

of England ~~throughout~~ and do the same for it, she had been raised in ~~the~~ the most licentious and gayest court of Europe at the time, she was accustomed to all sorts of frivolity and she was accustomed to having no stop on her will, and when she wanted to marry Darnley - it was not only those who opposed him on the ground of Roman Catholicism but there were also those who opposed him on the ground of the weak character which he seemed to have, hardly the proper man for the great works that would come to him in this position. And Queen Mary couldn't see that at all. She was enamored of him and determined to marry him and when she married him she saw it very well - too well. And the result was that her Italian secretary named Rizio, who was her translator as she was writing letters to various Romanist countries in Europe telling them of her difficulties and asking their advice on what to do and how she could get ahead to control things - this Italian was her secretary, a man who knew languages well and he had been for some time a guest but she in her dislike of her husband turned her attention more to Rizio and she came to feel that he was the one she liked after all. And her immoral conduct with Rizio became a scandal all through England. (A??Scotland?) And the man who was most upset about it was her husband, Lord Darnley. There were others who also didn't like it and one day ~~at~~ as Queen Mary was sitting with Rizio in the private room there with him and she was dictating a letter to go out to one of the Romanist rulers of Europe, suddenly a group of men came running into the room, seized Rizio, knocked him over and stabbed him and killed him right in front of her. And it was quite generally considered that Lord Darnley had been the leader of it. Knox of course had nothing whatever to do with this and yet Knox had known of Rizio's influence on ~~the~~ her for years and he knew of Rizio's character and her general relationship to him and people didn't feel that Knox felt any great sorrow at Rizio's passing.