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Quare Malcom Regis
 De capitibus p[re]sentium q[ui] vocat[ur] t[er]ra p[re]sentium.
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 Sicut me h[ab]ere r[ati]onal[is] d[omi]ni d[omi]ni r[ati]onal[is]
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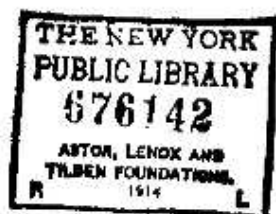
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SOME ACCOUNT OF A RECENT SEARCH
FOR THE
REMAINS OF THE SCOTISH KINGS X

INTERRED IN THE
ABBEY OF DUNFERMLINE.

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PREFACE.

It is no uncommon practice, at the present day, to compose histories from facts already patent to all the world, and by new-modelling them, or simply altering their order and arrangement, to offer repetitions as novelties, while the real sources of information remain neglected.

I cannot hesitate in advancing my opinion, that the only means of acquiring an intimate knowledge of Scottish antiquities, consists in recurring to manuscripts of early date; for although several works of unquestionable authority have of later years appeared, it is there that the great mass of intelligence still lies in obscurity. I am

well aware of the obstacles opposed to such investigations, arising not only from ignorance of the places where the most valuable manuscripts are deposited, from their defaced, and decaying state, but also from the difficulty of surmounting an unusual character, innumerable contractions, and ambiguous expressions : altogether forming a task, which patience and assiduity alone can overcome.

A few passages are here selected from a manuscript, of no little note, preserved in the Advocates Library, a place of easy access, purposely to convince antiquarians how much their studies, both of civil and monastic history, will be facilitated by familiar acquaintance with others of a similar description. I have intentionally avoided reference to corroborating authorities, where any do exist, that the subjects illustrated by this record may not seem to rest on extraneous aid ; and the better to demonstrate how much may be expected from combining the

matter disseminated throughout analogous sources.

In such brief and multifarious quotations, regularity and method are impracticable; and it is almost fruitless, in bounds so narrow, to attempt classification. The words themselves, of the respective passages, are in general given, or an abstract of the sense. Sometimes, it must be acknowledged, there seems room for a different interpretation, of which the reader is himself enabled to judge. Possibly the same facts may exist elsewhere, more copiously detailed, and of more ancient date. Chronologies are commonly viewed with too much indifference; for we should carefully observe, that customs, once universally adopted by a nation, decline by the same imperceptible gradations which advanced them, and at length totally disappear.

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