

a man of fine character and a convinced Protestant, and who had been active in the government before this, Queen Mary's brother was now made Regent of Scotland for his nephew. The Earl of Morey was greatly beloved in Scotland. I don't know exactly his relationship - it may be that he was an illegitimate son of the previous King, else I would think he would have been in line for the throne. He'd spoken out as her half brother but he had been a good friend of John Knox's, been active in all these events and prominent in their control, now he was the Regent of Scotland and he was the Regent for about three years. Everybody thought very highly of him until one day he was assassinated. And when Lord Morey was assassinated, Knox preached a great sermon in memorial to him at St. Giles and was greatly touched. He was perhaps Knox's greatest friend. Knox felt very, very badly about it but Mary who was then in England had considerable means and she gave a pension for the rest of his life to the man who had assassinated her brother, which did not contribute to her popularity in Scotland. It is very strange indeed that a woman who would do the licentious and wicked things she did, and who would plot so constantly against the liberty

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get such a hold on people's imagination .

But Berserve-Smith mentions how there was a handkerchief or something, I've

forgotten just exactly what, which Queen Mary had had, which someone treasured and passed on from generation to generation till it was in his family and his family was still treasuring this thing which Mary had had. She became a legendary figure in Scotland and though Scotland was thoroughly Protestant from now on, it became customary to look on Queen Mary as almost a saint and even though Knox is one of the great heroes of Scotland, there are many who think it was very coarse and