Iter Justitiarij the Justice Air or Court of Justiciary, contain the old Forms of proceeding in that Court, whereof the Judges debebant ch itinerare per Regnum for the Administration of Justice.

Statuta Willhelmi Regis. Nephew to K. David 1 who began to reign in the Year 1165 and reigned 49 Years. These (Cap. 15 & 16) speak of Jrons and Water ordail as Trials still in Fashion.

Iron water ordail

Leges Forrestarum, which are ascribed to the foresaid K. Will and in an old Manuscript belonging to Sir David Lindsay of Edzel one of the Senators of the College of Justice But Mr Robert Burnet, Praef. ad Craig Feud. Lib. says the Author of them is not certainly known.

Statuta Alexandri 2 Son to K. William, which begin at 1214 in the first Year of his Reign.

Statuta prima Roberti 1 Son to Robert Bruce Earl of Carrick and Nephew to Robert Bruce who contended with John Baliol for the Crown of Scotland. He was descended of David Earl of Huntingtoun Brother to K. Malcom 4 and to K. William, and began to reign Anno 1306. Statuta Secunda Rob. 1. Some of the chapters whereof are of Fishers and Fowlers.

Statuta Davidis 2 Son to K. Robert 1. who began to reign in the Year 1360.

Statuta Roberti 2 who was the first King of the Sirname of Stewart. He was Son of Walter Stewart and Marjorie Bruce Daughter to K. Robert 1 and half Sister by the Father's Side to K. David 2.

Statuta Roberti 3 otherwise called John, Son to Robert 2 whom the Nobility caused assume the Name of Robert thinking John, as he was called before when Earl of Carrick, an unhappy Name, for that Kings of France and England of that Name had been taken Captives in Battel. Whence he was commonly called Robert, John, Fernzier i.e. the former Year.

It is true of all the 16 Books aforesaid, Leges Malcolmi, Regiam Majestatem, Quoniam Attachamenta and Leges Burgorum only are expressly termed Books of our Law. But in one Statute (Act 115. Par 14. J. 3.) a Commission being granted to reduce and put into one Volume the Kings Laws, Regiam Majestatem Acts Statutes and other Buiks: By these Words Acts Statutes and other Buiks, we may probably understand the Laws of Malcom, Quoniam Attachamenta, Burrow Laws, Statuta Gildæ and others aforesaid, now subjoined to the printed Regiam Majestatem. There are a great many manuscript copies of Regiam majestatem, some of which are taken notice of by the Bishop of Carlisle in his Scottish Historical Library pag. 262 et sequ. and by Doctor

All our ancient Laws till K. James the first's time, were written and published in the Latin Tongue, because they were penned by Clergy-Men, who, being Secretaries to our Princes of their auricular Confession, desired to maintain the Popes and their own usurped Authority by continuing both King and People in Ignorance. But seeing Laws cannot profit both, he no ignorant of them, by Order of K. James 6 Sir John Skene of Curriehill the Clerk Register translated and published these old Books of our Laws in the Scottish Language, and also published them in Latin with his own Notes, wherein he frequently cites Fol. 10. b. 23. a. 52. a. &c. referred to the Scottish Translation and allows it to be well done. But some of the Annotations seem to have been penned in Haste. By an unprinted Act of the 19 Parliament of K. James 6. Anno 1597 Sir John was allowed and encouraged to print the said Laws, in Volume of Money was ordered to be paid to him for that End by the Prelates Earls, Lords and Barons. There are two Treatises annexed to the Scottish Translation of these old Laws; one concerning the Form of Process observed before the Lords of Council and Session, and the other of Crimes and Judges in criminal causes.

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