

ST. SECUNDIN,

BISHOP OF DUNSEACHLIN, OR DUNSAGHLIN, IN
MEATH, CALLED BY THE IRISH SEACHNAL,

HE was nephew and disciple to St. Patrick, and
died 447.

See Colgan, Ware, and the note on St. Ultan, 4th of Sept. p. 399.

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ST. STEPHEN THE YOUNGER, M.

From his authentic Acts, carefully compiled forty-two years after his death by Stephen of Constantineople; also from Cedrenus and Theophanes. See Ceillier, t. 18. p. 621, and Jos. Assemani in Calend. Univ. t. 5. p. 389,

A. D. 764.

ST. STEPHEN, surnamed the Younger, or St. Auxentius's Mount, one of the most renowned martyrs in the persecution of Iconoclasts, was born at Constantinople in 714, and dedicated to God by his parents before he came into the world. They were rich in temporal possessions, but much richer in virtue; and took special care to see their son provided with proper masters, and grounded in pious sentiments from his infancy. Thus he was instructed in the perfect knowledge of the Catholic Faith, and his tender breast was fortified by the love and practice of the duties of religion; by which antidotes he was afterward preserved from the poison of profane novelties. Leo the Isaurian, who was infamous for the sacrilegious plunder of many churches, and for several other crimes, as Theophanes re-