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poems were published Scotland was about the fate of his cabinet. In 1638 when the date of his death is not known, neither is occupying Little College Yard in Perth. The real threat. In 1619^{10} he is recorded as

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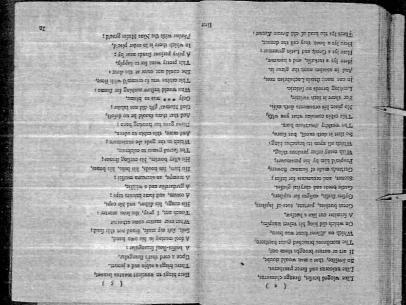
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Mr George Ruthven's Cabinet



And these brought a Manufadium. And will'd him tood it at his fire, And of fuch bread never to tyre. Pike filtes, ferpents, care and owls, Like fatyrs, dangens, flying fewir Some plain work, others crifpe and friked, When that he thought it pure and fale. With a pugill of Polypedium, Of curious flaffs he gave fourfore: Of clubs and cudgels conterrized, But Affetdant traght the leffon, Mow he fitted uter in goodly falliton, And bade extingailly in his ale, had more this cabin to decore, With twenty thouland pretions things, throwing gave his flaff and wings ; In framing it upon their forge, And temp'ring it for Mr Grarge. Cold lastrace, and Popular tree, To him frould conferrated by. Bestow'd on him a temper'd steel : Geshehet were the breihren Allant, Who fwore they swet more than ren gallon Vanut beltow'd her smulet. The fiery flame for to bear down Bruis'd Myden in the Lerne dub. Hot Vuleus with his crooked heel, And there, with many a figh and ground Flares Capiel's wrong he did bemoun. But this deep pailion to rebes, Yes more the gress Hereath Frome, he thought at Absolute, hopping to the depth of the proper of the first great description of the first great description of stability. Fair French, puring the first freed of the first freed, puring the first freed and freed field finited from the first freed and freed field finited field finited freed field finited freed field finited field finited freed field finited fini Did iuck within this cabinet. And fet him all up in a fiame, His pietring atrows and his quivee, But Capal thot him through the liver : His barp, his creber, and mundore; His mighty tounding filver bow; With mutic, infirmments great flort, Western farms and first away to ware of a Bident, And farm to come common the farmer, we have a manager of a medical and a manager of a medical and a medica That for his milt was for reign good. Then Podalishis did conclude,

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Couperis Chirurgianis Cafts and Burgess was ''Decane of Wrytis, Boweris, fession as "chirugian" and in 1598 he published. Archives in Perth give his proyears of age° when the poems were first George Ruthven was about ninety-two cabinet. Again according to Cant, Mr Little is known about the owner of the that is, c. 1625. ing" of the reign of Charles the First,

Threnodie was written 'about the begin-

same time. Cant states that the Muses

both poems were written at about the

to Mr Kuthven's cabinet and it is likely that

Threnodie also contains passing references

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Mr Ruthven himself and having the same

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The Inventory of the Gabions in Mr George

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The Muses Threnodie is prefaced by

tavo volumes but these were often bound on the spine. It was published as two oc-History of Perth or Cant's History of Perth boem) it is often also found with the titles The Muses Threnodie (the title of the main fact that although the volume is entitled

of footnotes and appendices. So much in

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added a great deal of information about the Cant², a surveyor of HM Customs. Cant

and better known edition edited by James

quently in Perth in 1774 in a much larger

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Adamson (1581–1637). This was first of poems by the Perth writer Henry

The evidence is contained in a volume

report the existence of a cabinet which tocracy. The purpose of this article is to

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cited as examples, though it is a

and Robert Sibbald (1641-1722) are usually

(1600-57) and Andrew Balfour (1630-94)

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and distribution of these early collections

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though recent works1 have given more

existed comparatively few are well known,

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by M. A. Taylor

In Scotland, however, the true number

in the first half of the 17th Century. was situated within the city walls of Perth

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for long. that Mr Kuthven's cabinet did not survive passage of many armies. The chances are Perth was taken twice and saw the to enter a period of civil war during which

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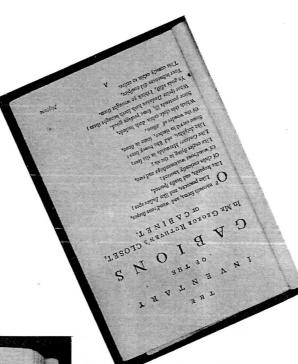
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