PROPHECIES

OF

Scotland, England, Ireland, France & Denmark.

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MARVELLOUS

MERLING, BEID, BERLINGTON, WALDHAVE, ELTRAIN, BANNESTER, and SYBILLA.

Containing many firange and marvellous Matters, which have happened and will be known for Times to come, from the Year of our LORD 1622, to 1822.

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WONDERFUL PROPHECIES OF THE TIMES, WITH SEVERAL OTHERS.

Relating to the Affairs in Kingdoms and States, predicting the Downfal of the POPE, the EMPIRE of the TURKS, and the FRENCHKING.

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Sacro & Augusto, Monarcho,

JACOBO.

Magnæ Britannia, Gallia & Hibernia Regi, &c.

INVCITE Regum Regibus edite,
Regnum Britannum qui Imperio regens
Regali & unus Christianna
Regula, tum Typus es regendi;
Regnum relictum funere regio,
Regnum receptum munere patrio,
Regnes beatus nos regendos,
Usque tua soboli relinquens.

ALIUD.

CONDITUR humani generis, custosqua Jehovah Nil homini tribuit, moderato Principi majus In quo vera Dei, vivensque elucet Imago. Essignem quam fers, inviste Monarcha Britannum Expestate diu, cui vatum oracula priorum Aurea compositis promitunt secula beltes. Vive Diu sed vive Deo, vitaque perasta Puriter, aterna compostus pace quiescas.

Alia Prophetica.

MIL lesimus sexent simus mirabillis annus Ternus erit Scotis commoda magna serens Ortus & interitus Regnum satalis, & idem Anglorum ad Scotum transferer imperium.

Alia Prophetica de Cathedra Marmorea.

NI fallat fatum Scoti quocunque locatum Inventient lapidem; regnare tenetur ibidem.

LAS JOVE, variaque bares, & Elisa Namque abeunt tibi at adveniunt, sine sanguine regno.

OLD SCOTTISH PROPHECIES.

I COTLAND be fad now and lament thy child whom thou hast lost, Bereft of kings, fallely undone, by thine unkindly hoft.

2 Alas! the free is bound become, and deceit is thy fall; The falsehood of the British race,

has brought thee into thrall.

3 The grave of the most noble prince, to all is great regret, Not subject to law, who doth leave

the kingdom and estate.

4 O anguish great! where every kind and age doth lament, Whom bitter death has ta'en away,

shall Scotland fore repent. 5 Lately a land of rich increase, a nation stout, and true,

Has lost her former dear estate, which they did hold in due.

6 By hard conflict, and by the chance, of mobile Fortune's force, Thy hap, and thy prosperity, is turned into worfe.

7 Thou wont to win, now is fubdu'd and come in under yoke;

A stranger reigns and doth destroy what likes him, with sword's stroke.

8 The English race, whom neither force nor manner do approve,

Woe is to thee: by guile and flight is only win above.

o This mighty nation was tofore invincible and flout,

Has yielded low to destiny, great pity is no doubt.

to In former age the Scots renown did flourish goodly gay: But now, alas! is over-clad with a great dark decay

Then mark and fee what is the cause of this fo wonderous fall,

OLD SCOTTISH PROPHECIES. Contempt of faith, falsehood, deceit, the wrath of God withal. 12 Unsatiable greed of world's gain, oppression, cries of poor, Perpetual a flanderous race. no justice put in Ure. 13 The haughty pride of mighty men of former vice chief cause, The nutriture of wickedness. an unjust match of laws: 14 Therefore this case the prophets old of long time did prefage, As now has happened every point into your present age. 15 Since fate is fo, now Scotland learn in patience to abide, Slander, great fears, and fudden plagues, and Dolours more beside. 16 For out of thee shall people rife. with divers happiness; And yet a pen can scarcely write thy hurt, skaith, and distress: 17 And yet beware thou not diffrust although o'erwhelm'd with grief, Thy stroke is not perpetual, for thou shalt find relief. 18 I do suppose, although too late. old prophecies shall hold, Hope thou in God's goodness ever, and mercies manifold. to For thou that now a patient is, and seemeth to be bound, At liberty shall free be set, and with empire renown'd. 20 From high above shall grace come down: and thy state, Scotland, be In letter end more prosperous nor former age did see. Old prophecies fortel to thee a warlike heir bee's born, Who shall recover now his right, advance his kingdom's horn: 22 Then shall the Scots' sword sweet with blood, and flaughter which they make,

The king himself revenger shall the guilty troops down wrack.

33 The English nation shall invade, but not escape a plague, With sword, with thirst, with tears and pest,

With fears and fuch like ague.

And after en'mies bee's thrown down, and mastered by war,

Then Scotland, in peace quietly, pass joyful days for ever.

> When HEMPE is come and also gone, Scotland and England shall be one.

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HEMPE.

Praised be God alone, for Hempe is come and gone, And left us old Albion, by peace join'd in one.

Tempora patet oculata veritas.

In time appeareth hidden Truth.

Although his fayings be uncouth, they shall be in the seventh chapter, read whoso will (true sound. One thousand and more after Christ's birth: When the Chalnalider of Cornwall is called, And the wolf out of Wales is vanguished for aye. Then many farlies shall fall, and many folks shall die. Many selcouth shall be seen in all christian lands, In the moon and the sea, and signs in the sun, And in all planets plainly that appears to the sky; Then shall the lion the beast in the broad north, And a sellon shaw shall fall soon after, And a sheding of blood within short time:

Both the moon and the mernes great dool shall make, And all Mar shall mourn many days after.

The great bear with his tusks the field shall lose,

6 OLD SCOTTISH PROPHECIES. A fell shower of the south shall sad him for ever, And that leid shall his life lose in another land.

Then shall a freik be softered far in the south, And to the Kyth shall he go that he came from, With much wealth and worship shall he go home, And inhabit Albany unto the end. Both the isles and Arran at his own will, Many men shall laugh when he home comes, But much selecuth shall be seen within short time, At his own kind blood there shall begin, Choose of the chiefest, and chop off their heads.

. Some harled in fleds and lunged on high,

Some put in prison and much pain abide. The crab shall be out of his clift along time, With unkind blood, and yet shall recover; And other beirns in whole banish for ever. Coverice shall be his name, the King of that Kyth, For both his heart and his head, shall be of flint forged, No Lord shall live in that land but himself alone: But they are bereaved of bliss to keep them in baile, Yet shall a man of more vail mar him for ever; For suddenly he shall go down and die in a fen. There shall no king come in that Kyth for along time, But a figure of a flower, the fairest of the fixth, The white flower and the red so shall be call'd. In the mouth of Arran a felcouth shall fall, Two bloody hearts shall be taken with a falset rain, And derfly ding down without any doom; Ireland, Orkney, and other lands many; For the death of these two, great dool shall make,

Then much forrow is seen within seven years, Both the crab and the cock shall escape, For more harm at that time shall they not have, When the ravan roups many shall rue! From Cornwell to Caithness they shall his cry hear! When the gled in his clift is clim to the height, He counts not the lion that he is kind Lord: When the griap would govern all and gapes thereafter. With great gifts of gold the flower would he get, Come he once in his clooks, he covers him never! Then would a poor captive be keeper of the Kyth, Yet shall it fail the freit that the fool thinks, When the cock crows, keep well his comb: For the fox and the fulmant they are salse both,

When the raven and the rook is rounded together, And the kid in his clift shall accord to the same, Then shall they be bold, and soon to bail after: Then shall the buck in belling-time make a great bear: It is but wind that walts, for he is but away: Then shall waken up a war and much woe after: Then the birds of the raven rugs and reaves, And the leil men of Lothian be luppen on their horse; Then shall the poor people be spoiled full near, And the Mers shall mourn many days after. And all the abbies truly that stands on Tweed. And all Lothian shall live on their lives after. They shall burn and slay, and great reif make, There dare no poor man fay whose man he is. Then shall the land be lawless, for love there is none, And falsehood shall have foot, fully five years, And truth truly shall be tint, and none shall trust other : The coufin once shall not trust the other, Nor the fon the father, nor the father the fon. For to have his goods he would have him hanged. Then shall they a counsel call for peace of the Kyth. To make love among Lords but that shall not last: For those barons and batchelors that will not obey, That will not keep to their cry, nor come to their call.

Then shall men be marked for their misdeeds,
That shall turn them to tein within a while after
When 14 are past, and twice three threep is at end,
And over a water he shall, fair and see for himself,
And in a fair forest shall an ern big.
Many men shall lose their life in the mean time;
For they shall pitch a field and stercely sight;
Upon a broad muir a battle shall be.
Beside a stock crosse that stands in the north,
It is covered with dead corpse and all of a Kythe,
That the crow may not know where the crosse stock.

The wolf shall be watchman and keep many ways, Aral shall be leil to the lion his own kind Lord, Holy church is cumbered with the best of the Kyth, With languages that live not by Christ, but that shall not From Balcomy to the Basse on the broad sea, (last. And from Ireland to the forth shall be a fair sight; Of barges and billingers, and many broad sail; With 3 liberties, and the slower de luce sair upon height. Then shall a hunter in haste come forth of the south,

With many ratches in row ruled full right,
And shall go on his foot over the water of Forth:
And in Fife shall he sight and the field win:
And the chiftains shall die on either side.

When the man in the moon is most in his might,
Then shall Dumbarton turn up that is down,
And the mouth of Arran both at one time,
And the Lord with the lucken hand his life shall he lose,
For covetousness and treason that loses the land.

When the craigs of Tarbet is tumbled in the fea, At the next summer after sorrow shall be. Beid's book have I seen, Bannester's also, Marvellous Merling, and all accords in one. Marvellous Merling is wasted away, With a wicked woman woe might she be: For she hath closed in a craig on Cornwall coast.

When the cock in the north hath builded his neft, Busked his birds, and bowned him to slee:
Then shall Fortune his friend the gates up cast,

And right shall have his free entry.

Then rife shall the moon in the north-west, In a cloud as black as the bill of a crow: Then is loofed a lion, the boldest and the best, That was born in Britain fince Arthur's days: Then shall a dreadful Dragon drive him from his den, To help the lion with his great might; A bull and a baftard spurs shall spend. To abide with the bear, to reckon his rights. A libbered engendered of native kind, With the stern of Bethlehem shall rise in the south, An horse and Anthelop, boldly shall abide, A bear and a brock, with berns fo bright, A proud prince in pries lordly shall light, With bold barrons in bushment to battle shall wend, Then shall the prophecie prove that Thomas of tells, Many comely knight is cast under foot, That shall make maiden's mourn that in bowre dwells, The dreadful day of destiny shall drive to the night: Shall make maidens and wives in mourning be brought. Then they meet in the morning with the moon light: Betwixt Seton and the fea forrow shall be wrought; There the lion shall be hurt and not perceived: Then shall be braid to the best that him the hurt wrought, And many stern in that stound shall fold to the free;

OLD SCOTTISH PROPHECIES.

And the proudest in the preis to bail shall be brought,
The fey fox and the sulmart in arms are taken,
And led to the lion law to abide;
The pyper and the pye shall suffer in the same;
All the friends of the fox shall be fey made;
Then shall troy untrue tremble for dread,
For dreador of the deadman when they hear him speak,
All the commons of Kyth shall cast him the keys,
The bushment of Beverlaw therewith shall break.

Then war men and woods away went,
And every feed in his feason laindly is set,
And right well ruled, and falsehood is sted!
Then shall be plenty of peace when laws have no let,
The spouse of God shall sing with a joyful song,
Thanking God thereof and the Trinity,
And all grace and goodness shall grow us among:
And every fruit shall have plenty by land and by sea:
Then the sun and the moon shall shine bright,
That many days afore dark have been;
And keep their course both day and night,
With more mirth than men have seen,
As Berlington's books and Bannester's tells.
Merling, and many more that with marvels mells,
And also Thomas Rymer in his tales tells.

They fay the Saxons shall choose them a lord, That shall make them greatly to fall under: The dead man shall rife, and them accord, And this is much wonder and flight, That he that was dead, and buried in fight, Shall rife again and live in the land. In comfort of a young knight, That Fortune hath chosen to be her husband. The wheel shall turn to him full right, That Fortune hath chosen to be her fire, In Surry shall he show a fight. In Babylon bring many a bern or brier, Fifteen miles from Jerusalem the Holy Cross win shall he; The same lord that bears the lyon, At Stanfoord wan the gree, Fortune hath granted him the victory, Since first that he arms bear : For without treason or treatorie, Destiny shall not him deir, While of age till him drive,

THE PROPHESIES OF BEID. For every man on mold must die, But end he shall in the land of Christ, And in the vale of Josaphet shall he be.

The Prophecies of BEID.

BETWIXT the chief of summer and the said winter,
Before the heat of harvest happen shall a war,
That Europe's lands earnestly shall be wrought,
And earnest envy shall last but a while:
But the lion with his lusty flowers,
From harm of heat shall hap him with leaves,
Then speed and spread him to Spain into winter,
All slowers in the Forth shall follow him on.
Callender shall cry, Cornwall the noble,
And inherit all Albany at his will.

And inherit all Albany at his will, Envy to all Alliers anon to be worken, Old Almofcycains, and Albany the same, Shall recover castles and towers out of Saxons' hands, When Britoners shall bear them with brands of steel. There shall no bastard blood bide in these lands. Albanus that time king of the earth; Albanactus king and lord of the land, To the lilly shall lean, and love none other: The lion, leader of all beafts, Shall lean to the lilly and live him with: And shall stir him to strive by the stream of Humber, The flepson of the lion flurdily of themselves, They shall start up with strife and stir all at once, And strike down the stepsons, and destroy them for ever, Neither love they the lilly nor the lion: But the lilly shall loose when they least wean: Then all shall happen to the hart, happen as it may, And the tail of summer toward the harvest, Be then the lilly shall be loofed when they least think, Then clear king's blood shall quake for fear of death, For Churls shall chop off heads of their chief beirns, And carf of the crowns that Christ hath anointed, All this must desliny drive to an end.

An eagle of the east, a vent'rous beast, Shall be glad flowers to fang in the first season, And stir to the stepson, and strike them together. Bind bands brukle and hail to begin:
For he would garlands get of these fair flowers,
That in summer season spreads so fair,
But soon shall fail the freit that the fool thinks,
A fell northern slaw shall fade him for ever.

Hereafter on either fide forrow shall rife, The barges of clear barons down shall be sunkens Seculars shall fa' in spiritual seats, Occupying offices anointed as they were, The true title to purchase that the truth holds, They shall torment them with torments a new. Then barons shall busk on their best wife, Attour the fields, to fair with a fey fox bird; Turn first to Christ with tod's-wyles, But foon the tod shall be tint, and in time losed, They shall escape such a check eschew whoso may. Then shall the noblest escape with the felles, Yet shall the one fox in the field escape; The falcon shall be loosed in his wings. Whoso trust not this tale, nor the term knows, Let him on Merling mean, and his merry words, As true Thomas told in his time after, At Standford shall he be seen example of their deeds. Yet it must overthrow the tod in his busk. Busk thee now Berwick with thy broad walls. Thou shalt incline to the king that is thy kind lord: As faint Bern of that burgh, in his book fays Thou shalt with the lion lean, and listen for ever: Though thou be subject to Saxons, forrow theu not. Thou shalt be loosed at last, believe thou in Christ, And every language shall have his lordship to brook : It was not lost but lent for little time: Bold Berwick be blyth with thy broad walls, Thou shalt to the lion stoop as Lord of his own: Let never the libbert lipen longer a day, In bold Britain to brook a foot-broad of earth, Whoso doubts on this deed or denies hereon, I do them well to know the date is devised; Take the foremost of middle earth, and mark by thyself, With four crescents, closed together, Then of the lion, the longest see thou choose; Loose not the lionness, let her lie still. If thou cast through case the course of the heaven, Take Saint Andrew's Cross thrise;

THE PROPHECIES OF MERLING.
Keep well these teachments as clarks have told,
Thus begins date, the deem as thou likes,
Thou shalt not cease in that seat, assumed in the text,
Or the height of the heat nearest the winter,
No tail of the tearm will I thee tell.
But chastity the chieftain of their chief wrongs,
Or in the height of the harvest, heard of thyself,
Shall wicked weird undo, and to right,
And this ere I wist, I awakened anon,
Though I write as it was, wist I it not.

The Prophecie of Merling.

That fell on face is fain to flee;
That commedore of flordlings striendie,
Waving through the work of wind:
The bear his mussel shall upbind,
And never after bound shall be,
Away the other shall wave with wind,
And as they come so shall they slee.

Syce shall up, and fink shall under; The dead shall rife and work great wonder; And joy shall rise to man and wife; The forrowful shall still of strife: All men shall joy of his refurrection, And in special men of religion, The morter is ready, the peltle also, The fauce shall be bitter, and that to his foe; And the devils also shall helpen to. Then the banks of Beil shall bloom all about : Then hie the Hurcheon to Hales, and close thee therein, Thou shalt be werped with a wind, and plucked ilk pen, Shall never down on thy skin nor birs be thee left. The thunder shall work thy hold to the cold earth, Shall never stone upon stone nor ground be thee left, And so that wretched work is destroyed for ever.

There shall a galyart goat with a golden horn, A pilledow with a toad, such a prime hold, With their peers in place by a stream side; To strive with the stream, but they no strength have,

For their moving they meet in the mid-way, All the grooms shall grunch by the way-fide, And many bairn shall have his byth on the back side. And that marvell shall fall by a fyith-side, Where the leader of the land shall his life lose; But that bargain shall brew in a bare brough, That shall banish from bliss many bright helm, When it is bireved of his back, and his brief known, Of dum organs dight, then may thou well deem. Of all the weil and the wealth before them was wrought With hunger and hireship on every hill! Yet this wicked world shall last but a while; While a chiftain unchosen choose forth himself, And ride over the region, and for Roy holden: Then his fcutifiers shall skail all the fair south, From Dumbarton to Dover and deal all the lands: He shall be kid conqueror, for he is kind Lord, Of all Britain that bounds to the broad sea. The conquesting shall be keeped, and never conquest after.

By the cost ye shall know when the knight comes, He has a mark in the middle, where no man may know; When he is in the east when the fun riseth, He has a fign shall shew on the fouth-side. Signum venenafi sanguinus de ventre matris sue, All Wales I wish shall wend with that Roy, For to work his will, where he think would, Guaine Gaskonigne, and Britain the blyth, Shall busk to his bidding on their best wise: The whole men will help in his most height, Then shall he turn into tuskane but treaty or true, And bulk him over the mountains on midwinter even, And then go to Rome, and rug down the walls, And over all the region Roy shall be holden. Oft this book have I feen, and better thereafter, Of marvellous Merling, but is wasted away, With a wicked woman woe might she be.

The Prophecies of BERLINGTON.

HEN the ruby is raised, rest is there none;
But much rancour shall rise in river and plain,
Much forrow is seen through a sluth hound,
That bears horns in his head like a wild hart:

Then a brock shall make a braid on a broad sield,
And an hound shall bear a back with a brim sace;
The slothful sluth hound shall slay him for ever;
Through a treaty of a truce, a train shall be made,
That Scotland shall rue, and England for ever;
For the which Gladsmoore and Govanmoore gapes thereThen shall the banks of Beil bloom all about. (after,
Then hye the Hurcheon to Hales and close thee therein,
Thou shall be warped with a wind, and plucked ilk pen,
Shall never down on thy skin, nor birs be thee left:
A thunder shall work thy hold to the cold earth,
Shall never stone upon stone on ground be thee left,
And so this wretched beast is destroyed for ever.

When faith fails in prelates fawes,
And temporal lords will hold new laws,
And leachery holden for privy folace,
And reef holden for good purchase,
When Rome is divided in two parts,
And every priest hath the Pope's power:
Then shall the Dane of Albany,
Be put to great perplexity,
Man sin forethink, and miss amend,
Dread God, do law, think on the end.

Betwixt Templeton and the Bass,
Thou shalt see a right fair sight,
Of barges and billingers and many broad fail,
With 3 libberts and the flower de luce high upon height,
And so the dreadful Dragon shall rise from his den,
And from the deep doughty shall draw to the height.

Off Bruces left fide shall spring out a leaf, As near as to the ninth degree, And shall be esteemed of fair Scotland, In France sar beyond the sea:

And then shall come again riding,

With eyes the many men may see.

At Aberlady he shall light,
With hempen halters and horse of tree,
On Cossoord green it shall be seen,
On Gladsmoore shall the battle be:
Now Albany make thou the bown,
At hidding be thou prompt:
He shall deal both tower and town,
His gifts shall stand for evermore.
Then boldiy bown thee thereaster,

Upon a broad moor a battle shall be, Befide a stob cross of stone, Which on the moor stands hie. It shall be clearly clad over with corps of Knights, That the crow may not find where the cross stood! Many a wife shall weep, and ye shall under: The dead shall rife, and that shall be wonder, And rax him rudly in his shire shield, For the great comfort of a new king. Now hie Powoke, with thy proud show ... Take thy part of the pelf when the pack opens: It shall be Gladsmoore by the sea, It shall be Gladsmoore where ever it be: And the little lown that shall be, Is betwixt the Lowmand and the fea: And well is the man in all his life. That hath a Cot-house in Fife: And yet once shall come the day, He would the Cot-house were away.

And there shall come a hound out of the south, With him a rayment of ratches ruled right; And actor for the keinly shall he come: And in Fife shall sight, and the field win: Yet shall a northern slaw fail him for ever, And kill him to consusion, and return never.

An eagle then shall come out of the north, With a slock of birds fair at the slight:
Which shall make many foot founder and fall,
Then shall a ghost come out of the west,
With him a fair Menye;
Upon the eagle make him bowne.
But he so nigh then shall he slee.
I cannot tell you what he height:
A bastard trow I boast he be.
His name shall not be expremed as now,
For he was gotten with a lady in privity,
His doughty deed without all doubt,
Shall comfort all his company.

However it happened for to fall,
The lion shall be Lord of all.
The French wife shall bear a son,
Shall weild all Britain to the sea:
And from the Bruces blood shall come,
As near as the ninth degree,

16 THE PROPHECIES OF BERLINGTON. Marvellous Merling that many men of tells, And Thomas favings comes all at once: Though their fayings be felcouth they shall be footh found And there shall our glading be; The crow shall fit upon a stone, And drink the gentle blood fo free: Take of the ribs, and bear to her birds: As God hath faid fo must it be. Then shall ladies lads wed. And brook castles and towers high, Beid hath berieved in his book and Bannester also, Marvellous Merling, and accords in one: Thomas the true, that never spake false, Confents to their faying, and the fame terms has taken, Yet shall there come a keen Knight over the falt sea, A keen man of courage, and bold man of arms, A duke's fon doubted, a born man in France, That shall our mirths amend, and mend all our harms, After the date of our Lord 1513, and thrice 3 thereafter, Which shall brook all the broad ifle to himself. Betwixt 13 and thrice 3, the threep shall be ended; The Saxons shall never recover after. He shall be crowned in the Kyth, in the castle of Dover, Which wears the golden garland of Julias Cæfar, More worship shall be win of greater worth, Then ever Arthur himself had in his days. Many doughty deeds shall he do thereafter,

The Prophecies of THOMAS RYMER.

Which shall be spoken of many days better.

C'TILL on my ways as I went, Out through a land beside a lee, I met a bairn upon the way, Me thought him feemly for to fee. I asked him wholly his intent? Good fir if you will be, Since that ye bide upon the bent, Some uncouth tidings tell you me! When shall these wars be gone, That leel men may live in lee?

Or when shall falsehood go from home? And laughty blow his horn on hie? I looked from me not a mile, And faw two knights upon a lee, They were armed feemingly new, Two crosses on their breatts they bare, And they were clad in diverse hue, Of fundry countries as they were; The one was red as blood, Set in a shield a dragon keen. He stird his steed as he were mad, With crabbed words tharp and keen, Right to the other bairn him by; His horse was all of silver sheen! In it a ramping lion keen, Seemingly into gold was fet; His border of was azure sheen, His shield was shaped right seemly, With filk and fable well was plet. I looked from over a green, And faw a lady on a lee, That such a one I had never feen, The light of her shined so high. Attour the moor whereat she foor, The fields me thought fair and green; She rode upon a steed full stoor, That fuch a one had I feldom feen; Her steed was white as any milk, His top, his tail, were both full blue, A fad faddle showed with filk, As all were gold it glittered fae: His harnessing was of filk of India, Set with precious stones frae: He ambled on a noble kind, Upon her head stood crowns three. Her garments was of gowans gay, But other colour faw I none. A flying fowl then I faw, Light beside her on a stone; A stoop into her hand she bare, And holy water she had ready, She sprinkled the field both here and there, Said here shall many dead corps lie; At you bridge upon you burn,

PROPHECIES OF THOMAS RYMER.
Where the water runs bright and sheen
And Knights die through battle keen.

To the two Knights then did she fay, Let be your strife my Knights free; Ye take your horse, and ride your way, As God hath ordain'd so most it be. Saint Andrew thou hast the right; Saint George thou art mine own Knight: Thy wrongous heir shall work thee woe. Now are they on their ways gone; The Lady and the Knights two, To that beirn then can I ment, And asked tidings by may fay, What kind of light is that, I faid, Thou shewest to me upon you lee; Or wherefore came you Knights two? They feemed of a far country. That Lady that I let thee see, That is the Queen of Heaven so bright: The fowl that flew by her knee, That is Saint Michael, much of might: The Knights two the field to tae, Where many men in field shall fight: Know you well it shall be fae, That die shall many a gentle Knight: With death shall many a doughty deal. The Lord shall be then away, There is none herrel that can tell, Who shall win the field that day. A crowned King in arms three, Under the banner shall be set : Two false and feigned shall be, The third shall light and make great let. Banners five again shall strive, And come in on the other fide:

The white lion shall beat them down, And work them woe with wounds wide:

The bear's head with the red lion, So fweetly into red gold fet, That day shall flay the King with crown,

Though many Lords make great let, There shall attour the water of Forth, Set in gold the red lion:

And many Lords out of the north,

To that battle shall make them bown: There shall crescents come full keen, That wears the Cross as red as blood. On every fide shall be forrow feen. Defiled is many doughty food, Besides a loch upon a lee, They shall affemble upon a day, And many doughty men shall die, Few in quiet shall be found away. Our Scottish King shall come full keen, The red lion beareth be; A feddered arrow sharp I ween, Shall make him wink, and warre to fee, Out of the field he shall be led, When he is bloody and woe for blood; Yet to his men then shall he fay, For God's love turn thou again, And give your fouthern folk a fray: Why should I lose? the right is mine, My fate is not to die this day. Yonder is falsehood sled away. And laughty blows his horn on high: Our bloody King that wears the crowna Full boldly shall the battle bide, His banner shall be beaten down. And hath none hole his head to hide. The sterns three that day shall die, That bears the hart in filver sheen, There is no riches, gold nor fee, May lengthen his life an hour I ween. Thus thro' the field that Knight shall ride, And twice refcue the King with crown; He shall make many a banner yield, The Knight that bears the tods three, He will by force the field to tae; But when he fees the lion die, Think ye well he will be wae! Beside him lights bairns three, Two is white the third is blae, The tods three shall flay the two. The third of them shall make him die, Out of the field shall go no more, But one Knight and Knaves three. There comes a banner red as blood:

PROPHECIES OF THOMAS RYMER.

In a ship of filver sheen; With him comes many ferly food, To work the Scots much hurt and woe. There comes a ghost out of the west, Is of another language than he, To the battle bowns him best. As foon as he the Senyour can fee: The raches works them great wanrest, Where they are rayed on a lee; I cannot tell who hath the best, Each one of them makes other die. A white fwan fet into blac. Shall femble from the fouth fea. To work the northern folk great woe, For know you well thus shall it be, The staiks aught with filver fet, Shall semble from the other side, Till he and the fwan be met, They shall work woe with wounds wide. Thro' wounds wide their weeds hath fet, So boldly will their bairns bide. It is no reck who gets the best, They shall both die in that same tide.

There comes a Lord out of the north, Riding upon a horse of tree, That broad lands hath beyond Forth The white hind beareth he: And two ratches that are blue. Set into gold that is so free, That day the eagle shall him flay, And then put up his banner hie. The Lord that bears the lolans three, Set into gold with jewels two: Before him shall a battle be. He wears a banner that is blue, Set with peacocks' tails three, And lufty ladies heads two: Unfain of one, each other shall be, All through grief together they go; I cannot tell who wins the gree, Each one of them shall other slay: The eagle grey fet into green, That wears the harts' heads three. Out of the fouth he shall be feen,

To light and ray him on a lee,
With fifty-five Knights that are keen,
And earls either two or theee,
From Carlifle shall come bedeen,
Again shall they it never see,
At Pinkin Cleugh there shall be spilt,
Much gentle blood that day;
There shall the bear lose the gylt,
And the eagle bear it away.
Before the water, men calls Tyne,

And there over lays a bridge of stone, That bears three shall lose the gree, There shall the eagle win his name.

There comes a beaft out of the west, With him shall come a fair minie, His banner hath been seldom seen, A bastard trow I best he be; Gotten with a ladie sheen, And a knight in privity, His arms are full eath to know, The red lion beareth he, And be right glad to flee away! Into an orchard on a lee; With herbs green and allies gray, There will he enlaked be. His men fays, harmefay; The eagle puts his banner on hie, And fays the field he wan that day : There shall the lion lie full still, Into a valley fair and bright: A lady shouts with words shril, And fays woe worth thee cruel knight, Thy men are flain upon yon hill, The dead are many doughty dight.

Thereat the lion liketh ill,
And raiseth his banner hie on hight a
Upon the moor that is so grey,
Beside an headless cross of stone:
There shall the eagle die that day;
And the red lion win the name.
The eagles three shall lose the gree:
That they have had this many a day:
The red lion shall win renown,
Win all the sield and bear away.

THE PROPHECY OF WALDHAVE.

One crow shall come, another shall go, And drink the gentle blood fo free, When all these terlies were away. Then faw I none, but I and he: Then to the beirn could I fay, Where dwells thou? or in what country; Or who shall rule the Isle Britain, From the north to the fouth fea? The French wife shall bear the fon-Shall rule all Britain to the fea. That of the Bruces blood shall come, As near as the ninth degree. I frained fast, what was his name? Whence that he came? from what country: In Eritlingtown, I dwell at hame, Thomas Rymer men call me.

The Prophecy of WALDHAVE,

TPON Lowdon Law alone as I lay, Looking to the Lennox, as me lief thought, The first morning of May, medicine to feek, For malice and melody, that moved me fore. I lyed down, and leaned me, and lifted well fleep, Upon the height of a hill where the voice bade. And as I lyed down, and hielded mine eyes, So hears I an horse voice, and an hie cry, That bade me Waldhave beware, and he well keep, For fear of a wild beaft, that his weird dries. Therewith I stonish, and stood, and start on my feet, And fained me on every fide, as the voice bade. Then I looked but let, lightly me frae. And faw an hirfal on hie, of hares together, An hundred I hope, well wholly there was: Then of foxes; a flock fully five score: All following on a fierce beaft that rudly them chas'd, That was all wood through weird woeful to fee. Right ragged and rent, and riven in pieces: A battle with baftoun, he bare on his broad lufes, Like a brimful beirn, battle to make. He thought to effray, and them fast pressed,

As he in hold would them fang, firm at his will, But when he faw me with fight, foon he them left; And when he shundered away, no more I them saw: Then groaning grimly, he girt to me foon, As Gerrert the great shrew had done for the nonce, He struck fast with his staff, and stonisht me fore; But I keeped him by Christ, with a keen weapon, That was my fword, till I fwat, fwinging me about And a buckler well broad, that keeped me best. So freshly he forced me meat for to make, That he shundered on the fold, and his seet snappered. The bastoan on the bent fore brased him frae, And I but laid on his breaft, bowned myfelf; All griffling on the ground graciously held, Through grace of the great God, that had me warn'd He yelped, he yalmered, and youled loud, And struggled fast his strength, and struck upon loft. But I held him by the hair as mine hap was, And height to hurt him full fore, but he him still held: And conjured him by Christ, and his mother dear, That he should show me to his kith and kin: But long was it that he lay ere he spake might, And at the last he can leave, and lightly he said, Waldhave, wilt thou, that well hath thee happened; Thou thought not that thy weird this wrought should be. But let me rise of this race, and rest thee beside: And I shall readily, without riot, thee marvels tell: Great grace hast thou gotten, that got me this time. I shall grieve thee no more, fo is thy grace turned: But yet I trusted not his tale, while he his truth gave By the law and the lead, that he lived on, That I fure should be, and fafe, and none ill betide: Then let him I rife, and leaned on his shoulder, And great marvel of his face, and his form had; He was formed like a freik all his four quarters: And then his chin and his face haired fo thick, With hair growing fo grim, fearful to fee. I frained at him foremost, the sear of himself, Why his figure and his face was so fierce made? If wearie of the world? or what him ailed? He girned, he gasped, and groaned full fore, Wept with his grey eyes, and fuddenly he faid, Good game all the way, is as God will: For he is grieved through my guilt, and I no grace ferved,

THE PROPHECY OF WALDHAVE. My wild wanton will, and my misdeeds. I may know of all woe, and my weird alas! Because of my sin, that I served ever. Hath his forrow and this fight fent unto me, By trouble of my kin, that I am of come, Hath me turned into this care, and careful me made: That I have no hope of help so help me our Lord. While he that put me in grief once grace fend, Frain thou no further of my foot likes. Of other works, as I wate, ask if thou likes: Thine ettling thou ask may, for answer I shall, In woods and wilderness, where my way lies. That I heark'ned and heard, I height to thee to fave Then frowned I fiercely of this frivole world: What to be of war, if he wist ought? Or who should weild us in this world, that forrow drees To give us of good will, and get us to peace? If there is fruits in this world, that so much worth is? Should have fusion on force, and any fair after?

And then he looked to the ground, and wept all a while And he grouned for grief, weeping he faid, Much anger and evil hath this isle chosen All through o'greed and theft, and Elvines Knight, Brutas thy bairntime has much bail chosen; Since first in Britain to leind thou was brought: Sickness and forrow, and foreness set with syth, When thou sembled to the sea, under sail sound: Noraway hath neddered them, and to need brought: That hath newed their names, and named themselves, English that are eastfood, and Edryons bairns, But all the anger that they make, their own shall be, That Westmoorland, woeful may thee betide, For thou with war and thy wrong bairns, When thou mels with the Mers and mixed with the fame Much malice and mischief thou made for thyself. Bairns and banners thou brought upon loft, With burning and bail hath wrought forrow; Carliffe thy captains hath much woe wrought: Thou shalt compelled be with care, thou thinks it but little, Thou shalt thy gates yarn, thou yarns not thereafter; Thou shalt yalmur and yell that all York shall it hear: Then the town shall be tint trow thou not else; Thy tops and thy turnats tumbled to the ground, No falle fortune fo fell has thee at feed,

That force shall fail thee when thou best thinkest. And lipens on London to lead thee for ever. On Linton and Lindsay, and Lancaster shires, There shall a lion be lowfed that a lord is, Both of London and Lorn, as the law will He shall allege to be liege, and the law make: Leave nought upon loft, but waste them for ever-All the strengths of the coast, and castles every one, He shall inclose them to his crown, and over them come Burgane, Bamburgh, as he by rides, And Butlings beat it down and burn it for ever. The water shall welcome him, and the waves of the sea, While he have won on hie all that he thinks Through his truth upon Tweed, shall be turned after, If who will count the time of the year If even eeking the hour, and the day come, And angred for evermore: this old men devises, Needless thou Norham for nought that thou lookest, There is a neker, in the north thy nest shall destroy: Thou shalt be wasted of thy works for thy wrong deeds, There shall no warrand thee weir that thou winks after: A black bear, and a brock, and a bull head, A boar whelp, with a brock, and a broad head. Shall them bound in their hour & bear them down forfuth And build them up their walls, as they best think. Red Roxburgh thy role, and reddy thee bown, Thy root is now raifed up and rotten in funder: Three ravens and a rook shall on thy tock sit, An rolp rudely shall they, that Rome shall it hear. From Ross to Rosdeen was that right may be, Reddy the Rescours, thou rests no more, For it is but reason the rights and rents be gathered. What janglest thou Jedburgh? thou jags for nought, There shall a guileful groom dwell thee within, The tower that trusts in, as the truth is, Shall be traced with a trace, trow thou none other: The new castle is keen, keeped full well, There to take ye good heed, nor come not therein: A hird with a hand-bow shall the hird keep, Hie in an holine, and in a haer-wood, Both his horns shall he hang, and hast him therewith. Dress thee now Dumbar, and do for the time, Thou hast a dread for the drake, that the drown would, Thine heels are so hard set, with halmers of steel,

Well heavy therefore, hold the full still.

The new work that is next on the north stream,
Shall cast a blink to the bass, when the blink shines,
Be it guided with wit, and will be no waster,
There shall no waster it weild, nor none evil doer.

Hailes, hold thee at home, so hold I it best,
For hap thou to Haildown, thou art hurt for ever:
'There is an Hurchen in an hurst, in Heriot moor,
Hath marred the myrsuap in Minto Craigs:
That hath mansions moved maugre of his teeth.
Dirlton and Dalkeith, they dread no more also,
But the down and the dow that the drake leads:
The dragon they drown would but devise of France,
Doth for them doughtly, as he hath done ever:
Edinburgh that old craig is angered full fore,
For the awe of the erne that in the east builds,
He hath a falcon's seire, that in far lands,
Both his feddering and his slight, and his slight gathered
Needless they noy them, that is for nought;
For they never in the nest shall nourish their birds.

Striveling that strait place, a strength of the land, Why with Strabrock and Strathern strives thou to yarn, When Strabogie shall destroy all the straiberries; The strands of Strabrock shall stream them with blood, Three storks in a stall shall stand them before. Stuffed all in steel weed, all on horse-back. Their stoutness shall shine and stonish themselves. For stroaks fo strive shall stent them within. Do now Dumbarton, while thy days last; A wretched cloud in the west, as elders thee call: Bear thee well to Bothwell, and build it up all. Then Crawford and Cumnock, with clean men of arms, Let not light the Lois leap out of town: For thou art lord of the lands, and a new Albion king, To Dowlas now do well, and it dear bold: For Dowlas the doughty may endure well, Deal the best of the lands, that longeth thee to, Feed them with fairness, and with fair words, Fy on the fellowship that hath a false end. Captive and curst men are cumbered for ever: There may no captive by Christ this kindred defend, Laughty and largeness, are two love things, He that his life gave, loves them well. Knights and christen men there to heed take:

Cast the curst men in care, but they to Christ turn,
Think on Dumbarton the bold in old Birns time,
That thou art but a beeld, and in that land chief,
Thou shalt take heed to this token that I shall thee tell,
Believe it as truly as it were written:
When Lowmond law shall its leave take
From the land of Lennox, and leave it forever;
Leap lightly with loup, look thee about,
And mantle all the craig with a tower wall,
With barges and billengers to rush at the gates,
That both sish and fowl that on slight goes,
Be slitted up freshly, and sair them within,
Then is Dumbarton burnt all to powder,
And all in a cloud: the war ended for ever.

And if ye fail of this freit after 13 years.

Yeair ye yaiply, and yairn ye no more. The castle of Carrick, that on a craig stands. Shall try upon Cumnock for a true neft; That into Clydsdale coast clevers full fast, In an holine so hie by an elf busk. Then shall the Galloway grooms get on their mares. Three tods and terfel shall tene all the woods, From Tynmouth to Tultie, and be tole free: But a gosehalk of growth shall grieve him then, And get on a gray mare, that in grass rests. In a gow of Gowrie by a gray stone, He shall tulie both the tods, and the tub also. And with the teind that is taken, turn into France, Two wethers and a wolf shall the field make. Betwixt a yow and a lamb that leads the flock, Before butler the bargane shall begine; All it is bootless his bags he ript. Then shall the yle of Royfay be rank full of fide bushes, Then each man rues them, for rueth of his heart, That would rend from the rood, and no rest thole. A captive in a craig shall a tower build, And cry to Craig-Fergus the grawdone is ever For a book in but, as a bull horn, Bound with a bugle blow when he likes, A proud pown in a preis lordly shall light: With piots and pillidooes pulled in the crown, Plain power of the Pope must the pown have, To pluck and to punish, and part him about, A piot shall partly appeal him again

THE PROPHECY OF WALDHAVE.
For his part of the pelf, and the pown wrong.
There shall much forrow and strife stir them once,
That shall the Sterlings trouble, that stirs with wings:
An hare with an Hurchen and the hind calf.
Shall hie them in holy land hold them therein
While a grey hound them grype, on the Greek sea,
And go with them grievously, where him leif likes;
There shall no gaming them glee, while the grey hound
Gryp the grey hound, and grieve him full fore,
And buffet him bitterly, then bite him with war.
Go musing upon Merling, more if thou wilt,
For I mean for no more, man at this time.
Then I studied stood and him held:
Then he could sturdily stir with his broad eyes;

But I couth further this fraine, for his father's foul? If ever Frieck on this fold formed himself, That he should witter me fome way if he wist ought What of this world and this war should after betide; Then as a lyon he looked me on, Like as he leep would and rent me in sunger. He said, weens thou Waldhave, I win into heaven That I may in this world all my wit have? No, thou getst that of God, their gains none other, To whom he gives the grace they are of good life? But this tale that I tell you, ye shall trust it well. It is tratling, but truth, the footh thee to fay, I moved into my mind how the footh stands; Muse on as thou may, the matter thou fraines, Thou fins if thou frienes fraind farther I tell, I have enough Waldhave my way for to make; Here in wilderness I dwell, my weird for to dree.

Waldhave conjured this Spirit, to show much more of sundry things to come as followeth.

BUT some, what shall I say, as sooth as I heard, Amongst signs unsound that over sooth is: Three mares of the Mars, shall marry themselves, With the mentrickes of Mar, that they much love. Those brime beasts wild, shall bite sull bold, To baile and to barret bairs anew.

Then shall he first with the buck's head, The other a bear that is brime, shall brue much care; The third a bull with a bear that bears horns, Hudge and hideous on every fide high; These three shall rake and rave in the wild north: There shall none other ride these ryotons beasts. A cock with a keen comb shall compals them with All whole the wayes where the land lyes. With fuch a fcreich and cry shall their kind rife, That the Kirk of Christ shall be cumbered thereof, But the happier half shall the cock have: For he is higher of head and hurts the lefs, These false Lurdens lives lists but a while, Till 3 Libberts in a ling from London shall come, And lean toward Lothian in Linlithgow shire, Toward Glasgow they go, graithly thereaster; Attour the hills where the way lies, And on Govan moor graiths them to sleep: Then a lion as lord shall leap them among, . And learn them a lesson though they loth think, Fell falconds in field shall their fey worth, And their formales fo far fleemed for ever: Then Purvey the powock with thy proud shaws, Thou shalt have part of the pelf, when the pack opens.

Then a chieftain unchosen, shall choose forth himself, And ride through the realm, and Roy shall be called; Then shall wales worthily dwell upon loft, And choose them a chief lord of loyalty holden, Scots heirs of Scotland shall scale them full wide. In Humber shall brulye, their right for to have, Gresson and Godrant that were great lords, They were tailied in that time with untrue folk. Heaven, and even heirs of the land, Shall rent them, and rife, and reel in their way, And noy all the Norways that has them wrong wrought, When dead shall rife, and marvels shew, Look him flat in face, and none shall him know; Then the lillie fo liele with notable bairns, Send Bodwart in Britain to the bairn bold, Bids him blythly abide in battle join'd. Then a lion thall leap loofe out of hands; The fixth out of Ireland, nobleft of deeds; But when he is loofe, then rest is there none. When the syce is up, and the fink under,

THE PROPHECIES OF WALDHAVE. Then shall the dead arise, and work great wonder. Among kind men in Kyth kindle shall a care, There shall a counsel sit that shall whole banks bare. Then Saxons are fet with fubtle thoughts. And proves partly to prick with party faces, And wales warps up with wonderful deeds; And Ireland helps that head to his most height! And all Yorkshire shall help, prove when he likes, He shall bind him to bide, with bairns anew. Enter up at a side where the sea fills. In his own kine ground, where that he was born. With dignity and dear men that him well loves. For to conquelt the clear crown of England's line; But all would fail, were not force that the fool thinks. He would be fubtilly fold, were not Christ's will, That his dolotirous date must drive to an end. And the bastard's blood left is for ever. Then in Britain that day fee whoso will. Shall never baftards brook a foot broad of earth. He shall be hurled and harled, and basted to death, With a wolf out of Wales, and bring him out of days, And conquest the clear crown of England's right. He shall bring all England into good peace; While a hunter shall rife, and reign in the North, Rax up his banners with riotous beirus, For fafety and supply of Brutes lands, Much sturt and strife shall sterie a while, From the North to the South sea, whose list: For when the towers of Torin is tumbled in the fand, With hunger and hare-life, and falsehood on loft. Within eight years after great wonder shall be seen, By that the Libberts' race is fally at an end: Then the lillie fo leil shall leind in his hands, And to the lion shall get lordships great: For the lion shall arrive at Carlisle, And leap on the land, as lord of the ground, He shall liend in the land, with his leil-beirnes, And lame Libbert; and lose him for ever, Shall never the Libbert leap one day after, In bold Britain to brook, the date is near passed. That King shall deal and part all the broad lands, To Bruce's blood, and other bold knights, That shall go with the way to the reigning of Christ, In the Vale of Jehoshaphat scen shall he be,

Where many Saryans shall quake with their hearts, When the dead men shall rife, and show them a fight, As marvellous Merling hath faid of before; Take heed to this tale, that now I thee tell, And trust it is as truly as if it were written: When that falsehood hath foot, and freedom is lost, And covetous hath the Kyth at his own will: When Laughty is laid low under foot, And kindness his courteses his friends to beguile, And no truth shall be shewed unto Christian lands, But all bent to deceit, and none trust other, Nor the father the fon in his bodily oaths, Holy Kirk shall have no girth, but plainly overturned; And letchery on loft, and none spare other: And each blood with other knits together, The law of our Saviour is quite forgotten.

This is a true talking that Thomas of tells,
That the hare shall hirple on the hard stone,
In hope of grace, but grace gets she none:
Then Gladsmoore and Govan shall gape thereafter:
Think not long on this loss, for it is near hand;
When the lamb is loose that the Holy Kirk keeps,
Then falsehood is set in sages of Rome,
And works for the warrant that the cure wan:
Many sages shall sigh within short time after,
When the mouth of Arran the top hath overturned.
Then shall Dumbarton mell of old done deeds,
And so shall Arran hap in a new man's hands;
In hope of Dunbar, when hails shall halt,
When the hunter shall come and his kind ratches,
Hunt Fotherick and Fyse, and the field win.

When summer is winter, and the winter is weet, With wardling wind and tempest great, Then falsehood is ready his friend to beguile, With hunger and hirship over all the broad lands; Then shall the poor people be spilled sull near, The leed with the lucken hand is brought out of days, Subtilly his life shall lose, and many another, And many doughty shall die for that deed: And many leed in the North shall their life lose, For coveton and treason them loses the land: Many a wife and maiden shall wring both their hands, Before this wicked wars be brought to an end. The first root of this war shall rife in the North,

THE PROPHECY OF WALDHAVE. That the Isles and Ireland shall rife in the North, And the Saxons seased into Brutes' lands.

When the moon is dark in the first of the number. With four crescents to eke forth the days, And thrice ten, is felcouth to fee, With an L to Lowse out the rest of the number. Syne let three and two thrieps as they will, This is the true date that Merling oft tells, And give to king Uter Arthurus' father, And for to mean and muse with these merry words, For once Britain shall be in a new Knight's hands, Whose hap to bide shall see with his eyes, And Merling and Waldhave have faid of before, And true Thomas told in his time after, As Saint Beid in his book berieved the same, Muse on if you may for mister you have, I shall give you a token, that Thomas of tells, When a lad with a lady shall go over the fields, And many fair things weeping for dread, For love of their dear friends lies looking on hills, That it shall be woe for to tell the teind of their forrow, Then shall be wasted their chief lands, Where God curses with his mouth, dead must follow. Now wot thou, Waldhave, my will is way to pass, To wood-wilderness, where my way lies; Then is Libberts three lamed for ever. And the lion shall be lord and leader for footh, And all Britain the broad shall him bow to, And his barnage bold shall him blefs keep, Then shall fruit well and fashon of corne, If freedom and friendship his fyance be holden, Cry ye Christian men of Christ, and honour our King, Of all cures and cares, in this coast angers.

And thus he fundered me frae, I fained no longer, But I marvelled fast at this fair head, I studied right stably, and all astonish'd thereof, That I winked ere I wist, and wrought upon sleep; And when I wakened, written I found, All these words on wax, wanted there none, Brieved on a broad book, and on my breast laid, Blessed be the breiver that the book wrote. Then can I make more muse, and melling therewith, The first morning of May, this marvel I saw,

As I lay mine alone on Lowdon-Law, Looking to the Lennox me lief thought.

The Prophecy of GILD.

WHEN Haly Kirk is wracked, and will has no wit, And pastors are pluckt, and pield without pity, When idolatry is in Ens and Re, And spiritual pastors are vexed and away, And all estates in fight are unknown, Because of their cloathing, conning, or craft, Spiritually suspended, subverted and suspected, Denying their duty to God, and their debt, Prompted up like princes, as the peacock proud, Refusing their religion, and their right rule; Then in the north a wicked wind shall blow. That all the realm shall rue right soon thereafter, The grey hound shall be grieved, and driven at under, And tramped for his truth, to whom he kept truft, The kindest of his Kith shall not him know. But him and his misknow that ever, they ever knew. Then shall many farlie fall right soon thereafter. And from Caithness to Dover shall walk but war, And mourn for his misfortune, that failed so soon ; But better mourn for themselves, for need they have : Hails when thou haltest, herpel not but hold thee: If thou speakest where thou spoke, it shall able skald thee: The barred lion lawlefs, at thee shall be grieved: Shall fearch and feek thee to destroy thee for ever; Yet shall a beirne from Berwick busk him and bown, And fearch the treading of trewes that were aforetane By the heedless people, that held at their own hand The holes whole, and the herds had to destroy, Reason shall be sought, and granted shall be none; The movers thereof shall mene, and may not mend; Then shall the counsel, which cumbered bath the kith Call for comfort, but long they may crave; The marked to the highest, and to overhaile the old, But all in vain they work, they shall not prevail; They shall work unwise, and wit shall they lack, Then waried their wierd, that ever they were wrought, Then shall the ratches in this region take,

THE PROPHECY OF GILD, &c. And run their race rudely but any return, The best of the Kyth shall cry for support; But scarce shall they rife, they shall be sae swier: 'The hound which was harmed, then missed shall be, Who loved him worst, shall weep for his wrack; Yet shall a whelp rife out of the same race, That rudely shall rair, and rule the whole north, And quit the whole quarrel of old deeds done: Though he from his hold be kept back a while. The cock dare not crow, though it be his kind, But keep himself close, while come shall his time, Prepare thee Edinburgh, and pack up thy packs : Thou shalt be left void, be thou lief or loath: Because thou art varriant, and seemed thy faith, Thro' envy and covetousness that cumbered thee ever-True Thomas me told in a troublesome time. In an harvest morning at Eldom hills.

The Prophecy of the English Chronicles.

THERE shall proceed an holy hermit in king Eltridus' time, in this manner, in the book of king Henry the fixth, saying, These Englishmen, forasmuch as they use to drunkenness, treason, and carelessness of God's house; first by the Danes, then by the Normans, and the third time by the Scots, that they held the most wretched and the least worth of all other, they shall be overcome and vaincust. Then the word shall be unstable.

The Prophecies of Sybillia and Eltrain.

When the goat with the golden horn is chosen the sea,
The next year thereafter Gladsmoore shall be.
Whoso likes for to read,
Marvellous Merling and Beid,
In this manner they shall proceed,
Of things unknown,
The truth now to record:
And from the date of our Lord.

Though that it be showen: Take a thousand in calculation, And the longest of the Lion. Four crescents under one crown, With Sainct Andrew's cross thrise: Then threescore and thrife three: Take heed to Merling truely; Than shall the wars ended be, And never again rife.

In that year there shall a king, A duke and no crowned king, Because the prince shall be young, And tender of years. Much forrow and strife, Shall be in Lothian and Fife, Through the fulmart's false sears. The mauldragil moldiwart, Through the fupply of the fained hart, And lancing of the Libbert, Linked in a lace: In Fife and Lothian shall stand, With many bow, bill and brand, And burn and flay all from hand, Without any grace.

Then comes the anthelope, The blind moldiwarte to stop; With many femyors in a fop: Forth of all airths. The lion raping at the roves, With the proyne, and pleningoes And many knights for to cloves, Shall come from the fouth.

The fadled horse shall be seen, Ty'd to a tree green, And with a visa la fine. In a bag shall be born: Sine two ships in a shield, That day shall fit the field, To be the Anthelope's beild, And fetch him beforn.

The bear's head, and the brock, The beam and the bloody yoke, Three crescents, and a cock, Shall come from the north.

36 THE PROPHECIES OF SYBILLA, &c. They shall come from the broyle, And knights keenly shall toyle, For love of the finke foyle, And fight upon Forth. When the battle draws near. In their fight shall appear, A navy of men war, Approaching at hand. Then put their men in ordinance. With five hundred knights of France, And a duke them to advance. To be in the vanguard: And to the Anthelope shall liend, And take him eafily to friend, Then the Libbert shall be teind, And desperate of blis. Scots and French shall take a part, With a proud haitrent heart; And shall upon the moldiwarte, Ere the dessevre. His bow to him shall be no bield. All his knights shall be kild, Himself is sain in the field, And vincust for ever. This shall the wars ended be, Then peace and policie, Shall reign in Albanie, mart he Charles marin the transmitters Still without end. And whoso likes to look, The description of this book, This writes Beid who will look, And fo doth make an end.

[&]quot;Here followeth a prophecy pronounced by a noble Queen and matron, called Sybiila, Regina Austri, that came to Solomon, through the which she compiled four books at the instance and request of the said king Solomon and others. And the south book was discrected to a noble king called Baldwin, king of the broad lsse of Britain. Of the which she maketh mention of two noble princes and emperors, the which is called lyons, of these two shall subdue and over-

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come all earthly princes to their diadem and crown, " and also be glorified and crowned in heaven among Saints. The first of these two is Constantinus Mag-" nus that was Leprofus, the fon of Saint Helen, that " found the cross. The second is the fixth King of "the name of the Stewart of Scotland, the which " is our most noble King."

BRITAIN.

IN Scotland shall reign the most noble and valient chieftain that ever was; full of wildom and policy, c. uel in justice as a lion, and fierce. He shall be meek as a lamb, but somewhat inclined to stragility of his slesh. In his time shall be great justice and peace; but, alas, for forrow! for by treason he shall be destroyed. This lamb shall make many good houses and fair places: he shall take great adventurous travels: and a little before his death he shall have war with them that should be his friends, and he shall get victory over them: but by falset of his own, he shall be drawn to a place of battle, where he shall get great discomfort, by the which he shall die. Therefore alas for forrow of his line, which shall be in great trouble. And after him there shall be a chiftain of. the Kyth, unstable at the wind, wavering as the waves of of the sea. In his time shall the church tremble as an afpen leafe, and great trouble in all manner of estates; but it shall not long last

Also the wolf shall rise against him out of the north-west, and make him great trouble; but he shall not prevail; for by help of the wolf's brother and the fox, the wolf 'shall be slain by a water-side: and soon after, there shall come out of the north a dragon, and a wolf, the which shall be the help of the lion, and bring the realm to great rest and peace with glory, with the most joy and triumph, that the like was never feen these many years before. For by the fweet smell of the lillie and the flower-de-luce, there shall be a chieftain of the Kyth who shall choose forth himfelf, stable as a stone, stedfast as the chrystal, firm as the adamant, true as the steel, immaculate as the fun, without all treason: He shall fail on the sea, with walls on every fide, and that with great glory and joy, to deliver the

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Kyth out of all thraddom and dolour; for he shall be strong as the wolf, wife as the serpent, humble as the lumb, simple as the dove, victorious as the lien, prince of justice, the weal of this nation: He shall bind his tail with the red dragon, and accompany him with the lion, these three shall rife against the moldiwart the which is curfed of God: This moldiwart shall have an earthly skin as a goat, the vengeance of God shall fall upon him for fin and the fuffering of the great pride of his people unpunished. Also they shall thrust him out of his realm, and make all the four chief floods of his realm to run blood, and after that the moldiwart shall slee, and take a ship to fave himself: for he shall have no more power of his realm: and after that he shall be glad to give the third part of his realm, to have the fourth part in peace, and he shall not get it: for the will of God is, that no man shall have mercy, but he that is merciful, and after that he shall live in forrow all his life time, and die by adventure suddenly in a flood of the sea; and his progeny shall be fatherless in strange countries and lands for evermore, because they were gotten against the law of God: for by that generation the realm of England is repleat of all iniquity and abomination of fin. And fo the wolf, the dragon with the lion, shall divide the realm of England, and so shall the land be conquest by the power and will of God, and not by the strength of man.

And he that is an Englishman born, shall deny and perjure his native nation and realm; but yet they shall be as tributaries to these aforesaid three beatts, and all wholly subdued to them. And thee the spouse of God shall be glad of her deliverance, and her children shall inhabit their lands with joy in the service of their father, by creation. Well is the man that keepeth his true part to that time: for after those days the law of the spouse

shall be well.

But in the mean time, that religious persons shall suffer patiently perfecution, and especially the poor, which have left all for their spoule sake, for they shall be glad to flee to the mountains and caves for their fafeguard; but he, for whose sake they do suffer, shall redress their dolour to joy without end.

And the isle of Britain shall be in all joy and peace, and the just shall be glad in the suppressing of their adversaries; and then shall all good men and women give perfect THE PROPHECIES OF BRITANE.

land and praise to God omnipotent; for God doth suffer

men to be punished for fin.

And then shall the owl, the hear with the eagle, be all destroyed, because they were untrue to the moon, and changed into blood; for by their counfel, the old lion. gentle of nature, was degenerate, and mad against them that was his trusty friends: for he shall be the cause of great and much trouble, and shedding of much innocent blood, and the beginning of great discord among them that should be friends: and as for his succession, they shall never inherit their lands. And then shall the Bruce beware, and take good heed that he shed not blood in these lands, but draw him to his strength; for the wolf shall await him at an advantage and be his death, and then shall all the birds of the wood fing for joy, that the wolf is made watchman, and an enemy to the fox: for all shall be one in truth and peace, treason shall be no more known, and the fun shall shine clear, but the moon shall be under covert, and dark till God be pleased to redress; the white lion ramping, shall have his den at large, for his stedfast truth that he kept to the Kyth.

And he shall keep the birds in their bounds with all glory; but the unicorn shall couch full low for failehood that he wrought with the raven yalping, and that was for his greediness and treason that they shall do by the fea, and under a great hill: for the cock that should have been true was falle, and drew with him the papingo; by which the role gave no fmell that was ever pleafant to the Kyth; and so in their train they shall draw the best fowls in the wood: wherefore, alas! but then let them take heed; for then comes their diffress; the horn shall blow fuch a dolorous found, that all the castles of Tyne shall quake; and the hart shall run, and make little debate: woe shall be, but it shall not long last, for the wolf with the dragon, and the lion, shall they release, that lay long in their den, and inflice shall be had for that which was stayed to rise; then shall tremble and quake the stalwart and the starke; and the right shall be had, that justice thall draw, and woe shall be to them that no pity would have for the chieftain of the Kyth, that God would guide, and strike treason down on every side.

And happy is that man that may it fee, But happier that chieftain, whoever he be-

BISHOP USHER'S

WONDERFUL PROPHECIES OF THESE TIMES WITH SIXTEEN MORE.

Relating to the Affairs in Kingdoms and States; predicting the DOWNFAL of the POPE, the EMPIRE of the TURKS, and the FRENCH KING. With other wonderful things immediately expected to happen.

A Faithful collection of fundry Prophecies and Predic-

HOUGH some may slight Prophecies and Predictions as srivolous and vain, yet not only Holy Scripture, but the experience of most ages have found their events, when time has unravelled the mysterious and ambiguous words and phrases, that make them at first seem hard and difficult to understand, whereof I might instance many, but intending only to lay down for the satisfaction of the curious, such as are not yet known to be passed, but their events expected, I come to what is material.

A Prophecy Recited by MR. LILLY in the year 1651. Re-

Certain Prince as religious as a Turk, shall overspread that peoples teritories, and war and desolation will be occasioned by the unruly nobility, who by
their civil dissentions shall occasion the ruin of the French
monarchy; and if you would know near the time of this
great mutation, it shall be when a certain King called Henry is twice made a King, and Duke of Florence turns Protestant. This prophecy seems to hint at the present juncture, though written so many years since, in consideration
the English and Scotch nation have unanimously proclaimed and submitted their crowns to William Henry his present Majesty; so that he may be said twice to be made a
King.

Another Prophecy of the Same Author, &c.

THE French King (fays he) or (as the latin has it) the King of France, shall be driven out by his own

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people; for he will exercife very great tyranny against his subjects and against the church of Christ, being instigated or stirred up thereunto by the Romish Bishops, &c. who being bribed with money, shall seduce and betray him: This he shall seem to do in favour of his kingdom or allies; but when he shall be removed and deceived, he shall be left all alone in banishment, abandoned by those that he consided in: This shall happen towards the end of the second incurse, so the shield shall happen to the fire-band. This was written as ancient as the former.

A Prophecy of the Turks, concerning the downfal of their Empire.

UR Monarch shall come, he shall disposses the unbelieving Prince of this kingdom; he shall subdue the red apple, and make it yield to his government; and is kappily the Christian sword prevail not unto the seventh year, he shall over-rule them unto the twelsth year: Hall build castles, plant vineyards, and fortisy his gardens (or towns) with walls; he shall increase in issue; but after the 12th year, the sword of the Christians shall approach, which shall put the Turks to slight, utterly vanquishing them. As for this prophecy, the accomplishment of it is now in dispute between the Turks and Christians, and therefore I leave the reader to expect the event.

The Prediction of MALCHY, some time Arch-Bishop of Dublin, and accounted by the Papists for a Saint, relating to the downfal of the Papacy.

Popes that were before his time, fince his time, and what he propetes are yet to come, concludes with a fad O hone! O hone! in these words: In the last persecution of the Romish church, (says he) one Peter a Roman, shall possess the chair, and feed the sheep in many tribulations; which being accomplished, the seven-hill'd city shall be destroyed, and the dreadful Judge shall call the people to judgement: And this, according to his account, is computed to happen in the year 1800, if we allow 7 years to the reign of every Pope; however, for the EleC's sake, these days may be shortened.

GILDAS his Prophecy mentioned by Bishop USHER, relating to the Scots Nation, and reduced into English thus:

COTLAND 'bove all shall his brave Chief bemoan, Who all the fea-girt places rules alone: The widow'd land of bounteous Prince bereft. Shall twice three years and nine long months be left. Sad Scotland mourns her old just valiant Kings, But Merling fays, after them up there springs, One that shall not in kingly manner sway, The royal fceptre, yet make them obey: To Albany prefaging mischief flows, By their own frauds undone more than their foes, Yet old Sybillia has in rhymes foretold, She shall revive when one that doats on gold Is lay'd to rest; the white Albanion then, By treachery undoes his country-men: A northern Prince with numerous ships shall vex, The Scots, whom fury, fword and death perplex: Soon after forrows cease, and joys appear, And welcome peace falutes our hemisphere. This Gildas in story well read, foreshows, Whose verse though brief, much matter may disclose.

A very ancient Prophecy called TRUSWELL'S Prophecy, because when it was first found it was put into the hands of MR. TRUSWELL, recorder of Lincoln.

HE Lilly (by which France is fignified) shall remain the better part, and he shall be moved against the feed of the Lyon, and he shall stand on one part amongst the thorns of his kingdom, whose kingdom is the land of the Moon; and there shall come the Son of Man bearing the wild beafts in his arms; with a multitude of people he shall pass many waters, and shall come to the land of the Lyon, looking for help from the beafts of his own country; then shall there come an Eagle out of the East with his wings spread with the beams of the sun, and in that year shall be destroyed castles, or rather ships upon the Thames; and there shall be great fear over all the world, and especially in one part of the land there shall be a great battle amongst many kings; and in that day shall be the bloody field, wherein the Lilly shall lofe his crown, wherewith the Son of Man shall be crowned; and

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in the 14 year many battles shall be fought for the fait. The head of the world shall be brought down to the dust, (viz. the Pope) and the Son of Man with the Eagle, shall be exalted, and there shall be a universal peace over all the world, and the Son of Man receive a wonderful sign, and there shall be great plenty of all fruits of the earth; and he shall go into the land of the cross, viz. the Holy Land. This prophecy when first found, and many times since, has put sundry learned persons to consider when it would come to pass, and who should be meant by the Son of Man; however, happily after all, this age may more plainly manifest.

A Prophecy found in the library of SALIZARIUS of Heidleburgh in Germany, about two hundred years fince.

HERE shall a great King arise out of the nation of the most illustrious Lillies, having a long forehead, high brows, large eyes, and an Eagle's nose; he shall gather a great army and destroy all the tyrants of his kingdom, and flay all that fly into mountains and caves from his face, for righteousness shall be joined to him as the bridegroom to the bride; with them he shall wage war, even unto the fortieth year, bringing into subjection the Islanders, Italians and Spaniards; Rome and Florence he shall destroy and burn with fire, so as falt may be fown on the land: The greatest clergymen that have invaded Peter's chair, he shall put to death, and in the same year obtain a double crown; at last going over sea with a great army, he shall enter Greece and be named the king of the Greeks: The Turks and Barbarians he shall fubdue, making an edict, that every one shall die the death that worshippeth not the crucified one, and none shall be found able to refilt him, because a holy arm from the Lord shall be always with him; and he shall possess the dominions of the earth. These things is ing done, he shall be culled the rest of the holy Christians. 'Tis supposed of king William, being prince of Orange, which is in France.

A Star shall arise in Europe over the Hiberians, towards the great house of the north, whose beams

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A Prophecy found in the Mountain Taurus in Switzerland, engraven on a square marble stone, and in English thus:

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shall unexpectedly enlighten the whole world : This shall be in a most defireable time, when mortals wearied with wars, shall unanimously delire peace; they shall fivive indeed, by reason of a long lasting vacancy, with various fludies, who shall obtain the power of empire, but at last the off-spring of the ancient blood shall overcome, and proceed victoriously by force of arms, till resisted by contrary fates; for this flar being fet, another co-equal Fight blazing with more ardent flames of war, shall spread his empire even to the coast of the Antipodes; but first France shall fabrit her neck to his yoke, and Britanny supplyant in ships, shall cast her self at his feet. Italy breathing after sceptres so high, shall stretch to him her languishing hand: But this bright beam with the vast defire of men, shall abscond itself in the clouds of God: after which many dire misfortunes and calamities shall befal mankind, &c.

Cornelius Gemma cites this prophecy in his book of fupernatural apparitions, and it is held to be one of the prophecies of Sybilla Tiburtina, and many interpreted it to the advantage of Charles the fifth emperor, others of Philip the fecond, king of Spain; others to Henry the fourth of France, but however, none of them answered it in their action, therefore we must conclude it is yet to

come, and expect a favourable iffue.

A Prophecy of RABBI ELIAS, relating to the end of the

HE words in original are in Hebrew, as being done by a Jewish Rabin, but in English thus, viz.

Thus said the sons of Disciples of Elias, the world confisheth of 6000 years, 2000 years void, 2000 the law, and 2000 under the Messias, but for our sins which are many, those years are passed over that are pass already; and of this opinion are many learned fathers of the Christian Church, alluding a thousand to years to a day of the creation; and as there was a sabbath of rest at the end of the six days, so at the end of the six thousand years there will be an everlasting sabbath.

TYCHO BRABAS' Prediction of the downfal of Popery.

HIS noble Dane, famous for learning, was of fuch account, that Ki. James the first of England, upon

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his being in Denmark, went to his caftle of Vraniburg to pay him a visit, where he wrote these verses in his commendation, viz.

What Phæbus dar'd, or what's by Phæton done,

To rule the fiery horses of the fun;

More Tycho doth, he rules the stars above,

And is Uranias' favourite and love.

He tells us, that the light of the gospel, and purity of religion doth shine out clearly, overcoming the darkness of papal error; adding, that we are now at the heighest perfection, and that the power of Antichrist and the Pope shall decay and be brought to ruin, and God, who ruleth in heaven, also shall rule all things on earth.

A Prophecy of PAUL GREENER's, relating to the downfal of the Jefuits.

HERE shall arife, fays he, a new fortunate Zifca, who shall break the heads of the Jesuits in Germany, and drive them out of Astria, and all the tracts of Pannonia, even as far as Constantinople itself; therefore, its meet and requisite that a precious diadem be fet upon the head of this fortunate Tutoriick Zisca, who is the head of the stock, a great and valiant warrior, that comes of the stock of Mars the sixth; he shall rule victoriously, and do many famous things, happily sinishing them, with his other tribunes and captains: After these revolutions, great and wonderful things shall ensue, and many mysteries brought to light.

A fort Prediction, or observation of Mr. LILLIE's found after his decease, with somewhat relating to London.

HE condunation, fays he, of fo many planets in the fign Leo, in the year 1682, gives very rational grounds, to predict the appearance of another Comet, very strange apperitions in the air, or some prodigious meteors either preceding that conjunction, or subsequent within a short time after; and we also are fearful, that some more than ordinary fire or fires may afflict or do considerable damage to many cities of Europe: God keep this judgement from the city of London, and bless her inhabitants with much health and prosperity, and deliver her from another plague or pestilential distemper, &c.

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A Prediction of Dooms-day, upon these words, viz. Jesus Christ the Son of God, the Saviour.

N fign of Dooms-day the whole world shall fweat, Ever to reign a King in heavenly feat; Shall come to judge all flesh, the faithful and Unfaithful too before his God shall stand. Corporeal he shall fit, and thence extend, His doom in fouls: the earth shall quite lie waste, Ruin'd, o'ergrown with thorns, and men shall calt Idols away, and treasure-searching fire Shall burn the ground and rage with fatal ire, Through feas and skies, and break hell's black fate, So shall free light falute the bleffed state Of Saints; the guilty in lasting slaines shall burn, No act so bad but thence to light shall turn; Nor breast so closed but God shall open wide, Each, where shall crys be heard, and noise beside, Of gnashing teeth. The fun shall from the fky Fly forth, and stars no more move orderly; Great heaven shall be dissolv'd, the moon depriv'd Of all her light, 'places at height arriv'd Deprest, and valleys mounted to their feat; There shall be nought to mortals high or great; Hills shall be levell'd with the plains, the sea Endure no burthen, and the earth as they Shall perish, cleft with lightning, every spring, And rivers burn, the fatal trump shall bring; Unto the world from heaven a difmal blaft. Including plagues to come for ill deeds past: Old Chaos through the scatter'd mass appears, Unto this bar all kings come prisoners, Raptur'd with joy, or overwhelm'd with fears.

A second Prophecy of PAUL GREBNER's, presaging the restoring of divers Princes of the Empire, &c. and the downfal of the Papal Authority.

THE Lord (faith he) doth raise up an elector which shall throw down, and root out the Roman Anti-christ in his dominions, with her members and abettors, in this valiant precipitated tumult, raging like a sea in a tempest: Many princes shall be restored to their rights, former estates and liberties: And a noble stout Bohemian Lord doth recover his jurisdiction by the meeting of ar-

mies and their diffipation, and the heirs of fuch as are expelled shall contend and labour; that by the bounty of the emperor of Germany, they may be fet again in the place of their ancestors.

A Prophecy relating to the present times, and found written above a hundred years since in the Cathedral Church of Edinburgh, said to be predicted by one MOTHER GREG.

Though Cydar, Olive, Vine, and Fir oppose, And all the Shrubs that in the world there grows: If Orange with the Rose and Lilly join, The Irish Harp shall lose its grand design.

An ancient Prophecy of REGIOMONTANUS.

ROM Christ's birth count thousand years complete,
And add five hundred more with eighty-eight;
That year approaching, all men will affright
With wosul terrors which on them will light,
If the whole world do not to ruin run,
Or into nothing land and seas be done,
At least some Realms shall topsie turvy turn,
And men on all hands lamentably mourn.

The Prophecy, or Predictions of the pious and learned Arch-Bishop Usher, sometime Primate of Ireland, sortelling the Contrivances and Conspiracies of the Papists against the Protestants.

HIS great divine, in a time when it was least expected the Papists should gain any power or advantage, declared, that he considently expected great calamities, and that a sad persecution would fall upon the Protestant churches of Europe; therefore, said he to his friend that made further enquiry: Fool not yourself with hopes of its being over, I tell you that all you have yet seen, is but the beginning of sorrows, to what is yet to come upon the Protestant Churches of Christ, who will ere long fall under a sharper persecution than ever has yet been upon them; and therefore, says he, look you be not found in the outward court, but a worshipper in the temple before the altar, for Christ measures all those that profess his name, and call themselves his people, and the outward

worshippers he will leave out to be trodden down of the Gentiles. The outward court, fays he, Is the formal Christian, whose religion lies in performing the out-side duties of Christianity, without having an inward life, and power of faith and love, uniting them to Christ; and these God will leave to be trodden down and swept away by the Gentiles, but the worshippers within the Temple and before the Altar, are those that indeed worship God in Spirit and Truth, whose fouls are made his Temples, and he is honoured and adored in the most inward thoughts of their hearts. They facrifice their lufts and vile affections, yea, even their own wills unto him: and these God will hide in the bottom of his hand, and even under the shaddow of his wings; and this shall be one great difference between this last and all other preceeding perfecutions; for in the former, the most eminent and spiritual Ministers and Christians did generally suffer most, and were most violently fallen upon; but in this last persecution these should be preserved of God as a seed to partake of that glory, which shall immediately follow and come upon the Church as foon as ever this ftorm shall be over; for as it shall be sharpest, so it shall be shortest. reverend divine being asked by whom this should be brought to pass, answered, by the Papilts, for they were in his opinion the Gentiles spoken of in the 1tth of the Revelations, seeing they followed the Gentiles manner of worship in adoring faints and angels, worshipping images, &c. find indeed the late sharp and bloody persecution of the Protestants in France, Savoy, and at present in Ireland, may be part of what this pious man hinted at; but if God for our fins should fuffer us to fall into further affliction, we are fare the joy of the wicked shall be but for a moment, and that in due time Rome shall finally fall, And the kings of the earth shall hate the whore, and make her defolate, and naked, and burn her with fire. Rev. xvii. 16.

Rome tott'ring long, laden with errors store, At last shall fall and heed the world no more.

GLASGOW,