the counfall was holdin for the tyme, to the caftell of Hammiltoun, and fra that to the Blacknes; and the Lord Maxwell likewyfe to Hammiltoun, quhair he remanit; and the maifter of Glencarne in ward; and Sir George Douglas alfo in the caftell of Edinburgh, with great feare of thair lyffes contnewalie to the cuming of Inglis men with thair army in the nixt Maij thairefter, at the quhilk tyme they wer put to libertie againe.

The Erle of Lenox perfaving the gret hurt he had fufftenit be the tinfall of the feild, and imprefoning of Angus, Maxwell and utheris his freindis, and that the fame come princepallie for the favour he had fhawin to the part of Inglande, and thairfor hoipinge to reffave ayde thairfor, he fent ane callit Thomas Bifchoppe to King Henry the aucht to offre his fervice, and to require his helpe aganis the Governour and utheris of the Frenche factione in Scotlande. Quhilk offre and meffage

the King of England reffaved, and presentlie entered in commoning of a mariage to be maid betuix the Erle of Lenox and Lady Margaret Douglas the Kingis fifter dochtir, than being resident in his courte ; and for aggrement of the said mariage and utheris conditions, thair met at Carleill for the Kingis part, the Lorde Whortoun and ane uther in commiffioun with him ; and for the part of the Erle of Lenox, the bifchoppe of Cathnes his broder, and ane gentill man with him ; quhair the mariage and certaine utheris appointmentis wes treated and contracted.

In the meintyme the Quene douarier, the Cardinall, the Erlis of Huntly, Argyle and utheris favouraris of the King of France, feing the Governour repent his former promise and treateis maid with England, and to haif put the lordis that favoured the part of England, speciallie Angus, Maxwell, Maister Glencarne, George Douglas and utheris in ward, thay incoraged and assisted him in the furthsetting of his office, and caufit proclame ane parleament ; quhilkis wes haldyn thaireftir, and the Erle of Lenox was forsalded thairintill, and his landis annexit unto the crowne, and ane part thair of disponit to the erle of Argyle, quhilke he joyfed continowalie thaireftir to the yeir of his restitutione.

Bot now to returne to the foirsaid patriarche of Venice, quha wes send exprellie be the Paip ; at his first cumming to Glasgw, the Cardinall and the principall Bifchoppes come thair and reffaved him with gret honour. Bot in the meintyme, thair happinned ane fuddane discord within the Kirk of Glasgw, betuix the Cardinall and Bifchoppe of Glasgw, for thair preheminance of the bering of the Cardinallis crosse within that kirk, quhair baith the Archebifchoppes cresses was brokin and diverse of thair gentill men and servandis wes hurt ; bot the mater wes sone aggreit be the Governour and his counsell ; and fra that the hoill clerge convoyit the patriarche with a gudlie company to Edinburgh, quhair he maid residence all the nixt winter, and heild ane verey honourable house and wes weild treated be the clergie, and lykwyse be

the Governour, Quene and nobilitie, fwa that everie day during his remaning within the realme, athair he maid bankquet to utheris in the fallione of his cuntrey, or ellis reffaved the lyk in the maner of Scotland. One thing heir is to be remembred, that the Erle of Murray makand him the banquet in his houfe, althocht he had gret ftoir of all kynd of filver wark, yit nottheles, for the greater magnificence, he fet furth ane copburde furnefed with all fortis of glaffes of the fynest chriftall that could be maid ; and to mak the faide patriarche to underftande that thair wes gret aboundance thairof in Scotland, he caufed ane of his fervandis, as it had bene be fleuth and necligence, pull down the copburd clothe, fo that all the hoill chriftellingis fuddantlie was caffin down to the eird and brokin, quhairwith the patriarche wes verrey forie ; but the Erle fuddantlie caufed bring ane uther copburd bettir furnefed with fyne chriftall nor that was ; quhilkis the patriarche praifed, afwell for the magnificence of the Erle as for the fynes of the chriftall, afferming that he nevir did fe bettir in Veneife, quhair he him felfe wes borne. This Erle of Murraye wes ane verrey wyfe nobill man, honeft and comlie in all his behaveour ; and fhortlie thaireftir departed frome court north to Murray, quhair being vexit with the gravell, quhilk at lenth turned to ane confermit ftane, he deceifed in his caftell of Tarnoway.

The foirfaid patriarche brocht with him fyndre prevelegeis from the feate of Rome, with a fpeciall commiffione of legacie, a letter to the Cardinall of St Androis in moſte ample forme, quhilk he ufed liberally to his death ; and likwyife the patriarch maid greit promiffe to the Governour and eftaittis of the realme, of fupport for thair defence aganis England ; quhilk he did principallie to ftay the Governour and nobilitie that they fuld not jone in mariage or confiderace with England, fearing thair by abolifhing of the Catholique religeoun, demolifhing of Abbayis and kirkis, and uther alteratione as had bene alredy practifhed in England. And eftir the guid treatment this patriarche had reffaved all this

winter in Scotland, he departed in the monethe of Merche ; and at his returning toward his countrey, he maid ane verey guid report of the honourabill and luiffing interteynement he had reffaved of the clargie and nobilitie in Scotland, alfweill to the King of France and uther Princes in his jorney, as to the Paip, Cardinallis and Senat of Venice, at his arryving thair, to the gret prafe and commendatione of the Scottis natione.

Now will I returne to the ernist ambitione of King Henry of England, quha ceafed not to searche be all meanis possibill to attaine to his desyre, and thairfore fend ane gret army be sey into Scotland, with the Erle of Hartford his liuetennent and the Vicount Lisle his admirall, with twa hundreth gret schippes besyde boittes and crearis that careit thair vi&ctualis, whairof thair wes gret nowmer ; and the hail flot arryved in the firth fornent Leith the third day of Maij, and landit at the New Heavin about xx thousand men, with gret artailyerie and all kynd of munitione the fourt of Maij. In the meintyme, the Governour beand in the toun of Edinburgh, hering of thair suddane arryvell, departed furth of the toun towart Leith, accompaneit with the Cardinall, Erlis of Huntley, Argyle, Bothuile and utheris, with thair awin houfhold men onlie, purposing to stope the landing of the army ; bot fre thay wer fuirlye advertteist of the gret nowmer of thair enemyis, quhairthrow thay were nocht abill to withstand thair forces, thay returned to Edinburgh, and fend Sir Adame Ottirburne provest of the toun and twa of the baillies, to the said Erle Hartford liuetennent, desyring to knaw for quhat caus he wes cumin with sic ane army to invaid, considering thair wes ne weare proclaimed betuix the tua realmes ; and gif thair wes any injuries or wrangis done quharupoun the King of England wes offendit, thay wald appointe commiffioneris to treat with thame thairupoun, and to that effect thankfullie wald reffave thame within the toun of Edinburgh. The said Erle of Hartford ansuered that he had

ne commiffione to treat upoun any matters, bot onelie to reffave the Quene of Scotland, to be convoyid in England to be mareit with Prince Edward ; and gif thay wald deliver her, he wald abftene fre all perfuit, utherwyis he walde burne and diftroy the townis of Edinburgh, Leith and all utheris quhair he mycht be maifter within the realme of Sçotland ; and defyred thairfoir the hail men, wyffis, barnis and utheris being within the toun of Edinburgh, to cum furth of the fame and present thame before him as liuetennent, and offre thame into the Kingis will, or ellis he walde proced as he had fpokin : To the quhilk the proveft, be the command of the Governour and counfall, anfuered, that thay wald abyd all extremitie rather or thay fulfillit his defyris ; and fua the Governour caufed furneis the caftle of Edinburgh with all kynd of neceffarie furnitour, and departed to Striveling. In the meintyme the Inglis army ludged that nycht in Leith. Apoun the morne, being the first of Maij, thay merchit forduart towart Edinburghe be the Cannogait ; and or thair entering thairin, thair come to thame fax thoufand horfe men of Inglis men frome Bervik be land, quha joyned with thame and paffit up the Cannogait, of purpofe to entir at the Nether Bow ; quhair fum refiftance was maid unto thame be certane Scottis men, and dyverfe of the Inglis men war flane, and fum alfua of the Scottis fyd, and fua held thame that day occupeit fkarmufheinge, till the nycht come, quhilk compelled thame to returne unto thair campe. And on the nixt day, being the faxt of Maij, the gret army come forduart with the hail ordinances, and affailyeit the toun, quhilk thay fond voyed of all refiftance, faiffing the portis of the toun war clofed, quhilkis thay brok up with gret artailyerie and entered thairat, careing cartit ordinances befoir thame quhill thai come in fycht of the caftell, quhair thay placed thame, purpofing to feige the caftell. Bot the Laird of Stanehouf capitane thairof, caufed showte at thame in fa gret aboundance and with fo guid meffour, that they flew a gret nowmer of Inglis men ; amangis whome thair wes fum

princepall capitanis and gentill men, and ane of the greteft peaces of the Inglis ordinances wes brakin, quhairthrow thai war conftreand to raife thair feige fhortlie and retire thame.

The fame day the Inglis men fet fyre in dyvers places of the toun, bot wes not fuffred to mantene it, throch contenowall fhowting of ordinance furth of the caftell, quhairwith thai war fo fore trublit that thay wer conftreand to returne to thair camp at Leith. Bot the nixt day thay returnit againe, and did that thay culd to confume all the toun with fyris. So lykwyfe thay contenowit fome dayis eftir, fo that the maifte part of the toun wes brent in crewelle manner; during the quhilk tyme thair horfe men did gret hurt in the cuntrey, fpulyeing and burning findre places thairabout, and in speciall all the caftell and place of Craigmillar, quhair the moft part of the hoill richeffe of Edinburgh was put be the merchands of the toun in keping, quhilk not without fraud of the keparis, as wes reported, wes betrayed to the Inglifmen for a parte of the bowtane and fpoill thairof.

Quhen the Inglis men of weare was thus occupiet in burning and fpoilyeing, the Governour fend and releved the Erle of Angus, Lord Maxwell, Maifter of Glencarne and Sir George Douglas furth of waird, and pat thame to libertie; and maid fic fpede preparatione as he culd, to fett forduard ane army for expelling the Inglis men furth of the realme; quha hering thairof, upoun the xiiij day of Maij, thay brek doun the peir of Leith heavin, brint and diftroyed the fame; and fhipping thair gret artailerie, thay fend thair fchippes away hameward, laydin with the fpoyll of Edinburgh and Leith, taking with thame certane Scottis fchippes, quhilkis was in the heavin, amangis the quhilkis the fchippes callit Salamander and the Unicorne war careit in England. Upoun the xv day of Maij thair army and thair flote departed fre Leith at ane tyme, the toun of Leith being fet in fyre the fame morning, and thair faid army that nycht ludgit at Seytoun; the nixt nycht befyd

Dumbar, the third nycht at Rantoun in the Merse, and the 18 day of Maij thay entered in Berwik. In all this tyme, the bordouraris and certane utheris Scottis men, albeit thay wer not of sufficient numbre to gif battell, yit thay held thame biffe with daly skarmushing, that fundre of thair men and hors war taikin, and thairfoir nane of thame durst in ony wyis stur frome the gret armye, in all thair passage from Edinburgh to Bervike.

Efter the returning of the Inglis army, the Erle of Lenox, accompa-
neit with the bischoppe of Cathnes, the laird of Tullibarne and certane
uther gentill men past in England, and about Witfounday shipped at
Dumbartane and tuik jorney be the west sey, and landit at Westchefer
in England, quhair the Erle of Shreusbery reffaved him and his company.

Heir is to be confiderit the wyld, unquiet and unstabill natour of the
Irichemen duelling in the Hielandis and Ilis of Scotteland, who was als
obedient to the lawis of the realme, and kepit als gret quietnes in thair
cuntreis, with reffonabill justice as in ony uther pairt of the Law landis,
so lang as King James the fyfte was on lyf; bot not lang eftir his death,
thay hering of the unquiet stait of the realme, the gret devisione nurished
amangis fyndre factions of the nobilitie, the hoit warris and persuit of
Inglande maid thame incontinent foryetfull of thair naturall deuetie,
and to returne to thair former wiked behaveour, and exercing thame
selffis in raiffing, steling and oppreffione of thair nyghbouris in all partis
of the Hieland cuntreis, and in the Law landis nixt adjacent unto thame.
And for staunching and suppreffing thairof, the Governour be the ad-
vyse of his counfill, gave speciall commiffione to the Erle of Huntlie,
as making him liuetennent generall of all the Hie landis, and of the
north partis of Scotland, Orknay and Zetland; and lykwyse maid the
Erle of Argyle liuetennent of Argyle and the Ilis; quhilkis offices thay
acceptit apoun thame, and for the moir spedy executione of the famin,
the Erle of Huntlie raised ane gret army throche all the north partis,

and past forduard aganis the Glenchamerone and Glenronell, Mudyard and Knudyard, quhair of the princepall capitane was Ewin Allensone, Ronald M'Concilglas and Johne Mudyard, quaha had herreit, rest and spulyeit the hoill cuntrey of Urquhat and Glenmoresone, pertening to the laird of Grante, and the countreys of Abirtarf, Straglashe and utheris pertening to the Lord Lovat; in the quhilkis cuntreis they had placed thame selfis as they had bene just possessouris thair of, thinking to enjoy the same peaceable in all tymis cuming; bot the Erle merching forduart with his cumpanie maid thame sone to dislodge, and to flie in thair awin cuntrey apoun the west seis, quhair Lawland men culd haif no acces unto thame, and so placed the Lorde Lovat and the laird of Grant in thair awine landis of Urquhat, and Abirtarf, and Straglashe; and the Erle sua haiffing done for the moift parte that thing he come for, returnit; bot the Lord Lovat returning to Lovat be ane uther way, accompaneit onlie with his owin kyn of the Frefers, be chaunce for-gadderit with his ennemeis, quhair none of the parteis culd abstene from battell, bot suddantlie entered in skarmushing, first with bowis and arrows, quhilkis lasted a long tyme, quhill thair hoill chaftis was spendit on boith the fydis; and shortlie thay joynit in battell with fuordis, quhair thay faucht so crewellie quhill the moft part of boith the armeis was slayne, and the Lord Lovat him self with thre hundreth of his awin furname, callit Frazer, with a gret number of commouns deit thair. The maister, his eldest sone, being ane weill lerned young gentill man, and brocht up with gret civilitie and knowlege in the realme of France, and bot new cum hame thair fre, was evill hurt and takin presoner, and careit to Ewin Allensone, quhair he deit within iij dayis. On the uther parte, thair was a gretar number of Glenronnell, Glenchamerown and Mudyardis kyn nor of the Frefers slayne; bot in the beginning they faucht lang and contenowalie with uncertane victorie, quhill at last the nycht come doun apoun thame, and was not knawin quhill the nixt day

quhilkis of the parteis was maister of the feildis. It was reported that at this feild thair was none of the surname of the Fraisers left levand that was cum to mannis aige; nottheles God prosperit thame so, that all thair wyffes quha was left at hame behind thame was with barne, and in thair nixt birth was everie ane deliverit of a man chyld, sua that thai come shortlie thaireftir to als gret a number of abill men as evir thay war in ony tyme past. The Erle of Huntlie liuetennent, foir greved for this unhappie chance of the deith of the Lord Lovat and his kin, ceasid not to seik revenge thairof be all meanes possibill, aswell be pollicie as be force; and raysed ane army and past in the cuntrey of Lochabir, quhair Ewin Allensone maid his principall residens, spulyeit and herreit the hoill cuntrey, tuik findre of the principall oppreffours thairof and executid thame to the deith, quhill he confraned the cuntrey to rander the principall capitaneis, quhilkis was Ewin Allensone and Ronald M'Concilglafe, and findre utheris in his handis; quhome he brocht with him to Rotheme, quhair thay war kepit certane space, and quhair the princepall nobill men and barronis of the hail north partis of Scotland war convenit, and thair thair war accused, convict be ane affyse and condampnit, and Ewin and Ronald was heidit, and thair heidis affixit apoun the two portis of the toun, and findre utheris of thair companie hangit, and so receaved just and dew punishment for thair unkendnes. Johne Mudyard and his company hering of this sharp punishment and executione, he fled into the Ilis, quhair he keped him self during all the tyme of the warris.

During this tyme mony and fyndre deadlie feadis and injureis quhilkis befor had bene reconcyled, or at leif the memorie of thame erdit in obliuion, war nottheles new waiknit through all the partis of the realme, and thairthrough querrellis revengit with gret crueltie; speciallie in the north partis of Scottis, and be the surname of the Forbesses aganis the lairdis of Achlone and Lenturk, quhair thair was mony

scarmuthis and invafionis, in the quhilk the Lord of Achloffin, the laird of Achinhuiffe, James Forbes of Corfinday and mony of thair frendis was flayne ; bot the Erle of Huntlie was fo diligent in the perfewing of the offendaris and princepall authoris of the trubles, that he heild the cuntrey thaireftir in reffonabill quietnes and guid ordor.

After the returning of the Inglis army, the Erle of Lenox accompaneit with the bifchoppe of Cathnes, the laird of Tullibarne and certane uther gentill men pafst in England, and about Witfounday flipped at Dumbartane, and tuik jorney be the weft fey, and landit at Wefchefter in England, quhair the erle of Shreufbery reffaved him and his company, and maid thair convoy quhill thay come to the King ; and at the nixt myd fummer following the erle was maried with the faid Lady Margaret, and the King gaif to thame certane landis lyand in the north partis of England, together with ane abbay callit Jarues ; and becaus the King had promifed to gif him help, fo being he wald caus deliver the caftell of Dumbartane in his handis, to returne in Scotis and recover his awin landis with the governement of the realme, to the quhilk the erle had clamed title. Thairfore, fone eftir the mariage, the King prepared ane guid company of fchippes, in the quhilkis the Erle accompaneit with Sir Petir Cruife, Sir Rauf Windfeild and Williame Winter with dyvers uthers, maid thair voyage be the weft fey, and landit at Dumbartane, thinking affuredlye the caftell to be at his command. The capitane thair-of, quha wes ane vailyeant gentill man, and ane trew Scottis man, callit Striveling, reffaved the erle and princepall gentill men willinglie, bot wald not fuffer gretar nowmer to entir nor he was abill to refift ; quhair upoun the erle and the capitane entered in debait, quhairby fuddantlie the erle and all the Inglifmen war forced to departe furth of the caftell, and returne to thair fchippes, not without great feare and parrell of lyvis ; and fua thay returnit in England agane without obteneing thair interpryfe, and the capitane was prayfed be all guid Scottis men for

keping of the castell frome the Inglis men ; quhilk lang thaireftir he wald nether deliver to Inglis man or Scottis man, bot tendit to keip the same to the Quene his Soveranes behuif, quhill her perfyte aige.

Quhill this practife was in hand, the Kinge of Ingland was in persoun at the feige of Bullein in France ; and the Governour fend ane vailyeant and wyfe gentle man, Sir George Meldrum of Fyvie knycht, to Bullen, to commowne apoun certane abstnence, to the effect that commissiouners shuld meit ; quhilk wes aggreit quhill his returning in Ingland in the moneth of August thaireftir.

At King Henreis returning in Ingland from Bullein, hering him frustrat of the interprice of the randering of the castell of Dumbartane, fend the Erle of Lenox immediatlie thaireftir to remaine upoun the west bordouris, in cumpany with the Lord Whortoun and Lord Dacres, continiwalie invading Scotis, and be burning and spulyeing the cuntrey all the rest of that yeir ; and upoun the eist and myddill merchis, Sir Rauff Everis was appointed liuetennent lykwyse to invaid, as he did crewellie be spulyeing and burning in divers places, not sparing to burne wyffis and bairnes in thair houffes, bot ony mercy ; as wes done at ane place in the Merse callit the Bromehoufe, and in sinder uther places at the same tyme, quhairby the gretest part of the boirdouraris wes constreind to be affured to Ingland ; and speciallie the Scottis men upoun the west bordouris war caused entir pledges, quha war kepit in Careleill, for suirtie of thair guid reule and obedience to the King of Ingland in tymes cuming. Duringe the quhilk tyme the Governour caused all the hoill nobill men and gentill men of Scots repair to the bordouris be quarteris, as use is, and him self for the most part maid residence with thame, resisting vailyeantlie the gret incursionis of the Inglis men ; swa that the said Sir Rauff Everes shortlie thaireftir reffaved most recompence of his crueltie ; for apoun the xxvij day of Februar the said Sir Rauff entered in Tivydaill with sax thousand men, invadit the same with

fyre and fuord with gret rigoure, quhill he come to the toun of Anckrame; quhair the Governour being accompaneit with the Erle of Angus, Normound Leslie Maister of Rothes, and certane uthers to the nowmer of sax hundreth gentill men, couragioullie and vailyeantlie did resist the fureous raige of Everes and his company, and lychted on ather fyde and joyned in battell, albeit not equall in nowmer, and faucht verey crewellie at thair first entres, bot yit the Inglis men shortlie at last wes contraned to flie and gif bakkis; quhair Sir Rauf Everis thair liuetennent with fiftie uthers capitanis and landit men, and aucht hundreth and thre scoir of the remanent war flayne; and thair was twa thousand takin prisoners, quhair of the maist part war gentill men; and losed xij peaces of gret artialyerie and gret quantitie of uther munitione; and of the Scottis pairt war flayne onlie bot thre persons. And so the Governour returned with gret honour, gevand God praise and loving for his victorie, beand sa few in company contrar sa gret ane multitude.

About the same tyme deceassed Robert Carnecorse bischoppe of Ros; and to the bischopprik was promoted David Pantar secretar to the Governour, than Prior of Sainte Marie Ile, ane leirned man and wyfe, quha wes ambassadour resident in France mony yeris thaireftir.

In the moneth of Aprile, bischope William Stewart of Aberdene, quha had bene gret thesaurar of Scotland, and findre tymes ambassadoure boith in Ingland and France, deceassed; and in his place wes promoted to the bischoprike Williame Gordoun than Chancellor of Murray, ane Prelat of guid leving, fader broder to George than Erle of Huntley, quhom the Cardinall be his labouris helpit to be promoted thairto, and preferred him for his knowlege to uthers quhome the Erle of Angus wald haif placed in the said bischoprike; quhilk and uther causes augmented the hattrent of the Erle of Angus and the Douglasses aganis the Cardinall, quhilk wes the caus of gret divisioun in the realme.

Quhen knowledge wes brocht to the King of France, of the gret per-
 fuit maid be the King of Ingland aganis the realme of Scotlande, he
 fend Monsieur Lorge Mongumry, ane knyght of the ordour of France,
 with fyve thousand Frenche men in Scotland to support the famin
 aganis Inglande; thinking also thairby that he fould caus the King of
 Inglande, quha had latlie wonn the toun of Bullein, retire his army
 and forces furth of France, fwa that he mycht moir eiffelie recover the
 toun agane furth of the Inglis mennis handis. This army landit at Dum-
 bartane, and come in guid ordour to Edinburgh the xiiij day of Maij. The
 King of Ingland being advertteist thair of, fend the Erle of Hartford to
 the border with ane armye of twentie thowfande men, quha entered in
 Scotland at Coldingham, and past up the watter of Tueid, and brint
 Kelfo and findre utheris townis upoun the watter, bot durst not adven-
 ture to go far frome the fame; and the Governour suddantlie convenit
 ane army of the Scottis and Frenche men together, and past forduart
 for resistance of the saidis Inglifmen; bot fra the Erle of Hartforde gat
 knowledge of his cuming, retired him selfe shortlie within Inglande, and
 the Governour passing forduart seged the castell of Warke; and quhill
 thay lay at the said seige, the Scottis men maid diverse raidis and incur-
 fionis within Ingland, brint divers townes, kest down findre stane
 houffes and strenthis, and brocht away gret spulye and pray of guidis,
 without any resistance. Eftir the quhilk the gret army returned, and
 the Frenche men lay in garefone at Kelfo, for keping of the bordouris
 all the rest of this yeir.

At the famin tyme the King of France fend his ordoure of Sanct
 Michaell with Monsieur de Lorge to the Governour of Scotland, as he
 did alsua to the Erlis of Angus, Huntlie and Argyle, quhilk thay res-
 faved with the accustomed solempnitie and troumphe, and used the same
 verrey honorabillie during thair tymes.

All this tyme the capitane of the castell of Dumbertane kepit the same

to the Governour, albeit he fend oft and required the same to be delivered; and thairfoir the Governour prepared all munitiōne necessar for the segeing thairōf. The Erle of Glencarne hering of the preparatiōne, fend to the Erle of Lenox, being in Ingland, desyring him to returne agane, and he fuld caus the castell be randerit in his handis. The King of Ingland being glad of the offre, causd prepar tuō shippis for the Erlis convoye, and in the meintyme fend the Bischope of Cathnes his broder, quha wes reffaved in the castell to remane thair to his cuming; bot the Governour being advertist of the practife, maid the gretar haift and past suddantlie to the toun of Dumbartane, accompaneit with the Erlis of Huntlie, Argyle, Cardinal, and mony uthers nobill men, quhair thair seged the castell at divers partis; albeit the same, throw the naturall strenth and situatiōne thairōf, could not be won be force, yit be meanes and labouris of the Erle of Huntlie, the capitane thairōf wes persuadit torander the same to the Governour; quha rewardit him verrey honorablie for his treuthe and lawtie keipit to his native cuntrey in refusing to gif the same to the Inglis men at the Erle of Lenox desyre, and restored the Bischoppe of Cathness to his bischoprike, quhilk had bene takin frome him for assisting to the Erle his broder; and swa he remaned still in Scotland, and walde nevir returne in Ingland againe.

The Scottis men, quha wes assured upoun the west bordouris, hering of the randering of the castell of Dumbartone to the Governour, and that his strenthe wes augmentit be cumin of the French men in Scotland, began to revoult frome the obedience of Inglande, for the quhilk caus syndrie of thair pledges war hanged at Carleill. Bot shortlie thaireftir for revenge thairōf, the Lorde Maxwell, Lairdis of Lochinvar, Johnfoun and uderis entered within Ingland and brint mony townes, tuik away mony presoners with thame, and gret pray of guidis, to the gret hurt of Ingland, and to the just revenge of thair crueltie; and at the same tyme the Frenche men quha lay in garefoun at Kelfo, with the

assistance of the Scottis bordouraris, maid the like incurfionis apoun the eist and middell merchis, and did gret dammage to the partie of Ingland.

In the ende of this yeir in Lentrene, the Cardinall caufed convene all the bifchoppes and prelattis of the realme at Sanct Andros, quhair ane clark called Maister George Wischert, quha had remaned long in Germanie, and of new come in Scotland, in the same conventione wes accused and convict of divers opinionis of herefye, quhilkis he had publicklie preached and privatlie teached in Dundie, Breachine and diverse partis of the realme; and thairfore was brint in Sanct Andros the tyme of the said conventione, in the beginning of Merch 1545; quhilk was the principall cause of the deathe of the Cardinall, quhilk shortlie followed thaireftir.

In the nixt Maij, the cardinall being resident in his castell of Sanct Androis, certane of his owine familiars accompaneit with uthers quha had conspired aganis him, being moved thairto partlie throw the executione of the said Maister George Wischert, fearing thame selffis to be execute for the samyn cause; partlie, alswa, being counsaled and perswaded thairto be divers gret men of the realme, quha had querrell and actione of deidlie feid aganis him, entered thairfoire tymous in the morning the xxx day of Maij, within his said castell, and passed to his chalmer or he was rissin of his bed; quhair he was cruellie in opinning of his chalmer dur flayne, and incontinent thaireftir the doaris thairof pat furth all his fervandis and tuike the castell, quhilk wes weill plenished and furnished with all kinde of munitione, riche hingars, houshold furnetour, coiftlie abilyementis, kaipes and kirk jowellis, riche copbuirdis of gold and silver, and gret pose of gold and money. Suddantlie thaireftir, Sir James Lermond, provest of Sanct Androis, convenit the induellers of the cittie for releif of the cardinall and recovering of the castell; bot the keparis of the castell shew the deid bodie of the cardinall upoun the wall

as ane spectacle to the people, quhairby thay war affured that he wes deid, and the same caused thame ceise fra any further persuite.

Quhen knowlege wes brocht to the Governour of the crewell slaughter of the Cardinall, quha wes his tendir coufing and Chancellor of the realme, he wes hichlie offendit thairwith, and convenit the principall nobill men, sic as the Erlis of Angus, Huntley, Argyle and utheris, be quhais advyse he held ane parliament, and forfaltit thame quha wes within the faide castell of thair landis and guidis, and past shortlie thaireftir accompaneit with syndre of the faidis lordis to Sanct Androis, and with gret artailyerie and munitione seged the castell; bot the same wes so well furnesht with all necessaeres be the Cardinall in his awin tyme, and so stronglie defendit be the keparis thairof, that it culd nocht be guidlie won; and thairfoir eftir the seige had tareit thairat the space of thre monthis, the Governour maid ane appointment with thame quha wes within the said castell, taking sum abstinence for a tyme, principallie to the effect he mycht have recovered his eldest sone, quha wes with the Cardinall the tyme of his deith, and thaireftir haldin be thame; albeit he wes not delivered furth of thair handis quhill the castell was won be the Frenchemen.

During the tyme of this seige, thair come ane gret navie of shippes and men of weare fend be the King of Ingland to releif the same and to raise the seige; quha preiffed findre tymes to land under the castell, bot was vailyeantlie resisted and stopped be the Governouris company, and syndre of the Inglifmen slayne and drowned in thair reteiring; swa thay returned to Ingland frustrat of thair interprice.

In this meintyme the Governour, be the cunfall of the prelattis of the realme, fend to the King of France for helpe to won the said castell; quha prepared certane gallayis with men of weir to cum in Scotland to that effecte, as thay did the nixte yeir following. Also the haldaris of the castell, mistrusting the appointment to be kept, fend to the King of

England for support; quha granted to gif the famyn, becaus he was glaid of the Cardinallis deith, quhome he alleged to be a favorar of France at all tyme in his contrair; bot or thay gat his support the castell wes won.

At this tyme the Governour disponed the archebifchoprike of Sanct Androis to his owne broder the Abbot of Paislay, and gaif ane gift of the abbay of Arbroith to George Douglas bastard sone to the Erle of Angus, notwithstanding that Maister James Betoun, tendir coufing to the Cardinall, was lawfullie provydit thairto of befoir, quhilk maid gret trubill in the cuntrey eftirwart.

In the middis of thir trubles in Scotland, and of thir preparationes, King Henry of England deceassed the xxvj day of Januar, and in his place succedit prince Eduard his sone, quha wes crownit King of England; and the Duik of Symmerfet his moder broder was maid protectoure of England and tutor to the Kinge, becaus he wes bot ix yearis of aige.

The pest wes verey vehement in divers partis of the realme, and speciallie in the townis of Dundie, Aberdene and utheris partis of the north, and contenowit still all the nixt year following; swa that it appered weill that God did punishe that realme with plague, weare, fuord and fyre all at onis for the offences of the peple.

The last day of Merche, Frances King of France deceassed, and Henry his sone was crownit King of France; quha immediatlie eftir his coronation fend ane gentill man called Monsieur Dofell into Scotland, to conferme the ancient leage betuix Scotland and France, as the use was at the entres of everye prince; quhilk wes done be univerfall consent, and he remaned still within the realme ambassadour resident for the King thaireftir.

In the fymmer following, the Governour convenit ane army and past to the west bordouris and saged the castell of Langup, quhilk wes kepit be the Inglis men, and wan the same, and with pulder raifed it frome the grond.

During the tyme of this feige, the Governour caused the Erle of Rothes, quha wes new returned frome Denmark, to be put to the knowlege of ane affyise, and be tryed be his peris of the realme for airt and pairt of the Cardinallis slauchter; who was declared innocent and maid quyt, notwithstandinge that his eldest sone and apparand air, and ane of his brotheris also, was at the committing thair of.

Quhen this army of Scotland was at this feige of Langup, Capitaine Strossa prioure of Capua, fend be the King of France, arryved befyd Sanct Androis with saxtene gallayis weill furnished with men of weare and munitione, quhair he landit and enteret in the cittie. The Governour and nobilitie hering thair of, returnit shortlie frome the bordouris for his assistance, quhair the feige wes confermed; and the said priour be subtill ingyne caused mount certane peaces of munitione apoun the battilment of the Abbay kirk, quhilk wes hiche abone the castell, and shot thairfre within the samyn, sua that no man durst be sene upoun the wallis nor in the clofe of the samyn to mak defence; and sic like caused draw certane cannonis be ingyne with gret cordis and towis without force of men neir unto the castell, quhairwith thay shot so fast and stopped al defence upon the wallis, that thay filled the foufeis to have maid entrie. Also the gallayis at the full sey come nere unto the castell on that fyde, and shot gret cannonis and uder artailerie, quhairwith thay slew divers within the place. The haldaris of the castell, persaving thame feigit on all fydis and not abill to resist, pat up ane taikin on a speir pointt, desyring to commoune upoun deliverance of the place, quhilk was granted; and sa certane of thame come furth and spak with the Governour, the Quene and prior of Capua; quhair thay offered to rander the castell, sua thay mycht haif thair lyffis saufe, and bag and bagages, quhilk the Governour refused. At last he was content to pardone thame thair liffes, gif the King of France thocht the same to oe done, and gaif the spulye of the castell to the Frenche men.

Swa the castell was rendered the xxix of Julij 1547, and instantlie spulzeit be the men of wear ; and all the principall men quhilkis wes within the fame, wes put in the gallayis and had presoneris in France, quhair thai war keped in waird thaireftir in divers places and strenthis upoun the coist of Bretainye, quhill in the 1550 yeir of God thay war put to libertie, and syndre utheris quha remaned chenyeit in the gallayis, war redemit for fowmes of money be thair freindis. The Governouris eldest sone and syndre uther young gentill men, quhilkis attendit the Cardinall at the tyme of his deceis and wer eftir retayned be thame that slew him, wer restored to thair frendis.

The greit ambitione quhairwith King Henry the aucht was incensed to have conquested the realme of Scotland, ather be mariage of the Quene with his sone Prince Eduarde, or ellis be violence and force, wes noles eftir his deceis nor befoire the fame contenwit be the Erle of Somersett Protectour of England, uncle and tutour to King Eduarde, quha be all meanes possible labored be practises alweill as be crewell perfuit and invasionis to obtene his purpose ; and seing that practises attempted be thame did fail throch the lose of the castellis of Sanct Androis and Dumbartane, quhilkis the Inglis men hoipped to have gottin delivered to thame, he caused thairfoir prepar ane gret army alweill be sey as be land, to the number in the hoill of fourtie thousand men, and come to Bervik in the lettir end of August ; quhair he maid publick proclamatioun in thre severall places of his camp, declaring the caus that moved him to invaid Scotland with so puissant ane army ; allegeing princepallie that the Scottis fuld be compellit thairby to deliver thair Quene to him, to be married with King Eduard, or ellis that he intendit to conques the realme be force ; assuring all Scottis men quha wald joyne with him to that intent, fuld nocht be invadit or hurt be the Inglis army in any way. And be the contrar, quha did resist thairto fuld not be spared, bot crewellie perfewit boith be fyre and fuord. And

fo apoun the fourt of September he entered in the Mers with his hoill army, and camped at Rostoun, and the nixt day past throw the pathes, and camped towardis Dumbar; and the other day following come to Tamptalloun and syne to Langnidry, and upoun the viij of Septembre thay fet down thair tentis and camped thame selffis at Salt Prestoun, als stronglie as they culd, and neir unto the firth. And with the army thair come ane navie be sey up the frith, quhair of thair was xxiiij gret shippes with certane victualleis, ane gallay and her pinneges that rolled with ares neir unto the shore, and served the army als well for defence and fortification of the land army, as for thair victueling. The Lorde Clintoun was admirall of that flote.

The Governour of Scotland being adverteist of this gret forces and suddane invasione contrar to his expectation, considering that he had bene contenowalie upoun the bordouris all the yeir preceeding, and that laitlie in the moneth of Julij he had convenit ane gret army of all the partes of the realme, for recovering of the castell of Langup and expulging of the Inglis men frome the west bordouris, as he had alreddy done; and als being lykwyffe trubled with the seiging of the castell of Sanct Androis, quhilk was laitlie won; fering thairfoir that the people culd not be abill, or at least wald nocht be so redde bent to come forduart as thay war wount, being so vexit with continowall weares for resisting of the ennemy; thairfoir he caused certane herauldis and purfèveantes, with all possible diligence, pas throch all the partis of the realme with a fyrie croce bering fyre on the heid of it, in thair handes, as the use of that realme hes bene in all gret extremitieis, chargeing all maner of man, als well spirituall as temporall, of the aige betuix faxtene and faxtie, bodin with armour in feare of wear, to repair towart Mussilbruch with all possible haifte for defence of thair realme, princeffe and libertie: quhairby ane gret nowmer suddantlie convenit with the Governour thair, and fet down thair tentis and camped at Inveresk within tua mylis

of the Inglis army and in thair ficht, and cold not abstene frome daylie skarmusheing with thame be the bordouraris and uthers, in the quhilk thair was mony bath flayne and taikin on ather of the fydis. The Governour and nobilitie of the realme feing thair ennemy so far within thair cuntry, thocht it not guid to haffard battell, bot onlie to camp fill qubair thay lay, and to skarmishe with thame, and onlie to defend in case thay did affailye. The Inglisfmen getting knowlege thairof, determinat to gif occasioun of battell; and thairfoir, apoun the ixth day of September, thay fend furth ane gret number of hors men, being bakit with certane fuit men, quha wes recountered be the Lord Hwme and certane utheris gentill men with sum fuit men also, quha suddantlie ran together and faucht very crewellie, sua that thair wes flayne one boith the fydis abone a thowfand men, and the Loird Hwme be the fall of his hors was hurt and careid away to Edinburgh, and the Maister Hwme his sone wes takin presoner; and of the Inglis partie war divers takine also, and amangis utheris Sir Rauf Bulmer, Thomas Cower, and Robert Crouche, all thre capitanes of thair lycht horsfmen. On the nixte day, being the xth of September, airlie in the morning, the Inglisfmen raifed thair camp, meaning to haif taikin a hill called Pinkincleuche, befoir the Scottisfmen fuld onderstand any thing of thair purpose; to the end thay mycht plant thair ordinance in places meit to annoy the Scottis army gif thay had contenowit in thair former camp, and to mak thame ather gif battell or ellis to change the place. The Scottisfmen persaving the slycht and crafte of the ennemy, apoun the suddane arrayed thame in thre battellis; the erle of Angus having the vangaird, the Erle of Huntlie the reirgairde, and the Governour, accompaneit with the Erle of Argyle and utheris nobill men, the gret battell; and purposeing to stay the interpryse of the Inglis men, merched foirduart with gret furie, almooste furth of ordoure. And in the meintyme the Inglis gallay with the pinneges rowing neir to the shoir, shot of at thame and flew

divers, specialle of the Iryshe men, to the gret terrour of the hoill army, staying thame lang in the way. The Inglis men feing thame merche, stayed and placed thair ordinance and als thair hoill army apoun the heid of the hill in guid ordour, abyding the cuming of the Scottis men; quha being charged with armour, and going forduart furiouslye on thair fuit, first throch the water of Esk, and thaireftir be the hoill space of tua myles to the hill upwart, thay almost losed thair braithes or evir thai culd cum to the joyning with the ennemie. Nochttheles the Erle of Angus and the vangairde fet upoun the Inglis men with gret courage and manheid, and gaif thame ane notabill owrthraw, and difcomfeit the hoill cumpany of the Inglis hors men, and flew of thame abone the nowmer of v hundreth, and all the rest gaif backes and fled to the Protectouris battell, in sic difordoure that thay war abill to our run thair awin fuitmen; quhairthrow the hoill Inglis army had fled, war not thaye war encouraged be the Erle of Warwick, quha caused thame to stay, as was reported. Thair wes slayne in the brunt fyndrie of the best capitans, sic as capitane Shelley that come frome Bullein, capitane Ratcleif, broder to the Lord Fitzwalter, Sir Johne Clarence sone and air, with utheris of no les fame and reputatione. The Lord Gray of Wiltoun, generall of all the horfmen, wes hurt in the mouth with a speir verrey dangeroullie; mony utheris war lykwyse hurt and eskaped verrey hardlie. The King of Englandis standart being amangis the hors men, was taikin and careid away be the Scottis men. Heirby the Scottis men war fum quhat diforderit in cuming out of thair rankes, about the slauchter of the Inglis men that war thus ourthrawin at this first onsett; and be reason thairof the Inglis men prepared thame selffis to recover the difadvantage quhilk thay had sustened be this repulse. The gret artailerie of the Inglis men, alswell frome the shippes as frome the hill quhar the same was placed, did gret skaith to the Scottis men; the harqhiebufaris also boith on hors bak and fuit cuming ford-

uart, did shuit so hattlie at the vangaird of the Scottifmen, quha wanted shot to anſuer thame, that thay war conſtrayned to retire thame ſelffis, albeit ſum part furth of ordour, ſatling to the gret battell to get help of thame; bot the multitude of the Scottifmen, beleiffing be thair ſatling that all had bene loſed, fuddantlie gaif backes and fled, and ſo the victorie inclyned to the Inglifmen, quha followed the chafe with gret furie, ſlaying crewellie gret nombre; amangis the quhilkis findre nobill men, eftir thay wer takin preſoneris, thair armour takin from thame and affured of thair lyffis, war ſlayne, ſpeciallie the Maifter of Erkin, Maifter of Grahame, and Maifter of Bouchaine and divers utheris; quhilk procedit of the furie of the Lord Gray, being maifter of the horſmen, for that he was hurt in the mouthe at the firſt onſett, and ſum of his tendir freindis ſlayne. In this chafe and battell thair wes ſlayne abone ten thouſand Scottifmen, amangis the quhilkis, beſyde the ſaid thre Maifters, the Lord Flemynge, the Maifter of Ogilvy, the Maifter of Aven-dail, the Maifter of Meffane, the Maifter of Ruthven, the Laird of Lochinvar, with a gret number of young barronis and gentill men war ſlayne. Thair was taikin alſo preſoneris neirby a thouſand perſonis, amangis the quhilkis was the Erle of Huntlye than chancellor of Scotlande, the Lord Yeſter and ſyndre utheris. The Governour eſcapinge from the battell, ſet the Erle Bothuile that ſame nycht to libertie, whome he had kept befor that tyme in warde in the caſtell of Edinburgh, and thair fra paſte to Striveling quhair the Quene was kept. The nixte day, the Inglifmen havinge gathered the ſpoylle of the feild, merched forduart to Leith, quhair thay encamped, the horſmen within the toun and ſuitmen in the feildis, remaning thair unto the xvij day of September; and keped all the Scottis preſoners in the paroche kirke of the toun, quhair thay war hardlie treated, mony of thame being ſoir wondit of befor; bot the Erle of Huntlye lyk ane nobill wyſe capitane, re eiſſed almoſt thame all be aggrement for thair ranſoms, and he become cautione

and fuintie for payment thair of at certane dayes, or ellis to entir thame agane within England ; quhilk he did very prudentlie and advyfedlie, forfeing him self to be haldin still in England quhill the end of the wearis, or ellis be sum guid policie, as it happened eftiruart, to be releved.

And heir is worthie to be remembred the gret favour quhilk ane certane of the said Erlis freindis and gentill men, to the number of ane hundreth or thairby, bure towart him the tyme of his extremitie, and wald on no wyis leave him; quha perceaving the hoill army of Scotland to have gevin backis, and gret slauchter maid on everie pairt be the Inglifmen in the chafe, and the said Erle being on fuit charged with ane wechtie stand of harnes, quhairwith he had travelled so far on fuit that he had no braith, and thairfoir gave frome him his heid pece for fear that he should have bene with the hatt thair of difcomfite ; quhilk moved one of his trustie gentill men, called David Dumbar, to give him his own steill bonet, quhilk he pat on the Erlis heid for his saultye and remaned him self bairheidit ; bot suddantlie the said David for laik of the samyn wes flane be the fraik of ane masse apoun the heid. The rest faucht stoutlie for saultye of the Erle, and slew syndre of the Inglifmen quha first did assailye thame ; bot in the end the most pairt of thame all wer slayne in the Erlis presence, be quhais defence his lyf was sauseit, or ellis he had gone the same way, throw the gret furie and rage quhilk presentlie wes used be the Inglifmen.

During the tyme of the Inglismennis byding at Leith, the Governour being in Striveling, be the counsell of the Quene Dowarier, the Erlis of Angus, Argyle, Rothes, Cassillis and utheris lordis, caused suddantlie convoye the Quene to the yle and abbay of Inchemahomo within the cuntrey of Menteith, quhair sho was keped with the Quene hir moder, be the Lordis Erskyn and Levingstoun hir keparis, till the Inglifmen was departed furth of Scotland, and than returned to Striveling ; and eftir the Quene was fuirlie placed in that ile, the Governour

send proclamationis throch the hail cuntry, to convene ane new army for expelling the Inglis men furth of the realme, and so dyvers companeis of Scottis men convenit together, and assailyeit be scarmushing fo neir the Inglis campt, that all the tyme thay wer within the boundis of Louthiane and Mers, thay durst not pas the space of one myle frome thair campt, nor yit cum within the toune of Edinburgh at that tyme.

Quhan it wes maid knawin to the Protectour that the Governour was preparing ane army, and that the hoill cuntry men wes affeilying fo eirniffle, and persewing thame contenowallie be scarmushing, and that also he had required the castell of Edinburgh to be delivered to him and wes refused, and considered thairby that thaj could proffit no thing be thair long tarie in Scotland, thairfoir raised thair campt in the xvij day of September, and brint the refedew of the toun of Leith and departed. Thair flotte on the sey brint the toun of Kincorin and sum utheris of the sey coist, and tuik the Abbay of Sanct Colmes Inche and fortifyit the same, leaving Sir Johne Lutterell knyght with a garesone of men thairin, quha bruikit not that hold long, bot was compelled not long eftir to depairt thairfra. The xx day of September, the hoill Inglis hoist come befoir Hwme castell, and did that lay in thame to wyn the samyn, bot culd not have it be force; the ladie being within the place, having hir husband lying deseased in danger of his lif at Edinburgh, and doubting the lif of her sone that wes presoner with the Inglis men, consented the sone for this confideration to the randering of the hous to the Duk of Somersfett, the xxij of September; who, leaving a garesoun of men with Sir Eduart Dudley to kepe it, removed to Roxburgh; quhair within the compas of ane auld ruinous hous thay began to beild a fort, thair hoill army remayning still together in wirking about it till the xxix of September; and leaving Sir Rauf Boulmer capitane thair, with thre hundreth men, the Duke of Somersfett retiret in England and brak up his army.

In this meanetyme the Inglis flotte be sey past to the castell of Broughtie Craig, in the mouth of the frith of Tay besyde the toun of Dundie; quhair, eftir certane of thair shot dischargid aganis the castell for a cullour, the same was be treason of the keparis randerit unto the Inglis men; quhair thay maid fortificatione, leaving a garesoun of men of wear and pioners, and appointing Sir Androw Dudley capitane thair-of; quha causid mak ane strang fort apoun the heid of ane hill neirby to the same, within a short space thaireftir, to the gret incommoditie of the cuntrey neir thairabout. Quhill this army wes in Scotland, be conduct of the Duik of Somersset, the Lord Whortoun, accompaneit with the Erle of Lenox and the hoill power of the west bordouris, maid incurfionis upoun the west merchis; bot thay wer so wailyeantlie resisted be the Lorde Maxwell, Lairdis Johnestoun, Cokpule and utheris cuntrey men, that thay wan litill honour in thair jornay, fauffing that thay brint the kirk of Annan, and blew it up with pulder, quhilk wes ane wicked and ungodlie act.

And heir is to be put in memorie also, that immediatlie eftir King Henreis death, to the effect the Inglis men mycht the moir easelie set forduart thair intendit purpose of conquessing the realme of Scotland, the Protectour send mессage to the Empreour, persuading him to caus the Flemingis, Hollanders and Low countres being onder the Emprioris dominioun, to move war be sey against the Scottis men, as thay did; quhilk contenevit with gret rigour quhill the end of the warris betuix Scotland and England, albeit in the famin the Flemingis and Hollanders wan no advantage of the Scottis men, bot had gret losse; and thairfoir the Flemingis was the moir glad to contract peace with thame, and keip the famin, as they haif done in all tymes eftirwart.

Sone eftir the retering of the Inglis army within England, the Protectour send ane company of fouldouris, with Sir Hew Willoughbie thair capitane, and biged ane forthe at Lauder, quhilk thay kepied; and

caused also beild ane uther in Haymouthe, and appointed ane capitane and garrefoun to ly thairintill.

The knowledge being broght to the Governour, that the Inglifmen had begun to make fortes in Scotland, as it feamed to conques the realme, he thought it verrey necessarrie to stay thair interprices in the beginning; and first past to Broughtie Craig and feiged the same with sum gret ordinance certane dayis. Bot it was so stronglie fortifit be the Inglis men, and furnessed with men, munitione and all necessareis, that he was constrained to raise the seige and depart thairfra, eftir he had losed syndre of his company thairat; and princepallie ane wailyeant gentill man called Gawin Hammiltoun, his awin tendir kynisman; leiffing thair Maister James Haliburtoun tutour of Petcur, with certane cumpaneis of horfmen, and capitane Leirmounth with certane fuit men in Dundie, to hald in the Inglifmen within the streth, that thay should not ishe in the cuntrey quhill he mycht mak bettir provision for the seige. And swa returning towardis Striveling, convenit the principall nobill men of the realme, with the Quene douarier and Monsieur Dofell, than being ambassadour resident for the King of France in Scotland; for it was thought most expedient for the commowne weill and defence of the realme of Scotland, and for preservatioun and defence of the Quene thair soveraine, and libertie of thair cuntrey aganis the tirrorie and invasioun of the Duik of Somersset and the Inglis men, that with all guidlie speid thay should be send ane ambassadour in France, to desyre in moift freindlie and hartlie maner frome the King, as thair auncient and maist speciall considerat and allya, sum convenient support alsweill of men as of money and munitione, and that the same fuld be send in Scotland with all possibill diligence in the nixt spring tyme. The Quene douarier and Monsieur Dofell perceaving ane overture maid, and ane reddye way oppinit to obtene that thing quhilk thay maist eirnistlie so long tyme had conceit, and gone about to bring to pas, quhilk wes that

the young Quene mycht be fend in France, thair to be keped, quhill sho shuld be mareid at the Kingis pleafour, tuik francklie and frelie upoun hand, that thay fould procure the Kinge to fend ane army sufficientlie furneffed with all necessaries for expulſing of the ennemy, and defence of the realme, conforme to the deſyre of the Governour and nobilitie, ſua being the eſtatis of the realme wald aggre to fend the Quene in France, upoun ane contracte and treatie to be maid than preſentlie ; and at the cuming of the army ane parleament to be haldin, quhair be univerſall conſent of the eſtattis the ſame ſuld be concludit ; as alſo that sho ſhuld be mareid with the Dolphine of France ; and the ſaid parliament being endit, that the Quenis perſoun be delivered to the King of France commiſſioners, at Dumbartane or at the eift ſey, quhair moſt fair paſſage can be had ; and that lykwyſe the caſtell of Dumbar be gevin to the Frenche men in keping, with ſiclike uder conditions. The Governour conſidering the neceſſitie ſo gret, and that no releif could be had be any uther meanes nor be France for the preſent, be the adwyſe of the hoill counſall and principall nobill men of the realme, aggreit to the Quene douarier and Doſellis deſyris ; and fend with all diligence poſſibill, meſſages and writingis in France to that effect. King Henry of France receaving the ſame, was wonderous glaid thair of ; pairtlie becaus he being a prince of vailyeant cuirage and newlie entered to his crowne, wes deſyrous to augment his dominionis ; and pairtlie for that the Inglifmen poſſeſſed the toun of Bullen in France, he wald the moir willinglie nurifhe the wear in Scotlande, quhairby he mycht the moire eaſelie recover Bullen agane ; and thairfoire cauſed prepair ane army weill furneſed, to be fend in Scotlande with als guid ſpeid as convenientlie mycht be maid.

Quhill thir thingis war in doing, the proteſtour and counſall of Ingland laboured erniſtly to perſuaid the Erle of Huntlie, being than thair preſoner, to agre to the mariage of the Quene his Soverane with King

Eduard, and deliveringe of her perfoun into Inglande thair to be keped; and to that effect they maid him sum tymis verrey guid treatment, and uther quhilis he was verrey hard handillit and straitlie keped; yit they could nevir recover any promise of him, bot to remayne ane trew Scottifman, and wald nevir agrie that his Soverane princes perfoun fuld be fend furth of the realme, nor yit bound in mariage to any prince or partie, quhill shoould be of perfite aige and discret judgement, to chuse for her self at her awine plasure.

In this meane seasone, quhen the Inglifmen had considered that the nobilitie of Scotlande wald on nowyis agre to the marriage, nor delyvering of the Quenis perfoun into England, determit in thair counsell to conques the hoill realme be force; and thinking thame selffis in a joly furtherance thairto, they maid gret preparatioun to go fordeuart with the matter. Bot albeit it pleased the eternall God, for the offences of the peple, to suffer the realme of Scotland to be afflicted, and trublit be the crewell perfuit of Inglande, not the les thair advantage was verrey small thair of; for they spendit grete substance of money, munitione and all furnitour quhilk wes left in treasour be King Henrie the aucht, and losed wonderous mony abill capitans and soldeours; and at the end within the space of two yeris nixt following, wer constrained to quit and leif all the fortes and strenthes quhilkis they usurped within Scotlande, so that they nevir retened anie hold, sauffing Berwick alone, without any recompanse for thar charges as efter wart will appeir. Yit for accumplefching of this thair ambitious determinatioun of conquest, they caused gret preparationis be maid, als well frome Germany beyonde the seyis, as ther awn cuntrey; for thairfra thair come fyve thousand lancequenetes, quhais capitane was Cortpenny, and certane Spaniardis also. Bot so was the just jugement of God, who wald return thair malice upoun thair awine heades; for not long thaireftir thair raise gret sedition and rebellione in fyndre places of England, speciallie in Devonshyre, Corn-

wall, Kent, Norfolk and utheris shyris, swa that the most pairt of thir fraingeris was haldin contenawalie billie for fetting doun these tumultis within Ingland. Yit thay, willing to set fordwart thair purpose of conquest, caused the Lord Gray of Wiltoun enter with ane gret army in Scotland the xvij day of Apryle, and past to Hadingtoun and fortefeid the toun, making it strong in ewerie fyd; and in the tyme of the fortificatione thairof he maid fyndre incurfionis, and did gret hurt in the cuntrey, and remaneit at Hadingtoun quhill the xij day of Junij; and having than fortifeid the toun sufficientlie, as he thought, and furnessed it with victualis and munitione, hering of the cuming of the Frenche army quhilk was apoun the sey, he was fayne to departe hamewartis in Ingland suddantlie; leaving a garefoun within the toun of two thousand fuitmen, and with horsmen for defence of the same.

Sone eftir the departing of the Lorde Gray with his army, a gret navy of shippes and galayis arrayved in the frith, with the Frenche army quhilk was send in Scotland for succour of the realme, as was befoir agreit. The capitans of that army was Monsieur de Desse lieutenant generall, Monsieur Dandelet coronell of the fuitmen, the Reingrave coronell of Almanes. Thair was Monsieur de Maillerie and Monsieur Dofell, also Petir Strozye capitane of Italianis, Monsieur Duno commissaire of the ordinances or artilarie, with divers utheris nobill men and worthie personages of right approved vertew and valiance. Monsieur de la Chapelle de Biron had bene send in Scotland sum what befoir, with a certaun number of gentill men to assist the Scottifmen with thair circumspect and politike adwyse, till the cuming of the army. Monsieur Desse and the uther capitanis, with thair hoill company, embarked at Brest in Bretiagne, and saled furth on thair jorney throch the narrow seyis betuix Calice and Dover, and almost the hole coast of Inglande, till thay come to the frith and tuik land at Leyth the xvj day of Junij; and eftir thay landit thair men to the number of fyve thow-

land guid fouldioris, and gottin thair artailyerie on land, taking the adwyce of the Governour and nobilitie, quha wes tareing in Edinburgh apoun thair cuming, it was determined that thay should with all diligence go forduart to the seige of Hadingtoun, as thay did; and thairfoir the hoill company of the Frenche men past forduart, the Governour with ane gret nombre of horsmen being with thame, for the bettir advancement of thair interprice; and camped the first nycht at Muffilbrugh, quhar certane capitans with a nombir of horsmen and fuitmen, alsweill of Scottis as Frenche men, war appointed to go furth, and to view the toun of Hadingtoun, and to onderstand the maner of the fortificatione thairof; quhair at thair first approche thair ishwid furth certane Inglis men and Italianis that served in the toun, and skarmushed for a tyme right hottlie, so that thair wes mony baith slayne and hurt be the Scottis and Frenche men, till at lenth thay wer forced to retyre into the toun, and suffered the Frenche men to confider the strenth at thair awin pleafour; quhilk being done thay returned to thair army. The next day the hoill army come befoir Hadingtoun; quhair immediatlie apoun thair cuming thether, a new scarmishe was begun and contenowit, with right terrible shot on boith sydis a guid seasoun; at quhilk scarmishe fyndre of the Inglismen with ane Italiane capitane, and on the other pairt a Frenche capitane called Villeneve slayne, and divers utheris. In the meintyme the Ringrave encamped his Almanis on the one fyde of the toun, quhair Monsieur Duno caused trinchis to be maid for the fause placing of the artillarie; and still thay contenowit scarmushing on everie syd of the toun, quhylift utheris wer occupeit in preparing ludgeing and raising trinchis and rampers, alsweill for defence of thair campt as artailyerie. Not onlie the Lord Governour bot also the Lord Hwm and divers utheris of the nobilitie of Scotland, wer with the Frenche men to counfall and assist thame, now at thair firste cuming, to lay this seige to Hadingtoun; and shortlie eftir come the Erle

of Ergyle with fynder uther nobill men, pairtlie for thair assistence, bot most princepall for to be present at the parleament quhilk was appointed to be haldin. The Inglifmen maid fundrie ishwis apoun the aduersaris, to hendir these making of the trinches and utheris workis, bot notwithstanding, the trinchis and rampers went fourduart. The Frenchemen persewing thair interprice with moir diligence, becaus thay onderstuid be ane Italiane that was fled out of the toun, whow that thair wes not munitione within sufficient to serve for the defence of the toun the space of xij daies. Heirupoun Monsieur Desse, for the moir spedy obteneing of his purpois, caused one nycht ane approche to be maid with basquettis, in sic wayis that sax peaces of gret artaillyerie war planted, by succour thairof, hard at the toun syd, quhilk at the brek of the day wer discharged aganis the rampeir of the toun, to walkin thame within furth of sleep. These sax peaces discharged that day a iij^c and xl shottis; bot quhen the French men perceaved that the place quhair this battie was maid, tuike not meikill dommage, quhairby the nixt nycht the basquettis removed moir lower, and not past a xl paces from the toun dyk; quhair the ordinance being also planted, discharged the battie about a ij^c shot. Mony have merved quhow the Frenche men haiffing maid reasonabill brek to entir the toun and not gyve the assault; bot as thay have thame selffis maid thairof report, the fault wes not in Monsieur Desse, quho wes ane vailyeant and hardy capitane, and willing to haif tryed quhat by that way mycht haif bene done, and to haif bene one of the formeft him selfe. Bot apoun debaitting the matter with the uther capitans, in the end it was concluded, that thay sould not put in hazard that number of souldioris quhilk thay had thair, least those being cast away, the realme of Scotlande mycht haif sustened sum gret damage or a new power mycht haif cum furth of France to thair releif, quhairwith the Frenche King perchance wald not have weill lyked of to haif bestowed thair forces in that maner, without neidfull caus to confrane thame.

In the meintyme that this feige lay at Hadingtoun, the estatis of the realme of Scotland, with the Governour, held ane parleament at the Abbay of Hadingtoun; in the quhilk all the treatis and contractis past befor betuix the Governour and the King of France commissiouners for delivering of the Quenis persoun to be transported in France, to be married with the Dolphin of France, and all uther agrementis, was ratified be consent of the estatis in parliament, and the gret seales of Scotland and France interchaunged thairupoun; and for accomplishing of the princepall pairt thair of, Monsieur Vyleganzeone with iiij gallayis, departed frome Leithe, maid as thocht he wald haif sayled in France. Bot eftir he wes furth of the mouth of the frith, he turned his course on the left hand to cast alongis by the shoire northward, compassing the land on the east syd, and past aboute by the coast of Sutherland, Cathenes, Orkney and the Ilis, till he come to Dumbartane, quhair the young Quene lay; having thus maid a jorney quhilk wes nevir to any mannis remembrance attempted afoir be gallayis. Heir all things being reddy for thair jorney, the Quene being as than betuix fyve and sax yearis of aige, wes delivered be the Quene dowarier hir moder, and utheris appointit be the parliament to that effect; Monsieur de Brezze (quha wes appointit and send furth be expres commandment to have the convoyance of her), and wes embarqued in the Kingis awin gallay, and with her the Lord Erskyn and Lord Levingstoun quha had bene hir keparis, and the Lady Fleming hir fader sifter, with findre gentilwemen and nobill mennis sonnes and dochteris, almoist of hir awin aige; of the quhilkis thair wes four in speciall, of whome everie one of thame buir the samin name of Marie, being of four syndre honorable houfes, to wyt, Fleming, Levingstoun, Setoun and Betoun of Creich; quho remanit all foure with the Quene in France, during her residens thair, and returned agane in Scotlande with her Majestie in the yeir of our Lorde I^m v^c lxi yeris; quhilk Brezze, with Vileganzeoun, used sic diligence in acheving thair inter-

price, that finalie thay arryved with prosperous wayage in the havin of Brift, quhair thay landit with that young princeffe in guid faittie, to the heich joy and gret confort of the Frenchemen. And heir is to be remembered, that the Protector of Inglande being advertist of this jorney, caused prepair ane gret navie of shippes, and send his broder than admirall thairwith, to await at the west seyis at thaire passage, and to haif taikin thame gif thay could; quha did his diligence to that effect, bot yeat so was the pleasour of God, that the stormy wyndis blew so gret (albeit fair frome Scotland,) that thay nevir set fayll quhill thay war cum in the saide havin of Brest; quhair thay wer reffaved verrey honorablye, and thair remanit certane space quhill thay wer refreshed eftir the soir travell on the seyis. And thaireftir the Quene was convoyed verrey princelie, with gret companeis of nobill men, throwout Bretangge, and all the cuntrey be the way, quhill thay come to the Kingis palice callit Sainct Germain in Laye, apoun the river of Seane, fyve liggis frome Pareis; quhair sho was received with great rejoising, and was appointit to remane thair in company with the Kingis awin childrein quha wes thair resident; for the King and Quene thame selffis was travelling all that yeir throch Burgonze, Sawoy, Lyons and uther partes of his fronties, making his first entres in the princepall townis thairof. And sone eftir hir cuming, ane honorable tryne and houshold, alsweill of the lordis, ladeis, as gentill men quha come with the Quene furth of Scotland, was appointed with large allowances for thair intertenement to remane with the Quene; quhilk ordour was keipit be the cuming of the Quene dowarier hir moder into France, in the yeir of God I^m v^c and fiftie yearis; at quhilk tyme the Lord Levingstoun deceassed, and the Lord Erskyn and Ladie Fleming returned in Scotland; and fre that furth, the maist pairt of her companie wes appointed to be French men.

Bot now tweching the feige of Hadingtoun, I intende not to dyscryve all the particular scarmushis and affaultis maid thairat, becaufe the same

is sufficientlie wretin be fyndre French men and Inglifmen, althocht in sum thingis to large and in utheris to litell. Bot one thing have I hard reported be fyndrie of gret experience of divers nations, quha wes continowalie at the said seige, that the same wes verrey vailyeantlie affieged and affailyeit be the Frenche and Scottifmen, and wes lykwyis no les stronglie defendit be the Inglifmen ; as did weill appeir be the long and eirnist perfwit maid be the ane pairt, and the good defence be the uther ; and yit I will not leif the most notabill factis onremembred.

The parliament being this way endit, the Erle of Argyle and mony uther nobill men departit with thair hoill cumpaneis, leaving onlie the Governour with a verrey few number of his awin freindis, with the Frenche men and sum northland men quha appertenit to the Erle of Huntlie, albeit he was than presoner in England. At quhilk tyme the Protectour caused prepar tua thousand abill and well furneshit horfmen of chofin men, of the quhilkis thair wes iij hundreth albernattis, a thousand demilances, and the rest men of armes and the licht horfmen, and send thame forduart, tending be thame to send sum pulder and uther refreshing to the toune of Hadingtoun ; quha followed thair interprice, began to approche to the Frenche campe ane hour or two befoir day, thinking to haif found the Frenchemen alleip in thair beddis, and so to haif had thame at sum gret advantage ; bot thay myffed herof, for the Lord Hwme having bene furth to onderstande thair doingis, wes returned to the campt, certeseing Monsieur de Desse, that the ennemeis having merched all that nycht in purpois to cum apoun him at onvarnist, wer now at hand to worke thair faut. Heirupoun with all diligence, certane horfmen wer put in order, in places convenient to receive the ennemeis as occasioun fuld be. Monsieur Dandelot had quicklie raynged his fuit men in guid ordour, and so lykwyse had the Reingraive his Almanis. The Governour, Lord Hwm, and the northland men stude at a fyd reddy to enforce the fuitmen. Heirwith the Inglifmen began

to appeir aloft in the hill devydet in two bandis, all horfmen fo weil mounted and furnifhed as was poffible, boith of men of armes, demilances and lycht horfmen, and fuddantlie certane Scottifmen bordouraris was fend furth to fkout the Inglifmen, be quhome thay war at lenth trained in and inclofed betuix the Frenche fuitmen and the Almanis, quhair thay wer fo feirelie affailyeit in ilke hande, that thay war not abill to ayde thame felffis, bot wer conffranit to retire and feike to eflhaip by flycht; bot the moft pairt of thame that avoydit the handis of the Frenche men and Almane fouldiors, wer taikin be the Scottifmen, quhilk followit rycht egerlie in the chaife. Dyvers of thame fled toward Hadingtoun, quhome Monfieur Deffe perfewit hard to the toun gaittis. Thay war flayne of thame abone the number of aucht hundreth, and the moft part of all the reft taken prafoners; and on the Scottis and Frenche fyde, was not abone the number of four or fyve perfons flayne.

The Quene dowarier being new returned frome Dumbartane to Edinburgh, and receaving advertifment of this victorie, come to the campt; quhair geving hartlie thanks to all the men of war for thair guid fervice fliewid in this interprice, wan her great praife and luf of all the fouldiouris, who receaved no fmall confort of fic courtesie proceeding from fo nobill a princeffe. Incontinent eftir, becaus it was onderftand be ane that was taikin at this ourthraw of the Inglifmen, that it was not poffible to winn the toun without famifhing thame within be lange feige, it was determined that Monfieur de Deffe fuld, for the bettir refreshing of his people, remove further of, leiffing fum to ludge at the abbaye a myle from the toun.

The Duik of Somerfet Proteftour, foir greved in his mynde of his laft ourthraw of the horfmen, and doubting if fuccour war not the foner fend to thame in Hadingtoun, the toun wald be loft, he caufed ane army with all fped to be raifed, and a navie of flippis to be riged, and furnefhed furth the army of xx thousand men, onder the conduct of the

Erle of Shrewisberie, and the navie ondir the gouvernement of the Lorde Clintoun, hiech admirall. Monsieur de Maillerie, vice admirall of France, wes returned with the gret shippes that brought the Frenche army into Scotland, or this Inglife navie come furth, so that thair remanit not in Scotlande bot certane gallayis and a few uder shippes in maner of victualers. The Inglis navie douting, thairfoir, no rencontre be sey, was appointit so to keipe course with the army be lande, that the one mycht evir be in fycht of the uther. Monsieur de Desse onderstanding that this power wes cumin, send with all sped knalege thairof to the Lord Governour, in quhome thair wantit no diligence nor guid will. Bot yit for that he had warning of the ennemyis approche to lait, he culd not get his forces together in so short a tyme; swa that Desse thought best to retire him selfe to Mussilbrugh, jugeing it moir wisdome so to doo, than to joperde him self and his company in the hazarde of a batle, being not past a v^m in number, aganis so puissant ane army of Inglifmen, lansequenetz and uther strangers as the Erle of Shrewisbery and the Lord Gray of Wiltoun brought in with thame. Cuming forduartis in the end of the monethe of August, the Inglifmen refreshed Hadingtoun with victuallis and munitione; and lying thair about certane dayis, thay had findre scarmushes with the Frenche men, quha was at Mussilbrough, in the quhilk thair was syndre taikin and slayne on ather fydes.

In the meinquhille that these thingis war thus adoin, the Governour, Erle of Argyle and divers nobill men with a gret army come to the ayd of the Frenche men, and joyned with thame. The Inglifmen being advertesed thairof, suddantlie rased thair hoill campt and departed hame-wart toward Inglande.

At the same tyme the Inglis flotte entering into the frith, fought occasioun to haif gevin ayd to the land army, in case thay had joyned in battell with the Scottis and Frenche men. Bot perceaving no good to

be done that way, thay tuik in hand uther interprifes ; and thairfoir thay determinat to lande a certane nowmer of thair men on the north fyd of the frithe, to make fum spoyll within the cuntrey of Fyif. Bot the Larde of Wemis, as than being fum quhat feiklie, and thairfoir returned hame frome the campt, caufed fuche watche and wairde dalie and nychtlie to be keped, that the admirall of Inglande culd not conuoye his interprice fo secreitlie bot that the fame was perceaved ; for it happinit fo that the laird of Wemis, that fame nycht the admirall purposed to cum to lande, he come doune him felfe to ferche the watche befoir day ; and perceaving the lycht quhilk the Inglifmen had in thair shippes, as than wiffe to fet thair men aland, quhairupoun douting the worst, (a thing that fendill bringis repentance,) with all diligence he tuik ordour for the calling furth of fo mony men as culd be maid ather within the toun of Sanct Minanis, quhilk was not abone the nowmer of fax fcoir men, or neir thair aboutis ; and having bestowed thame in fyndre places quhair he thought neidfull, he fchowfed furth a certane nowmer of the most practifed, and went with thame doune to the place quhair he had fene the lycht, a ij myles of frome the toun of Sanct Minanis, to onderstande quhat the matter mycht meane ; and be reafone that it was towardis day it waxit mirker than it had bene of all the nycht befoir, fwa that he come fo neir to the ennemyis, that he baith hard and faw ther manner aweill as he culd wiffe to doo ; quhilk done, he shortlie returned to his company agane, and putting thame in the best ordour he culd, awaiting the ennemy at thair firft approcheing, which was in the brek of the day, thay war receaved at the firft fchot of arrowis, and handlit for a quhile with fcarmuthis rycht sharplie ; bot according to the appointment in that cafe devyfed, at lenth the Scottifmen retiret within certane tranches, quhair thay kendillit certane fairins, fray and uther thingis prepared for the purpois, and maid ane marvelous gret reik and fuilbik ; and thair thay had thre small peaces of small artailyerie, quhilkis thay

discharged so directlie apoun the Inglifmen, that they shafed thame quhilk first fell in scarmushing with thame, that no small nowmer of Inglifmen war slayne; whil Laird Wemis with that company quhilk he had with him in the tranches, fet upoun the ennemyis afrount with a gret fureous noyce, dinging thame doune on heapes; bot also ane uther company quhilk wer fend to fetche a compas behind the back of ane hill began to shaw thame selffis, making sic ane hidderous noife and cry, as thocht thay walde haif borne down all befoir thame; and yit that band was bot of the meaner fort of peple, princepallie wemen and childrene, leaste abill to work any great feat; notwithstanding for that, alfweill thay appered to be licklie men, and well appointed for the war. The Inglifmen not perceaving the fraud, tuik thame to thair helis and fled towart thair shippes, skattered heir and thair without ordour; quhome the Scottis followed in chase evin hard to the wattir fyd, and slew divers of thame within the watter or thay mycht recover thair boittis. Of ane thousand that come alande, thay returned not three hundreth back agane to thair shippes, bot was oder drownit or slayne. The admirall him self hardlie eskaped to his shipp, commandit the saylis to be heifed up, and so departed without longer tarie thair for that tyme.

This ovrthrow of the Inglis men, was the occasione that thay never preassed thaireftir to lande in Fife during all the tyme of the warris.

The Erle of Shrewisbery, immediatlie eftir that the admirall was thus retired frome this interprice, haffing retired frome Hadingtoun, cuming to Dunglas, four myles frome Dumbar, began thair to beild a fort. The Inglis Almanns, as the army passid by Dumbar, birned that toun. Thre thousand of those Almanns, and certane bandis of Inglifmen alfweill horfmen as fuitmen wer left at Dunglas, till the fort thair begun wer in some firenth. Monsieur de Desse remaning in camp at Mussilbrough, wes advertesed of the dilodgeing of the Inglis army, and that foure of fyve hundreth horfmen being left in Hadingtoun, wer reddey to

come furthe to scarmushe apoun fycht of any ennemye ; quhairupoun he determinat to try gif he mycht drawe thaim furth to thair difadvantage, and thairfoir was Monfieur Dandelot and the Reingrave appointit to chufe furthe a thoufande of thair best fuitmen, the quhilk, with thre hundreth horfmen, wer convoyit behinde a litle hill neir to the toun, and heirwith war a few horfemen fende befoir to drawe the Inglifmen furth to scarmushe ; quho allfone as thay had perceaved thair ennemyis in the feilde, all thair horfe men brak furth of the toun with divers of thair fuit men, and fraucht had the Frenche men in chafe, the quhilk manteaned the scarmushe of purpofe to make the Inglifmen moir ernift to cum forduart ; bot incontinentlie, fo fone as Monfieur de Deffe faw his tyme, he gaif feinge by found of trumpit to the fuitmen to brak fourth, quho together with the horfmen gaif to fierce ane onfet, that the Inglifmen war immediatlie difcomfited, and fled towart the toun ; bot the Frenche men fo egrely perfewit thame, evin hard to the wallis of Hadingtoun, that thay flew of thame abone thre hundreth, and tuik about twa hundreth prafoners.

Eftir this, Monfieur de Deffe raifed his campte frome Muffilbrough, and cuming to Leith, tuik in hande to fortifie the toun. Bot becaus it was two findre tymes brint befoir, his army had no guide ludgeing thairin, and thairfoir he caufed thame ludge in fyndre townis thair about for their best refreshing.

Schortlie heirefter, Marshall Strozze and Monfieur Dandelott, with divers utheris capitannis embarqued thame felffis in the gallayis, and taking thair courfe to returne into France in one of the fame gallayis, thay being viij in all befyd a foift and a brigandene, was taikin as fho paffed through the narrowe feyis, at a place callit Southfurlong, being, as it chanced, the hendirmoift of all the company. The uther gallayis with the foift and brigandine paffit quietlie cleirwayis into France. Monfieur de Lashapell de Biron remaned as coronell of the Frenche fuitmen in

Scotlande, eftir that Dandelot was returned in France, and thair remanit bot onlye iiij gallayis under the gyding of ane capitane Hatche ane Italiane, ane man of guid experience and rycht approved vailyeantlie for defence of the firth.

The fame tyme, Pietro Nigro and Juliane Romeio, capitans of two bandis of Spaniardis in Jedburgh, keping a gret pairt of the cuntrey abowte thame, ather be fear or luf, under fubjectione and obedience of the Ingliſhmen, Monſieur de Deſſe, thairfoir, about the ende of September, determyning to remove thame frome that place, maid his jorney thair with all diligence. Bot for alfmeikill as he wes occasioned to ſtay a quhyll at Peiblis, abyding for ſupport of Scottiſhmen, in the meintyme, the Spaniardis getting advertiſment of his cuming that way, thay paſt back into Inglande, and ſo the Frenche men returned to Edinburgh.

The Lord Gray of Wiltoun remaning on the bordouris as liuetennent, eftir that the Erle of Shrewiſbery wes returned into his cuntrey, aſſembled all the horſmen lying as thane on the bordouris, with quhome and the Almanis he entred Scotland agane, and brint in Teuidaill and Lididſdale, boith houſes, cornis, hay, and all uther thingis that come within his way.

Aboute the fame tyme, in the beginning of October, thair chanſed to fall out not a litell peice of truble in Edinburgh, betuix the Scottis and French men, be reaſoun that a Frenche ſouldiour fell at querreling with a Scottis man upoun the he ſtreit, and eftir wordis thay come to blowis, ſo that divers Scottiſhmen cuming to the fray, wald haif had the Frenche men to preſoun; bot divers of the Frenche ſouldiours being alſo preſent, wald not ſuffer thame to take him with thame; quhairupoun the capitans being advertiſed, come with all ſpeid to the hie way; the laird of Stanehouſ being than capitane of the caſtell and proveſt of the toune, come lykwyſe with ane company to put ordour thairto. Bot the Frenche ſouldiours being ſo fureous that thay ſhot thair hargubuffers indifferent-

lie at all men, quhairwith thair wes fyndre flayne, boith men, wemen and children; amangis the quhilkis the forsaide proveft of Edinburgh was flayne, and Maister Williame Stewart ane gentill man of guid reputatione, with fyndre utheris; quhairby the hoill peple conceived ane gret gruge and hattrent aganis the Frenche men, and for revenge thair of, thair wes mony Frenchmen flayne at Edinburgh at fyndre tymes thaireftir; bot for to appease the matter, the Frenchman cheif beginner of these biffines, was hangit the same day at the mercat place of Edinburgh quhair the querrell first began.

Monfieur de Desse, doubting, least the Inglis men fuld conceave hoip heiroy to work sum displeasour, to shaw that the trubill was nothing so great as the bruit was, assemblit his power together, and first cuming to Mussilburgh about xj houres in the nycht, merched strait towardis Hadingtoun, purposing to assey the winning of the toun be a stratagem called a camifado. Thus interprice wes so secretlie convoyit, that the Frenche men had flayne the Inglis skoutis, and war entered the baffe court or any alarum war raised, and having heir flayne the watche, sum of the Frenche men ran to a place behinde a kirke, quhair the Inglis men had thair victuallis and munitions, and sum ran up with gret violence to the toun gait, inforcing with all indeavour to brake up the samyn, cryinge with a gret noife and showtingis, victorie. The Inglis men, by reason of the suddane change, wer in wonderfull great feare; yit at the first alarum thay come rynnng to the gaittis quhair the noife was, so that gif the Frenchmen had gevin the assault in fyndre places, as they did bot onlie at ane of the gaittis, thay culd not have missed the wyning of the toun. Bot as thay wer heir at the gaitte thronged together, doing quhat thay could to entre, ane Tiberio capitane of the Italianis, with his matche lyctit, gaif fire to a doubill cannone that stude reddy bent full upoun the gaitt, quhilk maid sic a trubill amangis the Frenche men, that thay suddantlie retired; for thir interprices maid by nyght ar

evir commounlie accompaneit with false imaginations, the onelie caus quhairby the Frenche men missed thair purpose and pray at that tyme, well neir gottin ; for Monsieur de Desse perceaving the difordour of his people to this suddane tour, wes constrained to retire and depart, not without sum losse, to his gret greif and hevenes of mynde. This interprice wes attempted in the morning befoire daie, being the ix of October in the yeir 1548.

Bot now tueching the castell of Broughtie Craig, quhilk wes beseged befor be the Governour and Erle of Argyle ; thair come at this tyme befoire the arryvell of the Frenche men, gret support to the Inglis men, boith of men of ware, pioners, and all kinde of munitione and instrumentis, to beild a fort apoun a hill not far distante fra the castell of Broughtie, as thay did shortlie thaireftir, quhair they placed a gret company of thair souldiouris. And now in the latter end of this yeir, thay purposed to fortifie Dundie, a propir toun not past two mylis frome Broughtie Craig ; for the accomplishing quhair of thay transportit thair be fey a xvj or xvij hundreth lancequenetys, and a certane nowmer of Inglis men boith horsmen and fuitmen ; the quhilk, cuming to Dundie, finding no gret resistance thair, enterit the toun and begane to make beilding for the fortefeing of it. Monsieur de Desse advertised heirof, send thether in all haist the Count Reingrave with two bandis of Almanis, and Monsieur de Etaynges with his companie of horsmen. These past one befoire, and Desse himself followed eftir. The Inglis men hering that the Frenche men come to dryve thame out of Dundie, avoydit the toun of thair awin companie, haiffing first spulyeit that of all sic riches as thay fond within it, and that done, set fyre in the houfes and brinte the moist pairte of the toun. The Count Reingrave and Etaynges cuming to Dundie, and fynding the Inglis men gone, encamped and staved for Monsieur de Desse, that followit at hand with the fuitmen.

Within two dayis eftir thay tuik certane of thair men with thame, and went to furvey and viffeit the new fort quhilk the Inglifmen had maid; bot apoun thair approche neir thairunto, the Inglifmen with thair lancequenetz showit furth apoun thame, quhair thair wes a verrey hoit fcarmuſche and findre flayne on boith the fydis. Thairfoir, Monſieur de Deffe, to ſtop the Inglifmen frome entering further within the realme on that fyde, left ſevin enſeingyeis of Frenchmen, and twa enſeingyeis of Scottifmen within Dundie, with artailyerie and pioners to fortifie it. This done, he returned to Edinburgh, and ſend the reſidew of his army into the cuntrey to ludge in certane townis and villages, quhair was thought maift expedient for thair bettir refreshing eftir thair long travell.

Quhen this gret biſſines wes in hande in Scotlande, the Governour ſend Sir Robert Carnegy of Kynard knycht in England, requiring the Proteſtour of England and his counſell to cauſe the Erle of Huntlie to be delivered, for payment of ane reaſonabill ranſome to be modefeit and paid, as had bene uſed in the weares betuix Scotland and England mony hundreth yeris paſt; and gif that culd not for the preſent be gottin granted, to deſyre licence to his lady to repair toward him, and remane in England with him. The Proteſtour and his counſale wald in no wayis aggre that the Erle of Huntlie ſhould be ſuffered to depart for any ranſome befor the ende of the warris, bot yit war content, that he mycht pas toward the bourdouris, alwayis being in the gairde, and keping of Sir Rauff Avaine his taker, and thair that his lady ſhuld be permitit to repair toward him for certane dayis. Sir Robert Carnegy being returnit with this anſwer, the Erle accompaneit with his taker, and mony uther gentill men appointit for his moir fuir keping, departed from Lunden be jorney north, and come to Morpethe, being xij myle diſtante frome Scotlande, the xxij day of December, quhair he wes appointit to remane for the cuming of his lady frome Edinburgh, quha was

thair resident. Bot it happinnit so that he maid furth the rest of the jorney towart hir him self; for ane gentill man called George Kar, bordurar, come to ye toun of Morpeth the nyght, and one man with him, with two guid horffes led, and awaitit at the back fynd of the toune for receaving of the erle and one servand with him. Eftir supper, the erle playit at the cartis with his keparis, and thinking lang for sum advertisment frome the said George, quhairby he mycht knaw all to be in redines, he rais and past to the wyndock of the chalmer, and luiking furth and perceaving it to be verrey mirke, and the signe be the quhilk he understuid all to be reddy for his departing, he chanfed opinlie to say thir wordis, quhilkis he suddantlie repented thaireftir: “ Ane mirk nycht, ane wearie knyght, ane wilfum way, and knowis not quhair to go, God be my gyd.” Sir Rauf Avane, his kepar, hering this speches, he inquired at the erle quhat he meaned be these wordis. He answered that it was ane ancient saying in Scotland, and was first said be the ould Erle of Mortoun, quhen he wes lying to die, and sence hes bene used in all tymes as ane proverbe in that realme; and for removing of all suspitione, he entered to the cartes agane with thame; bot within ane shourt space he gaif his place to ane uther to play for him, and past as it wer to do sum neccesser effaris of his awin; and suddantlie he and his servant, callit Johne Innes, departed at ane back duire of the ludgeing, and wes received be George Kar, and fuirlye convoyit through the bordouris of Inglande, and past our the merchis befor day licht was cumin; and eftir he was cum to the watter of Tueid, he reposed him a certane space in the said Georgeis awin house, and departed that same nycht, being yuill, evin to Edinburgh, quhair he wes received be the Quene, the Governour, his awin lady and utheris his freindis, quha was awating on his cuming, to the gret rejoising and confort of thame all; quhilk was the caus, that thay keped thair yuill feistis with gretar merines nor uther wayis thay had done. Suddantlie eftir his departing furth of his chalmer

in Morpeth, he was missed, and gret diligence was maid, for all the company went to thair horffes to serche for him and follow. Bot the nycht wes verrey mirke, and the most parte of his keparis wer southland men and no borduraris, and so none of thame wes so perfyt a gyd in that cuntrey as was George Kar, quha careit his pray with him, notwithstanding of the gret diligence thay maid to followe and stay the fame.

The Governour being glaid of the returning of the Erle of Huntly, incontinent avanceit him in his office of Chancellarie of the realme, and maid hym liuetennent generall of all the northe partis of Scotlande, as he was befoir he was taikin in the feild. And eftir he had tareit certane space in Edinburgh, he departit towarte the north partis, to hold that cuntrey in guid ordoure, be reffoun thair had bene sum evill reule in dyvers parts of the north during his absence; quhilk he pat to guid ordour agane, and maid the hoill cuntrey to be obedient as of befoir.

At the same feasting tyme of Yuill, apoun Sanct Stephanis day at nycht, the castell of Hwme was recovered be certane Scottifmen, that had guid knowlege of the places quhair the wallis mycht be most easelie ledderit. One of the furname of the Hwmes, being a man of a lxvj yeris of agie, wes the first that entered; and yit at the first one of the scowt watchis perceaving him, as he wes reddy to clym up, rayfed the alarum so hiche that the capitane rais furth of his bed, and cuming to the place quhair the alarum wes raised, for that the Scottifmen war quietlie withdrawin, and no signe culd be perceaved of any ennemeis stirring, he blamed the sentinell that had so rayfed the alarum, and went to bed agane. The ould man, the foirsaid Hwme, having kept him self close with his companie, till he thocht that all wes quiet within the castell, and everie man at rest, saving the skout and watche men, come agane to the wall, and by sic flie shift gat up aloft apoun the battelline, and suddanlie stept to him that kepit the watche, and with his dager flew him out of hand. This done, geving signe to the resedew

of his companie, up thay gat on the wall and entered the hous quickelie, dispatched all that maid resistence, and tuik the refedew prafoners without any moir ado. Thus was the castell of Hwm recovered agane to the Scottifmen, and wes restored to the Lorde Hwm awner thairof, to the comfort of him and all the hoill cuntrey.

Schortlie thaireftir the Reingrave returned in France, leaving fyve enseingyeis of Almanis behind him onder the conduct of Capitane Retouze, a guid man of wear and of gret experience. Etaignes being as than with a companie of horsmen in Dundie, wes [in] a scarmushe befoire Broughtie Craig taikin prafoner, quho was a capitane of aproved valiancie and monyfold guid qualitis in his persoune.

Aboute the same tyme thair landit at Dumbartane four bandis of fouldiouris, Provancevisè and Gasconse, quha brocht with thame money for the payment dew to the men of war. These fouldiouris embarqued at Burdouis, and by reafoun of contrarie windis wer forced to feik harbour at Brest; be reffoun quhairof, it was a thre monethis or thay culd arryve at Dumbartane.

At the same tyme thair lay certane Frenche capitanes in Dumbar, quho keped thame selffis close, encouraged the Inglis men to cum and prick dalie moir neir to the toun without feir of any encontre; by reafoun quhairof, as thay passed thar wayis furth one day with a convoy of victuallis to Hadingtoun, James Wilford, generall of Hadingtoun, adventouring him self to far within danger of the Frenche men, wes enclosed by ane ambushe, quhilk the Frenche capitanis had layed be the way, and wes taikin be a fouldiour Gascone, eftir his horse was slayne undir him, and the moift part of his cumpanie also taikin or slayne.

Not long eftir, the Quene dowarier and Governour being enformed that gif sum remedie wer not the soner provydit against the Inglifmen that forced the Scottis in Teuydail to leive under thair subjeftioun, it wald breid so gryt a trubill as wald not be easielie redressed; heirfoir

caused Monsieur de Desse to go to Jedworthe, to prevent the ennemis to fortifie thair. Immediatlie apoun his cuming thether, the Laird of Farneherst required him to helpe him to recover his castell of Farneherst out of the Inglismens handis, quhilk thay had taikin and kept to the gret annoyance of all that pairt of the cuntrey. Desse taking with him Messires Dofell and le Chapelle de Birown, haistit thether with ane gret part of his army, fending afoir certane capitaneis and thair companeis to take vew of the fortresse; quho at thair cuming thether shawit sic diligence in following the occasione offred thame, that thay not onlie repulsd the ennemeis quhome they found reddye to scarmushe with thame without the wallis at thair first cuming; bot also perfewit thame so ernistlie, that they wan the utter pairt of the house frome thame, and forced the capitane with his fouldiours to retire into the dungeowne; within the quhilk thay kept him so short, that thay founde meanes to mynd throw the wall of the dungeoun, in sic largenes that twa or thre men mycht haif easelie entired. Heirwith a gret nowmer of Scottifmen having brokin up the gate of the basse court, quhen the Frenche men wer bissie in assaltinge the dungeoun, steired up apoun desyre to be revenged of the Inglifmen, and namelie of the capitane, quho had done thame mony notabill displefours. The capitane perceiving this, doubting gif he fell into the Scottifmenis handis he shuld die for it, he come to the hoill quhilk the Frenchemen had maid, and wald haif yealdit him self to Monsieur de Desse and Lamotthe Rouge, thinking that thay wald use him lyk as become men of ware; bot suddantlie in the gret prease, a Scottifman, quhas wyf, as was faide, he had befoir ravished, struik of his heid so just frome the shoulderis, that it leaped a iiij or fyve ellis quyt frome the body. Syndre of the Inglifmen war slayne also at the same tyme, for thay had used gret creweltie toward the Scottifmen befoir tyme.

Monsieur de Desse returning to Jedworth, aydit be the furtherance

and counsell of the Governour, the Scottifmen feased not, in occasioun of advantage, to attemp new interprices frome tyme to tyme against the Inglifmen; in one of the quhilk thay wan the castell of Cornwall in England, ane stronge hous, beildit eftir the ancient maner of fortefeing; quhilk castell thay spulyeit, and tuik away all that was wourthe the cariage. Also one nycht quhill the Frenche men lay at Jedworthe, a Frenche capitane named Cobias, having the conduct of a fiftie lycht horfmen, thay had not ryddin past a four mylis of thair way bot thay wer apoun a troupe of Inglis horfmen, or thay war awar of any sūche danger towardis thame. Onderstanding by his foir ryders, quhilkis had discoverit those Inglifmen, that thay war at the leist a iiij or fyve hundreth, withdrewe to the fyd of ane hill, bot strait wayis he hard the ennemyis cuming a gret gallop towardis him. Those wer the foirryders of the Inglifmen, quhilk having discoverit, the Scottis returnit quietlie to thair mayne troupe. In the meintyme capitane Cobias gat the fuit of the hoill, determyning to abyd thair, for he saw not quhow he mycht retire to any advantage; heirwith encourageing his companie to do vailyeantlie, he kept him selfe close till the ennemyis approchit; and than perceaving quhow thay keip no ordour in thair cuming, allfōne as he saw thame onis passed by his ambushe, he brak furth with that litill companie he had about him, and gaif the onfet so feircelie, that at the first charge mony of the Inglifmen war ourthrawin and borne to the ground, and heirwith put in sic feir by reffōne of this suddane assault, that at the secounde charge quhilk the Scottis gave apoun thame, all the Inglifmen war put to flycht, and chased to sūche disadvantage on thair fyd, that no small nombre wer slayne and taikin. Thus capitane Cobias returned to Jedworth, with doubill mo presoneris than he had personis in his companie to assaill thame.

Monfieur de Chapelle de Biron wes fend with the companie of horfmen belonging to Mounfieur de Etaignes, and a fyve hundreth fuit-

men, befyd Scottis men, to mak a raid into Ingland ; quhilk interprice in burning dyvers townis and villages, to the annoyance of his ennemeis, he atchevit lyk a right politique capitane ; and fo returnit without fuf-tening any notabill loffe at that feafoun. Within tua dayis eftir his returne to Jedworthe, Mounfieur de Deffe diflodged from thenfe, and talking with him a four feild peces and his men of wear, enterit in to Ingland, tuik the caftell of Furd and brint it, with a xx villages in the cuntrey thairabout, bringing with thame gret pray of guidis and fpoyll, with mony prefoneris in to Scotlande. As the Scottis and Frenche men executed thair interprices, thay wer ftill vewed by a gret nombre of Inglis horfmen ; bot, nevirtheles, thay nevir affailzeit, fwa that Monfieur de Deffe returnit in fautie to Jedworth with his companye, having foir endomaged the Inglis bordouris by that raide.

The Inglifmen, foir offendit that the French men lying ftill in Jedworth fuld thus addres ane interprice eftir one uther aganis thame, to the fpulyeing and foir endomageing of thair bordouris, affembled ane aucht thoufande men at Roxburgh, in purpois to affail the Frenche men in thair campt quhair thay lay at Jedworth. Bot Monfieur de Deffe advertefed heirof, politiquilie withdrew him felf and his cumpanie to the Abbay of Melros ; for gif he had abiddin and bene dreavin to gif battell with that his fmall army, being not pafte a xv hundreth fuitmen and fyve hundreth horfmen, the fame wald haif turned to the joperdie of manifefte ourthrow ; for fic wes the miferie quhilk, during the tyme of thair fudjorning in Jedbrugh, thay had contenowalie fuf-tened, that quhat throch feiknes and hurtis receaved in affaultis and fcarmuſhes with their ennemeis, finding litill fuccour thair to releif thame felffis, with no fmall number of thame war deid, and mony war feble, thay wer not left abone the number befoir mentioned abill to haif done fervice gif thay ſhould haif fochin.

Schortlie eftir the beginning of this fymmer, in the yeir 1549, the

Inglifinen thinking to work sum gret fact be fey, and cheiffie meaning to take and fortifie Inchekeyth, ane Iland lying almost in the middill of the Frith our anenst Leith, thair arrivit in the Frith a xxv sail of men of war, with certane victualers. These shippis cuming unto the Bafs, assayit be fair and plesand wordis, gif thay mycht haif persuadit the keparis to haif randerit the castell standing thair on the hicht of the rok. Bot perceaving thair persuasions wald not tak effecte, thay tuik thair course up into the frith, and finding a iiij shippes of Frenche men and Scottis on the way, seassed apoun thame as a wished pray; and in the brek of the nixt day following, they come befor Leith, and remanit thair at ancre a x or xij dayis; in quhilk meintyme thay landit thair peple at Inchekeyth, and begouth to mak fortification with all diligence possibill; but befor the place wes maid in ony gret strenght, the shippes departed and left in the Iland a four enseingzeis of Inglifmen and one enseingze of Italianis, to defende the pioners and the Ilande against the Scottis and Frenche men, gif thay come to assaill thame. Quhen the Inglis shippes war thus departed, Monsieur de Desse, as than lying in Leith, determinat incontientlie to putt his hoill force in prose to recover that ile. The Quene also being the same tyme thair, eirnistlie requested him and uther the capitans and men of warre to take that interprice in hand, declaring that those quhilk schowed thair guid willes in atcheving thair of, fuld do to her most aggreabill service. Heirupoun Monsieur de la Chapelle de Biron being embarqued in a gallay, past furth to vew the maner of the Inglifmenis doingis within the Ile; quhilk he did in sic effecteous wayis, that approching within harquabuz shot, he brought wound agane not onlie of the hoill circumstance of thair beilding, bot also of the perfynt nombre of thair enseinges, and the qualitie of the men of war within the same.

In this meine tyme, Monsieur de Thermes, laitly befor arrayvit at Dumbartane with ane hundreth men of armes, tua hundreth lycht

horfmen eftir the Frenche maner, and one thousand of fuitmen, wes com to the Quene and now biffe in hand, to further this interprice. A gret nombre of boittis being gottin together within Leith heavin, on Corpus Chriftris daye airlye in the morning be brek of daye, the Quene was cum to Leith to fe the embarquing of the men of weir, appointit as that day to try quhat succes fortoun wald fend thame. Ye fhuld have thane feine fic diligence ufed alswell of Scottis as Frenche men, beftow thame felfis aboird, that no exhortatioun nedit to haift thame fordwart; bot yit thay wantit no confortabill wordis in the Quene to encourage thame withall, devyfyng with Deffe and uthher the capitanis, till thay wer gottin all into thair veshellis, and reddy to mak faile, directing thair curfe towardis the Ile, with ernift willes to fhew the force of thair vailyeant hartis in the recovering thairof out of thair ennemyis handis. The Inglifmen difcovering the vefhellis on thair firft fetting furth frome Leith heavin, underftuid ftrait wayis quhat the meaning was, and thair uppoun providit in thair beft maner to receave the Scottis and Frenche men, in thofe places quhar thay faw thame mynd to lande, doing quhat thay culd with fchot of artailyerie and harquabufyers to ding thame back frome landing; yit, notwithstanding, at lenth by fyne force the Scottis and Frenche men gat aland, and drawe the Inglifmen and Italians back to the hecheft ground within the Iland, quhair thay ftude at defence on a plompe together, doing thair uttermoift indeavour to defend the place aganis the affaltis. Bot finalie thair generall, callit Cotton, being flayne, withane capitane Applebie and Jafper, that had the leading of the Italianis, befyd dyvers utheris of thair beft men of ware, the refedew war confraned to retire unto a corner or point of the Ilande, and thair taikin without any moir refiftance. At this tyme, Monfieur de la Chapelle de Biron wes frickin throw the left hand with ane harquabuz fhot, and his burgonet frikin into his heid. Also a gentill man, callit Desbarbories, quhilk buir the coronell enfeingye of Monfieur de la Chapelle, was

flayne with a pyk. Thus was Inchekeyth recovered againe, eftir it had bene in the Inglis mennis handis certane dayis, and that to the hich contentatione of Monsieur de Deffe; meikle moir in deid for that he appointit to returne into France at that present tyme, and to rander up his place of liuetennent generall to Monsieur de Thermes, with the glorie of this atchevit interprice, quhilk wes gretlie to his honour. Schortlie eftir, he returned in to France, and Monsieur de Thermes fuccedit in his place, for the generall conduct of the Frenche army in Scotlande, according to his commiffion in that behalf. And for fo meikill as the Inglifmen lay fill in Hadingtoun, thus Monsieur de Thermes, with the advyfe of the Lord Governour and uther of the Scottis nobilitie, thought it beft with a feige volant to confrayne thame within the toune; and fo keping thame alswell frome victallis as uder neceffareis, to try gif thay mycht dryve thame to gif our the keping of it, by reafoun of the chargis quhilk throw these meanes culd ryfe about the conveying of victuallis to thame, fence the fame culd not be fend to thame without ane gaird of ane convenient army, to be raifed of purpois for that intent. Firft, thairfoir, eftir that Deffe was departed towardis France, Monsieur de Thermes with his Frenche men and certane Scottis accompaneit at Abirladie, quhair thay begane the foundatioun of a fort, fo to ftay the Inglis men frome fetting alande ony victuallis or provifione for the releif of thame within Hadingtoun on that fyd; quhairby the toune was in a marvelous gret neceffitie throch want of victuallis.

In this meane feafone, a certane nowmer of Almanis and Frenche men, hering that capitane Julian with his Spaniardis, quhilk ferved the King of Inglande, lay in Coldinghame, within fax mylis of Bervick, come thether apoun the fuddane, and fharpelie affailyeing the Spanerdis in thair ludgeingis, tuik and flew all moft all the hoill number of thame.

Fastcaftell, quhilk had bene delivered to the Inglis men befoir, was about this feafone recovered be a trane of certane Scottifmen, fearing

to bring provisioun of victuallis to thame that kept it; quha had observed weill the watchis and forces quhilk was thairintill, and entering at the gaittis thairof with thair laidis, thay first flew the porters, and thaireftir faucht with the rest and ourcome thame, and five wan the castell.

Thingis passing thus in Scotlande, in this fymmer of the yeir 1549, the Inglifmen war not onlie trubillit with commotionis of the commounis of thair awin realme aganis the lordis and gentillmen, and with the divisioun betuix the Protectour and the nobilitie of England, bot also with the warris quhilkis the King of France maid than in the cuntrey of Bullongyeis, so that they had no lafer to employe thair hoill forces aganis Scotlande, as thay determinat befor to haif done. And lykwyis thair wes a vehement plaigue within the toune of Hadingtoun, be the quhilk a gret number of thair fouldiouris deit. Be reffone quhairof, fone eftir Michalmes nixt following, the Erle of Rutland wes sende with ane gret army to Hadingtoun, quha entered apoun the nycht in the toune, and suddantlie careid away with thame all thair munitione and fouldiouris that war levand, and spared be the plaige and fuord of befor; birning certane pairte of the toune, and leaving the rest voyd, and so departed with litell honour, gret losse boith of men and substance, without any recompence of thair long travell.

And heir is to be remembred, that during the tyme that the Inglifmen kept Hadingtoun, dyvers and findre scarmusis, quhairof nothing is spokin heir, oftin tymes did happin betuix the Scottis and Inglifmen; namelie, the lycht horsmen at Longnudrie, quhair the Scottis men ourthrew a band of Inglis harquabuschers on hors back, to the number of foure hundreth, taking or slaying the moift part of thame; also, at ane uther tyme, thay ourthrewe a gret number of lansqueneltz, that war cum furthe of Hadingtoun to fetche faggottis frome ane wod, quhair thair was abone seven scoir of prefoners taikin and mony flayne.

Quhen the Inglifmen, being thus wereit of the kepinge of Hadingtoun, had gevin our the famin, maid the Quene Douarier, the Governour, with the capitans of the Frenche men, to conceive guid hoip to recover agane all that the ennemies heild within Scotlande. Bot first it was thought moift necessarie to assay to get Broughte Craig, becaus it appeared gretlie to be aganis the estimatione of the cuntrey, that the Inglifmen fuld keip a forte so fare within the realme; and fra that fort war won, thay deliberat to pas forduart to the winning of the fortis of Lauder, and utheris apoun the bordouris, as thay did estirwart. Heir-upoun, Monsieur de Thermes, with the assistance of the Governour, quha accompaneit him in all his interprices, come forduarte to the toun of Dundie in the beginning of Fabruar; quhair having prepared sic thingis as wes necessar for the seiging of the fort, he laid the battre thairto apoun the south eist pairt thairof, and cuttit away all moyens, passages and intelligences betuix the fort and the castell of Broughtie; so the fort culd haif no kinde of ayd nor releyf frome the sey, and estir the same was doung down with gret ordinance, the assaillt was gevin thairto, baithe with the Scottis and Frenche men, the xx day of Fabruar; quhair the Inglifmen maid resistance and defence at the first entering, bot thay war so curageousslie and stoutlie assailyeit, that thai war dung frome the wallis, and the most part of thame all quhilk was within the fort war slayne, and the rest taikin prafoners. The nixt day the Inglifmen quha kepit the castell of Broughtie, fering the like to cum to thame, randerit the castell, having onlie thair liffis saif. So that hail cuntrey wes clenged of the Inglifmen immediatlie.

Thairestir the Governour with the Frenche men ceased not to persew the occasionis of the advantage of the war, and come presentlie to the fort of Lauder, quhilk thay beseged; bot the Inglifmen scarmusling with thame drew thame in at the gaittis of thair utter fort, quhair it was crewellie fochin on baith the sydis, and mony slayne. Bot the

Inglifmen was compellit to retire thame felffis within thair ennir court, quhair thay war kept and fo ftraitlie befegit, that thay war redy to haif yeildit, quhen fuddantlie wourd was brocht that thair was a peace concludit, as was in deid. For in the meintyme thair wes certane commiffioners appointit betuix France and Ingland to treat of a peace, as the Erle of Bedforde and utheris for the pairte of Inglande, and Monfieur de Chattilyeoun, eftir Admirall, and utheris for France; and David Panter bifchope of Ros, ambaffadour than refident in France, was thair prefent for Scotlande; quha met at Bullen, quhair the peace was concludit, paffed and aggreit betuix the Kingis of Ingland and France, quhairby Bullen was randerit agane to the King of France: and amangis uther articles, it was accordit that all fic fortis, caftellis and places as the Inglifmen heild in ony pairt within the Scottis dominionis fuld be delivered; and that the fortis of Dunglas, Roxburgh and Haymowth, quhilk the Inglifmen had beildit and fortefiet, fuld be raifed and throwin doun, that no occafloun of any new controverfie fuld ryis be reafoun of keping or defending of the fame; and to the effect that this peace new concludit mycht in all pointis be fermelie and truelie kept and obferved, alfweill betuix Scotlande and Ingland as betuix France and Inglande, and all and findre the fubjectis of the fame realmes, both be fey and by lande, Monfieur de Moreit was fend into Scotlande with the copie of this peace; fo that the famyn was proclaimed into Scotlande fone eftir peafhe, in the yeir of our Lorde 1550 yeris; be the quhilk the long and contenowall weir, quhilk had lefted with great extremitie betuix the tua realmes the fpace of ix yeris preceeding, wes feaffed, to no litill confort of boithe the nations of Ingland and Scotlande; and according thairto, the forth of Lauder was randerit, and the uthers was caffin doun; fua that the realme of Scotlande and dominionis thairof wes hoill cleged of the Inglifmen, and the bourdouraris returnit everie one to thair ould poffeffiones, quhilkis thay labored with gret quietnes thaireftir.

At the famin tyme the said bifchope of Ros past into Flanders, quhair he treated for a peace, quhilk was concludit betuix Scotland and Flanders; and for confidering of boithe the treaters and peaces concludit and aggreit of befoir, thair was fend frome Scotland the Maifter of Erkin and Maifter Henrie Synclair, deane of Glasgw, vice prefedent of the Colledge of Justice, ambaffadours and commiffioners; quha paffit first to Lundoun, and thair interchanged the feales of confirmation of the treatie past of befoir; and thair fra past in Flanders, quhair thay did the like in sic dew and lawchfull ordour as is used in sic caufes, to the hich contentatione of all the princes and subiectis of all these realmes and dominionis.

The warris betuix Scotland and Inglande being thus wayis endit and peace proclaimed, the Quene, Governour and nobilitie of Scotland thocht it most necessar that the French men and Almanis quha wer thair resident, with thair liuetennant Monsieur de Thermes, should depart furth of the realme and returne in France. And thairfoir thair was prepared in Leith ane grèt navie, to the nombre of xx gret shippes of Frenche and Scottis; in the quhilkis the hoill men of weare and thair capitans, alswell the Almanis with capitane Rothoufe thair Coronell, as the Frenche men, embarqued and departit in the moneth of Maij, leifing behind thame ane small number to keip the fort of Inchkeyth and castell of Dumbar, quhilk thay retenit in thair handis. Monsieur de Thermes, de la Chapelle and findre utheris capitans remanit still in the cuntrey, and travellit throch the most pairt of the realme, vifeting the situatioun of the townis, and the strenthis of Dumbartane, Edinburgh, Tamptalloun, the Bas, Dumbar, Fast castell, Dunnottir, Phindlatir and mony uthers, alswell boith apoun the coast of the eist and west feyis. Thay affearmed thay had nevir sene in ony cuntrey so mony strenthis be natour within one princes dominioun, as was within the realme of Scotlande: And so thay remanit all that fymmer quhill the

moneth of September nixt, at quhilk tyme thay departit in cumpanie with the Quene douarier in France.

Heir is diligentlie to be noted, that during the tyme of the warris quhilk indured fo mony yeris betuix the tua realmes, thair was mony slaughters, oppreffionis, injureis and wrongis done in mony partis of the realme of Scotlande, quhilkis culd not be puneift according to the lawis with rigour at that tyme, be reffone the Governour was fo biffie occupieit for defence of the invafione of the foren ennemy of Ingland, that he had not the lafare nor commoditie to put ordour to the particuler effares within the realme; and for that caus he determinat to hald juftice airis throch all the partis of the ralme, the twa nixt yeris following, as he did, for punishment of gret crymes, and ftanching thame frome doing the lyk in tyme cuming.

The Quene dowarier being a wyfe, difcreit and politique ladie, confidering the gret quyetnes that the realme of Scotland was broucht unto, be the helpe and fupport fend frome France to the releif and libertie of Scotlande, frome the gret thraldome and apperand danger was licklie and emanent thairto throch the cruell perfuit of Ingland; for the quhilk fho thought that fho had deferved gret fawour and thankis of the nobilitie and fubjectis of Scotlande, and no les of the King of France and his nobilitie; for that fho had caufed convoye the Quene hir dochtir here-tour of Scotland into France, quhairby thair was gret apperance that the realme of Scotland fuld remane in all tymis cuming not onlie joynit with thame in frindship as thair princepall confiderat and allya, lyk as it had bene contenowallie be the fpace of viij hundreth yeris preceiding; bot alfo now it mycht be maide moir fubject and bound unto thame, yea, as a provnce joynit unto France be mariage, as Britangge and Normoundie ar fubject at this prefent; and to the effect fho mycht congratulat and rejoife with the King of France and hir freindis thair, and alfo to vifite the Quene hir dochter, bot moft princepallie to prepar

and fynd all moyens, be the quhilkis sho mycht obtane the gouvernement of the realme of Scotlande and be regent thairof, as it so come to pas eftirwart; sho determinat be the adwyfe of Messires Dofell, de Thermes, la Chapelle and utheris wyfe French men, to make a voyage in France. And to the effect sho fould be the bettir accompaneit, and to caus the King and hir freind know the gret fawoir and luf that sho had of the nobill men of Scotland, persuadit a gret nombre of Erlis, Lordis, Barronis and gentill men of Scotland to accompanie hir during hir wayage; principallie the Erle of Huntlie and his lady, and his moder, Erlis Merchell, Sutherlande, Caffillis and dyvers utheris, quha glaidlie obeyit hir defyre, and maid preparatione during the rest of that symmer for the same. The Quene also fend in France for certane gallayis to cum in Scotland for hir moir fuir convoy.

Quhen thir thingis war preparing, the Erle of Huntlie caufed take Williame M·Kintoche of Dunnachtane capitane of the Glenhatten, quha was accused for the concealing of ane conspiracie devised aganis the said Erle, being chancelar of Scotlande, liuetennent generall of the northe partis, and our lord to the saide Williame M·Kintofche of his landis; quha come in the said Erlis will for the famin, and thairfoir he was heidit at Strabogy in the moneth of August, and his landis forfeitit. For the quhilk caus thair was gret apperance of feade betuix the erle of Huntlie and the Erle of Caffillis and utheris, quha lamented M·Kintocheis deid. Bot the mater was eftiraggreit bethe Quene Regent, and the proces of forfealtour reduced, and M·Kintocheis air restored to his hail landis. Yet the kin of Glenhattan tuik revenge thairof; for shortlie thaireftir the principallis of thame enterit be policie within the castell of Pettie, quhair Lauchlane M·Kintoche remanit, quhom thay allegit to be the authour and inventar of that purpose, and first revelar thairof to the Erle of Huntlie; and thairfoir they crewellie slew him, albeit he was of thair awin kin, and banished all thame that pertentit to him furth of thair boundis.

In the beginning of the moneth of Septembre, Leowin Stroffe priour of Capoa, arryved in Scotlande, with sax gallayis and certane shippes ; and shortly thairefter the Quene douarier, accompaneit with the Erle of Huntlie and a gret nombre of the nobilitie of Scotlande, of ladeis and gentill men, with Monsieur Dofell, de Thermes and uthers Frenche and Italiane capitans, embarqued at Leyth, and sayled with prosperous windis be the coist of Ingland till France, quhair thay arryvit in the raid of Deip, and landit thair with all thair hoill cumpanie the xix day of September ; quhair sho was honorable receaved, and frome that conveyit to Rowen, quhair the King was then resident, making his entre thair ; quho receaved hir with gret effectiōne and fawour, shawin allwell to all the nobill men that was with hir as to hir self ; quhair the King kepit the solempnitie of the ordour of Sanct Michael with gret triumph, amangis the quhilk the Erle of Huntlie was honourable plesed as one of thame, according to his ancietie and estait. In this triumphe, and all the rest of the voyage, the Quene of Scotlande was present in the Kingis courte, quhilk was verey comfortable to the Quene douarier and rest of the nobill men of Scotlande ; quha remanit still in the King of France cumpanie till his cuming to Pareis, quhilk was aboute the middest of October, quhair thair was guid intertenement maid to the Quene douarier and nobill men of Scotlande, be the nobilitie of France, specialie the Quenis frendis. Bot most of all, the King him self used so gret familiaritie and sa humane and gentill behaveour toward thame, and specialie toward the Erle of Huntlie and utheris, that he allured thair hairttis in sic fort, that at all tyme the said King Henrie was thocht to be the moift humane and luffing King to Scottis men of ony that had bene mony yeris preceding ; and so hie contenowit in the same favour to his deith. And eftir the King had tareit thair certane dais, he tuik his jorney toward Bloyse, and be the way maid his entre in the toun of Chartres, the xx day of November, accompaneit with the Quene

of Scotlande and the Quene douarier hir moder, and the nobill men of Scotlande ; and frome that maid his entre in Bloyse, quhair the Quene of Scotlande and the rest of that cumpanye maid residens all the rest of that winter. During the quhilk tyme the Quene douarier did oppin the caus of hir cuming into France to the King and his secreit counsalouris, be the adwyse of the duike of Guise and Cardinall of Lorane hir brethir, principallie for advancing of hir to the gouvernement of the realme of Scotland, quhilk was thocht verrey guid, and approved be the King and his counfall, quha referrit the ordering and dres of the hoill matter principallie to the Quene hir self, specialie quhat was to be observed to draw the gouvernement of the realme furth of the Duik of Chattillirailt handis without ony tumult. And to the effect the Quene mycht bring hir purpose bettir to pas, sho persuadit the King to grant a gift of the ducherie of Chattilliro in heretage to the Erle of Arrane, than Governour of Scotlande, making also his eldest sone capitane of the Scottis cumpanie and men of armes and archers in France ; lyk wayis to mak ane gifte of the erledome of Murray in heretage to the Erle of Huntlie ; a gift of the erledome of Rothes to one of the Erle of Rothes awin fonis, quha had mareit the Governours cousignes ; a new gifte of the erledome of Angus to the Erle thairof ; and siclike of the erledome of Mortoun to Georg Douglas sone ; with a gret nombre of utheris giftis and confirmationis maid be the King to syndre uther particuler nobill and gentill men onder his feill and hand wreit, obliffing him in verbo regio to caus the Quene of Scotlande, at hir perfyte aige, ratifie and approve the samyn, or ellis he to gif thame as guid within the realme of France ; apoun the quhilkis thair wes lettres patentis maid in dew forme, quhilkis the Quene douarier delivered to everye ane at hir discretione.

In this meintyme, the Governour of Scotlande fend Sir Robert Carnegie knycht, in France, to gif the King most hartlie thankis for the gret

supporte he had fend in Scotlande, throch the quhilk the Inglifmen war expellit furth of the realme. Bot or his returning, the Quene douarier caufed the king propone to the bifchope of Ros, than refident ambaffadour for Scotlande in France, and to the faide Sir Robert, and to Maifter Gawin Hamiltoun abbot of Kilwinning, the firft motione, that the Quene douarier fuld haif the gouvernement of the realme of Scotlande, and be maid regent thairof. And to gratifie the Governour in the meintyme, the faid ambaffadours receaved poffeffion of the ducherie of Chattilliroult, towin and palice thairof, in the Governouris name, and appointit ane gentill man, callit James Hammiltoun of Ormestoun, to haif cure and charge, and receive the fruittis and rentis thairof, to his utilitie and proffit; and lykewyfe his eldeft fone, the Erle of Arrane, being than in France, receaved charge of the Scottis cumpanie, men of armes and archers, with honorabill eftait and intertenement for the famyn. And fo the faid Sir Robert Carnegy returnit in Scotlande; and fhortlie thaireftir, the bifchope of Ros followit, to perfuaid the Governour to aggre to the kingis defyris, quhairin he maid gret travell, quhill at laft he brocht the fame to paffe; and for his reward, the king gaif to him the abay of Laffye in France, quhilk he enjoyit thaireftir all his dayis.

At this tyme, King Eduard of Inglande fend the Marques of Northamptoun and certane utheris nobill men of Inglande, in meffage to the King of France to Bloyfe; quhair thair was gret bonefpellis, matches and wedfeis betuix the Scottifmen and the Inglifmen in findre gammes, exercife of thair bodeis, alfweill with the croce bow, putting of the ftane, and bar of irine, as in wralling and findre utheris gammes, quhairin thay did excell all uther nations; fua that the King and nobilitie of France tuike gret pleafour thairof, and thay used thame felffis to the gret honor of both thair nations, albeit in treuith the Scottifmen did excell the uther in the moft pairt of all the foirfaide gammes.

In the beginning of fymmer thaireftir, the King, accompaneit with the Quene of Scotlande, Quene douarier, and nobilitie thairof, paft to the tounes of Towres, Anges, Nantis, and divers utheris townis in the ducherie of Britangze, and maid his entres, quhair he was with grete triumphe receaved; and eftir his returning, lykewyfe in Orleance, and fre that come to Fontaneblew; quhair the Quene douarier and all the nobilitie of Scotlande, tuik thair leif of the King and of the Quene of Scotlande, and nobill men of France, with gret fawour, benevolens and guid intertenement; and fre that the Quene douarier paft to Jamveill in Champaingze, to viffe the Duches of Guife hir modir and utheris hir freindis, quha than was in duile for departing of that nobill and ancient prince the Duike of Guyfe hir fader, quha deceiffit the yeir preceding. In the meintyme, the moft pairt of hir cumpanie remanit in Paris bying and preparing findre thingis to be had in Scotlande with thame, quhilkis was moir fuperfluus nor neceffer, as everie ains, bot fpecialie the ladeis fantaifeis did move thame; and fre that the Quene douarier and all hir cumpanie com to Rwan, quhair fho tuik purpofe to pas in Scotlande throch England, and fo embarkin thair, paft be watter to the New Heavin, and frome that falit throch the fey, and landit at Portifmowth apoun the weft parte of Inglande; quhair fho was honorablie receaved and interteneit, and convoyit throch Hampfchyre, Suffex and Surrey, be the Erle of Southamptone, Lord Williame Haward and uther nobill men with gret cumpaneis, quhill fho come to Hamptoun courte, quhair fho was receaved be King Eduard, with gret benivolens and well interteneit; and fre that convoyit down the river of Temmes in the Kingis bairges to Lundoun, and ludged in the bifchope of Lundonis palice; and fhortlie thaireftir, King Eduard come to the Quhythall for intertenement of the Quene douarier, quhair gret banqueting and honorable pafstyme was maid, and all the antiquiteis, monumentis and princepall jouallis of the realme was fhawin to hir. And than was proponit to hir

in most effecteous maner be King Eduard, to persuade the King of France to leave the mariage of the Quene of Scotlande with his eldest sone, and to aggre that he mycht marie hir, according to the first appointment maid be the Governour and estatys of Scotlande to that effect, quhilk he affirmed was most meit for the unione of boith the realmes, stanching of bluid, and for a perpetuall quietnes in tymis cuming; and he assured hir, that utherwaysis quhosoever mareit hir fuld not haif hir with his kindnes, bot he fuld be ennemy to him in all tymis cuming. To the quhilk, the said nobill lady maid wyse answaris, affirmyng that the fault was in the rigorous perswit maid be fyre and fuord be the Protectour and utheris of his cunfall, aganis the realme of Scotlande, that forced the nobilitie to seik support fro France, and thair throch was constrained to send the Quene thair; and that sic fassione of dealing was not the nerrest way to cunques a lady and princes of heretage in marriage, quho fuld rather be focht be curtes, humane and gentill behaviour, nor be rigorous crewell and extreme perswit; and forder, gif thay had begun at hir guid will quha was modir to the Quene, quhen thay attempted uther extraordinall meanes, sho had shawin hir moir faworabill in that mater. Yit since so it was happinitt, that the King him selfe had proponit the mater unto her, sho promiset to make advertisment thairof to the King of France and hir freindis thair, shortlie eftir hir returning in Scotland. And so eftir guid intertenement, sho tuike hir leif of the King, and was honorablie convoyit through the citie of Lundoun be the Duik of Northumberland, Erle of Penbruch, and mony uther nobill men; the Mair of the citie and auldermen being placed in the way in honorabill cumpaneis, and thairfre passit to Wair; and all the way quhill sho come to Bervicke, certane nobill was appointit in everie sherefdome for hir honorabill convoie; and thairfre passit in Scotlande, quhair sho was receaved be the Erle Bothuile, Lord Hwme and utheris barronis apoun the bordouris, and convoyit to Edin-

burgh, quhair the Governour received hir with gret honour and favour. And here is to be rememberit, that quhen the Quene imbarqued at Newhevin to pas in Ingland, that the Erle of Huntlie wald not pas with hir, for that he feared that in case he entered within Ingland, he walde be stayed be reafoun he departed, being presoner in thair handis, bot thair licence or ranfoun payed ; and thairfoir faled the neirest way be the coast of Ingland in Scotland, and landit at the toun of Montrose, in the end of the moneth of September ; and mony of the princepall of the nobill men returnit also in Scotlande be the same way. Quhill the Quene regent was in France, thair was ane treffonable practife devised and interprised to be execut, for poysoning of the Quene of Scotland in France, quhilk was tryed furth and reveled be ane Scottisman callit James Henderfoun, at that tyme resident in Ingland ; be quhais advertifment, the princepall authour callit Stewart, being ane archeare of the King of France gard, quha had takin upon hand to execut the same, was apprehendit in the towne of Blaille in France, and eftir dyvers tormentis was hangit and quarterit for the same.

In this yeir of God, I^m V^c and fiftie ane yeiris, the Governour caused hald ane parliament in the moneth of Maij, and ane uther in the moneth of Februar thaireftir ; quhairin thair was findry actis and guid lawis maid for the commone wele of the realme, and executioun of justice.

Sone eftir the Quenis returning, sho labored to aggre all the nobill men of sic debaittis, controversies and querrellis, as had bene nurist amangis thame the tyme of the warris, specialie for the rycht and tytilles of certane of the princepall benefices of the realme, quhilkis had bene lang in question amangis thame, quhair of the agrement was refferred unto hir ; quha, be the adwyfe of the Governour, Erlis of Huntlie, Angus, Argyle, ordanit, that the Governouris brodir fuld remane bischop of Sanct Androis, quhairto he was alreddy provydit ; and his seconde sone fuld haif the abacye of Arbroith ; and that Maister James Betoun, quha

had richt to the said abacye, fuld be promoted to the archebifchoprik of Glasgw; and the poffeffione of the bifchoprik of Dunkell fuld be left be the abbot of Cowper, quha was the Erle of Argylis frend, and gevin to ane Creychtoun, quha was lauchfullie providit thairto; and in recompense of the said abbot, fuld haif the first bifchoprik that hapinnit to waik, quhilk was the bifchoprik of Brechin, to the quhilk he was nominat be the Quene thaireftir. Lykwyfe, Maifter Alexander Gordoun, brodir to the Erle of Huntly, being anis providit and consecret at Rowme archebifchophe of Glasgw; for renuncing of the tytle thair of, he gat the gift of the abbacy of Inchechaffray, and retynit the stile of ane archebifchoppe, being titillit of Athenis, till he was promoted to the bifchoprik of Galloway in Scotlande. Thir and mony uther controverfeis war aggreit, be the wifdome and gret discretione of the nobilitie, and the Quene douarier, to the quietnes and contentatioun of all the hoill cuntrey.

About the famyn tyme, ane lerned wyfe aged father, callit Doctour Wauchop Scottifman, archebifchop of Armacham in Ireland, quha was contenowalie frome his infancy blind, yit was of fo excellent guid lerning and knowlege, that he was maid doctour of theologie in Paris; for the quhilk, and for his wifdome and experience, he was promoted be Paip Paule the third to the said archebifchoprike, and fend legate and ambaffadour be him and Paip Julij the third oftymes to the Empreour, and in France, Scotland, Ireland, and uther partis, with commifion also of a legat a latere, quhair he execut his charge wyflye and discretlie to the admiratione of many, and to the gret honour of his hoill natione, and now deceiffit in Paris the x day of November, and was bureid in the Gray freris.

During the tyme that the Quene douarier and the nobilitie of Scotlande was in France, thair come ane doctour phifitiane, callit Ramfay, Scottifman, furth of Turing in Pyedmount to France, being of gret aige and guid lerning and experience, quha ferved all the nobill men of

Scotland and thair hoill cumpanye, with sic things as was necessar for thame, frelie apoun his awin charges, moved onely for the zeill he buir toward his cuntrey; swa that he wald not suffer thame to cum onder the cuir and medicine of strangers, in case thay mycht haif hapinnit in sum onrecoverabill inconvenient, ather be evill drogges or onlerned mixtour thair of; as hapinnit to the nobill men quha come to the mariage of the Quene in France in the fiftie aucht yere of God thaireftir.

The hoill realme of Scotland being this maner in quyetnes, everye man addrest him self to policie, and to big, plant and pleneise those rowmes quhilkis throch the trublis of the warris, be Inglifmen or utheris had bene wasted, brint, spulyeit, or distroyit; and for establisshing throch all the partis of the realme, the Governour be advyse of the Quene and nobilitie, determinit to hald justice aris throch all the partis of the realme, and that rather for staving of trubles in tymis, nor for rigorous punishment of anye offences by past; and to that effect, he being accumpaneit with the Quene and fyndre uther nobill men, past in the north partis of Scotlande, and first held his aris at Invernes in the moneth of Julij; quhair thair was litill punishment or executione of mennis bodeis, bot certane compofitioun of money takin frome every man according to his strait conditione, and qualitie of the cryme; and fra that come forduart to Elgin, Banf and Aberden; thaireftir to Dundie and Perth, quhair the lyk ordour was observed and kept; and from that past in the west cuntrey to Glasgw, Langrig, Dumfreis and utheris partis, doing the like thair; as in Edinburgh, Louthiane and these partis in the next winter. And in the tyme of Lentren thaireftir he past to Jedbrough quhair he held his aris, putting ordour and guid rule to all the effaris of the bordouris, boith on the eist and myddill merchis, as he had done in Dumfries on the west of befoir; appointing wyse and discrete capitanis, wardanis and officers thairupoun, quha kept all the bordouris in guid justice and quietnes.

In this progres, Sir George Douglas of Pettindrich knyght, brodir to the Erle of Angus, quha had beine a man of gret wit and experience, deceiffit in the tyme of the aris in Elgin; quhome I do heir remember, for that he was so well knawin in his tyme in France, Scotland and in Inglande, for his politeque and wechetie effares in the oft changes of the governement of Scotlande, quhairin his inventionis and moyens was not the leift. About the same tyme, Alexander Lord Gordon, eldest sone to the Erle of Huntly, quha had mareit the Governouris dochtir, and was a verrey wyfe young man and of guid qualiteis, deceiffit of ane bleding at Edinburgh.

At the tyme of the Governouris residens in Jedbruche, Maister David Panter bifchope of Ros, albeit not than consecrat, quha had bene contenowalie ambaffadour resident in France sevin yeris preceding, arryvit in Jedburgh, and was thair consecrat bifchope with grete solempnitie, triumphe and banqueting; quhair thair was findrie of the bordouraris maid knychtis, sic as the lairdis of Sefford, Farneherst, Coldounknowis, Sir Androw Kar of Littildein, the Larde of Grenheide, Balcleuch and findre utheris; and sfa the Governor leiffing all in quietnes apoun the bordouris, returnit to Edinburgh.

During all the tyme of this progres and holding of aris, the Quene douarier passit contenowalie in company with the Governor throche all the partis of the realme; quhair sho laborit secreitlie at all the lordis handis, boith spirituall and temporall, to aggre and gif thair consentis to hir to be admittit regent of the realme of Scotlande, during the rest of the minoritie of the Quene hir dochtir; and that sho mycht be received thairto quhofone the yeris of the tutorie fuld be run furth and endit, and soner gif law wald permit the samin; or in cais the Governour mycht be persuadit for favour, pleasour or guid deid, befoir the tyme thairof war run out, to leif the samyn; and for this effect sho maid fyn-drie promifeis of gret rewardis, with privie bandis to the lordis particu-

larlie; be the quhilk sho drew almost the hoill nobilitie of Scotland to be of hir opinione, and to subscribe secretlie with hir; and so thinking hir self assured of thame, sho caused the said bishope of Ros move the mater to the Governour, defyringe him, apoun the King of Frances name, to leiff the office and government of the realme to the Quene douarier with favour and benevolens. To the quhilk the governour on no wayis at the first wald aggre, so that thair apperit gret divisione to be betuix him and the Quene, in sic sort that all the rest of that yeir the Governour remained for the most part in Edinburgh, accompaneit with ane few number of lordis, and the Quene in Striveling, quhair sho had gret resort and almost contenowall cumpanie of the Erle of Angus, Huntly, Argyle, Atholl, Cassillis and mony utheris, in hoip of change of the autoritie, to be rewardit for thair assistance. The Quene perceaving the Governour not willing to leif the tutorie befor the xij yeris war compleit, be the adwyse and counfall of sum exparte, did bringe a questione that the same was alreddy experit and run furth quhosone the Quene was xj yeris compleit and entered in the xij yeir of hir aige, as sho was than presentlie apoun the sevint day of November in the yeir of God I^m V^o liij yeris; affirming that a yeir befoire the birth, quhen that a prince is in the modir wombe fuld be compted as they had bene borne, quhenfoevir it may further advance thame in ony thing, and so to haif bene observed alsweill to the Princes of the realme of Scotlande as within uthair cuntreis in tymis past. And to that effecte sho wreit to all the nobill men of Scotlande, to conveine with hir at Striveling at ane certane day appointit thairto, to gif thair adwyse and consent thairupoun; quhair thay all convenit to that effect; so that the Governour remanit almost his allaine in Edinburgh, accompaneit onlie with the bishope of Sanct Androis and Lord Levingstoun; quhair considering that he culd not weill resist aganis the Quene douarier and the hoill nobilitie, be eirnstfull messages and lettres fend to him be the Erle of Huntlye

and utheris nobill men, he past towart Striveling, and thair be the adwyfe of the hoill nobilitie and counfall, thair was a finall aggrement maid betuix the Quene and Governour, that he fuld leif, dimit and gif our the office of tutorie of the Quene and gouvernement of the realme, to the effect that the Quene mycht cheife curatouris in France, and be thair adwyfe appoint the Quene douarier Regent of the realme of Scotlande, or ony uthair at thair pleafour ; and that one parliament fould be appointit to be haldin in the monethe of Aprile nixt following in Edinburgh, quhair the Governour fould publiclie gif our the faid office ; and in the meintyme, for fuir keping of his part, he aggreit to deliver than presentlie the caftell of Edinburgh in the handis of the Lord Erkin, to be kept unto the faide parliament, apoun that condicioune, that in caife the Governor wald not keip his promeife, than the samyn fould be delivered to the Quene douarier ; and on the uthar parte, in cafe fic conditions as was promifed to him fuld not be kept, the faid caftell fould be randerit agane to the Governour. Lykwylfe the Quene douarier promefed to the Governour ane full and ample difcharge of all intromiffioun with King James the fyftis treaffouris of gold and money, jowellis, filver veshell, copbourdis, movables and plenifhing, and all utheris thingis belonging unto him the tyme of his deceis ; and ficlik ane difcharge of intromiffioun with all the fruittis, rentis, alfweill of the propertie as caufualtie pertening to the patrimonie of the crowne, intromettit or receaved, or quhilkis fuld haif bene receaved be him or ony in his name, from the deceis of the King to the tyme of the nixt parliament ; with fufficient confirmatione of all giftis of benefices, wardis, mariages or uther caufualteis quhatfumevir during the faid tyme, and ane confirmatione of the gift of the ducherie of Chattillirault to him and his aris ; and that the caftell of Dumbartane fuld remane in the Governouris handis quhill the Quenis perfit aige ; with findre utheris pactionis, promefis and conditionis. And for fuir keping thair of, the Quene promefed to caus the

thre eftatis of the realme to be bundin and obliſt onder thair hand wreit and feales, lyk as the lordis thair preſent did than obliſt thame, that all the foirſaid fuld be kept unto the Governour, and that the Quene ſould nevir revoik, bot ratifie and approve the ſamyn at hir perfyt aige. And that in the ſame parliament the Duik of Chattillorault fuld be declarit be the thre eftatis to be ſecounde perfone to the realme, and juſt and lawfull heretour to the crowne, failyeing the Quene and the lauchfull ſucceſſione of hir body. And ſwa all thir heades being well aggreit, the conventionne was diſſolvit; and for performing thairof, the Governor preſentlie cauſed deliver the keping of the caſtell of Edinburgh, with all munitione being thairintill, to the Lord Erſkyn; and the Quene ſend with all ſpeid in France, to obtene all ſic diſcharges, giftis, confirmations, commiſſionis, and ſic uther thingis neceſſar to be had agane the nixte parliament.

Quhill this apperance of diviſione was ſtanding betuix the Governour and Quene, thair was ſum in dyvers partis of the realme that preiſſed to waikin auld deidlie feaddes, and to quyt querrellis, thinking than to be tyme moſt convenient, for that it apperit moſt eaſie to thame to get remiſſioun of thair wicked dedis ather frome thame that left the authorite, or thame that entered thairintill. Apoun this pretence, as appered, the laird of Balcleuch was flayne in Edinburgh be the Karris; quhairupoun gret fead and diſpleaſour followit betuix the furnames of the Karris and Scottis; and about the ſamyn tyme the maifter of Ruthven flew ane wailyeant gentill man callit Johne Charteris of Kinclavin in Edinburgh, apoun occaſione of auld fead, and for ſtaying of a decreit of ane proces quhilk the ſaid Johne perſewit aganis him befor the Lordis of the Seſſione; quhairupoun occaſioun was taikin in the nixt parliament, that thair was a law maid that quahaſumevir he was that flew any man for the perſuit of any actione aganis him, that he ſulde loſe the rycht and tytyle of his actione, and the flayer fuld be alſo puniſhed in body and

guidis according to the lawis of the realme; quhilk was the occatione of staving of sic crewell attemptis in tyme cuming. At the same tyme, the Lord Sempill flew the Lord Creychtoun of Sanchar in the Governouris awin hous, apoun a fuddan, within the toun of Edinburgh; for the quhilk he was taikin and put in the castell of Edinburgh, and had bene execut thairfoir, war not the gret laboris maid be the Lorde Sancharis freindis for faultie of his lyf, through ane aggrement that was labored betuix thame, be moyence of the bischop of Sanctandros and utheris his frendis at that tyme.

Quhen thir things was in doing in Scotlande, Edwarde the sixt King of Ingland be long lingering feiknes departit out of this lyf the sixt daie of Julij I^m V^o liij yeris; and immediatlie eftir his deceis, apoun the ix daie of Julij, be meanis and laboris of the Duik of Northumberland and utheris of his factione, ane callit Lady Jane, dochtir to the Duik of Suffolke, was proclamed Quene; quhilk was the caus of gret trubill to the said Duik and Ladye and all thair frendis; for apoun the xx day of Julij nixt following, Ladye Marie, eldest dochtir of King Henry the aucht, was proclamed and received Quene be the hoill nobilitie and univerrall consent of the Estatis of the realme; and shortlie thaireftir, the Duik of Northumberland, Duik of Suffolk, Lady Jane and hir husbande Lorde Gilford, with a gret number of utheris, war all beheidit at Lundoun; and the said Quene Marie being cronit, convenit a parleament, in the quhilk sho reduced the hoill realme to the auld catholique religion, for observacione of the ordour used, ministratioun of the sacramentis, messe and utheris service; admitting also the suppremicie of the seate of Rome within that realme, as it had bene used in the beginning of King Henry the VIII hir faderis regne. And shortlie thaireftir sho was mareit with Phillip than Prince, now King of Spaiyne, eldest sone to the emprior; for the quhilk caus thair was rased findre infurrectionis and conspiraceis within the realme of Inglande aganis the

laid mariage; quhilkis was quenched and fet doun, bot not without gret executione and bluid shed of the conspiratours thair of, as may be sene in thair cronicles and annellis, quha listis to reid at lenth.

Sone eftir the coronatione, all strangers, specialie the Scottis men, quha ather for crymis or for religione, war banished thair awin cuntreis, and reffait in Ingland in King Eduardis tyme, war charged to depairt furth of that realme; and thairfoir Normound Lellie Maister of Rothes, Laird of Grange, Maister Henry Balnafeis and thair cumpanie, being banished Scotlande for the slauchter of the Cardinall, also the Lairdis of Brunstoun and Ormestoun, and utheris than resident in Inglande, returnit to France. Normound was employed in service of the warris be King Henry of France aganis the Emprior, and gat the charge of ane hundrethe lycht horsmen, in the quhilk he used him self verrey vailyeantlie; purposing thairby, that he mycht recover both his honour and leaving, quhilk he had losed in Scotland be wicked counsell of utheris, in assisting that ungodlie deid, quhilk he repented verrey foir at all tyme. Bot eftir syndre vailyeant factis and dedis of armes, verrey happelie and curageoullie done be him in tha weares, to the gret honour and confort of his natione, in a scarmushe at Rentoun in Picardie, he was woundit be a shot of a pistolet, and of that hurt he deceiffet at Montrell the xxix day of August 1554. The King of France, for recompance of his service, receaved his eldest brodir Williame in fawour, and maid him gentill man of his chalmer, and he fend the Lord of Grange and all the rest of his companie in Scotlande, and caused thame to be restored to thair levinges agane, be the Quene regent and estatis of parliament.

The tyme of the appointit parliament for ending of all thingis betuix the Quene douarier and the Governour being cumin, the estatis of Scotlande was convenit at Edinburgh, quhairupoun the xij day of the moneth of Aprill, the Governour and Quene comperit, and the parliament was first set and fenfed in the Quene oure soveranis name, with

consent of James Duik of Chattillire Erle of Arrane, hir tutor and governour; and thair was presented and red in prefens of all the estatis, all the contractis maid betuix the Quene and Governour, with the confirmationis granted be the Quene, with consent of hir curatouris in France thairupoun, in ample forme; quhilkis war ratefeit and apprevit be the estatis of parliament; and lykwyse was red ane contract, be the quhilk the hoill estatis obliged thame to warrande the same to the Governour according to the former appointment, quhilkis was presentlie subscrivit be all those quho voit in parliament, and thair seales affixit thairto; quhilkis being done, and he declared secound persoun of the realme, the Governour in prefens of the estatis and of the Quene douarier and Monsieur Dofell, ambassadour resident for the King of France in Scotland, renunciit and dimittit the office of tutorie and gouvernement of the realme; and than presentlie was pronounced and publiquely red, ane commissioun gevin be the Quene of Scotlande in France, with the consent of hir foirsaid curators, in most ample forme, making the Quene hir modir regent of hir realme and lieges; quhilk commissioun and office sho acceptit apoun hir, and was admittit and received be the estaitis thairto; and the parliament being of new fensed agane in name of the Quene, with consent of the Quene regent hir modir, and approved be the estatis, thaireftir the same wes dissolvit.

Quhen the Quene was placed in this maner be univerfall consent of the estatis, and received as regent of the realme, than as the commoune use is, at the change of the prince and authoritie, all the princepall officiaris to be changed, the Erle of Cassillis was maid thesaurar; ane Frenche man callit Welemort wes appoynted comptroller; Maister James McGill maid clark of the register; the abbot of Cowper, Lorde Privie Seill; ane callit Monsieur Rubie, Frenchman, a procutour of Paris, appointit to keip the gret seill, and to be as vice Chancelar and assister to the Erle of Huntlie than Chancelar; and findre uther parti-

cular offices war changed lykwyfe. Bot the Quene regent fhortlie thaireftir begouth to ufe the counfall of thefe Frenche men, Dofell, Rubie, Welemort, moir nor of the nobilitie of Scotland, and of ane called Monfieur Bonet, quhome fho maid governour of Orknay thaireftir; quhilk maid thame to conceive fum jolefie aganis the Quenis government, evin in the beginning, albeit thai kepit the fame feceitlie within thair breiftis quhill the fiftie fevin yeir of God; at quhilk tyme it was utterit at Maxwellheuch, to the gret difquieting of the hoill eftait.

Eftir the diffolving of this parliament the Quene Regent, willing to put ordour to fum troubles in the hie landis of the cuntrey, caused the Erle of Huntlie, with a commiffione of livetennentrie, pas with ane gret army to Abirtarf, within the fherifdome of Invernes, to invaid Johne Mudyard his kin and affifteris; quhair the faid Erle being convenit with ane gret number, alfweill of hieland as lawland men, he proponit to the principallis of the hoill oift, defyring thame to merche forduart in the hie landis, for apprehending of the faide Johne Mudyard and his kin; bot the barronis and gentill men of the lawlandis in fpeciall, refused to go in that cuntrey les nor thay mycht travell on hors, as thay culd on no wayis do in that boundis; and the faid Erle wald not merche with the hieland men onlie, for the lait hattrent that thai had conceived aganis him for the deithe of M'Intoche, and thairfoir he returned. Quhairfoir the Quene fend for the faid Erle of Huntlie, and accused him befor the counfall for negligent executione of his commiffione, and thairfoir he was wardit within the caftell of Edinburgh in the moneth of Oötober, quhair he remaned contenowalie till the moneth of Merche nixt following; and in the meintyme, gret inquisitione was maid aganis him, be the informatione of his privat ennemeis; bot at laft the matter was fo appointit, that the faid Erle was maid content to renunce and dimit to the Quene regent the heretabill infestment of the erledome of Murray and Lordfhip of Abirnethy, the takkis and

possessione of Orknay and Zetland, the baillierie and takkis of the erledome of Mar and lordship of Straythdie, and was content to pas in France, thair to remaine for the space of fyve yeris ; and be this appointment he was releiffit furth of the castell. And eftir he had maid his preparatiōe redy to depairt in France, and to that effect the Quene regent had gevin him licence to conye all his silver veshell for his furnelling, sho was content to discharge him of that vyage, swa that he suld remane in Scotland, for payment of certane gret sowmis of money, quhilk he caused deliver to hir than presentlie ; and thairfoir was restored to his office of chancellarie agane, althocht Monsieur Rubie had the princepall charge thairof, and keptit the gret feill during the hoill tyme of the Quene regentis governement.

About the samyn tyme returned in Scotland furth of France ane wyfe and lerned prelat, maister Henrie Sinclair deane of Glasgw, vice president of the college of justice, quha had bene a familiar counsalour to King James the fyft ; bot during all the tyme of the Governouris regement was not in gret credeit ; yit for his wifdome, knowlege and experience, was holdin in gret honour and estimatione be the Quene regent, and be the hoill nobilitie. Immediatlie eftir his arryving, he caused be his counfall the bischoppe of Orknay, than president of the college of justice, and all the fenatouris thairof, mak certane statutes for abbreviation of processis, guid ordour to be observed in the said college, reformation of abusis, quhair of the actis, statutes and monumentis remanis yit to thir our daies in the said college, quhairby justice may be indifferentlie, sinceirlie and uprightlie ministred to all perfonis, and frevolowis and superflowis termis and delationis cut away, and diligent ordour be the lordis, thair scrybis, advocattis and members of court observed, and all abuse removed ; swa that thaireftir justice was dewlie ministrat within the samyn, according to the lawis of the realme, in bettir ordour nor it had bene in ony tyme preceding.

In this mene seasoun thair was a parliament haldin at Edinburgh, in the monethe of Julij, be the Quene regent and thre estatis of the realme; quhair thair was convenit mony nobill, wyse, lerned and expart men as evir had bene at ony parliament mony yeris preceding; and thair was mony and findre guide statutis and lawis maid for the commoun weill, tending princepallie to the quietnes of the hoill subjeētis thairof; quhilkis ar contenit at lenth in the register buikis of the aētis of parliament, and thairfoir I will not be superflowus in reherfing thairof; albeit mony of thame be worthie of memorie, specialie the aēte of the discharging of gadderings and assembleis used in flitting Fryday and Witfoundaye, the dischargeingis of conventionis under the cullour of Robeine Huid, and the discharge of ligges or bandis to be taikin or gevin frome one subjeēt to ane uther, and utheris siclik; for the quhilkis sufficient ordour was providit in the saidis statutis, for the commowne tranquillitie to be observed in tymis cuming.

At the same tyme, Quene Marie of England was mareit to King Phillop Prince of Spaingye, upoun the xxv day of Julij at Wincheſter; quha send thairfre ane ambaffadour in Scotland in baith thair names to the Quene regent, to congratulat and rejoyse for the said marriage; defyring hir to conſerve amitie, freindſhip and peace betuix the twa realmes; and for conſerming thairof, thair was appointit certane commiſſioners to meit in the nixt ſymmer, as thay did apoun the bourdouris.

Quhill the Quene was putting ordour to the effaris of the ſouth partis in this wyſe, the Erle of Atholl was ſend with ſpeciall commiſſione into the hielandis for apprehending of Johnne Mudyarde; quhair he wrought ſo be wiſdome, policie and guid convoy, that the ſaide John come with him to the Quene regent, with tow of his ſonnis and certane of his kin, and ſubmitted thame into hir will; quha as a clement and mercifull princes, moir of hir guidnes nor thair deſertis, pardonit thame at that tyme, and cauſed thame remane in waird within the toun of Perth and

castell of Meffane, quhair thay war weill treated ; yit as the tod can not byd furth of his hoill, eftir thay had tareit thair certane space, thay brak thair wardis, and past secreteilie in thair awin cuntrey, quhaire thay fterit up be thair counfall new troble agane, lyk as was also in diuerse partis of the hie landis ; quhilk moved fore the Quene to make a jorney in the nixt yeir in the north partis, to hold iustice aris for punishment of gret offences and ftenching of sic misreule in tymes cuming.

In the beginning of this fymmer thair was ane parliament haldin at Edinburgh ; in the quhilk the lairdis of Brunstoun, Ormestoun, Grange, and certane utheris quha had bene forfaitit in the Governouris tyme, war at the speciall request of the King of France restored, and the same parliament was contenowit thaireftir, and callit a running parliament.

During the tyme of the samyn, the Quene regent, be the counfall of Monfieur Dofell, Rube, and certane lordis of the nobilitie, defyred ane new ordour to be taikin be the estatis of the realme for sustentatione of the warris aganis Ingland, quhen foevir thay fuld happin to be in tymes cuming ; and that be payment of certane taxationis, impositis and contributionis, to be raised and payit be everye man of quhatfoevir qualitie or estait, conforme to the quantitie of his landis, rentis, guidis and substance. And to that effect it was devyfed that inventouris fuld be taikin be the thereffis of everie mannis rentis, goodes and substance ; and that with this taxation, men of weir to be conduced to ly apoun the bordaris, swa that no man fuld be trubled to cum frome thair awin houffes for defence thairof, bot quhen the gret army of Ingland come within the realme ; quhilk new inventione, albeit sum of the lordis of the nobilitie for pleasour of the Quene feamed to aggre thairto for the tyme, yit the barronis and gentill men was nathing content thairwith, and for staving thairof maid mony privie assembleis and conventions ; and at last thair convenit in the abbay kirk of Halieruidhous to the number of iiij^c barronis, and send tua of the most ancient amangis thame, quhilkis

was the lairds of Calder and Weames, to the Quene regent and lordis of hir counfall, desyring moift humelie not to alter the ancient custome, lawis and liberteis of the realme, in putting thame to sic charges of payment of fowmes of money ; affirming that thair foirfatheris and prediceffouris had defendit the samyn, mony hundreth yeris, vailyeantlie with thair awin handis ; and for that caus principallie thay had thair levingis and landis gevin unto thame be thair prince, to ferve him with thair awin perfonis into the warris ; and as thay beleiffit affuredlie, none had power to dispence with thame, or alter the maner of thair halding, or discharge thame of that fervice, specialie during the minoritie of thair prince and soverane ; for in that respect the King has bene callit at all tymes, King of Scottes, that is rather in respect of men nor of money or substance of the cuntrey ; declaring also, that thay quha presentlie inhabited the realme, was of als good curage and hardement, abill and vailyeant to defende thair realme as utheris thair forbears hes bene in tymes past, and thairfoir wald fecht with thair awin handis, and defende the same with thair bodeis ; for thay culd not trust any waged man that he walde so faythfullie defende thair libertie, wyffis, bairnis, landis and possessionis ; and that thair was not so gret substance to be spared within the realme, as to sustene so monye ydill men as war necessar for defence of the bordouris ; and last of all, thay affirmed, that the same fulde caus the loirdis, barronis, gentill men, fall into sic ydilnes and onskilfulnes, through laik of use of bearing and exercing thair armour, that thay suld becum ane easie pray to quhatsumevir natione that waild invaid the realme. Quhilkis thingis being declared to the Quene and counfall, all the reffonis alleged be thame confiderit, the Quene regent be the adwyse of the nobilitie, desisted for any further travelling in that matter ; and thocht thame nothing worthie of thankis that was the inventaris thairof, becaus it maid ane gret gruge and murmour amangis the people of the realme.

At the fame tyme thair was fend to the bourdouris the biſhope of Dumblane, the laird of Lethingtone, and maifter James M'Gill commiſſioners for Scotlande, to meit with ane wyfe and learned man, Tonſtaill biſhop of Durhame, and certane utheris commiſſioners for Ingland; quhair thay remanit at Duncce during the monethis of Julij, Auguſt and September, (at quhilk tyme the Quene was in the north partis of Scotland at the aris,) quhair thair was treated ſic things as ſtude in controverſie betuix the twa realmes, and guid juſtice done and redres maid on ather of the fydis.

In this meintyme the Quene regent, making hir voyage in the north partis, come in the moneth of Julij to Invernes, accompaneit with the Erles of Huntly, Argyle, Atholl, Merchall, biſhop of Ros and Orkney, and ſyndre uther nobill men, and hir foirfaid counſaloris of Frenche men, quhair ſho held juſtice aris with moſt extreme and rigorous puniſhment, and charged everie ane of the capitanis of the hie landis to bring in the offendaris of thair awin kin, according to the ordour preſcribit in King James the Fiftis tyme, onder gret panis; quhairthrow mony was entered, both of M'Kenzey kin, Banagowin, Lord Lowat, M'Kintoche, Laird of Grant and mony utheris, quhair of thar was ſindrie execut; and amongis the reſt, the Laird of Grant being charged to bring in ane ſpeciall freind of his awin callit James Graunte, for his oppreſſione, becaus he culd not be apprehendit and brocht quick to the juſtice, he cauſed him and the reſt of his cumpanye be ſlayne, and thair heidis be preſented to Quene regente. At the ſamyn tyme, the Erle of Cathenis was charged lykwyfe for the lyke cauſes, and was put in warde, firſt in Invernes, and next in the caſtell of Edinburgh, quhair he pait gret ſowmis of money or he was delivered. Makky, the ſamyn tyme capitane of Stranever, be the aſſiſtance of the Glengwn, quaha had done gret injures and wrónges to the cuntrey of Sutherlande nixt adjacent to thame, walde not entre: Thairfoir ye Quene cauſed the Erle of Suther-

lande convene ane gret army, and pas within the cuntrey of Strathnaver ; and lykwyfe fend certane shippes be sey, quhairby he was confraned to rander him selfe, and come with Sir Hew Kennedy to the Quene, quhair he remaned in waird in Edinburgh dyveris yeris thaireftir ; and syndre pledges was received for the Glengwn, quha was kepit in sum strentes for thair guid rule during the Quene regentis pleasour.

Eftir the Quene had maid her residens in Invernes, and vifited the cuntre of Ros, sho returned to Elgin, Banf, and Abirdene, quhair sho held aris lykwyfe ; bot not with so gret executione of mennis bodeis, bot rather be compositiōne of money ; and so returned to Dundie and Perth, keping the like ordour ; and in the nixt winter, caused the Erle of Huntlie, with the counfall and assistance of the bischoppes of Ros and Orknay, and Sir Hew Kennedy, take up privie indytmentis, and hald courtis thairupoun, within the shyres of Invernes, Elgin, Fores and Nardin, quhair thair was a gret nomber execut, quhilk maid the cuntrey to be haldin in gret quietnes thaireftir. And here is to be remembred, that in all this jorney and progres quhair the Quene Regent and her companie did pas, sho was received verrey honorablie, and intertenit sumpteoullie in the nobill mennis, prelattis and barrouns housis, so that the Frenche men praised the same verrey meikill.

About this tyme, thair come ane gret ship, and with hir a pink, furth of Muscovia, bowin toward Ingland with ane ambaffadour frome the Emperor of Muscovia, quhilk ship and pink was drevin be gret stormes and windis apoun the northeft of Scotlande, at Kynardis heid, within the cuntrey of Buchane, quhair a gret nombre of thair cumpanie was dronit and both the shippes, the moift pairt of his guidis losed be the wrake of the sey ; bot the ambaffadour him selfe was saved, with a gret part of his cumpanie, and was weill intertenit be the cuntreymen, and convoyit thairfre to Edinburgh to the Quene Regent, quha efter guid intertene-

ment caused the Lord Hwme accompanie him to Berwik in the moneth of Februar thaireftir.

All this tyme, thair was gret and hoit ware betuix the King of France and King Phillip of Spaine, quha had new receaved the gouvernement and poffeffioun of the Low Countres of Flanders, Holand, Zelland and the rest; and for his fupport Quene Marie of Inglande fend and denounced warre to the King of France; and sho fend ane army of ten thowfand men, the Erle of Penbruch being appointed thair generall of Flanders, to the fupport of King Phillip; and quhen sho was making preparatiōne thairfoir, sho fende to the Quene Regent, and defyred, that commiffioners fould meit apoun the bordouris for intertenement of peace betuix the tua realmes; and to that effect thay met in the moneth of Junij at Carleill; for the pairt of Scotlande, the bifchop of Orknay, the deane of Glasgw, Sir Robert Carnegy, and with thame the Maifter of Maxwell, wardene of the weft merchis; for the pairt of Inglande, Tunftale, bifhop of Durahame, Lord Dacres and Lord Whortoun; quha remanit thair certane fpace, treating apoun redres of fic wrangis and injureis as had bene laitlie doune apoun the bordouris. In this meinquhyle, thair arrived ane gentill man furth of France be the weft fey, fend to Quene Regent, declaring that the Quene of Ingland had fend and declared to him be ane of hir harraultis, callit Clarentious, and had ane army in redines to be tranfported in Flanders for the fupporte of King Phillip hir hufbande aganis him; thairfoir defyred hir to move the nobilitie of Scotlande to make war aganis Inglande, be the quhilk thay mycht be confraned to retire thair army within thair awin realme agane. The Quene Regent being not onwillinge to forduart that thing mightly in her power, to the contentatione and pleafour of the King of France and hir freindis, sho caused fuddantlie make ane conventionē of the lordis at Newbottle, quhair sho perfuadit thame erniftelie to move the war aganis Ingland; bot thay confydering the fame rather to pro-

cead for pleafour of the King of France, nor for defence of their awin realme, principallie haiffing the commiffioners of Scotlande lying at Carleill for redres to be had apoun the bordouris, and that Ingland was willinge to keip peace with thame, it maid thame thairfoir to be laith to aggre to hir defyris, bot gaif differing anfuer to the Quene Regent. Bot fho be the counfall of hir French capitaneis, thinking to entre onis the warris, quhairby the Scottifmen fuld be conftreind to go fordwart in the mater, fend Monfieur Dofell and Capitane Charlebus with all thair garnefonis of Frenche men fuddantlie to Dumbar; and fre that caufed thame entir in Heymouth, not far diftant frome Berwicke, and fortifie the famyn moft ftronglie, to the gret annoyance of Inglande; and thairfoir the Inglifmen being in Berwicke perceaving thair interprice, fend furth to make impediment thairto, quhair thair was hott fcarmuſhing amangis thame, bot yit the warke of fortificatione was fett fordwart. And the Quene Regente in the meintyme, fend with all fpeid to the Scottis commiffioners lying at Carleill, to caus thame retire thame ſelf within Scotland, as they did ſhortlie, albeit not without gret haſſard and perrell to haif bene retened thair, gif thai had tareit ij houris longer than thay did in Inglis ground.

The lordis being with the Quene at Newbottill, hering of Monfieur Dofellis procedingis, thay culd do no utherwyis nor aggre to the Quenis Regentis defyris; and thairfoir thay fend ane harrauld to the Quene of Ingland, to defyre hir to retire hir army furth of France, or ellis, conforme to the ancient leage and confederacie ſtanding betuix Scotlande and France, thay behoved to denunce war; and gaif commiffione prefentlie to the ſaid harrauld to do the ſame, quha paſſit and fulfilled the pointis of his commiffione; and quhill he was in this jorney, the Quene appointed the Erle of Huntlie generall liuetennent apoun the bordouris, with certane cumpaneis of horſmen and fuit men to await upoun him; quha acceptit the charge and paſt to the bordouris, and remaned at

Dunfe in the Merse, quhair he prepared all thingis neccessar for the war ; and eftir the returning of the harrald frome England, he caused the Lord Hwm wardane of the eist merchis maik the first raid within Ingland, quhair he brint divers townis, spulyeit and tuik awaye gret praye of guidis, in the beginning of the monethe of Julij ; and fre that furth, the said erle accompaneit with the Scottis men and Frenche men maid findre incurfionis within Ingland, burning and spulyeing the cuntrey, but any gret resistance, saiffing onlie sum litell scarmis this that the souldioris of Berwick wald sum tyme make for the sassione. And in the meintyme, the Quene caused quarters to be kept on the bordouris, for assistance to the Erle of Huntlie livetennent, quhill the conventione of the gret army in October nixt.

Quhill thay war thus biffe occupiet apoun the bordouris, the Quene Regent caused assemble ane gret army furth of all the pairtis of the realme ; quha convenit at Kelso in the moneth of October, quhair sho maid ernist persuatione to the nobilitie to pas within Ingland, and invaid the samin with fyre and sword. Bot thay taiking to be adwyfed thair upoun, past our the Watter of Tueid to Maxwellheuch to make thair generall mustoris, and eftir advifment to gyf ansuer unto the Quene. Bot eftir lang and guid deliberance, the Duik of Chattillero, quha was appointed livetennent generall of the army, accompaneit with the Erles of Huntly, Argyle, Cassillis, and findre utheris nobill men, come to the Quene and delated unto hir, that thai thocht it sufficient aneuch to thame to haif moved weir aganis Ingland, and to haif maid so great invasions as thay had done alreedy, be the Erle of Huntlie livetennent of the bordours, all the iij monethes preciding ; and gif it war hir pleatour, thai wald remane with thair haill fortis apoun the bordouris so lang as the army mycht be sustened together, abyding gif the Inglifmen walde mak any invasione ; bot thai culd not think it for the weill of thair realme to pas within Ingland with thair hoill army at that present,

to haffard batle furth of thair cuntrey, thair princes being abfente and of les aige; thairfoir defyred hir moft humelie to take the famyn in guid pairt. Bot yit the Quene beinge impacient of thair anfuer, wald not defyre thame to remaine any longer apoun the bordouris, les nor thay wald enter within England. And thairfoir, in a gret coler and anger gaif thame licence all to depairt, leiffing only the Frenche men in Haymouth, with certane cumpaneis of horfmen and fuit men; and fre that daie furth, the Quene Regent could nevir aggre with the nobilitie; and on the uther pairt, findre of thame foucht be all meanes for to raife fum feditione within the cuntrey aganis hir and the Frenche; and to that effecte thair was mony conventions keipt in dyvers nuikis of the realme all the nixt yeir following. And amangis all politike devyfes, ingenious and craftie inventionis, none was thocht fo guid to ferve thair turne, and gif fo guid a cullour to thair interprice, as the cullour of reformatione of the religion; thinking that thairby the hoill nobilitie mycht be brocht to one aggrement, and onder that pretence to take armour and go to the feildis; and being onis entered, and fhowing thair faces aganis the aūthoritie, thay mycht be the moir eafelie perfuadit to concur to the expelling of the Frenche men furth of the realme. And to that effect, thay fend in divers partis of Almany, for findre minifters and precheouris to cum in Scotland; as thay did in the nixt yeir followinge.

During the tyme of thir troblis in Scotland, thair was verrey gret warris betuix the King of France and King Phillip of Spaine, apoun the fronters of France, and mony nobill men war taikin alfo be ane gret affault and force of King Phillips army fhortlie thaireftir; quhilk moved the King of France to haift the mariage of the Quene of Scotlande with the Dolphin his fone, foner nor his purpofe was befoir; fearing that by this and fic lyke ourthrowes and accedentis, the eftatis of Scotlande fhuld be fundin the moir unwilling to accomplishe the mariage; and

thairfoir the King fend to the Quene Regent in Scotland, meffage defying hir to affemble ane parliament, and thairintill be the adwyfe of the eftatis, to appoint certan commiffioners to pas in France for accomplifhment of the mariage, and to aggre to fic lyk conditionis as war neceffar to be treated, for the perpetuall aggrement of both the realmes.

Swa the Quene Regent being moft willing to fatiffie the Kingis defyre, caufed convene ane parliament of the hoill eftatis in Edinburgh, in the monethe of December nixt, quhair thair was elected and chofin, be univerfall consent of the thre eftatis, certane nobill, wyfe and difcreit men, James Betoun archebilhop of Glasgw, Robert Reid bilhop of Orknay, prefident of the college of juftice, James Stewart priour of Sanct Androis, for the clargy; George Lellie Erle of Rothes, Gilbert Kennedy Erle of Caffillis, George Settoun Lord Setoun, James Fleming Lord Fleming, for the nobilitie; and John Erkin laird of Dun, proveft of Montrois for the burgefis; ambaffadouris and commiffioners to pas in the realme of France as representinge the eftatis, and thairto contract the mariage of the moft excellent princes Marie Quene of Scotlande, our Soverane, with Frances, Dolphine, and eldeft fone and apperande air to Henry King of France, and to end and folemnizat the famyn; quhairupoun thair was fufficient commiffionis and infturctionis maid to thame be the hoill eftatis of the parliament, and thay accept the famyn apoun thame; and eftir dew preparatione maid for thair viage, thay embarqued in the moneth of Februar in the raid of Leyth, and faled throw the feyis with gret ftormes and tempeftious windis, till thay landit in France. Bot be the way, thay lofed in that jornay ane of thair fhippes ladynit with horfes, and all the nobill mennis cofferis and utheris riches being thairintill, befoir Sanct Ebbis heid in the mouth of the firth of Scotlande, and ane uther fhip with gret riches and monygentill men, with the capitane thairof, callit Wattertoun, was lofed lykwyfe

in the raid of Bullongye, eftir that the Erle of Rothés and bifchope of Orknay, with a few number, was put on land furth of the fame; and all the reft of the commiffioners was alfo landit furth of thair uther fhippes at the fame tyme; and fre that thay war honourable convoyit to Pareis, quhair thay war with gret honour and fawour receaved be the King of France and his nobilitie in the monethe of Merche. And fhortlie thaireftir the contraçte of mariage was maid, and thair was landis affignit for hir dowarie in France, pairtlye the cuntrey of Pouictiers and Towris, and ane uther pairt in Champaine and Picardie, extending in yearlie rent to thrie fcoir ten thoufande franckis, and with threttie thoufande franckis of yeirlye pencione during hir life tyme, befydís with mony jowellis gevin to hir be the King; the auld lig and band confermed, and was be publiçt aèt aggreit, that everie one of the nationis fuld be fre naturalized in boith the realmes; that it fuld be lefum to thame to joyfe and bruik all kindis of offices, heretages, beneficis, and ficlike alfwell a Frenche man in Scotland as a Scottis man in France, as thay had been naturallie borne, and mony ficlike priviliges concludit and paft.

About this tyme in the moneth of Januar, the duik of Gwyfe, accompaneid with Monfieur Daumell his brodir, Marchall Stroffy, Monfieur de Thermes and fyndre utheris vailyeant capitannis, merched with a gret army towarde Caleis, being than in the Inglifmennis poffeffione, and laide fuddantlie the gret artailyerie to the toun, and dang the fame with ordinance; and fo gret affaultis was gevin thairto, that the capitannis war conftreand to rander the toun to the Duike, apoun fic conditionis as he pleaſed to aggre unto, upoun the viij daye of Januar 1557; and fhortlie thaireftir, all the hoill cuntrey with the toun of Guynes, quhilk was rafed, and the caſtell of Hames, quhilk had bene in the poffeffione of the Inglifmen moir nor two hundrethe yeir befoir, was now holliely randerit and reduced to the King of France obedience,

with no les honour to the duik of Guife for this vailyeant interprice fo happelie accheved, nor commoditie to the hoill realme of France. And whofone the advertifment was brocht to Scotland thairof, the Quene regent caufit mak publick fyris of joy in the principall townis of the realme, for the comfortable newis of the fame.

At the fame tyme, Charles the fyft Empriour, being aged and fubject to feiknes, and thairfoire retired to Spane to pas the rest of his dayis in quyet and folitarie lyf, fend ambaffadors to the electouris of the impyre, with fufficient commiffionis and mandatis to renunce all his autoritie and office of the impyre, in favours of Ferdinande his broder, King of the Romanis; quha was admitted thairto and crownit Empriour be univerfall consent of the electors, the xvij day of Merche. Not long eftir, the faid Charles, quha was all his daies a vailyeant and victorious prince, deceiffed in Spane in the nixt yeir 1559.

All thingis neccellarie for the mariage of the Quene of Scottis with the Dolphine being prepared, and the hoill nobilitie and eftatis of the realme of France being convenit at Paris, apoun the xx day of Aprill 1588, in the gret hall of the palice of the Louver, in prefens of Kinge Henry of France, of the Quene his wyfe, and gret number of cardinallis, duikis, erlis, bifchoppis and nobill men, the fianzeillis, utheryis callit the hand fastinge, was maid with gret triumphe be the cardinall of Loran, betuix the excellent young prince Frances, eldeft fone to the moft vailyeant, curageous and victorious prince Henry King of France, and Marie Quene, heritour of the realme of Scotland, ane of the fareft, moft civile and verteous princes of the hoill world, with gret folempnitie, triumphe and banquating; and upoun the nixt Sunday, being the xxiiij of Aprill, the mariage was folempnizat and compleit betuix thame be the Cardinall of Burboun, Archebifhop of Rowen, in Nofter damis kirke of Pareis; quhair the bifhop of Paris maid ane verrey lerned and eloquent fermon, in prefens and affiftance of the King,

Quene, and money prelattis, nobill men, ladeis and gentill men of all estatis and calling, with most excellent triumphe, and the herauldis crying with loude voces thrie findre tymes, 'larges'; casting to the people gret quantitie of gold and silver of all kinde of fortes of conye, quhair thair was gret tumult of peple, everie one trubling and pressing utheris for gredines to get sum parte of the money. Eftir the quhilk thair was als gret magnifique solempniteis used in the kirke, with als gret dignitie and reverence as was possible; quhilk being done, thay entered in to the bischoppis palice, quhair thair was ane sumptuous and princelie denner prepared to the hoill cumpanie; and eftir thay had dyned, thair was used a princely danfinge, called the ball royall, to the gret confort and pleafour of all being thair presente; and quhofone the balling was endit, thay passed to the gret hall of the pallice royall, quhair thay suped with so gret magnificence, pompe and triumphe, that none of the assistance thair had evir sene the lyke; and thair presentlie was gevine to the Dolphine the title of King Dolphine, swa that he and the Quene was called thaireftir King and Quene Dolphine. The nixt day thay dyned in the same palice, and eftir denner retired to the Louver, quhair the banquetinge and triumphe was contenowed money dayes thaireftir; during the quhilk tyme thair was findre gret mariages maid in the Court.

During this hoill fymmer, the warris continowit still betuix France and Flanders verey hoit, and lykwyfe betuix Scotlande and Inglande, quhair Monsieur Dofell and the Frenche men maid continowall incurfionis, and the hoill nobill men and gentill men and substancious yemen keped the bordouris, and accompanied the Frenche men be quartaris, as use is of the realme; and thair was mony gret scarmilhis maid with Ingland, quhair findre was slayne and mony taikin on boith the fydis.

Quhill the realme was in this maner trubled with the warris, thay quha had invented of befoir, at Maxwell heuch, to steir up sum commotione and seditione aganis the Quene Regent and the Frenche men, begane to put

thair practife to executione, and caused certane preachers cum within the realme, principallie Paul Meffen, Johne Willox, Johne Douglas and certane utheris, quha in divers partis of the realme preached privatlie, and maid sic tumulte and uproir amangis the peple, that thay culd not be conteaned within the boundis of lauchfull obedience. Bot findre of thame fpak verrey fklanderoullie aganis the sacramentis, the authoritie of the kirk and utheris articles of the Catholique religeone ; for the quhilk caus thair was ane conventione or provinciall counfall of the hoill prelatis and clargie of the realme affembled at Edinburgh, aboute the ende of the monethe of Julij, quhair findre was accused for heresie, bot nane was executed or punished in thair bodeis, bot ordanit to abjure thair arrouris at the marcatt croce of Edinburgh, apoun Sainct Gelis day the first of September ; bot thair was so gret a tumult rased that day on the hie stret of Edinburgh, that thay quha was appointed to do opin pennance war suddantlie careid away, and the hoill proceffione of the clargie disperced ; the image of Sanct Geill being borne in proceffione, was taikin perforce fre the beraris thairof, brokin and distroyed ; quhairwith the Quene Regent was hiechlie offendit, and for stanchinge of the lyk truble in tyme cuming, sho appointed the Lorde Setoun to be provest of the toun of Edinburgh, quha keped the same in resonable guid ordour quhill the nixt fyummer thaireftir.

Quhen the ambaffadouris and commiffioners of Scotlande had tareit in the courte of France quhill the monethe of August, thay tuik thair leif of the Kinge, the Quene thayre owin Soverane, and of all the nobilitie, being richelie rewardit and propyned with copburdis of silver pairtlye gilt, of findre fortes, to everie ane of thame, of sic quantitie as was convenient to thair estate and calling. And being honorable dimished, talking thair jorney frome Paris, thay come to Deip about the ende of the said monethe, quhair suddantlie all the principall nobill men and prelatis become feik. Bot shortlie thaireftir the most of thame, being

of the wyfett and moft vailyeant of the realme of Scotlande, deceiffet thair, to the gret hurt of the commoune weill of the realme ; for the biſhope of Orknay, prefident of the college of juſtice, of finguler wit, judgement, guid lerning and lyve, with lang experience, deceffed in Deip the fixt of September. The Erle of Rothes, ane wyfe nobill man and a counſalor of longe tyme, deit alfo thair the ix of November ; and the Erle of Caſſillis, lord theſaurer of Scotland, quho was boith wyfe and vailyeant, deit thair the xiiij daye of the fame monethe : And my Lord Fleming, a nobill young man of guid curage and judgement, deceffed at Paris the xvij day of September thaireftir. And ſwa thair returnit in Scotlande the archebiſhope of Glaſgw, priour of Sanct Androis, the Lord Setoune, and laird of Dun, quha landit at Monros in the monethe of October ; eftir quhais arryving, the Quene cauſed proclame a parliament to be haldin in Edinburgh in December followinge.

In the monethe of Auguſt in this yeir, ane nobill and wyfe man, Archebalde Campbell Erle of Argyle, juſtice generall of Scotlande, and knyght of the ordour of Sanct Michael in France, deit ; and about the ſamyn tyme, the biſhop of Breachin deceiffit, and the abbot of Cuper was nominat to the biſchoperike be the Quene ; and Andro Durie biſhope of Galloway deit lykwyfe, and Maifter Alexander Gordoun archebiſhope of Athenis, was nominat to the fame ; and David Panter biſhope of Ros, and ſecretar of Scotland, deceiffit, and Maifter Henry Sinclair dein of Glaſgw and prefident of the college of juſtice, was nominat thairto ; and the abbayis of Melros and Kelfo was gevin to the cardinall of Gueis in France, be vertue of the acte of naturalization foirfaide ; quhilk abbayis was than vacande be the deceis of the Lorde James, eldeſt of the Kingis baſtarde ſonis. Thar deceiffed about the ſame tyme the abbot of Bamurinoche ; quhilk was gevin to Maifter Johne Haye.

About the middis of the monethe of November, Marie Quene of

Inglande, pairtlie throuche gret maloncolie for the loſe of Calice, and pairtlie through conſumptione of feiknes, endit hir lyfe the xvij day of the ſame monethe, and in hir place ane beutifull and verteous princes, Lady Elizabeth, was proclaimed Quene of Inglande, quha joyſes the ſame to thir dais.

At the tyme appointed, the parliament was convenit at Edinburgh in the monethe of December, quhair the eſtatis of the realme, ondirſtandinge the proceedingis of the ambaffadouris and commiſſioneris for thame in France, in contractinge and aſſiſtinge to the Quenis marriage with the Dolphin, thay approved and confermit the ſamin be univerſall conſent, finding guid all that the ambaffadours and commiſſioners had done thair-intill. Thaireftir, in the ſame parliament, the Quene regent proponit to the eſtatis, deſyring thame to grant ane crowne matrimoniall to the Dolphine of France, ſua that he mycht be called and intitulat, King of Scotlande, duringe the matrimonie betuix thame; quhilk was aggreit, and act of parliament maid thairupoun, and all lettres in Scotland ſtyled “Frances and Marie, be the grace of God, King and Quene of Scotland, Dolphyne and Dolphines of Vien,” and the ſeales and conye irnis changed in lyk maner. And the Erle of Argyle, and priour of Sanct Androis, was choſin be the eſtatis to pas in France with declaratione of the ſamin, quha eftir the parliament maid ſum licklie preparatione to that effect; bot yeat, be counfall of ſum utheris, ſeing a wechtier biſſines abill to be ſhortlie in hande within the realme, quhairunto thay war cheiflie employed, apoun that reſpect ſtayit thair jorney and paſt not in France at that tyme.

The King of France hering of the deathe of Quene Marie of Ingland, and of ſic actis of parleament and ſtatutes as ſho had maid aganis hir ſiſter Lady Elizabeth, to debar hir frome the ſucceſſione of the crowne; conſidering thairfoir that the Quenis majeſtie of Scotlande being laitlie mareit to the dolphine his eldeſt ſone, was juſt heritour of the realme of

Englande, as nerrest and lauchfull to the croun thairof, being onelie dochtir to King James the Fyft of Scotlande, quhois moder Quene Margaret was eldest sifter to King Henry the viij; and thairfoir caufed make publiēt proclamatiōne in Paris, publifhing the Quenis majestie of Scotlande to be Quene of Englande, Scotlande and Ireland, and caufed hir and the dolphin hir hufbande tak the armes of Englande, and jone with the armes of Scotland and France, and make all thair feales conforme thairto, and mark thair filver plait, brodir thair tapiftries, hingers and all uthers thingis with the famyn. And King Henrie being a prince of hiech and magnificque curage, and weill animated and incouraged be the vailyeant Duike of Gueis and his frendis, intendit to recover and obteane the realme of Englande, as juftlie pertening to the Quene of Scotlande; quhilk was the caus of gret trouble betuix the Frenche men, Scottifmen, and Inglifmen, in Scotlande, the nixt twa yeares following, quhill the hoill controverfie was aggreit at the feige of Leith, as eftirwart fhall appeare.

In this meintyme the tumult increffed dalie within the realme of Scotland, quhill at laft the precheours begouth to preche opinlie in divers partis, and principallie within fum houffis of the toun of Edinburgh; and findre Inglis buikis, ballettis and treateis was gevin furth be thame amangis the people, to move thame to feditione. The Quene regent perceaving the tumult increas, paft all the rest of that winter in fumpteous and magnificque banqueting, quhilk sho caufed the lordis make severalie in Edinburgh, thinking be that and ficlike familiar intertenement to have stayed all thair interprices; bot nothing culd stay thame frome the fame. Thairfoir, at the defyre of fum temporall lordis and barronis, sho caufed all the hoill prelattis and principallis of the clargie convene and begin a provinciall counfall in Edinburgh, the feconde day of Merche, quhilk continowit to the x day of Aprill thaireftir; and fend to thame with the Erle of Huntlie certane

articles presented to hir be the lordis and barronis; and thaireftir sho departed to Striveling, leaving the Lord Setoun proveft of the toun, to await apoun the prelattis. Quhilkis articles war in effect as followis :—

First, That the commone prayers shuld be permitted to be used publiclie in the parryshe kirkis, and the miniftratione of the sacramentis, in the Inglis toung.

Secoundlie, That all bishoprikes and uther benifices should be difponit to qualifeat men, to be chofin thairto be the electione of the temporall lordis, and people of thair dyofeis and parochynns.

Thirdlie, That all bishoppis and utheris benefest men fuld make residence at thair kirkis, and preche be thame selfes, conforme to thair calling; or utheris to be placed, quho culd best do the samyn.

Fourtliie, That none shuld be admittit in tymes cuming to anye benefice, bot these qua war of sic lernit and utheris qualiteis, as thay culd be thame selfes but helpe of utheris execut thair charge in precheing and miniftratione of the sacramentis; with findre utheris articles to this effect.

Eftir the prelattis had consulted lang thairupoun, thay gaf anfuer to the Quene in this maner. As to the first, they had no power to alter the ordour of publique prayers and adminiftratione of the sacramentis, prescryved and observed so mony yeris be the Catholique kirke; and thairfoir wald not agre that any prayers war used publickly in the volgar tounge, leaving to everye manis discretione to use his private prayers in quhat toung pleased him best. And as to the electione of bishoppis and utheris benefest men, thay walde wishe that the same ordour quhilk is prescrivit be the cannowne law, in the electione of bishoppis and utheris ministers of the kirke, war observed. Bot becaus the nominatione of the prelattis of the realme pertenis principallie to the prince, thairfoir thay remit the anfuer thairof to be gevin be the prince hir self with hir counfall. As to the uther twa articles, tueching the residence of benefest men in executione of thair office in precheing

and miniftratioun of the facramentis, and that none fuld be promoved to benefices bot thay that are weill qualifeit thairfoir, thay affirmed that thair was no bettir ordour culd be devided nor was prescrivit alreddy be the cannone law and flatutes of thair provinciall counfall to that effect; and thairfoir thay promesed to caus the fame be put to dew executione in all pointis. And than presentlie thay maid mony sharp flatutes, and commandit all the bishoppis, abbottis, prioris, deanes, arche-deanes and all the rest thair presentlie affembled, and utheris throche all the partis of the realme, to mak thame selffis able, and use thair awin offices according to thair fondationis and callingis, within the space of sax monethes, onder the pane of deprivation; quhilk was the princepall caus that a gret number of younge abbottis, priors, deanis and benefest men assisted to the interprice and practife devysed for the ourthrow of the catholicke religeon, and tumult aganis the Quene and Frenche men, fearing tham selffis to be put at, according to the lawis and flatutes. And so the counfall was endit apoun the x daye of Apryle. Eftir the quhilk the Quene regent immediatlie caused summounde Johne Knox, Johne Willox, John Douglas and Paule Meffane, to compeir befoir the justice in Striveling the x day of Maij, onder the pane of rebelloun. Bot thay war be thair secreit favoraris convoyit to Perth, quhair thair was convenit certane of the princepall barronis of Fyf, Angus and Meirnis, sic as the maister of Lyndfay, the lordis of Tulibarne, Dun, Pettero and dyvers utheris; quha sende the lairde Dun in message to the Quene regent, desyring hir to discharge the faide summoundis, quhilk sho wald on no wayis do, bot becaus thay comperit not, sho procedit aganis thame, and caused denunse thame rebellis and put thame to the horne; and thairfoir incontinent eftir the returning of the lairde Dun with the Queins anfuere to Perth, Johne Knox past to the parishe kirke of the toun and maid a publick fermound; declaring that it was most acceptable service to God to destroy and cast doune the altaris, burne

the images, pull downe the religious places and destroy thame, cast out the monkis and freris, and to make siclik reformatione. And swa the multitude of the people and craftifmen, being moved spciallie be the perswatione of the sermonde, and encouraged with the presence of the barronis, and one sicht of the Lord Ruthven, thair proveste of the toun, and bailyeis thairof, than presentlie thay pulled downe the hoill altaris, images and tabernacles of the parochie kirke, and brint the samyn; and fre that passed strait way to the abbay of the charter hous, and pullit all the hoill place downe, alsweill the kirk thairof as uther houffes, places, and all the coastlie bigginis quhilkis was maid be King James the Firft, fundatour thairof, quhilk was the fairest abbay and best biggit of any within the realme of Scotlande; and cuttit downe the hoill growing trees and all uther polices; and without any forder stay, past to the gray and black freris, and to the Carmaleittis place callit the Tullielum, and thair pulled thame all three downe to the erd, with sic rage and furie of the people, that scarlie was thair leste ane stane standing apone another; and all the freris put furth of thame, and spulyeit of all that they had; and fre that past to all parishe kirks and uther places thairabout, and maid the lyk reformatione. And thair first thay tuike to thame the name of the Congregatione, and fet furth proclamationis, declaring the caus moving thame to proceide of zeill and conscience to remove idolatrie and superstitione, and to place sinceir and trew religione within the realme; and wreit findre lettres through all the partis of the realme, to persuade the lordis and barronis to assist to thame in thair interprice, as findre did, quhilk maid shortlie a gret tumult in divers partis of the realme.

Quowfome knowlege was brocht to the Quene regent of this tumult and uproir begun in Perth, sho fend suddantlie Monsieur Dofell and his Frenche men, and caused thame cum to Striveling; and lykewyse for the Duik of Chattilliro, the Erle of Argyle, Atholl, Merihell, and

for divers utheris nobill men furth of findre partis of the realme, quho come to Striveling; sho being accompaneit with thame, and with the archebifhoppis of Sanct Androis, Glasgw, bifhoppes of Dunkell, Dumblane, priour of Sanct Androis, abbottis of Cuper, Dumfermeling; and mony uther prelattis, past thair fre to the toun of Perth, quhair thay war receaved be the Lord Ruthvene proveft of the toun, and princepallis thairof. Bot the cheif authoris of the commotione war departed or thair cuming; and sue the Quene tareing thair certane dayes, tuik deliberatione be the adwyse of the hoill counfall, quhat was best to be done for stanching of those troubles; and quhill thay war advifing thair-upoun, the Erle of Argyle and priour of Sanct Androis departed furth of the toun secreitlie, but knowlege of the Quene or counfall, and past to the citie of Sanct Androis, quhair thay used the same ordour quhilk was begun at Perth of befoir, and caused cast doun alteris, burne the images of all the kirkis within that citie, and to pull doune the freris places, kirkis and bigginis, with the college kirke of Heuche, and all uther privat chappellis within the toun; and convenit a gret cumpanie of the cuntrie men, and passed to the abbayis of Lundoris, Balmerino, the parishe kirkis within Fyfe, and did the like; and frome that to Cuper, quhair thay remaned.

The Quene regent hering of that departing and procedingis, be the adwyse of the counfall committed the toun of Perth to capitane James Stewart of Cardonell and capitane James Culane, quha remaned thair with sax hundreth fouldioris; and the Quene with hir hoill cumpanie past to Falklande, and in the nixt day fend to the Erle of Argyle and priour of Sanct Androis, being in Cowper, and comandit thame to repaire to Falklande, quhilk thay refused to do; and thairfoire the hoill cumpanie of the Frenchemen merched forduart to haif apprehendit thame, quhill thay come to the mure of Couper, quhair lykwyse the Scottifmen come furth and mustered in

thair fight; and quhen boith the armeis was reddye to have joyned in battell, the Duike of Chattilliro and the Erle Merfhell travelled fo eirnefflie betuix thame, that thay caused the Erle of Argyle and priour of Sanct Androis, with thair hoill cumpaneis, retire to Sanct Androis; and so returning with the Frenche men to Falklande, thay perfuadit the Quene to returne to Edinburgh with hir hoill cumpanie, and thair to fend for the nobilitie, and be thair advyfe take ordour quhat was best to be done for stanchinge of the present gret trubles, quhilk was apperand to be throughe all the realme. And the nixt day thaireftir departed frome Falklande to Edinburgh, quhair was convenit all the foirfaid nobill men and prelattis, with the Erlis of Huntlie, Bothwell, Craufurd and mony utheris; bot in the meintyme, the Erle of Argyle and the priour determined to recover the toun of Sanct Johnstone, and to [make reformatioun] in all uther borrows townis in the fouth and west pairts of Scotlande; and to that effect fend to the Erle of Glencarne, Lord Boyd and fyndre utheris of the west pairtis, to cum foruair and jone with thame; as thay did at the said toun of Sanct Johnstone, quhilk thay seged; quhair of the Quene regent being advertesed, fend the Erle of Huntlie, desyring thame to desist frome thair interprice and leif the seging of the toun; quhilk thay wald on no wayis do, bot persevered in thair perfuit quhill the toun was randered to thame, quhair thaye tareit certane daies; and in the mein seafone, the communitis of the townis of Dundie and Perth past to the abbay of Scone, situat within a myle to the toun; and becaus sum restrainet was maid unto thame at thair first enteres, thay thairfoir brint the maist parte of the kirke and hoill abbay, spulyeit and distroyed the hoill policie thairof; and suddantlie thaireftir thay past to Strivelinge, quhair thay used the lyk ordour, and pulled down the black and grey freris kirkes, and hoill places; and but ony long tarie past fordward to Linlythgw, quhair thay caused pull down the frearis lykwife; and stayed in that toun certane space for the westland men, quha was

appointed to joyne with thame, to the intent thay mycht go with greter forces toward Edinburgh.

The Quene regent, eftir ſho had hard thair anſuer reported be the Erle of Huntlie, that thay wold not leave thair interprice, bot that thay procedit with gret rigour, and purpoſed to cum to the toun of Edinburgh; thairfoir ſho ſend for the proveſt and baillies of Edinburgh, and required thame to defend the toun, and not to ſuffer the Erle of Argyle and the congregatione enter thairintill; and offered thame the aſſiſtance and forces of the Frenche men, to remane within the toun for thair defence. Bot the baillies gave anſuere, that the multitude of the commone people was ſo effectiſonate to the new alteratione, ſpecialie for hoip of the ſpulye of the freris places and kirkis, thay culd not be governit nor rewled; and thairfoir thay wald not take upoun hande to debar thoſe lordis furth of the toun; quhilk moved the Quene regent with the hoill cumpanie of the lordis and Frenchemen to depairt preſentlie furth of the abbaye towart Dumbar; bot or thay war paſt four myle frome Edinburgh, the Erle of Argyle and all his cumpanie entered in the toun of Edinburgh without anye reſiſtance, quhair thay war weill receaved; and ſuddantlie the black and gray freris places war ſpulyeit and caſſin doune, the haill growing treis plucked up be the ruittis; the Trinitie Colledge and all the prebendaris houffis thairof lykwyſe caſſin doune; the altaris and images within Sanct Gelis kirke and the kirke of Feild deſtroyed and brint; and thairfre paſt to the Quenis palice of Halierudhous, and intromitted with the Quenis hoill movables and furneſſing being thairintill; ſiclyke tuike the conye hous and conye irins fre Maifter Robert Richardſone than theſaurar, and cauſed him deliver to thame all the redde conyeit money quhilk was in his handis, of no ſmall quantitie; and than ſtabliſhed ane counſall, proclaimed lettres in the Quene thair ſoveranis name, be the advyſe of the lordis of hir ſecreit counſall as thay called thame ſelffis, publiſhing the çaus of thair

interprice to be for the reformatione of the religeone, and expelling of the Frenche men; and so remaned thair still of thame selffis, as the full authoritie had bene in thair handis.

About this tyme the Maister of Maxwell, quha was keped presoner in the castell of Edinburgh, departed furth of the same be ane corde our the wall thairof, quhair thair was certane horfes in redines with frendis of his owne, quha receaved and convoyide him in his owne countrey; and sone thaireftir he joyned him selfe with the lordis of the Congregatione.

Quhill thay tareid in this maner in Edinburgh, the Quene regent, be the advyse of the hoill counsell, willing to caus thame depart furthe of that toun, caused the Frenche men merche forduart, accompaneit with the Duike of Chattilliro, Erlis of Huntlie, Bothwell, Mortoun, lordis Setoun, Borthuikie and monye utheris barronis and gentill men, quha come apoun the fuddane to the linkis of Leithe, of purposis to geve battell to the loirdis of the Congregatione, or ellis to caus thame departe furth of the toun of Edinburgh. The lordis being in Edinburgh hering of thair fuddane cuming, war affrayed, and notwithstandinge, come furth of the toun and affembled thair hoill forces together, but culd not be sufficient number to resist aganis the Frenche men; and thairfoir be mediatione and labouris of the Erle of Huntlie, quha travelled ernistlie for stanchinge of bluidshed that day, caused xij lordis and barronis meit on everie fyde; quhair thair was ane appointment maid, contayning certane articles of the effect following, upoun the xxij of Julij.

First, That the lordis of the Congregatione and all thair hoill cumpanie, sauffing onlie the indwellers of the toun of Edinburgh, should pas furth of the toun, and leave the samyn voyd without any men of war, at the Quenis regentis pleasour.

That the lordis of the Congregatione should rander all the conyeit money taikin be thame, with the conye irins, and deliver the samyin

into thair handis quha had the charge thair of be the Quene. And lykwyse the palice of Halierudhous should be left and randered to the keper thair of, or to any uther having sufficient pouer of the Quene, in the same estait as it was received, and that befor they depart of the toun of Edinburgh; and for keping of the twa foirfaidis articles, the Lord Ruthven and the Lorde of Pettarro was delivered as pledges be thame to the loirdis commiffioneris for the Quenis pairt. The faidis lordis of the Congregatione, and all those that dependis apoun thame, shall remane subjectis and obedient to the authoritie of the King and Quene thair foveranis, and to the Quene regent, and shall obey all lawis and customis of the realme, as evir they war wount befor this truble and controverfie, except in that quhilk concernis the religeone, as shalbe heireftir specifijt.

The faidis lordis of the Congregatione shall not truble nor molest any prellattis or kirkmen be way of deid in thair persones, nor shall make any impediment to thame to jois thair rentis, proffittis and dewtes of thair benefices, swa that they shall use frelie and dispone thairupoun, conforme to the lawis and customes of the realme, quhill the x day of Januar nixt following.

That none of the congregatione shall use any force or violence upoun kirkis or religeous places, bot they shall remane in thair integritie and estait as they wer at that present, quhill the said day.

The toun of Edinburgh shall cheis without compulfione, and use sic forme of religeone as shall please thame, to the end that the inhabitantis thair of may leve in libertie of conscience quhill the said day.

That the Quene regent fall not interpone hir authoritie to molest or truble the prechers, or impeshe or truble any of the Congregatione in thair bodeis, landis, guidis, possessionis or pensionis; fall not suffer the clarge having spirituall or temporall jurisdicthioun, to truble thame in ony wayis for the effares of the religeoun, or any thing depending

thairupoun, unto the said day ; and that everie one be suffered to leaf in particular, in the meintyme, conforme to his conscience.

These articles being concludit, the Frenchemen entered within the toun of Leith ; and upoun the nixt day thaireftir, the hoill lordis departed furth of Edinburgh toward the west cuntrey. The Quene regent come frome Dumbar to the palice of Halieruidhous, quhair sho remaned ; and becaus it appeared that the trubles and tumultis was stayed be the former aggrement, the Quene licensed the Duike of Chattilliro to pas to Hamiltoun, the Erlis of Huntlie and Merhell northward, and all the rest of the lordis to pas to thair owin houffes.

Quhill this commotione was in this wyis handled in Scotlande, thair was peace concludit betuix King Henry of France and King Phillip of Spangye, and the King of Spaine mareit the King of Frances eldest dochtir called Elizabeth, be the Duike of Alvy his commissiонер at Paris, the xxij day of Junij, quhair thair was gret triumphe maid ; bot in the middis thairof, apoun the last day of the same moneth, King Henry running his spear in the listis at Paris, in the rew of Sanct Anthony, he was strikin with the stroke of ane speare and hurt in the face, quhair of he lay feik in his ludgeing in the Turnallis, and deceifed thaireftir the x day of Julij. And shortlie eftir his deceise, Frances his eldest sone being xvj yeir of aige, and mareit upoun the Quenis Majestie of Scotland, was crownit King of France ; and he hering of the trubles than being in Scotlande, send ane wyfe and vailyeant capitane, called Monsieur de la Broche, and the bischope of Ameanis, with tow doctours of theologie, to assist the Quene regent with thair counfall, for pecefeing of the trubles within Scotlande ; quha arrivit at Leithe in the moneth of September ; and in the meintyme, the French men was fortifying the toun of Leithe, to the effect thay myght make residence thairintill, to resist all assaltis that myght be maid aganis thame.

Duringe this feafone, the Erle of Argyle and utheris of the west cun-

trey, perſuadit the Duik of Chattilliro to jone with the lordis of the Congregatione; quhilk he did, the rather that his ſone the Erle of Ar-rane being capitane of the Scottis cumpanie in France and weil treted, was ſecretlie departed for the religeon to Geneva; and fre that was con-voied be ane Inglifman, callit Maifter Randell, into England, quhair he was well treated and encouraged be the Quene to go foruart with this interprice, as he did erniſtly eftir his coming in Scotlande.

About the ende of September, the Duik of Chattilliro and lordis of the Congregatione, ſend to the Quene, and defyred hir to cauf the Frenche men leiſ the forteſeing of the toun of Leithe, quhilkis ſho refuſed; and thairfor they conuenit thair hoill forces, and come forduart to ſtaye the ſamyn. The Quene heiring thair of, entered within the toun of Leith with hir hoill Frenche men, and the biſhoppis of Sanct Androis, Glaſgw, Dunkell, Lordis Setoun, abbote of Dumfermelinge, and ſindre utheris, and forteſiet and kept the toun; and the Duke and lordis of the Congregatione come to Edinburgh, and prepared for the ſegeing of Leith; bot the Frenche men was bettir furneſſed of gret ordinance and uther ſmall artailyerie and all kinde of munitione nor thay, and was not contente to be ſeged within the toun, bot uſed daylie, and maid ſindre ſcarmifhis, and at laſt they come forduart with thair hoill forces, purpoſing to invayde the toun of Edinburgh; bot the Scottis men come furth of the toun, albeit oute of ordour, and encontered the Frenche men apoun the croftis beſyde the abbay of Holieruidhous, be-tuix Leithe and Edinburgh; quhair the Scottifmen was put to flyte, and capitane Alexander Halieburin with mony utheris was ſlayne, and the Frenchmen perſewit the chaſe evin to the poirtis of Edinburgh, and had maid gret ſlauchter, war not thair was twa gret cannonis ſchot furth of the caſtell at the Frenche army, quhilk ſtayed thame frome forder perſuit, ſo thay retered agane to Leithe. In the meintyme, the Duik of Chattilliro and the reſt of the congregatione, hering of the diffait of

thair cumpanie, departed suddantlie furth of Edinburgh to the west cuntrey; and the nixt day, the Quene Regent and Frenche men comé to Edinburgh, quhair ane gret pairt of thame remaned with the Quene all the nixt winter, the rest travelling in the cuntrey, as eftirward will appeir.

In the moneth of November, Monsieur Martigo, ane vailyeant and curageous capitane, arryved at Leith, with ane thufand guid fouldioris, and he was appointed crownell of the hoill Frenché army, quha extendit in nowmer to thre thufand and fyve hundreth men, befydis twa anfeinges of Scottifmen, ondir the gyding of James Steward of Caradonell and Anthony Kennedy, thair capitanis for the tyme.

The Duike of Chattilliro and lordis of the Congregatione, feing the army of the Frenche men increffed, fwa that thay be thair owne forces onlie war not abill to refist thame, fend the younge Lorde of Lethingtoun to the Quene of Inglande, defyryng fupport of hir to expell the Frenche men furth of Scotlande; quhilk the Quene of Inglande granted glaidlie, not onelie for the pleafour and fauftie of Scottifmen, bot principallie becaufe fho feared the haffard of hir owne realme and eftate, in cafe the Frenche men war fuffered to make refidence in that realme; and thairfoir the Quene of Ingland fend the Duik of Norfolk to Berwike, quhair thair come the Erle of Argyle, the priour of Sanct Androis, the Maifter of Maxwell, and the young laird of Lethingtoun, and maid ane contracte for receaving fupport of Inglande; promefing thair faythfull concurrence and affiftancé to the Inglifmen, during the King of France lyftyme, and ane yeir eftir; with findre utheris heiddis contened in the appointment; and for the keping of the fame, the loirdis of Scotlande entered pledges within Ingland, quha remaned quhill eftir the deceis of the King of France. The pledges war David Hammiltoun, third fone to the Duik of Chattilliro, ane uther called Campbell, coufing to the Erle of Argyle, Robert Douglas, brodir to the priour of

Sanct Androis, and laird of Lochleavin, and ane sone of the Lorde Ruthvenis.

The contracte of Inglande being endit, the lordis preiffed to set fourduart thair interprice through all the pairtis of the realme, and thairfore the Duike of Chattilliro, Erle of Argyle, Erle of Arrane and utheris, come to the toun of Glasgw, and caused tak done the images and altaris, and intronitted with the bischoppis castell and rentis, and pat in certane gentill men to keip the samyn. The Frenche men hering thair- of, past at the Quenis commandment, be the persuatione of the bischope of Glasgw, [and] merched forduart to Glasgw with thair hoill cumpanie; the bischoppe thair of, Lordis Symple, Setoun, Ros, Hacket, and divers utheris being with thame, recovered the castell againe, and tareit ane nycht in the cittie, and returned on the morne to Kirkintulloch, and sive fre that to Leithqw and Edinburgh.

At the same tyme, ane cumpanie of Frenche men being in Strive- ling, past be the brige thair of into Fyfe, and downe the coaste of Forth, with twa thousand men, of purpose to have gone to the cittie of Sanct Androis, and to have fortfeit that toun, and kept the same. At thair cuming to Kingorne, thair convenit together in Fyfe the Erles of Ar- rane, Erle of Rothes, the priour of Sanct Androis, Lorde Ruthven, Maister of Lindsa and dyveris utheris; being albeit few in number, yit thay daylie scarmisched the Frenchmen, and wold not suffer thame to go any space from the coast syd; and in the scarmis this thair was divers Frenche men slayne, and specialie a capitane called _____ with threttie of his souldioris, above Kirkcaldie; and few Scottis men was slayne or hurt, except the Erle of Sutherlande, quha being send be the Erle of Huntlie to the Quene Regent, happinit in cumpanie with the Scottis lordis at the priking besyd Kingorne, quhair he was evill hurt be the shot of ane caliver in the arme, furth of the Frenche army.

And the Frenche men being in thair progres at the mouth of the

water of Leavin in Fyfe, thair arryvit in thair fight ane navie of shippis, quhilk at the first kenning thay beleaved to have bene Frenche shippis ; bot shortlie thaireftir perceaving that to be the Inglis navie, thay retired thair army with gret diligence to the Brunt Ilande, quhair thay past the ferry of Kingorne in boittis and crayers to Leith, and thair ernesllie travelled, fortefing the toun of Leith, casting gret fofeis about the same, and making gret block houffes for thair defence thair.

The Inglis shippes come to the raid of Leyth, quhair thay kest thair anckeris, the x day of Januar. The Quene Regent fend unto the vice admirall, quha was capitane of the navie, called Maister Winter, and askit at him for quhat caus he was come in those watters ; quha anfuered, that he had bene on the seyis ferching pirattis, and in cais any of thame wold cum in the firth, he was cum to await apoun thame. Albeit this was his anfuer, the princepall caus was to stop any Frenche men to land furth of thir shippes, in case any war fend furth of France, and als to keip the fort of Incht keyth on victualed, and that none of the Frenche men might ishe furth of Leyth be sey, during the tyme of the sege of the toun. And in the meintyme, thair was ane army of aucht thousande men fend to Berwik, under the governement of the Duike of Norfolke generall thairof ; and the hoill army was fend in Scotlande with the Lord Gray, being appointed liuetennent thairto ; quha come to the lynkis besyd the toun of Leithe, on Satirday the saxt day of Aprill ; quhair at thair first arryvinge, or thay fet doun thair campt, Monsieur Martigo, crowner of the Frenche army, ishewt furth of the toun with ix hundrethe harcabushers of French men, to ane litell know called the Haik hill, quhair thair was gret contenowall and hat scarmishing betuix the Inglis men and French men, with harcabushers, culveringis and pistolettis, quhilk lasted the space of fyve or sax houris, in the quhilk thair was mony Inglis men and Frenche men also flane, and dyvers hurt ; and the said Martigo reterred him selfe and his cumpanie in ordour to the toune of

Leith, and the Inglifmen fet doun thair campte, and planted thair gret ordinance befyd the faid hill.

The Lorde Graye fend from Muffilburgh to the Quene Regent, being than in the caftell of Edinburgh, and defyred fum abftinence to be takin for xxiiij houris, to the effect he mycht fend to hir twe of his counfall, to declare to hir the caus of the cuming of the army, and to defyre fic thingis as mycht ftanche the fhedding of bloode quhilk appeared ; quhairwith the Quene being content, and fend ane harrault to Leyth to caus the faid affurance be taikin ; bot or he come to the toune the fcarmishe was begun. In this meintyme, the Lorde Gray fend Sir George Hawart and Sir James Croftis to the caftell of Edinburgh, to fpeik with the Quein to this effect ; quha had long conferance with hir, apoun the blok hous at the utter yeit of the faide caftell, the fame day, during the tyme of the fcarmishe ; quhair thay declared the caus of the cuming of the army was as is abone mentioned, and defyred the Quene to caus the Frenche men to depairt furth of the realme of Scotland, and thay promefed in that cafe, the Inglis army fhould returne agane presentlie in thair owin realme, and fhould not inquiet or trubill Franch or Scottis ; quhairupoun the Quene tuik to be advyfed quhill the nixt day, that fho mycht confult with the princepallis of thame quha was within the toune of Leyth, defyring it fhould be lefum to hir to fend to thame to that effect, quhilk was aggreit. And fo on the morne, fho fend Drummounde ane trumpetour with ane lettre to Monsieur de la Broche, to the effect foirfaid, and directed him to pas to the Inglis campte, and get ane gyde with him to the toun of Leyth, as was aggreit, quhair thair was ane appointit to go with him. But fone eftir his departing fre the Lord Grays campt, he was fuddantlie fend for againe, and his lettres taikin frome him, and commandit to returne to the caftell of Edinburgh to the Quene, and declare thay wold haif no commouning, bot be revenged on the Frenche men for the flauchter of thair men the

night preceding. And on this wayis all commouning was difcharged, and the fege confermed, with moft sharpe perfuit and ftronge defending on ather fyd.

Than the Inglifmen begouth to caft trinches apoun the fouth fyd of the toun, and beggit ane litill mont, quhilk thay called Mounte Pellam, and placed thair ordinance thairupoun ; bot the famyn was fo far diftant from the toun, that thai mycht not do fo gret hurt to the fame be thair ordinance, as thaye intendit.

At this feige, the Lord Gray liuetennent of the Inglis army ludged in Leftalrig toun in the Deanis hous, and mony of all thair hors and demilances. The fuitmen, with thair capitanis, ludgit in thair tentis and pailyeons on the fouth and fouth eft fyd of the toun of Leith, and diveris Scottis lordis campit on the feildis with thame, fic as the Erlis of Argyle, Arrane, Glencarne, Rothis, Lordis Boyde, Uchiltre, the priour of Sanct Androis, the Maifter of Maxwell and utheris. The Duik of Chattilliro and divers utheris remaned in the abbay of Halieruidhous, and fumtyme in the toun of Edinburgh. Thair was with the Quene in the caftell, the bifchope of Sanct Androis, the bifhop of Dunkeld, the Erle Merfhell, the Lord Erfkin, capitane of the caftell, Maifter James M·Gill, clarke of the regifter, the proveft of Dunglas, callit Maifter Abrahame Creychtoun, and findre utheris. The Quene all the tyme of this fege was wonderous foir vexit with feiknes till hir death ; yit fho ceafed not continowalie to fend meffage to the lordis to have all matteris taikin up and aggreit betuix thame and the Frenche men ; and to that effect fend for the Erle of Huntlie, quha come fre the north lande, and remaned in the toun of Edinburgh a certane fpace. He returned north againe, taikand gret laboris betuix the Quene and the lordis, to have all agreit. Bot feing he culd proffeit no thing thairintill, eftir he had tareit in Edinburgh a certane fpace, he returned north agane during the tyme of the faid feige.

In this meintyme, the Inglifmen lying encamped upoun the fouth eft fyde of the toun, befyd Mount (Pellam,) fchot many gret fchottis of cannonis and gret ordinances, at the parrishe kirk of Leyth and Sanct Anthoneis fteple, quhilk was fortifeit with mounted artailyerie thair upoun be the French men, and brak down the fame. Bot apoun the Pafche Mounday, being the xv day of Aprile; the French men ihewd furth of the towne at xj howres of the day, and entered in the Inglis mennis tranches befor they culd be advertifed, and maid gret flachter upoun the watches and utheris, quha come refchlie to the alarum without armor; amangis the quhilk the Maifter of Gray, being the Lorde Grayis eldeft fone of England, was hurt, and mony flayne. Bot they feing they culd do no gret hurt to the wallis of the toune be ordinance in that manner, they keift new tranches apoun the fouthe and fouth weft partis of the toun, and biggit ane mount thair, quhilk they called Mont Somerfett, quhair they placed thair ordinance, and fhot at the wallis fo many fhottis that ane gret parte thair of fell down; and the Inglifmen perceaving the famyn, thinking to haif interes thairat in the toune, one day in the morning befor day they gaif ane gret brafe and affault to the fame, with ane thousand fouldioris Inglis and Scottis, with mony lederis maid to that effect, quha affailyeit the fame verrey ftoutlie; bot the wallis was fo curageouflic defendit be the Frenche men, that the Inglifmen war repulfed and gret number of thame flayne. The Inglifmen confidering that they had gottin no advantage be this affault, they invented ane uther moyen, and caufed mak ane litell hill of erd apoun the weft fyde of the watter of Leith, of ane gret heicht, quhilk they callit Mont Falcone, and caufed mont and place gret ordinance thair-upoun, quhilkis war fhot contenowalie in the toun, fpeciallic at the ludgeingis on the fchoir fyde; for they did gret fkaith, for whatfumevir travelled within the toun, was markit by thame quha was on that mont, and fhot at be certane ftelled pecis of ordinance appointed for that purpois.

All the tyme of this sege the Frenche men oftymis ihewd apoun the fandis of Leith, and sum tymis upoun the Inglis trinches, quhair thair was wonderous fair skarmishing and money slayne, alswell Scottis men as Frenche or Inglis ; amangis the quhilkis, Capitane Kennedy, quha was within the toun, and yong Harrie Drommond was slayne, and the lairde of Cleifche without the toun was slayne also.

This army of the Inglifmen was well furneshed of all kinde of victuallis and provifione necessar, furth of all pairtis of the realme, upoun resonable prices ; bot the Frenchemen within Leyth had gret penuritie of all kinde of victuallis, so that thay war conftrayned to eit thair owine horses, and esteame the flesche of thame moir delitious nor evir thay did venifone of befoir. Thair was also gret skarfetye of victuallis in Inche keyth, yeat nodir of thame wold rander thair strentis, hoping for releif furth of France, quhilk the King prepared to be send with the Merques of Albuife ; bot thair was sic ane suddane tumult and feditione raised at Ambose aganis the Kinge, that the same stayed the said support, and mony uther goode purposes.

In this meane tyme the Quene regent, being fair vexit with seiknes, perceaving the tyme of hir death to approche, send for the Duike of Chattilliro and all the lordis of Scotland that was in the toune of Edinburgh and campte ; quha come to hir to the castell of Edinburgh, quhair sho maid unto thame ane godlie and wyfe exhortatione ; persuading thame to unities and concord with thair ancient freind and considerattis of France, and now mair tendir to thame nor ever thair weare of befoir, be reasone of the mariage of the Quene thair soverane with the King of France ; and shew unto thame that Inghland used thame onelie bot as instrumentis to serve thair owine turne ; and the support quhilk thay had sende to expell the Frenche men was onelie in respect of thair owne saistie, and not for the weill of any Scottis man ; and declared for hir owine pairte, sho favored the weill of the realme of Scotlande

alſwell as France, be reaſone ſho had the honour to be Quene and regent thairof, and hir dochtir heretable Quene of the ſamyn; and yf evir ſho did or attempted any thing quhilk ſemit, or apparit to the nobill men, utherwayis nor as ſho did than preſentlie declair, ſho affermit the ſamyn to haif bene rather for lacke of wiſdome and judgment nor for want of guid will; and gif God wold prolong hir daies, ſho wald amend the ſamyn; and gif it pleaſed him to call hir to his mercye, ſho prayit thame moſt hartlie to acknowledge thair duetie unto the Quene thair ſoverayne, and keip thair ancient frendſhipe with the King and realme of France thair confederattis, and to make ane guid concorde and appointment with the Frenche men in the toun of Leyth, quha wold accept the ſame gladlye, to the effect that thay and the Ingliſmen boithe myght depart furth of Scotlande; for ſho feared grettumlie that, in caſe the French men war departit, the Ingliſmen wald remane and ſubject the cuntrey to thair obediens; and thairfoir prayit all guid Scottiſmen, to haif reſpect to the libertie and weill of his cuntrey. Eftir ſho had ſpokin ane lang ſpace on this wayis to the lordis, with mony teares, ſho deſyred thame to forgif hir of any thing ſho had done to offend any of thame during hir remaning in Scotlande; quhilk thay glaidlie granted unto hir; and ſiclicke ſho remitted thame hartlie all offences quhilkis thay had done aganis hir; and ſo divers of thame and thay all tuike thair leiſ and returned to Edinburgh, and to thair campt.

During this ſege of Leith, thair was raiſed divers gret troubles in ſindre partis of the realme, and principallie betuix the Erle of Huntlie and the Erle of Atholl, quhair thair was takin of men and doun caſting of houffes on ather ſyd, and gret preparatione maid be ather of thame to invaide utheris, and armeis in redines to pas in ather of thair cuntreis to that effect. Bot the ſamin was ſtayed be the laboris of Maifter Alexander Gordoun than poſtulat of Galloway, Maifter Johne Leſlie officiall of Aberdene, and William Leſlie young laird of Balquhane,

quha appointed thame upoun all eliftis, wrangis and controverfeis, and caufed thame meit and pas to atheris houffes, and fo contenowed in guid freindshipe eftirwart. The lordis of the Congregatione all this tyme caufed findre in all parties of the realme medle with the kirkmennis houffes and thair guidis, and speciallie the bishop of Rosses hous of the channonre of Ros, the bishoppis of Glasgw, Dunkell, Dumblane; Dumfermeling, Melros, Kelfo and mony utheris; and factors was appointed to thair benefices, quha wold not adjone with thame, be the quhilk cullour thay tuike upe the fruttis to thair awn use and commoditie.

Capitane Charlebus remaned all the tyme of the sege in Dumbar, and scarmished the Inglifmen in thair jorney cuming frome Inglande to Leith and returning, be the concurrence of the Erle Bothuile, quha contenowalie maid privat incurfionis aganis the Inglifmen all that tyme.

At the same tyme the Duike of Norfolke, quha was generall for the Quene of Inglande and remaned contenowalie in Berwik, come secreitlie with ane few cumpanie and vifeit the camp at Leithe and the toun of Edinburgh, and returned agane or any knowlege was spred of his being thair.

The Kinge of France being advertesed of the extremyte that his capitanis and fouldioris being in the toun of Leyth was into, through the contenowall and sharpe perfuit and segeing of the Inglis and Scottifmen, and perceaving that he could not be abill to sende sic forces as shuld be sufficient for thair relief, within sa schorte tyme as thair necessitie required; and confidering the new tumult begun within his awin cuntry at Amboist, he thocht best to travell to haif the effares in Scotlande componed and aggreit. And to that effect he sende twa ambassadouris to the Quene of Inglande, quhilk was Monsieur Monluke bishope of Valance and Druffe, and the Erle of Randen; quha cuming in Inglande, declared to the Quene, thay war sende to desyre hir to retire hir army furthe of Scotlande, upoun sic reasonable treatis and

conditionis as thay culd aggre apoun, quhilke thai offered to treat apoun with hir; for that thay affermed it was not decent that the Kinge of France should sende to his awine subjectis of Scotlande, as he affermed thame to be, through the lait mariage of the Quene thair Soverane, to treat for peace or contract with tham. The Quene of Inglande being glade of this office, send Sir William Cecill knycht, hir principall secretaire, and Doctour Wolton deane of Cantirberry and Yorke, with the Frenche ambaffadouris, into Scotlande, to treat, appoint, conclude and determine ane peace amangis Frenche, Inglis and Scottis; and being honorable and sauffie convoyde, thay maid thair jornay quhill thay come to the town of Edinburgh in Scotlande.

Quhen thir ambaffadours was apoun thair jornay, beleaving to have found the Quene Regent leaving in the castell of Edinburgh, quhome thay thought fuld be ane guide instrument to further this concorde, at thair arryving, thay did know that this honorable princes, pairtlye consumed with gret malancolie, thought and grevous displeasour, pairtlye with lang and incurable feiknes, was called be the pleasour of God to his mercy, and deceffed in the castell of Edinburgh the x day of Junij, in the yeir of God I^m V^clx yeris. Hir body thaireftir was careid to France in ane ship, to the abbay of Feekin in Normandie. Sho was ane nobill, wyfe and honorable princeffe and chaift Ladie, ever weill and verteoullie exerced, keping hir vidowit with gret honor. During hir tyme, sho lerned als guid experience of the natour of Scotlande, and inclinatione of the nobilitie and peple, as evir ony Kinge of that realme had, and culd apply hir als weill to thair maners and conditiones; and in the tyme that sho was Regent, sho kepit guid justice, and was weill obeyit our all the partis of Scotlande, as also in Orknay and in the Ilis; and affuredlie gif sho had bene suffreid to haif reulit the realme be hir owin jugement and experience, with the counfell of the nobilitie and wyse men of the famin, (as of hir self sho was inclinit to do,) thair had

nevir bene controverfie nor debaite betuix hir or any Scottifmen. Bot becaus Monfieur Dofell, Rubie, and utheris Frenche men wer adjoned to hir, without the advyfe of the ftatis of Scotlande, quha daylie preffed hir be thair new inventionis to make alteratione of lawis, raising of impofitionis, taxtis and uther fic things as had nevir bene ufed in that realme; thairfoir the eftatis and peple did murmour and grudge thair-at, and not for any evill contentment thay had at the faid noble princes; for fho deceiffed with gret regrait, in meane maid for hir throch the hoill realme. A litell befoir hir departing, fho caufed make ane buike, quhairin was written the names of all the principall men of any calling or eftate quhatfumevir, spirituall or temporall, clark, barron or burges, within the dominionis of Scotlande, and of thair guide behaveour and evill, notinge thame quha was dewitifull fubjectis from the uther that was feditious; and fho caufed fend the fame to the Quenis Majestie our Soverane, hir dochtir in France, that thairby fho should lerne and underftande the ftate of the cuntrey, and quhome to traift, and in quhat maner to behave hir felf in tymis cuming. The deith of the Quene Regent difcouraged mekle the Frenche men within Leyth, and the French ambaffadoris alfo that was cum to treat concorde, and maid thame to aggre upoun far inferiour conditionis nor thay war of purpofe of befoire.

The four ambaffadoris and commiffioners of France and Inglande, cuming to Edinburgh, entered in conference amangis thame felffis apoun mony and fyndre articles, quhilks was proponed on all fydis, alfwell for the releif of Scottifmen as for the weill and fuirtie of the Quene of Inglande; quhairupoun certane lordis of Scotlande conferred with tham, and eftir long treatie, thair was a peace concludit and contracted the faxt daie of Julij, in the yeir of God I^m V^c lx yeris, bearing divers heidis and articles to be done be Frenche, Scottife and Inglifmen, as is conteaned at lenth in the treatie and aggrement maid at that tyme, quhair of the foume and effect was as heir followis :

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That the King of France and Quene of Scotlande his spous, fould not use the armes or tyle of Inglande or Irelande in tymes cuming; and that all lettres sealed with that armes fould be called in within fax monethes, and maid null.

That the realme of Scotland fuld be governit be xij counsalours of the nobilytie and lordis, and fevin of thame to be gevin be the Quene, and the rest be the lordis.

That all injuries and lait hurttis done in this yeire fuld be foryet; and to that effect a parliament to be haldin in the nixt moneth of August, for conferminge ane acte of oblivione of all injuries done fra the xth daye of Marche 1558, to the first daye of August 1560 yeris; and that a commiffione should be fend frome France to holde the same parliament.

That every man fould be restorit to sic offices as he had of befoir, and that no Frenche man should bruik office in Scotland.

That the wallis of the toun of Leith should be cassin doun to the ground, and siclyke the fort biggit befoir Dumbar, gif the nobill men of Scotland thocht the same to be done.

That all the French capitanes and men of warr that were in Scotland, fuld embark within xx^{vj} daies, and fuld depairt furth of the realme, saving onlie ane hundreth and xx^{vj} foldiours, who should remane in Dumbar and Inchekeith, for keping of thame; and thay to be subject to the lawis of the realme as any uther Scottisfen.

Item, That the hoill Inglis army fuld depairt furth of Scotland at the same tyme.

That it should not be lesfum to any Frenche foldiours to cum in Scotland, or munitione to be fend from France, bot by the consent of the nobilitie thairof.

And as to the state of religione, the same was deferrit to ane new treatie.

Heir is necessar to be rememberit, the caus quhy in this treatye their was nothing aggreit tueching religione; becaus the commiffioners of Ingland wald haif wishid the Congregatione of Scotland to haif reffavit the difcipline and ceremonies conforme to the order establisht laity befoir in thair parliament of Ingland, fo that boith the realmes micht haif ben uniforme in religione and ceremonies; bot the minifters and congregatione of Scotland, thinking thair awin profeffion eftir the order and difcipline of Geneva, to be moir pur, as conteyning no uther ceremonies nor is expreffely mentioned in the fcriptour, thairfore wald not reffave or admitt any uther; and the commiffioners for France walde not appreve nane of the tua, and thairfoir that mater was delayit.

Eftir this appointment was endit, all the portis of the town of Leith was opinnit and maid patent; and becaus thair was no Frenche fhippes thair to carye awaye thair armye, thairfoir the Quene of Inglandis fhippis was conduēt it thairto, and the Frenchmen, the bifchop of Glasgw, and Lord Setoun, embarquit about the xixth daye of Julye, and maid faille with prosperous winde and weddir to France. The Inglis armye departit likwyife, and be the waye caufit caft doun the foirt before the caftle of Dumbar, as it was appointit befoir.

In the beginning of Auguft, thair was a parliament haldin in Edinburgh, conforme to the appointment, quhair the acte of oblivione was publifched, and a generall remitt of all offences bigane, as was aggreit in the treatye laity maid at Leith. It was thair alfo aggreit to fend the Erlis of Mortoun, Glencarne, and the young laird of Lethingtoun, to the Quene of Ingland, to gif hir thankis for thair fupport, and to offre the beft amangis thame, (quhome they esteamit to be the Erle of Arrane,) to be difpofit in mariage at hir pleafour, meanyng to be maryet with hir felf. And fchortlie thaireftir they paffit in Ingland with the faid meffage, quhair thay reffavit guid wordis and intertenement, and no moir, and fo returnit in Scotland.

The lordis remanit the most part of this winter in Edinburgh, quhair thay begouth to establishe the religion, appointing superintendentis to diverse partis of the realme; speciallye ane to Fife, ane to Lowthiane, and ane to Glasgw, ane to Angus, ane to Galloway; and implanting ministers in the principall borrow tounis, to remane quhair thay war receavit; and than caufit summone findre of the best learnt men out of all the partis of the realme to cum to Edinburgh, to gif reason of thair faith and professiōne of thar religiōwne. Amangis the quhilkis, thair was caufit to compeir furth of the universite of Aberdene, Mr John Leslye official of Aberdene, licentiat in boith the lawis, Mr Alexander Anderfōne principall of the college, professōr of theologie, and findrie utheris; quha compeirit befor the lordis in the tolbuith at Edinburghe, and being inquirit of the articles of doctryne be Johne Knox, John Willox, and Mr Guidman ministers, thair was very sharpe and hard disputacions amangis thame, speciallie concerninge the veritie of the body and bluid of Christ, in the sacrament and sacrefice of the Messe. Bot nothing was concludit, for that every ane of them remanit constant in thair awin professiōne; and thairfore these clarkis of Aberdene war commandit to waird in Edinburgh a lang space thairefter, and that thay shuld not preiche in ony wyis in tymes cumming.

Quhill this was in doing in Scotland, Frances King of France had assemblit the hoill estaitis of France in the town of Orleance, quhair he was suddantlye striken with seiknes, and deceiffit thair the first daye of December. And incontynent thaireftir, Charles his brodir was receavit King be the hoill estatis in his place, and crownit. And the Quenes hieghnes of Scotland being now left widowe, eftir sho had remanit thair certane space in quyet maner, murning for the death of the King hir husband, sho departit to the toun of Renis, quhair sho past all the rest of the winter and quhill the nixt Pasche, and thair tuik deliberatione to returne in Scotland in that fymmer; and in the meine tyme,

paft to Jamveill and Lorraine to taik hir leif of hir freindis, and to that effect begouth hir progres from Renis in the beginning of Aprill, and paft to Chalaim, and fra that to Wyntrye St Difiers, and fo to Jamveill, quhair sho remanit certane dayis with the auld duches hir guidame, weill interteinit.

About this tyme, Lord James priour of Sanct Androis, hering that the Quenis Majestie was of purpois to returne in Scotland, be reifon of the deith of the King hir husband, he thocht it neccffar to prevene tyme for obteneing of hir benevolens; and to that effect he departit frome Edinburgh the xvijth daye of Merche, throch Ingland, quhair he was weill intertenit be the Quene, and thairfra paft in France, and come to the Quenis Majestie of Scotland his Soveraine, in the toun of Sanct Difieris in Champanye, the xvth daye of Aprill; quhair he did promes his faithfull obedience unto her Majestie, and requirit to haif the Erle-dome of Murray; bot sho differrit to gif aunfwere to that or any uther thing quhilkis he did propone, quhill hir cuming in Scotland; and eftir he had convoyit hir highnes to Jamveill, and tareit thair four or fyve dayis, he departit thairfra about the ende of Aprill, and returnit in Scotland.

At the fame tyme, Mr John Leslye officiall of Aberdene, being fend with speciall commiffion be the Erles of Huntley, Atholl, Craufurd, Merchell, Sutherland, Cathnes, bifchoppis of Aberdene, Murray, Ros, and many utheris, embarquit in Aberdene, and landit at the toun of Briole in Holland, and thairfra come to the Quenis Majestie the xiiijth daye of Aprile, to Vitrie.... in Champaigne, to offer and promyse the faithfull service and dewtie from all the principall nobill men, bifchoppis, clergie, and borrowis of the north of Scotland; quhilk was acceptit in very guid part be hir highnes, and he remanit still with hir Majestie, till hir returning in Scotland.

Not long eftir, the Erlis Bothwell and Eglintoun, the bifchop of

Orknay, and findre uther nobill men and clarkis, arrivit in France, quha returnit in Scotland with the Quenes Majestie agane.

Thair was findrie publiēt disputationis haldin apoun the controversies of religione this fymmer ; amangis the quhilkis, ane betuix Johne Willox and frier Johne Black. The heidis of thair disputatione war the three heir folowinge.

Quethir the naturall body of Christ was really in the sacrament of the altar, be vertue of the wordis spokin be the priest or no? Quethir in the sacrament, efter the wordis of consecration, war any uther substance, than the substance of the body and bluid of Christ? Quethir in the Messe war a sacrifice propiatorie for the finnes of the quicke and the deid? Bot in the ende nothing was agreit, bot thay remanit ather of thame in thair awin opinions, quhairby thair arraise greter contentione and doubt amangis the peple nor any proffeitt, as comonlye procedes of sic publiēt and obstinat reffoninge.

Quhen that the Quenes Majestie had tareit with the duiches her guiddame certane dayes in Jamveill, sho tuik her jorney thairfra toward Lorraine in the beginning of Maij, accompaniet with the cardinals of Lorane and Gueife, and the Duik Domell, hir uncles, with findrie Scotifmen ; and the Duik of Lorraine, with the ould Duiches his modir, mett hir Majestie at the bordouris of his cuntrey, and convoyit hir with ane honorabill companye quhill sho come to the toun of Nantfy, his principall cite and strent, in the quhilk also his best palace is scituate ; quhair thair wes maid ane magnifique triumphe and entres, and all the ordinances gret and small on the wallis of the toun was fhott, and hir hienes wes honorably and hartely receavit thair be the young Duiches of Lorraine, the King of France sifter, and the nobills of that hoill cuntrey, and was weill intertenit, sum tymes in hunting on the feildis, and uther quhills feing and behalding plesant farces and playes, and using all kinde of honorabill pastymes within the palice ; yit in the mein tyme

hir Majestie become feik of ane fevir terrce, quhair of the Duiches of Guise her guiddame being advertifit, come fra Jamveill to Nantfy with guidlye speid, and caufit the Quene be convoyit thairfra be easie jornaies to Jamveile, affirming be long experience, nothing to be better for the releif of that feiknes nor easye travaill and changing of the aire; and thair remaning quhill the beginning of the month of July, travellit thaireftir to the toun of Renis in Champagne, and having tareit thair certane dayes weill intertenit be the cardinall, archbifchop of Reanis, and Madame de Sampeir, hir modir fifter, hir grace past thairfra toward Paris; quhair thair comè furth of the town the Kingis brodir, Duik of Angeow, the Prince of Condie, Duik of Guise, with mony princis, duikis, erles and noble men, and mett hir, and convoyit hir hichnes verrey honorably throch the toun of Paris, to the Faulxboures of Sanct Germanes, quhair the King was ludged, becaus he had not yet maid his entres in Paris; and thair remaning in cumpany with the King and Quene modir quhill about the ende of Julij, weill and honorablie intertenyt with all kinde of honest recreatione, aswell be boittis appoun the ryver of Seane, as utherwyis be triumphes and feactis of armes exerced within the abbay of Sanct Germans. And in this mein tyme, her Majestie pat ordour to her particular effares, and preparit all thingis neceffar for hir jorney into Scotlande, obtieinit all kinde of securiteis neidfull apoun hir duarie of France, appointit hir thesauraris, receavers, commiffioners and other officiaris; caufit fend down be the watter of Seane to Rowan and Newheavin, all her hingers, abilyementis, and all kinde of furnitour, quhilk was thair embarquet, and efter careit in Scotlande. And haifing all thair preparationis weill endit, hir Majestie begouth hir jorney the xxth of Julij frome Paris; and to the effect that the greiter honour and favour micht be schawin unto hir, the King him self, the Quene modir, the Duik of Angeow, Kinge of Navarre, and all uthers princes, duikis, cardinalls, and uthers nobill men of court, past for hir convoy to the

Kingis pallice of Sanct Germane in Lay five liggis distant frome Paris, quhair being reposed few daies, tuik hir leif of the King, Quene and hoill nobilitie, with gret honour, favorabill and loving interteinment, and most frendlie amyte, with confirmatione of ane perpetuall frendschipp to stand amangis thame, as it had done betuix thair predeceffouris be most ancient bande and leage inviolably observit in all tymes past; and so departit throch Normandie and Picardie, accompaneit with her fax uncles, quhilkis was the Duik of Guise, the cardinallis of Lorraine and Guise, the Duik of Omeill, the grande Prior, and the Marques of Albufe, and Monsieur de Cammorense and Monsieur Danveill, the Constables second sonne, with findrie uther nobill men, and convoyit hir to Abavile Montreill, and frome that to Calice; quhair thair wes preparit two gallayes, and fower gret schippis for her convoie, and thair embarqued the xiiijth daye of August, with three of hir uncles, Duik of Omeill, the grand Priour, and the Marques, and Monsieur Danveill, with many ladies and gentillwomen, specialie the four maidis of honour quha passit with hir hienes in France, of hir awin aige, bering the name everie ane of Marie, as is befoir mencioned; and likwyse ane doctour of theologie, twa doctours of medicine, and all uther necessar officers of hir hous being Frenche men; and fra that making faille, and rowing throw the feys with prosperous weddir, bot allwayis (as God wald haif it,) covered with mist all the way, so that the Quene of Englandis shippis, quha was avating upoun that pray, culd nevir gett sight of the gallayis quhill thay war past the coist of England, and happely arrivit in the raid of Leith with all hir Majesteis companye, and landit the xxth of August; quhair the Erle of Argyle, Lord Erkin, Lord James priour of Sanct Androis, and findrie nobill men, and the toun of Edinburgh, convoyit hir hichnes to the abbay of Halierudhous. Schortly thaireftir, the Duik of Chatilero, Erle of Huntley, Atholl, Mersehall, Craufurd, and mony uther nobill men, being rejoiced of hir Majesteis returning, come to

Edinburgh with all possible diligence, offering thair most humble service, dewty and obedience to thair Sovereigne; quhilk not onlie hir hienes exceptit in guide part, bot gaif thame most hartie thanckis, with loving countenance, and comelie behaviour, quhair of every ane of hir subjeētis was meikle rejoiced, as likwyfe was hir uncles, seing so loving and hartlie meting betuix her Majestie, and hir nobilitie and subjeētis.

Quhill preparatione was making in France for this convoie be sey toward Scotland, the Quene of Ingland sett furth certane of hir gret shippes, quha still awaitet alongest the coast of Ingland, of purpos as was advertitit, to haif causit hir hienes mete with the Quene thair of, other with hir pleasour or utherwyis be force; thairfore to avoyde all danger, her Majestie send the abbott of Sanct Colmes to the Quene of Ingland, desiringe ane safe conduct, in case be tempestuous and stormy wyndis shou war forced to land in Ingland, quhilk was grantit. Bot or he returnit to Calice thairwith, the Quene and hir hoill cumpany war weill and plefantlie landit in Scotland. And in the mein season, the Inglis shippis tuik sum Scottis schippis, quhairin was certane lordis of hir cumpany, sic as the Erle of Eglintoun and utheris, and was stayit in Ingland sume space, albeit thairefter shorthlie releved, and suffred to returne in Scotland, the moir easely that the Quenes hienes was alreddye eschapped thair handis.

At the same tyme, the King of France directit Monsieur Dofell toward Scotland, to haif remanit in the castle of Dumbar and fort of Inchekeith, to the cuming of the Quenes hienes, and than to haif renderit these strenthis at hir command. Notwithstanding, whosone he come to London, the Quene of Ingland wald not suffer him to pas furder, bot causit him returne agane in France, for that she affermit that he and Monsieur Rubie, was the principall auēthoris of all the trubles quhilkis was in Scotland, betuix the Quene Regent and the nobilytie thair of, and that it was to be fearit he wald doo the lyke in tyme cuming, gif he warpermittit to pas in thair cuntrey.

Attour the Quenes hienes fornitour, hingingis and appareill, quhilk wes schippit at Newheavin and careit in Scotland, was also in hir awin cumpanye transportit with hir Majestie in Scotland ; mony coiftlye jewells and goldin wark, precious stanis, orient pearle, maist excellent of any that was in Europe, and mony coiftly abilyementis for hir body, with meikill silver wark of coiftlye cupbordis, cowpis, plaite.

Eftir hir Majestie and hir uncles, with their hoill cumpanye, was reposed certane dayes at Halieruidhouse, with guid entertainment and banquetting maid also be the toun of Edinburgh, as be the lordis of the nobilitie, the Duik Domell and the grand Prior departit in the galleyis to France ; Monsieur Danvele tareit three moneths thaireftir, and past throw England into France. And Monsieur Merques, hir hienes uncle, remanit in Scotlande all the next wynter, and in the begynnyng of the moneth of Marche, takand his jorney throuch England, he returnit into France.

In the meine tyme, quhowfone all the principalls of the nobilite was convenit, thair was ane act maid be the lordis, to the quhilk thay procurit the Quenes hienes to consent, that becaus thair had bene greit tumult and difordour within the realme of Scotland for the controversie of religione, thairfore to remove all occasions of truble in tymes cummyng, it was ordanit, that no alteratione should be maid of the estate of religeoun publicktlie professit at the Quenis arryvall within the realme, quhill forder ordour should be tane thairintill ; and that nothing should be attemptit publicktly nor privatlie contrar the same onder gret panis ; quhilk wes schortlie proclamit and publifchet throw all partis. And with the same, ordour was taikin that the Quenes hienes fuld be governit be ane counfall in tymes cuming ; and to that effect thair was chofin ten temporall Lordis and two spirituall, to be of hir Majesties secreit counfall, be quhais adwyse sho fuld doo all thingis ; and sax of thame to remane contenowallye in cumpanye with hir hienes, besyde

hir ordiner officers, sic as thesaurer, secretar, comptroller, lord privye feill and utheris. The lordis chosin to be of the privye counfall was thir folowing; the Duik of Shatiliro, the Erle of Huntley Chancellor, the Erle of Argile, the Erle of Atholl, the Erle Merfchell, the Erle of Glencarne, the Erle of Mortoun, the Erle of Montroyse, the Erle of Erroll, the Lord Erkyne, the bischop of Ros and Lord James prior of St Andros. Bot notwithstanding of the publicke choosing of this counfall, becaus hir Majestie was of young and tendir aige, nurisslet and brocht up in France, quhairby culd not haif learnit knowledge or experience of hir awin natyve cuntrey, nor of the maners of the nobilitie, peple and subjeētis, nor yit of the lawis and customes of hir awin realme; thairfore sfo did cheis the said Lord James, apoun quhome as hir brodir (albeit unlauchfull) sfo did repose hir self holelie, putting hir most fuir trust and confidence in him, befoir all utheris of hir nobilytie and subjeētis; and he acceptit the hoill charge and gouvernement of the realme apoun him, and causit appoint sic like personis to everie office about the Prince, sic as thesaurar, secretar, comptroller, and utheris as he thocht best to nominat, quhairwith all the lordis of the nobilitie did murmur and grudge; yit nevertheles, he buir the matier so fordward aganis thame all, be the contenance and fortificatione of the Quenes aucthorytye, that he causit within short space thaireftir the wisest and maist principallis of the nobilytie, thair howfis and freindis, to be put to gret wrak and utter ruyne; the Erles of Arrane, Bothwell and utheris put in preafone, the Erle of Huntley slayne and his sone heidit, the Erle of Sutherland and Lord Gordoun forfeitit, the ane baneift the realme, and the uther put in perpetuall preafon, and the most part of thair kinn rewined, as in the particuler storie will efterwart appeir more at large.

Sindrie guid reffonis hes movit me to ende and conclude this my ruid and onlearnit wark, not worthye in name of ane cronicle, in this place ; and not to pas at this tyme furthe with the declaratiōne of the historye of the yeires following, in that maner as I have done with the utheris of befoir. Amangis the quhilkis, ane cause might be alledged for my excufe, that it ys the custome and use allmoſt of all nations, nocht to wreit the historye of the governement of any prince during thair awin tyme, for advoiding of the vice of flatterie, or ellis the perill of difdane and displeafour of that prince ; for that might be weill ineuch avoydit in this caſe, becaus that (as I tueched of befoir) this moſt gracious lady and verteous Princeſſe Quene Mary, did not governe the realme be hir ſelfe, during the moſt part of hir refidence in Scotland, bot only be the ſaid Lord James ; and quhen yt happenit him apon his defertis to be abſent, quhilk was bot for verry ſhort ſpace, utheris did taik the governement apon thame ; ſwa that theſe actis done at that tyme, of the quhilkis (with greit regrait and heavye hart I doo report the ſame) ſindrye of thame are knowin to haif ben vicketlie attemptit and done, are thairfore to be impute to the governours and auēthoris thairof, and not to hir hienes. Bot I am principally movit to ſtaye heir, conſidering the douptfull reportis that are ſpred, throwch the ondewtifull doingis of the ſubjectis aganis thair ſoverayne Princeſſe, utterit be ſindrie plattis and interprices attemptit aganis hir procedingis, rather of ambitious myndes tendinge to uſurpe the governement, nor of any juſt caus thay culd pretend aganis hir hienes, quaha wes at all tymes ſo liberall and beneficiall to the principallis of thame that ſchew thame ſelfis maiſt ingrait and onthankfull eſtirwart, that ſho promovit ſindrie of thame to Erledomes and lordſhippes, with uther gret benefices ; beſides that ſic was hir clemencye, that ſho pardonit and remittit thame often tymes,

quhen thay had justly deservit be the lawys both deith, forfaltour and perpetuall infamy; yit hir Majestie never desirrit revengement of hir enemye, not to be satisfiet with the bluid of traitouris, bot in all thes cases hes preferrit mercy befor justice. Quhairfore, considering with my self that this and the like proceedingis in this government, being of so gret wecht requires ane large discourse, in the quhilk all the circumstances of those thingis quhilkis did occur ar to be declarit, and with discret adwyse to be pondered and weyit, quhairby the treuth may be discerned from falseit, the trew historye may appere frome the false reportis, and that innocent lady our soverayne princeesse, may be deliverit from the sclauderis and calumnies quhairwith sum hes gone about to stane and blott hir honour without any just desert, quhilkis cannot be at sic lenth weill comprehendit in this treatye as ys necessarlie requirit; for it is cum alreadye to ane full and greiter volume nor I intendit that the matier fuld haif careyt me at the beginning; the same being also of so gret importance, requiris to be handelit in ane hiecher maner of style than I am abill to wreit, and bettir ys littell or nothing to be said be me in these princely affaires then for laick of learning and eloquence in expressing, to darkin or rather deface the excellencye of the same. And forder, I am certefeit that thair ys findrie men of excellent knowledge, and of diverse nationis, that purposis to sett forth the historye of Scotland, frome the tyme of the arriving of hir hienes thair furth of France, in the 1561 yeire of God to thir dayes; so that dewtye bindis me heir to conclude and staye, referring the desirous reder that wald onderstand trewely the particular thingis quhilkis hes past in that tyme, unto sum breve nottis as are already, or to be shortlie set furth of the same tyme. Quhairfore I besaik the, gentill reader, to judge favorablye and correct freindlie, so as thy correctione may rather be ane instruction than ane condempning of me, for I will not invy any quha will preifs to doo bettir; and so to the closing and ending of this buik, latt all guid

native trew Scottis hartis praye to Almichtye God to deliver the Quenis Majestie our Soverane, as he hes done oftymes heirtofoir, furth of all perrills and daungiers, and preserve hir hienes in most prosperous and honorabill estait, long to leve and raigne with honour, comfort and all happines ; and thus I finishe and maik ane end, the xxvth day of Marche 1570 yeires.

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