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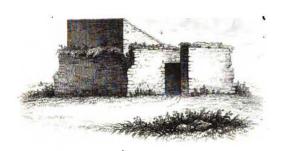
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"MR MAIDMENT having laid before the Meeting a transcript of the Constitutions of the Sisters of the Sciennes, presented to him by MR C. K. SHARPE, it was RESOLVED, that these, together with such illustrative documents as he might select, should be forthwith printed, under the superintendence of MR MAIDMENT."

Extracted from the Minutes of Council, by

W. B. D. D. TURNBULL, Secretary.

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#### PREFACE.

It is remarkable, that although the Convent of Saint Catharine of Sienna was amongst the latest, if not the last foundation of nuns in the kingdom of Scotland, Maitland, whose industry and research in local matters was considerable, should have been unable to throw any light on its origin. "A little besouth the Meadows," says the above named author,\* "and western side of Newington, stood a monastery of nuns, called 'Sancta Catharina de Siensis,' from a Convent and City of those names in Italy, of the order of Saint Dominick; but by whom, or when founded, I cannot learn. However, by the account sent in of its revenues in the year 1562, they appear to have amounted in money to the sum of two hundred and nineteen pounds six shillings and eight pence, eight bolls of wheat, six bolls of bear, and one barrel of salmon."

Spottiswoode, in his account of religious houses,† asserts, that this convent was founded by the Lady Rosline, Countess of Caithness. Arnot, who very briefly notices the nunnery,

<sup>\*</sup> History of Edinburgh, p. 176.

<sup>†</sup> Appendix to Hope's Minor Practicks. Edin. 1734. P. 509.