



Sir James Melville of Halhill: Memoirs of His Own Life (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

By James Melville

Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Sir James Melville of Halhill: Memoirs of His Own Life Nor did he find it necessary to seek a clue in their religious preferences to the rabbling politics of the Scottish nobility. They were simply at the old game of one party forcing the occasion to enlarge their power and so their property and status, while the other, as the probable victims, defended what they had. It was not religion that differed the supporters of the exiled Queen Mary from those of the boy-king, not even, he says, the cause represented by either figure, but their own partialities of ambition, greediness and vengeance. One main reason for all this was that the Scottish nobility was too numerous for the country yet James VI. Kept adding to their number in which Melville warned him that he was not well-advised. In Scotland, indeed, as in other countries, religion had become so entangled with politics, in the modern sense, that no clear separation was possible. Melville had experienced the same complication elsewhere, in France for example. He had served under rulers of different...

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