

INSCRIPTION

PROPOSED FOR THE

MONUMENT OF KING ROBERT BRUCE;

To be Erected in the Church of Dunfermline.

If the *shape* of the Marble Slab, which is to receive the Inscription, shall require such a Division of it, it may easily be divided into *two nearly equal*
* *parallel Columns*: the former ending with the word POSUERUNT; the latter beginning with the word MAGNANIMO.

HIC. INTER. RUINAS. VETERIS. TEMPLI.
DUM. NOVUM. STRUEBATUR.
RETECTO. FORTE. A. D. MDCCCXVIII. SEPULCHRO.
ROBERTI. BRUSSII. SCOTORUM. REGIS.
IMMORTALIS. MEMORIÆ.
EJUSQUE. RELIQUIIS. CERTIS. INDICIIS. RECOGNITIS.
PIO. CIVIUM. OFFICIO.
IN. TERRAM. DENUO. CONDITIS.
SERI. NEPOTES.
ANNO. POST. IPSIUS. OBITUM. CCCCLXXXIX.
HOC. MONUMENTUM. POSUERUNT. *
* MAGNANIMO. HEROI. OPTIMO. REGI.
QUI. SUMMA. IN BELLO. VIRTUTE.
IN. PACE. CONSILIO.
EVERSAS. PENE. ET. DESPERATAS. RES. SCOTICAS.
UNUS. RESTITUIT. ET. CONFIRMAVIT.
PATRIAMQUE.
AB. INFESTO. ET. POTENTISSIMO. HOSTE.
DIU. SÆVITER. OPPRESSAM.
IN. LIBERTATEM. PRISTINAM. ET. GLORIAM.
VINDICAVIT. FELIX.

SUBSTANCE of the preceding INSCRIPTION,
in English, for the Benefit of our LADY PATRIOTS.

HERE, amidst the Ruins of the Old, in building a New Church, in the Year 1818, the Grave of ROBERT BRUCE, KING of SCOTS, of immortal Memory, being accidentally opened, and his Remains, recognised by sure Tokens, with pious Duty, again committed to the Earth by the People of this Town; a distant Generation, 489 Years after his Death, erected this Monument, to that Great Hero and Excellent King; who, with matchless Valour in War, and Wisdom in Peace, by his own Energy and persevering Exertions, re-established the almost ruined and hopeless State of Scotland, long cruelly oppressed by an inveterate and most powerful Enemy; and happily avenged the Oppression, and restored the ancient Liberty and Glory, of his Country.

