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 The Advocate of
 Scotland. vol. 1. p. 162.
 Regency

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The Advocate presents his Compliments to
 Mr Pitt - sends the 2 Books -

It appears from Buchanan P. 162 that as far
 back as Kenneth the 3rd time about the
 year 990, a Law was made that during the
 King's Infancy a Guardian should be chosen
pro Rege of it, till the King attained
 to the age of 14 - His precise powers are not
 defined -

That this Guardian, sometimes called Regent
 sometimes *custos Regni*, or Protector, was
 chosen in the earlier periods by the Nobles
 & afterwards by the Convocation of Bishops
 or Parli - is probable from the same Books
 P. 239 - 240 & other places - But the passage chiefly
 to be attended to is from P. 581 to 584 inclusive
 which describes the question between the Earl of
 Murray & the Duke of Chastellault concerning
 the Guardianship of Jus. the 6th when his
 Mother Queen Mary was forced to resign.

the Kingdom

The appointment of the Earl of Murray
by Parl^t confirming the previous nomination
of the Queen is in the vol: of Scotch
acts herewith sent P. 333 - & See Queen Mary
Commissioun in P. 334 &c. The authorities therein
specified do not seem to reach beyond those of
necessary administration.

The next appointment was that of the Earl
of March P. 379 - & the last was of the Earl of
North P. 385

But the country soon tired of Regents & the
Government was put into the hands of minors
when only 11 or 12 years of age - see table of
unprinted acts. P. 408

During a Regency the acts run in the
name of the King with advice of the Regent
& of the Estates of Parl^t.