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1117. - PRINCE ETHELREDE, son of Malcolm III and Margaret, appears to have died about this period in England, while on a visit to his sister, Matilda, Queen of England; and, no doubt, it would be at his own request that his remains were conveyed to such a distance as Dunfermline to be interred. He was buried before the Altar of the Holy Cross, near his mother Margaret, the Queen, and his brother Prince Edward, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Dunfermline. (*Balfour's An. Scot. vol. i. p.2; Wynton's Orygynale Cronikil, vol. ii. pp. 271, 272 &c.*) According to several histories, it would appear that this Prince accompanied his father and elder brother to Alnwick. At all events it was he who conveyed to his dying mother, in Edinburgh Castle, the sad and disastrous account of that expedition. Ethelrede had his mother's remains removed to Dunfermline for interment. (*Wynton's Cronikil, &c*)

In the "Admore Charter" he is styled, "*Vir venerandæ memoriae Abbas de Dunkelden et insuper comes de Fyfe.*" It is well known that he was Abbot of Dunkeld; but his being also Earl of Fife has been the occasion of much dispute among archaeologists; the dispute continues. Ethelrede was married; he had at least three sons named Edwy, Alfred, and Edward, and they are styled "*Clito,*" i.e. an imbecile. (*S. Dunelm, pp. 176-179; Hailes's An. Scot. vol. i. p. 7*)

Ethelrede was one of the benefactors of Dunfermline Church about the year 1104, having then donated to this church his property of Hailes.

Wynton refers to his place of sepulture, and also his brothers'. when noticing his mother's interment. (*See Wynton's Orygynale Cronikil, vol ii. pp. 271,172; and also An. of Dunf. in notice of Queen Margaret's decease and interment.*) (*Annals of Dunf. p.37*)

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