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## PREFACE.

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THE Glasgow Stirlingshire and Sons of the Rock Society was constituted for several purposes, one of them being the investigation and publication of matter illustrative of local history. The Society, however, has hitherto done no work of this kind, but the recent issue by the Town Council of their volume of Charters,<sup>1</sup> has afforded it an opportunity of supplementing that publication by a volume containing selections from the earlier records of the Burgh. That there might be no diversion of funds from charitable purposes, a special subscription list was organized, and other requisite arrangements made, by SIR MICHAEL CONNAL and MR. J. GUTHRIE SMITH, for having the work proceeded with, and the present volume is thus published without cost or risk to the Society.

When the Charters were published it was not known that the Council Records, with the exception of a few detached portions in loose leaves, had been preserved of a date anterior to 1597. Happily, however, MR. GALBRAITH, Town-Clerk, who has readily undertaken much trouble in looking out and supplying such books and papers as were required and could be found, was able to produce no fewer than four complete records of an earlier date. The first of these, which commences in 1519, has been deprived of its cover and a few leaves, and throughout the volumes portions are occasionally indecipherable on account of mutilation or the action of damp, but as a general rule they are in excellent preservation and perfectly legible.

Gratifying as the possession of these four volumes is, it is not altogether hopeless to expect that more of the rich series which was in existence in 1552<sup>2</sup> may yet be secured. If the six missing volumes, embracing the periods

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<sup>1</sup> "Charters and other Documents relating to the Burgh of Stirling, A.D. 1124-1705." Printed for the Provost, Magistrates, and

Council, of Stirling, 1884.

<sup>2</sup> See list of "commoun bukis" delivered up by the clerk on 5th July, 1552; p. 60.



1444-1519 and 1537-44, have not been destroyed (and looking to the anxious care which the Town Council seems always to have manifested for the proper preservation of their records,<sup>1</sup> there is reason to suppose that the books have only been mislaid), they are probably in as good condition and as legible as the other two volumes from which they have parted company. Such of the books as are now known to exist are properly arranged on the shelves of the Record Room; but, till every receptacle in the town's archives is systematically searched, and all books and papers there, embracing the accumulations of at least four centuries, are examined, the ultimate recovery of the lost records need not be despaired of. The four volumes just alluded to had previously escaped observation, simply on account of their having been misplaced or incorrectly labelled.

With the limited space at command, and having in view the desirability of covering as extended a period as possible, the selections could not be made to exhaust everything of interest and local significance contained in the originals. Many of the extracts are rather suggestive of further research, not only in the Council Registers themselves, but also elsewhere.<sup>2</sup> Subject, however, to such necessary curtailment, an attempt has been made to allow nothing of special importance to be passed without some notice, and what is given will, at least, serve as a key to anything else in the record bearing on the subject. Subsequent to the year 1666, when this volume closes, the records are continuous, and appear to be well worth the consideration of those who study the history of Stirling.

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<sup>1</sup> See pp. 15, 60, 153-5, 188, 190-3.

<sup>2</sup> The acts of the Scottish Parliament, the Records of the Convention of Royal Burghs, which are printed down to the year 1738, the publications of state records and documents issued from the General Register House, and other well-known works, are now easily accessible to the public, and will not be

neglected by investigators of local history. A knowledge of ancient penmanship is required of those consulting the original records, but it may be mentioned that the Town-Clerk has in his custody two volumes of modern transcripts, 1597-1615, made by his depute, the late Mr. R. M. Walker.

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A few fragments of old protocol books, which were also recently discovered, have been examined, and abstracts of some of the contents bearing principally on family history, are given in Appendix No. I. In Nos. IV., V., and VI., the tabulated form has been adopted as the most convenient way of giving a mass of statistical information in regard to the town's revenues, and the prices of provisions and produce.

As in the publications of the Burgh Records Society, the abbreviations, which abound in ancient writings, have been avoided, and all words printed in full; and, still further to facilitate the perusal of the book, the letter "u" has been substituted for "v," "i" for "j," and *vice versa*, in cases where the change is required in pronunciation. Thus the written word "vse" is printed "use," "giue" is printed "give," "Maiestie" is printed "Majestie," and "thaj" "thai." The final letter in such words as "burght," "furht," &c., has also been usually omitted. But, apart from such deviations, the original spelling, which, it will be observed, especially in the earlier extracts, is extremely variable, has been carefully adhered to. Parts of the record indecipherable, and omissions, have been supplied by words placed within square brackets, a form of distinction also adopted where, for the sake of brevity, the substance, and not the *ipsissima verba*, of the original is given.

Even those moderately well acquainted with modern Scottish phraseology will occasionally be puzzled by the occurrence in the book of words now obsolete, or disguised in antique orthography. With the view of meeting such difficulties a glossary, containing short interpretations of the more unusual expressions, has been appended.

Although compressed as much as possible, considerable space has been taken up with the Table of Contents and Index. These, it is hoped, will prove both reliable and serviceable to all who have occasion to consult the volume.

R. RENWICK.

GLASGOW, 17th January, 1887.



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## CORRECTIONS.

- Page 9, last word, *for* "ewine" *read* "nowne."
- „ 12, l. 4, *for* "Freir Wynssent, litstar," *read* "Freir Wynssent Litstar."
- „ 40, margin, *delete* "fleschouris."
- „ 91, foot note, l. 5, *for* "import" *read* "impost."
- „ 196, last line, *for* "Wall" *read* "Will."
- „ 197, l. 17, *for* "hes borne" *read* "hes [nocht] borne."
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- „ „ l. 3 from foot, *for* "£14 7 s." *read* "£14 8 s." See pp. 299-300.
- „ 243, l. 2 from foot, *for* "Noire" *read* "Norie."
- „ 266, l. 6, *for* "silver chalice, gilt missal, book," and p. 267, l. 16, *for* "silver chalice, gilt missal book," *read* "silver chalice gilt, missal book,"

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5 December 1519.

Curia burgi de Striveling, tentta et affirmata in pretorio dicti burgi per Curia burgi. prepositum et ballivos eiusdem.

Ane Gilbert M'Lellan hais byddin, in presens of the saidis provest and ballies, vij s. for ane pece of land contenand xxxij paice of lynch and the breid as it was sene be the balyeis of befoir, and the said vij s. to be pait as ws of uder anualis ar pait within the said burgh. M'Lellan,  
pece of land.

16 January 1519-20.

Qubiet was funding saild for xvij s. the boll; malt was funding for xx s. Quhit, malt. the boll.

The provest, ballies, counssal and communitie, hais granttit thar common seill to Sir Johen Patoun, cheplan, to be appendit and to hungin to ane proces of ane land liand in the Mary Wynd the quhilk pertemit to wmquhill Males Williamsoun. Domino  
Johanne  
Patonsoun,  
cheplan.

The dekin of the talyouris gave in ane suplicacion to the provest and balyeis desyrand to have sic prevelagis as thar craft hais in uder bowrowis for the agmentacion to be doune be tham and causit to be doune in haly kirk; and the saidis provest and ballies commandit tham to get the prevalegis granttit to thar said craft in Sanct Jonis toune and tha sauld awis with the counssale, and thaireftir as tha thocht maist expedient to gif tham ansour. Pro  
sissoribus.  
Talyouris.

**Watter of Forcht.** The watter of Forcht was set to Alexander Murra for this instant yeir for xv merkis, to be pait as ws and wount. Plegis for the payment hus hand and gudis.

**Syen [swine].** It was fundin be the inquist that na persoun nor persounis within the said burgh sall haild ony syen wtwith bald or housses, under the pane of tilsall of the syen and viij s. of unlaw.

20 *January* 1519-20.

**Buchane, nebour. Dic, burges.** The commoun seill was grantit to be appendit to ane testimoniall that Thomas Buchane was nebour. Wille Dic enterit to the fredoum of burgesry, under the aicht aicht and wount, and sall pay xiiij s.; plegis, George Johensoun.

**Burges and gild.** Robert the Brus of Archt was interit to the fredoum of burgesry and gild be rasoun of hus fader, and sall pay xxvj d. ob., ij li. walx, and the wyne. Plegis Robert the Brus of Carnok.

24 *January* 1519-20.

**Gair prisit.** Allexander Murra, James Merschall, Johen Monucht, and William Monucht, prisit this gair, syoern, wnderwrittin:—Ane blak gounne linit with blak skennis, to vj merkis; v ellin of tanny, v Franch crounnis; ane doublat of gray sathing, xx s.; ij pair of hois of skerllat, xl s.; ane blankat, vj s. viij d.

13 *February* 1519-20.

**Pro fratribus gilde.** Gilbert M'Lellan protestit in the nyme and behaw of the bredir of the gild that na man enter to the fredoum of the gild bot he that sall pay v li., the walx and the wyne, excep tham that enteris be airship that is payit of befoir.

**Johen Bully, parochtklarkschip, knok.** Johen Bully present, in presance of the provest and ballies, ane instrument of Sir Allexander Fresall hand, the quhilk proportit and bour in the selfe the donacioun and gift of the parocht clarkschip and the keipin of the knok for all the dais of hus lyeftyme, as he allegit.

**Burges and gild.** The provest and ballies hais assignit Frida that nixt cummis to Waltir Grame to enter him to the fredoum of burgesry and gild, on this condicioun, that he sall fynd souerte for hus finis and be oblist and syoern that he sall nocht [exercise any] punt pertenying the fredoum of the gild on to [the tyme]

that he pay v li., the walx and the wyne, to the gud toune, eftir the forme <sup>Burges and</sup> and tenor of the act maid thar apon be the provest, balyeis, counsale and <sup>gild.</sup> communite, the quhilk is new ratifeit yeirly.

26 *February* 1519-20.

James Gryme, soune and air to wmqubill Malcum Gryme, comperit in the said fenssit court, in presens of the saidis provest and ballies, and thar he chesit Mergret cuntas of Cassillis to be hus curatour and maid facht that he was nocht compellit, sedoussit nor coacit thar to, and maid facht that he sould nevir cum in the contrar befor na juge nor jugis speretual na temperal. <sup>Gryme; domina de Cassillis.</sup>

It was statut and ordinit that na houkstar sall by ony manir of fycht na uder stoufe to tap agane apon nebouris quhill eftir xj houris, under the pane of eschetin of the stoufe that is coft. <sup>Communitie, fycht [fish].</sup>

12 *March* 1519-20.

The provest and ballies, counssal and communite, hais granttit to thar nebouris the craftismen of the smythis this privelage, that is to say, that ilke persoun or persounis that bringis ony stufe pertenyng to thair craft to sell within this said burgh sall pay a penny on the mercat day for help of Goddis service to be doune in the said parocht kirk, in honor of God, the blissit Virgin, Sanct Loye, and all sanctis. <sup>Smythis.</sup>

16 *April* 1520.

Curia capitali burgi de Striveling, tentta et affirmata in pretorio dicti burgi per prepositum et ballivos eiusdem. <sup>Curia capitali burgi.</sup>

Quhite was fundin saild for xvij s. the boll.

Quhiet.

Johen Akman was fundin lipir.

Lipir.

It is statut and ordinit be the provest, ballies, counssal and communite, that na houkstar, nor uder persoun douelland within this said burgh, by ony fysch or caponis quhill xij houris at nune to tap agane apon thar nebouris, under the pane of viij s. to the Rud wark, onforgifn. <sup>Pro communite. Fysch or caponis</sup>

And eliekwis it is statut and ordinit that na houkstar, nor uder persoun doulland within this burgh, by ony corn or hay or foder that cummis to this gud toun to sell to tap agane on to the hour of tuelfe at nune; and the said efter stufe that cummis to sell efter noun on to sex houris at ewyne, under the pane foirsaid. <sup>Corn, hay or foder.</sup>

Meill, malt,  
etc.

It is statut and ordinit that na meill, malt, baier nor quhit, that cummis to the marcat of this said burgh, be saild quhill xij houris at noune, under the pane of viij s.

Forfeiture of  
house for  
annual.

Johen Williamsoun passit, at the command of the saidis provest and balyeis, to the tolhouit wyndo, and proclemit opynly gife thair was ony persoun or personis that had ony enteris to ane hous with the pertinentis pertenyng to wmquhill Johen Aysoun, liand betuex the land of James Langis on the norcht part and the land of wmquhill Thom of Cragingelt on the soucht part, to cum within xl dais and pay the said chaplan [Sir John Aysoun] the by runnyn annalis with the expensis and tha sall haue full ingres to the said hois with the pertinentis, and faling heirop tha will cais heritable seissing to be giffin to the said Sir Johen Aysoun to be bruikit and josit be him and hus successouris *inperpetuum*.

16 July 1520.

Price, aiell.

It is statut and ordinit be the balyeis na persoun nor personis sell aiell derrar nor xvj d. the gallon, under the pane of vij s. to the Rud wark onforgifin.

Contract of  
mareage.

It was appoyntit and contractit betuix honorable personis, Thomas Besat of the Quarell on the ta part and George Crechtoun on the tothir parte, in this maner folowand, that is to say that Alexander Besat sal complete mareage with Jonet Crechtoun, dochter to the said George; for the quhilk mareage the said George sall content and pay to the said Alexander the soum of achtscore of merkis, and the said Thomas sall tharfor infeft the said Alexander and Jonet in coniunct feftment in the souchhalf of the landis of the Bissat land, togidder with al and hale his landis of xxx akaris efter the tenour of thar appoyntment and contractis thareupone. [Robert Brus of Erch, Robert Brus of Auchinbowy, and William Mouch, burgesses, bind themselves for payment of the eight score merks; and George Crechtoun, provost, and Robert Brus of Auchinbowy, bind themselves to relieve Mouch of his obligation.]

3 September 1520.

Stag,  
ravenues of  
the fair.

The stag and the ravenues of the fair was set to Duncan Smart for xv merkis iij s. iiij d. to be pait on the morne eftir the Rud day. Plegis for the payment, Johen Wallace.

It is ordinet be the provest, ballies, and counssale, than present, that Johen Bully sall mak service in the queaier at Mes, Mathemes and Ewinsang, with surples on him, as he did in wmqhill James of Mentecht tyme and efter the forme and statutis of the syenye.

1 October 1520.

Curia capitali burgi de Striveling, tentta et affirmata in pretorio dicti burgi per prepositum et ballivos ejusdem.

Curia capitali.

David Crag,	Johen of Cragingelt,	George Thomsoun,	Inquisicio.
William Striveling,	Johen Offeris,	Johen Cousland,	
George Symssoun,	Nycol Duncansoun,	Thomas Watsoun,	
Gilbart M'Lellan,	Allexander Stiensoun,	Patrick Portar,	
William Cosour,	Nycoll Cristesoun,	Symon Broun.	

Allexander Forester was chosin provest for this instant yeir, under the Provest. aicht aucht and wont.

Johen Ackyne, Ritschart Naerne, and Allexander Crag, was chosin Ballies. balyeis for this instant yeir, undir the aicht aucht and wount.

Quhit was fundin saild for xij s. iiij d. ; malt was fundin saild for xij s. Quhit, malt. iiij d.

Jenne Murra was fundin ane commoun rasettar of pykry. Fargus Pycaris and M'Cummy wyfe was fundin a pykar. Wille M'Lellan allies Parqueir and hus wyfe was fundin common pycaris.

Marion Cant was fundin a common flyttar. Besse Crawford was Flyttaris. fundin siclyk.

It was fundin that Johen Blair had ane scabit hors.

Scab.

Johen Akman and Ritsche Criste [and] Johen in Courntoun, war delatit Lipir. of lipyr.

Thom Smyth, James Lam, and Thom Morisoun, war chosin seriandis quhill tha be dischargit, under the aicht aucht and wount.

Johen Broun was chosin dene of the gild for this instant yeir, undir the aicht aucht and wount.

Deyan of the gild.

David Crag was chosin thesaurar for this instant yeir, undir the aicht aucht and wount.

Thesaurar.



**Master of wark.** Robert Arnot was chosin master of wark for this instant yeir, undir the aicht aicht and wount.

**Statutis ratifeit.** The ackis and statutis for the commoun weill of gud toвне, maid of befoir, war newly ratifeit.

*5 November 1520.*

**The tolbouit.** The tua bouis that Johen Bully had in assedacion of this gud toune was set to the said Johen for ane yeir for twa merkis. Plegis for the payment hus hand and hus gudis. [Booth also set to Jhon Morisoun for 13 s. 4 d.; one to Johen Moffet for 13 s. 4 d., and one to Will Davison for 16 s.]

**Blair, com-plant, hous.** Johen Blair gave hus complant to the provest and baillies beseikand tham to caus ane offisar to pas to ane hous that he had in assedacion of Esabell Erskyn to avis and se gife it was ane sufficient hous to doull in or not.

**Burgh mail, etc.** Duncan Smart hais byddin for the brugis maile, girs maill and stallance, xij merkis vj s. viij d.

**Gait syeppyn.** Gilbert Johensoun hais biddin for the gait syeppyn xvij merkis vj s. viij d.

**Hevin siluer.** The said Gilbert hais biddin for the hevin siluer xiiij s.

**Johensoun, chaellis.** Gilbert Johensoun hais deliverit ane croune of worcht of xvij s. to the provest and ballies for the spons that was left be wmquhill Sir James Darow to the makin of ane chaellis to the Rud loft, and thair the saidis provest and balyeis hes dischargit the said Gilbert in all tyme to cum of the said spoune.

**Rud alter. Make.** Sir Johen Patonsoun, cheplan of Rud alter within the Rud loft, hais maid Johen Make factour and inbringar of all anualis pertenyng to him be rasoune of the said altar for this instant yeir.

*9 November 1520.*

**The small custummis.** The small custummis was set to William Cossour, Johen Williamsoun and Patrick Duncan, for xlvij merkis, to be payit as ws and wount.

**The kingis maill, girs maill, etc.** The kingis maill, girsmaile and stallangis, was set to Johen Allan and Patrick Portar for xij merkis, to be pait betuix this day and Youll day that nixt cummis.

**The gait syeppyn.** The gait syeppyn was set to Robert Arnot for xvij merkis, to be payit at thir termes, Candilmes, Beltan, Lammes and Allhallomes.

The havyn siluer was set to Gilbert Johensoun for xvj s., to be payit at Hevin siluer. Witsounday and Mertimes.

James Patonsoun enterit to the fredoum of burgesry and gild, under the Burges and aicht aicht and wount, and sall pay xxvj d. ob., the walx and the wyne; and gild. hais promisit to cum and doull within the said burgh within yeir and day and faling tharof to be denudit of hus fredoum.

12 November 1520.

The wattir of Forcht was set to Allexander Murra and Johen Offeris for Aqua de xvj merkis and vj s. viij d., and to pay as ws and wount. Forth.

It is appounttit betuex Sir James Crag and Jenot Balrocht on the ta part, Pro Crag and Agnes Lang and Ritschart Naern on the touder part, tuechin the brekin of Balrocht [orchard]. the brig orschat and takin away the frut and brekin of the young treis and the bararis, [that they shall abide by the deliverance of persons named by them].

26 November 1520.

Johen the schirra was in amerciament for the ragrathing of the Kingis Amerciament. burgis in byin of mertis, mutton, talk and skennis, in the sherefdoume cumand to the mercat.

It was fundin be the provest and balyeis, counssal and communitie, beand Mariota present for the tyme, that wmquhill William Moffot, spous to Marion Paton- Patonsoun. soun, was nebour within this gud toune, and tharfor it was ordinit that the said Marion ma wirk and ws her occupacioun and pay na stallangis sa lang as scho keippis hyr fra the makin of a band with ane unfre man.

The provest and ballies hais granttit to enter Robe Patonsoun to the Patonsoun, fredoume of the gild gife his fader be in the gild roullis or ony of hus gild. gudschiris.

14 January 1520-1.

Freir Wynsant Litstar, prior of the Freris Predicatoris of the said burgh, Pro fratribus. protestit na proces leid na to be leid of ony land pertenyng to thair place, or awin tham ony anualis, sould hurt tham na thair place, bot that [thai] mycht have full ingres to tham in all tymis to cum.

The said prior maid, constitut and ordinit, Duncan Patonsoun, Ritschart Procuratores pro fratribus.

Procuratores  
pro fratribus.

Naerne and Archibald Dausoun, hus lauchfull procuratoris for him and hus convent in all actionis consernyng tham that pertenis to thair place.

17 *January* 1520-1.

Bully, keipin  
of knok.

Johen Bully protestit that the provest, ballies nor counssal of this said burgh, sould nocht be displesit at him quhowbeit he callit tham and perseuit tham befor ane uder juge for the wrangus haldin of hus fee for the keipin of the knok, as he allegit, na that it sould nocht hurt him na hus fredoum be na waye. The saidis provest, ballies and counssal, beand present for the tyme, requirit the said Johen Bully to schaw ane attentice document of the gift of the keipin of thar knok and quhat he sould have tharfor and he sould be ansourt.

Duncan  
Patonson,  
abbay.

Duncan Patonsoun produsit and schew ane attentict document, of wmquhill Sir James Darow hand writ, of the dait of fyfty yeris or mair, the quhilk maid mentioun that hus land and tenement the quhilk he ocupiis this foirsaid day aucht bot viij d. of anuale to the abbay of Cambusschennocht.

George Esok.

Comperit in the said fenssit court dene George Esok, subprior of Cambusschennocht, and dene Johen Arnot, sakar of the said place, and thar requirit the said Duncan Patonsoun to pay tham ane stane of talk or of xvj d., eftir the forme and tenor of thar chartour, becais thar chartour was befor hus avidence xxx yeris or mair, as tha allegit, and gifin undir the commoun seill of the said burgh.

Pro com-  
munite, ser-  
vice in kirk.

Sir Thomas Coling denyit to mak service in the parocht kirk of the said burgh eftir the tenor and forme of hus awin hand writ, the quhilk was produsit and schawin to him in the said fenssit court in presens the haill communite beand present for the tyme.

28 *February* 1520-1.

Household  
geir.

George Thomsoun grantit that he had vj poder plattis, vj dissches, iij sawsaris, ij trenscheris contenand xxv li., price of the li. xvij d., j quart, j choppyn, j chandelar, twa pottis, the cost of a pot xx d., j pair of schettis, j bed, j buffat stoull, j pair of boullis, j brodclyth, j touall, j small standand compter; the quhilk gair pertenis to the barnis of wmquhill Duncan Lyntoun and deliverit to him be Johen of Cragingelt and Thom Smytht.

8 April 1521.

Johen Sym, sounne to Andro Sym, was in amerciament for the not keipin <sup>Amerciament,</sup> of hus condicion to James Merschall tuechin the fraichtingis of hus boit out of <sup>fraicht of boit.</sup> the port of Striveling callit Blyis Hoill to the havin of Leicht, becais it was previt sufficiently befor the said inquist that the saidis James fraichit the said boit to the said havin siclik as Duncan Patonsounne, nebour of the said burgh, did of befor now at hus last waagh, and the said James to pay na mair fracht this ladin na the said Duncan did of befor to the said Johen.

The saidis balyeis comandit and chargit George Symssoun, nebour of the <sup>Levinston,</sup> said burgh, to bring ane pot to tham on Friday nixt to cum, the quhilk is the <sup>ane pot.</sup> xij day of the said monecht, the quhilk pot was recoverit be David Scumervail of the Plane apon wmquhill Duncan, as the ackis rasit tharupone proportis, and falin that he bring nocht the said pot the said day that tha will pas to hus hous and tak als gud a pot be thair estimacion and deliver to the creditour on to the tyme that tha get thar awin, becais the said pot aucht bot sex s., the quhilk was deliverit in the balyeis handis in this present court.

It was fundin be the inquist na man nor woman douelland within the Syene. said burgh hald ony syene without band, under the pane of slain of the syene, quhasumevir aucht thame, and tha to have na radres na payment of the persoun that slais tham.

It is fundin be the inquist that ilke nebour keip nebourhed in the begin <sup>Pro ortis.</sup> of thar yaird dikis to uderis, and quha that falis to pay the unlaw of viij s. to the Rud wark, and the ballies to constrene and compel thame to big the sammyn.

12 April 1521.

Charllis Kanydi requirit the saidis ballies to mak devisioun and part the <sup>Gryme,</sup> guddis and gair pertenyng to wmquhill Malcum Gryme and to deliver Jenot <sup>geir.</sup> Gryme, douchter to wmquhill the said Malcum, hir porcion and part of the sammyn, the quhilkis the saidis baillies refusit and said tha wald nocht intromet with nane of that gair becais it was testit.

21 April 1521.

It was statut and ordinit be the provest, ballies, counssal and communite, <sup>Pro com-</sup> beand present for the tyme, that na houkstar by ony salmound na yit na fycht <sup>munite, sal-</sup> mound. to tap agane apon nebouris on to xij houris at ewine.

6 May 1521.

Pro Roberto  
Spettale.

James of Schaw of Salky, knycht, granttit, in presens of the saidis provest and ballies, that he ranunsit and gaife our all rycht or titill of rycht that he had, hais or mycht have in ony tyme to cum, to ane land and tenement pertenyng to wmquhill Thomas Young, liand within the said burgh, betuex the land and tenement of wmquhill Robart Duncan on the est part and the land of wmquhill Sir James Darow on the wast part and the Kingis hiegait on the norcht part and the gait callit the Bakraw on the soucht part, to Robert Spettale, servand to the Quenis grace, excep allanerly the payment of x.s. of anuale be yeir; and the said James oblist him fachtfully nevir to cum in the contrar befor na juge na jugis, speretuall nor temporall, in ony tyme to cum, under the pane of maensyeiring, defamacion and inhabilite.

David Crag;  
viccar and  
parrocht  
clerk.

David Crag, thesaurar of the said burgh for the tyme, requirit at the provest, ballies, counsall and communitie, beand present for the tyme, gife tha thocht expedient to sustene the pleis of thar rychtis tuechin the soumondis maid apon thame be master William Hammiltoun, viccar of the said burgh, and Johen Bully, parrocht clerk, anent four akeris of land of the Boroumannis Medow of the commoun of the said burgh clemite be the said viccar to pertein to him and hus successouris, and anent a sertane mony clemite be the said Johen to be uptane yeirlie of the commoun gudis for the keip of the knok as he allegis, the quhilk is dependand the law befor the offisiall of Loudean; and the said provest, ballies and counssal, beand than present, beand avisit, all in [ane] woce concludit that tha wald sustene the plee and defend the said acciounis becaus tha undirstand that thar acciounis perseuit be the saidis viccar and klark war on juste and that tha had na just titill to the saidis akeris nor mony.

20 July 1521.

Amercia-  
mentis.

Jame Moffat, tailyour, was in amerciament of bloud and trubulance of Sande Duncan, tailyour; plegis for the unlaw (*blank*) Moffat, pigmakar. The said Sande Duncan was in amerciament for the trubulance committit and doune apone Jame Moffat; plegis his hand and gudis. Sande Duncan was in amerciament for the desobaissance of James Lam, seriand.

Lam.

Johen Bully, in presens of the saidis ballies, in a fenssit court, said that he sould mak Jame Lam onable to bruk ane office.

Duncan Smart and Johen Allan, talyour, war lawborgh that Jame Moffet Lawborgh. sould be harmles and skaitles of Thome Allan, talyour.

29 July 1521.

Curia burgi de Strivelyng, tenta et affirmata in pretorio dicti burgi per Curia burgi prepositum, Alexandrum Forester, et ballivos.

Duncanus Patersoun, Robertus Arnot, Adam Mukcart, Johannes Craw-  
furd, David Greg, David Bankis, Johannes Forestar, Willelmus Cossour, <sup>Nomina assisie.</sup>  
Johannes Cowane, Jacobus Marschell, Walterus Grahame, Willelmus Dawsoun,  
Willelmus Robysoun, Johannes Mychell, Alexander Murray, Johannes Allane,  
Willelmus Halden.

Andro Borell of Logy wes in ane amerchymment of this court for the <sup>Robert Tenent, Andro Borell.</sup>  
wringwis withthalding of ane pair of blak klokis fra Robert Tenent, thaggar, and his wif, borrowit fra tham, and is ordand to restoir the samyn be ane assis to the saidis Robert and his spous. Jonet Clerk, vmquhill servand to Robert Tenent, grantit in jugisment that scho ressavit ane pair of blak klokis fra Andro Borèll and his wif and laid tham in-apon Roben Tenentis langsadill end within his hous, and wes chargeit to reman in the tolbutht for the samyn.

9 August 1521.

Johen Bully, of his awin fre motife will, in presance of the saidis provest <sup>Pro commun- ite, knok.</sup>  
and ballies in the said fenssit court, hais ranunssit frely and gifin our the keipin of the knok of the Rud Kirk and nevir to clem ony richt to the sammyn, and the guid toun to disspoon apon the sammyn as tha think maist expedient.

10 August 1521.

Allexander Murray, burges in the burgh of Striveling, of hus awin fre <sup>Agreement, Murray, Schaw, ky.</sup>  
will, has bundin and oblist him, hus airis, executouris and assignais, to content and pay to Mergret Schaw, the relict of vmquhill George of Crichtoun of Breder toune, tuenti four bollis of meill gud and sufficient stoufe and markat wair, to be pait to the said Mergret or hir factouris yeirly betuex the feist of the Nativete of our Lord and the feist of the purificatioun of our Lady; and the halding of ten ky, and to pay tharfor kane cheis extending to fyfti stane, and of the said l stane to be fyfe stane to the tynd; and gife the said Mergret falis in the deliverin of the ky samekle cheis to be defakit, and the said ky to

Agreement, Murray, Schaw, ky. be prisit and to be deliverit to hir als guid at the wsscha of the termis of thre yeris.

30 September 1521.

Protestatio pro fratribus. Freir Wynssent, litstar, prior of the Freris Predicatoris of this said burgh, protestit solemmtly, in presens of the saidis ballies and in the vesiagh of the haill court, that na proces leid nor to be leid within the said burgh sould hourt tham na thair place of thar anualis awin thame bot that tha mycht have ramaid of law.

Protestatio, feft chaplanis. Sir James Akman, chaplane, collector and balye to the feft chaplanis of the parocht kirk of the said burgh, protestit solemply that na proces leid nor to be leid sould hourt the saidis feft chaplanis of thar obit silver nor anualis in tyme cumin bot that tha mycht have rameid of law.

Patonsoun, balye, fee. Duncan Patonsoun allegit, in presens of the saidis ballies, that he wanttit hus fee the last tyme he was balye and protestit that he sould nocht bruk na office on to the tyme that he war pait of hus said fee.

Pro comune. The saidis provest and balyeis passit to the mercat cros of the said burgh and causit to proclame that na broustar within the said burgh sell ony aiell derrar na xij d. the galloune, undir the pane of the frist falt viij s. unforgifin, the nixt falt xvj s., the third falt the dingin fourcht of the calderun bodim, brekin of the breuin loumes and expellin of the persoun or persouns committeris and brekaris of this statut breuin for ane yeir.

The new counsell. The aild provest and ballies:—Allexander Forester, Johen Ackyn, Ritschart Narne, Allexander Crag; Schir Walter Forester, Robart the Brus, Allexander Drummound, Robert Calentar, James Reducht.

The new provest and ballies:—Schir Duncan Forester, Walter Grame, Robart Arnot, Allexander Watsoun; Allexander Levinstoun, Robart Ferny, James Spettal, William Dausoun, Johen Bully, Henry Abhircrummy, Allexander Murra.

Dekinnis. Thir are the nyemis of the dekinis:—Thom Smytht, Johen Allexander, Thom Mitschal, Allexander Robisoun, Johen Allane, Allexander Benne, Patric Litiljohen and Thom Foullar.

4 October 1521.

The dene of gild. Thesaurar. Duncan Patonsoun was chosin dene of the gild for this instant yeir. David Crag was chosin thesawrar for this instant yeir.

Robart Arnot, ane of the ballies of the burgh of Striveling, passit to the Gair prisit. hous and lugin of James Tennand and causit a certane gair pertenyng to wmquhill Johen Elphinstoun to be prisit be famus men and causit to be syoern to pris liellely and treuly this gair that eftir folowis; and thir ar the nyemis of the saidis prisaris,—William Cosour, Johen Williamsoun, Johen Allan and Allexander Smyth:—

Item, in the first, ane hors prisit to xxvj s.; item, ane sadill, bridill and hors hous, vj. s.; item, ane syourd, bukлар and syourd belt, vj s.; item, ane pair of buttis and ane pair of schoun, ij s. vj d.; item, ane gaubart of russat xx s.; item, ane hogtoun of rayit clayth, xvij d.; item, ane clouk iiij s.; item, ane jak, viij s.; item, twa pair of bois, 5 s.; item, ane dowblat, iij s.; item, ane gray bonat, ane nicht courchre and hus sark, gifin to the woman that keipit him; item, awin be Hammiltoun to the said wmquhill Johen, 5 s.

14 October 1521.

Sir James Akman, cheplane, and balye and collectour to the feft chaplanis of the parocht kirk of the said burgh, produsit and shew ane attentic chartour and seissin of twa markis of obit silver to be upliftit and tane to the feft chaplanis yeirly for sufferagh to be doun for the saullis of wmquhill Allex-  
Pro capel-  
lanis.
 ander lord Elphinstoun and Sir Johen Elphinstoun, his fader, of ane land and tenement liand in the Bakraw.

3 February 1521-2.

Thom Smyth, dekin of the smychis, was in amerciament for the wrangus fundin of ane borgh apou George Smyth, allegand that the said George was awin xxij s. iiij d. for thair prestis met and ane wkly penny, the quhilk was fundin be the assis that the said George aucht na mair to the said craft bot in sa fer as he occupiit within the fredoum of the said burgh.  
Amercia-  
ment,  
smythis.

14 February 1521-2.

James Lang, burges within the said burgh, and Males Lang, hus oye and aire, hais granttit thame to have analeit and saild ane anuale rent of ix s. to be tane and upliftit be the brother and fraternite of the Halybloud or thar factouris yeirly [and another annual of 6 s.] the quhilk mony that was gottin for the saidis sex shilling of anual ane pairt tharof was gifin to Thom  
Pro le Haly-  
bloud.



Pro le Haly-  
bloud.

Fowlar to lyeir the said Males the skennar craft as ane prentes aucht to be lyerit.

Pro Thoma  
Foullar,  
skennar,  
prentes.

Males Lang is bunden prentes to Thom Fowlar, skennar, for the spece of four yeiris; the said Thomas hais promittit to lieir the said Males and do hus delegens to lieir him the said craft eftir hus pouar, and to do to him in meit, drynk and beddin, as a maister aucht to do hus prentes. And atour it is condicionit gif the said Males passis fra the said Thomas hus master within the saidis termes of iiij yeiris in hus defalt, without ocasion of the said Thomas, and byidis and absentis him fra him fourti dais, the said Thomas sall nocht rasaife him agane to hus prenteschip nor lieir him the said craft in tyme thaireftir. And gife the said Males ramanis with hus said master to the wsscha of hus foirsaid termes he oblis him to mak service for ane yeir to the said Thomas, for meit and fee, befor ony uderis.

17 February 1521-2.

The hammir-  
men.

The baillies hais assignit this day xv days to the dekin and craftismen of the hammirmen to prefe gife scheit makaris scottis and lottis with thar craft in uder borouis, that is to say in Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow, Sanctjohentoun, or in Abirdene.

Tennand, lair.

It was assignit to the balyeis this day xv dais to James Tennand to prefe that the lair that George Symssoun erddit hus wyfe in was hus lair and granttit to him be the dyen of gild that was for the tyme and that hus barnis and wyfe was erddit in the said lair and that he had maid cost for the payment of it with stanis.

3 March 1521-2.

Mentecht.

The bayleis hais assignit this day xv dais to Wille Gillaspy to bring the lard of Kars acquittance of all fermes and malis that he has deliverit to the said lard, or to ony of hus factouris, of the landis of the Justinflet pertenyn to Patric Mentecht, the quhilk he hais in assedacion of this gud toun, sen the feild of Floudoune, the quhilkis sall be weil allouit to the said William.

[Feild of  
Floudoune].

Pro Watsoun,  
hammirmen.

Thom Watsoun allegit that he aucht nocht apon rasoun to scot nor lot the craftismen of the hammirmen becaus he occupies na warklomis that pertenis to thair said craft nor samekle as a hammir.

17 *March* 1521-2.

Johen Hendersoun hais promisit to gife four schilling yeirly, at twa <sup>Maltmen,</sup> termes Whitownday and Mertimes be evinly porciounis, to the dekin of the <sup>Hendersoun.</sup> maltmen that beis for the tyme to the vphald of dyvyne service to be doun at the altar of Sanct Mathow fundit and situat within the parocht kirk of the said burgh.

28 *April* 1522.

It was fundin be the inquist that ony flechour that slais ony falty flecht <sup>Fleshers.</sup> within burgh, or brekis ony fawin flecht to tap amangis nebouris, that he sall be expellit fra flecht slain within burgh for ane yeir, and ane vnlaw wnfor-gifin.

It is ordinit that the dekin of the flescheris that beis for the tyme cum to the offisaris that beis the said tyme and schaw tham ony of the said craft that byis ony fawin flecht or ony falty flecht to tap apon nebouris, and falin heirop that he sall pay xl s. to the kirk wark.

Item, that na flescheir hald na servand bot he that he will risspond and ansour for him.

Item, that na martis, syen nor muttoun, be slane on the hegait be na fleschour na thair servandis bot in the Bakraw and in bouis, under the pane of the unlaw als aft as tha falt.

5 *May* 1522.

The saidis ballies, counsall and communitie, beand present for the tyme, <sup>Pro decanis,</sup> hais granttit that the dekinis and craftismen of the said burgh sall have ane <sup>commoun</sup> kee of the lok of the commoun kist in keipin quhar all the avidentis of this <sup>kist.</sup> gud toune and the commoun seill ar in keipin.

All the dekinis of craftismen of the said burgh for this said instant yeir, <sup>Commoun</sup> all in a voce, protestit solemly that thar sould nocht be na takis of the <sup>land.</sup> common land of the said burgh set in ony tyme to cum langar takis na fife yeiris eftir that the viij yeiris takis be runin, the quhilkis ar granttit this said day to the tenentis that occupyis the said comoun landis for ane gratitud doune be tham in the payin of ane takist of four schor of pundis and xiiij li. or thar by of thair foir malis of the comoun land of the Borowmuir and the Soucht akeris that tha have in assedacion of the provest, ballies, counssal and communitie of the said burgh.

17 June 1522.

Pro domino  
Roberto  
Broun,  
wobstaris.

In presens of the provest and balyeis, Allexander Benne, dekin of the wobstaris, and hus haill craft, with consent and assent of all the dekinis and craftismen of the said burgh, the quhilk nyemis of the saidis dekinis folowis: in the first, Patric Lausoun, Thom Smyth, Johen Allexander, Johen Allan, Thom Mitschal, Andro Lokart and Allexander Robisoun, hais conduisit and feit Sir Robart Broun, chaplan, curat for the tyme, for dyvin service to be doune at the altar of Sanc Luck, situat within the parocht kirk of the said burgh, that is to say the said Sir Robart sall, God willin, say twa messis in the wouke at the altar befor Sanc Severine, patrone to the saidis craftismen of wobstaris, for the quhilkis the saidis dekin and craftismen of wobstaris that happynis to be for the tyme sall thankfully content and paye to the said Sir Robart xxvj s. viij d. in the yeir, be evinly porcionis at twa usit termis Wit-sunday and Mertimes in wynter.

30 June 1522.

Pro M'Lellan,  
schlander.

William M'Lellane protestit that it sould nocht hourt hus fredoume quhobeit he soummound Marion Cant befor the official, considering he complenit to the balyeis and tha wald nocht sit on sic materis becaus the mater was iniurius langagh and schlander.

6 October 1522.

Americia-  
mentis, land  
burges.

Lang and  
Ewinsoun,  
debaittis  
submittit.

All the land burges war unlait for thair absence fra the heid court, excepan Nycol Cristesoun and Ritsche Cristesoun.

Agnes Lang and Walter Ewinsoun, hir sounne, submittit tham syorne to abid, stand and underly, the sentance and deliverance of master Dave Abir-crummy, subden of our Soverane Lordis chapell riall, Sir James Wilsoun, persoun of Glendovane, Malcum Drummond of Kilbrid, Walter Grame and James, of all accionis and debaittis betuix tham and specially anent the landis of the Glen and the gudis and gair of airship pertenyng to the said Walter.

10 October 1522.

Lard of Keir,  
boit.

Allexander Patonsoun promisit to bring the lard of Keiris boit wp the watter and deliver hir quhar scho lay and to do the sammyn within xv dais.

27 October 1522.

It is statut and ordinit that candill be saild [na] derrar na iiij d. ob. Candill. the li. and that tha be four penny candill in the pund and ane halfpenny candill and ix halfpenny candill in the li., and that tha be gud and sufficient stoufe, under the pane of the unlaw escheiting of the candill.

It is statut and ordinit that all flecht that cumis to this mercat to sell be prisit be ane balye and ane certan of fleschouris and uderis nebouris that sall be chargit be ane balye, and that na mauschit na spoulyeit to cum to this said mercat to sell under the pane of escheting of the said flecht. Flecht  
[flesh.]

It is statut and ordinit that na fleschor within this burgh sla na caus to be slane ony flecht bot on the Baksyid or in thar bouis, undir the pane of viij s. the frist falt, xx d. the nixt falt, and tynssall of the flecht the thrid falt.

It is statut and ordinit that na persoun nor personis woucht ony maner of clais at the tounne bouirn within the Barrasyet or aboun, for fying of the bourn, undir the pain of viij s. vnforgevin and brekin of the weschal that tha wous with. [Washing  
clothes.]

17 November 1522.

Jame Males put him in will for the haldin of ane kow and ane sowe that war commoun dik brekaris. In voluntate,  
kow and  
sowe.

19 December 1522.

It is statut and ordinit be the provest, ballies, counssal and communitie, beand present for the tyme, that na nebour doulland within the said burgh tak ane cobill of the watter of Forcht bot at the ballies maid be tham, under the pane of tinssal of hus fredoum. Water of  
Forcht,  
cobillis.

23 February 1522-3.

The provest, ballies, counsall and communitie, beand present for the tyme, hais granttit to suple and suport Sir Robart Cristisoun, chaplan of Sanc James Chapel, master of thar grammer scholl, in the plei in defens of the said chapel and the rychtis tharof. Grammer  
scholl.

16 March 1522-3.

It was fundin be the assis that Johen Cousland sall deliver to Arche Duncansoun ane certan gudis pertenyng to him in airship be the dissase of Airship  
gudis.

Airship  
gudis.

wmquhill Johen Duncansoun, hus fader, that is to say, ane bed, ane chandlar, ane reid coverin, ane pouder dicht, ane yetlyn, ane gangand quheil, ane tyne pynt, ane mask fat, ane stand and ane gyeil fat, gife the said Johen hais nocht deliverit the saidis gudis to the said Arche and prefe the deliverance of the samin.

27 *April* 1523.

Queir of kirk.

All the nebouris beand present for the tyme war content and granttit that David Crag, thesaurar, and Robart Arnot, master of the kirkwark, sould deliver to Marthing, servand to Ewin Allasoun, the soume of xl pundis in part of payment of ane mair soume for temyr to the queir of the kirk of the said burgh.

6 *July* 1523.

Amercia-  
ment, sellin  
of ane sowe.

It was fundin be the assis that Wille Forsyicht falit in hus condicion to Gilbert Patonsoun tuechin the sellin of ane sowe to the said Gilbert, that condicionit that scho was with gryissis the tyme of the sellin of hir, and scho was not.

15 *February* 1523-4.

Amercia-  
mentis.

Jenne Murra and Johen Murra war ilk ane of tham in amerciament for trubling of thair nebouris, undir silence of the nycht, throw thair flything and haldin of thair nebouris walkand all the nycht.

Pro  
communitie,  
nebourheid.

It is statut and ordinit that ilke nebour big hus dikis and keip nebourheid to uderis, and quha that falis and douis in the contrar quhat skait that ony nebour takin in hus yaird, in defalt of keipin of nebourheid, in sa far as he ma prefe the skait, the nebour nocht keipand him nebourheid sall recompance him at the syicht of nebouris in sa far as he is skait.

4 *April* 1524.

Burgess and  
gild.

Sir Dave Cristisoun, chaplane, enterit to the fredoum of burgesry and gild be rasoun of wmquhill Nycol Cristesoun, hus fader, and sall pay xxvj d. ob., ij li. walx and the wyne.

St. Laurance  
altar.

The saidis provest, ballies, counssal and communitie, hais granttit to affixit thair commoun seile to ane new chartour to be transumptit and maid of all anualis pertenyng to Sanc Laurance altar fundit and situat within the parocht kirk of the said burgh, and the said charter to be put in the common kist, and the said Sir William to have copy of all the saidis anualis, and the

saidis provest and ballies sall caus him to be ansorit and obayit of the sammyn St. Laurance altar.  
as law will.

18 *April* 1524.

The provest, ballies, counsall and communite, hais grantit and lyessance Gra freris.  
to the Gra freris of the said burgh ane pece of thair common land lyand at  
the soucht part of thair yaird equali gangand doune the bred of thair yaird  
to the Rud croft.

2 *May* 1524.

Johen Allan, talyour, was in amerciament for the occupyin of the fur- Amercia-  
ment, furrur  
craft.  
ruris in furring of ane goune with new stoufe, and it is ordinit and commandit  
be the provest and ballies, that na talyour within the said burgh occupy the  
said furrur craft, wndir the pane of xl s. to the Rud wark als aft as tha falt.

7 *May* 1524.

The provest [and] ballies, with consent and assent of the hail bredir of the Haly bloud  
alter.  
Haly bloud, hais grantit to content and pay Sir Johen Lambart, chaplane of  
thair said altar, xxv merkis yeirly, gud and wsual mony of the realme, for hus  
gud and thankfull service doune and to be doune at thair said altar of the  
Halybloud, with all uder service, that is to say Ladymes, Hiemes, Hevin-  
sang and Mathingis, and how and quhen the tyme occurris.

The provest, ballies, counssal and communite, all with ane consent and Pro Spottis-  
wod,  
Rud alter.  
assent, na discrepance, hais grantit and gevin the service of the Rud alter  
in the Rud loft, fundit and situat within the parocht kirk of the said burgh,  
to ane discret man, Sir Johen Spottiswoud, chaplane, for hus gud and thankfull  
service to be doune at the said alter, with all and syndry anualis, croftis, landis,  
oblacionis, and generall all and syndry acsedant pertenyng to the said alter;  
and als the saidis provest, ballies, counssal and communite, hais grantit ane  
yeirly pencion of vj merkis to the said Sir Johen, and gife the said Sir Johen  
makis gud and thankfull service, efter the forme and tenor of hus donacion  
gifin to him under the common seill of the said burgh, the saidis provest,  
ballies, counssal and communite, sall conseder at the yeris end and eke hus  
pencioun efter thair consiance and discreccion eftir hus gud service makin.

5 *September* 1524.

Wille Aysoun hais tane the stagis and the ravenues of the fair for xvij Stagis, fair.

Stagis, fair. merkis and x s. [And] the said provest and ballies hais promisit to deliver and draw the best stagis that cumin in the stond to Wille Aysoun and warrand him the sam that na man sall have challance or cleme of rycht to him, bot to be brukit be the said William, and he to disson on him as he thinkis maist expedient.

23 October 1524.

Den of the  
gild.

Thir ar the thingis that ar granttit be the provest and ballies to Duncan Patonsoun, dene of the gild for the tyme:—

Item, in the frist, the provest and ballies sall tak hus afald part and defend him in ony maner of thing belangand hus office in the exarcision or execussion of hus office, bayth with tham selfe and thair servandis, quhenevir he chargis tham or ony ane tharto.

Elyekwis, gif the said Duncan makis expens within the kirk or queir in ony necessar or nyeidfull thingis or reformation of Goddis service, for the honor of God and the weill of the toune, that tha sall mak the said expens tharof and caus the samyn to be thankfully payt to him quhen he gifis the sammyn in writ to tham, or ony wder expens he makis out with for the weill of the toune and the gildbrethir.

And, elyekwys, that nowder provest nor ballies liessent nor gife lyefe to na chaplane, beand within the kirk that tha ar patronis to, to pas na harandis bot gife he have lyefe of the said Duncan, and gife hus harandis be gret and nyeidfull to be doun to ramane at the maist bot viij dais fra his service.

Item, it is granttit that the said Duncan sall nocht intromet with the fillin of the lappis na lychtin of the candillis.

31 October 1524.

Amercia-  
ment.

Jame Murra was in amerciamment for the wrangus blasphemyn, trubbeling and houcterin of Robe Salter.

Amercia-  
ment.

Johen Johensoun was in amerciamment for the wrangus castin of ane muttoun buke of Johen Lamis undir hus feit on the cassay and fylin of it.

21 November 1524.

Pro Scot,  
gryndstane.

Johen Ackyne, balye, is souerte that Fyndelo Donaldsoun sall deliver ane gud and sufficient gryndstane of four fut, and thre fyngir breid, to Rob Scot.

Previs, ane  
syord  
[sword.]

Thir ar the previs of the awnyng of ane syourd . . . Rob Merschal, frist witnes, of xl yeris of aige, or tharby, syorne, deponit that weill he wis

and sekirly knew that the syourd thair present, clemit be Johen Benne, was Previs, and  
 the said Johen awin syourd and coft be him fra (*blank*) Gray, and that he syord  
 had wanttit the syourd cum xv dais befor Youll ane yeir . . . [sword.]

21 *January* 1524-5.

David Greg was maid [quit] be ane assise of the slachter of ane syene Syene.  
 that he slow to Marion Broun becaus syene war fundin unlachfull gudis.

3 *March* 1524-5.

The provest, ballies, counssale and communitie, beand present for the Sanc Ninianes  
 tyme, hais granttit the altar of Sanc Ninianes altar and the service tharof to altar.  
 Sir Thomas Jarva, he makand service at the samyn eftir the forme of hus  
 condicion undir hus awin subscripcioun of hus hand.

The provest, ballies, counssale and communitie, beand present for the [Next vacant  
 tyme, nane discrepance, all in ane woce, haif granttit the nixt wakand alteragh altarage.]  
 that wakis within thar parocht kirk of the said burgh to Robart Ferny, soune  
 to Robart Ferny, burges of the said burgh, he beand habill tharto, and gife  
 Sanc Ninianis altar be wakand the said altar to be gife him the service of the  
 sammyn, and falin tharof to gife him the service of ane wder als gud als soune  
 as it wakis, he beand abill tharfor as said, and to mak service eftir the tenor  
 and forme of the ac maid of befor.

31 *March* 1525.

Wille Fidlar, allies Ednom, was in amerciament for the wrangus trubulance Amercia-  
 of Sir James Crag, chaplane, be hus violent and impertinat langagh without ment,  
 falt maid to him be the said Sir James or ony wderis in hus behaw, tharfor trubulance of  
 it is statut and ordinit be the saidis provest and ballies that the said Wille a chaplain.  
 sall nocht falt to the said Sir James in ony tyme to cum, and gife he dowis  
 in the contrar that he sall pay xl s. to the Rud wark on forgifin.

12 *April* 1525.

The bowrow court of Striveling haldin and affirmit be the provest and  
 balyeis of the sammyn; comperit befor tham Robart Spettal, factor and actor Bigin of new  
 for Cristane Ra, servitrice to the Quenis grace and hienes, on the ta part, and hous and  
 Sir Allexander Buchan, chaplan, for himselfe and all wderis haveand entres, gavill.



Bigin of new  
hous and  
gavill.

and submittit tham fauchfully, be the wphaldin of thair rycht handis, the deliverance of thir personis eftir folowand, that is to say, Duncan Patonsoun, dene of the gild, Robert Arnot, Johen Ackyn, Ritschart Narne, ballies, Alexander Watsoun [and six others,] tuechin the bigin of ane new hous and gawill be the said Cristan Ra and hir said factor to the gawill of the land of the said Sir Allexander Buchane, in the Castal Wynd; the quhilkis personis beand syoern, mowvit of court, ryiply avisit, incom agane in jugment, and deliverit all in a woce that the said Cristan Ra and hir factor sall tousk, bowale and ragall, the gawill of the saidis Cristan new hous to the gawill of the said Sir Allexander hous, and the said Cristan and Robart in hir neme till have all the haile stoufe and stanes of the said Sir Allexander part of his aild gavill, and the saidis Cristan and Robart hir factour to big thar said gawill as tha pleis and as tha think maist expedient, and the said Sir Allexander and hus airis and successouris to be excludit in tyme to cum fra ony flittin or makin of ony asiamenttis of the said gawill tharthrow becaus the said Sir Allexander makis na expens nor cost of the bigin of the haill gawill.

24 April 1525.

Curia justici-  
arie burgi.  
Horssteilling.

Ritschart Broun was convictit and flit for the thyftuis steilling of twa maris out of the landis of Corntoun, and thareftir that the doume was gifin on him to be hangit quhill he war deid, he granttit, of his awin fre will, that he staw ane mair fra Robe Lam and ane blak hors out of the Cobiltoun.

Act aganes  
kaikbaxteris.

The provest, ballies, counsall and communite, hais statut and ordinit that thair be na kaik bakstaris within the fredoum of the said burgh fundand selland ony kaikes bot samony as sall be chosin be tham, the quhilkis sall be bot vj in nowmyr; and ordinis that James Lam, Johen Youle and Dave Ritsche, offisaris, pas and warne all kaik bakstaris doulland within the fredoum of the said burgh to dissist and scise fra the said occupacion, and to warne tham all to the nixt court that tha ma be sex chosin for the said occupacioun and all the laife dischargit.

8 May 1525.

[Proclama-  
tion, forfeit-  
ure of a  
tenement.]

James Lam, seriand, passit at the command of the said balyie to the tol-  
bouit wyndo and proclomit opynly gife thair was ony persoun or persones  
that had ony entres till ane land and tenement pertenyng to wmqhill Johen

Stewart, liand within the fredoum of the said burgh betuex the land of [Proclama-  
wmquhill Johen Aysoun, on the est part, and the land of William Cosour, on tion, forfeit-  
the wast part, to cum within xl dais and pay the runnyn anwalis to Sir James ure of a  
Murra, chaplane, with the expens, and falin tharof thar will be heritable tenement.]  
stait, seissin and possessioun, gife to the said Sir James, to be brukit and  
josit be him and hus successouris *imperpetuum*.

11 May 1525.

The service of Sanc Ninianes altar fundit and situat within the parocht <sup>Sanc Ninianes</sup>  
kirk of the said burgh was gifin to Sir Thomas Duncansoun, with all anualis, altar.  
landis, oblacionis and all wder doweteis, he makand service tharfor eftir the  
forme and tenor of the ackis maid of befoir.

3 July 1525.

It is ordinit be the saidis provest and ballies that na craftisman of the Taylour craft.  
talyour craft occupy na ws ony punt pertenyng to the fredoum of the gild,  
under the panes that ocuris to tyne apon law.

Alexander Duncan protestit, in the name and behaw of the hail craftis-  
men of the talyouris, that quhat war down in this present court tuechin thar  
privelagis sould nocht hurt tham na tourne tham to preiudice bot that tha  
mycht have remeid of law befoir ony juge or jugis competente quhen and  
quhar it efferit.

2 October 1525.

Robart Arnot hais offerit ane signet of gould to Johen Allan, in the neme <sup>Pro Arnot,</sup>  
and behaw of Walter Cousland, he payand the mony that the said signet is signet of  
awin to the said Walter. gould.

It was fundin be the inquist that thar sall nocht be na pencionoun gifin to Chaplanis.  
na chaplane in agmentacioun to ane alteragh for ane yeir.

6 October 1525.

The provest, bailyeis and counssal, haif assignit Monunday that nixt <sup>Altar of Sanc</sup>  
cummis to the haile counssal to convene in the lujene of Sir Duncan Forester Katerin.  
of Garden, knyght, to avies on the gift of the altar of Sanc Katerin fundit and  
situat within thar parocht kirk, and ordinis that the hail counssal be warnit  
to convene in the said lujene betuix ane and twa houris eftir noune.

16 October 1525.

**Curia justiciarie.** Curia justiciarie burgi de Striveling, tentta in pretorio dicti burgi per Allexander Forester, vicecomitatum dicti burgi.

**Assisa.** Sir Walter Forester of the Torwod, knycht, Allexander Levinstoun of Dunypece, Patric Buchquhanan of Lany, Thomas Semervale of the Plane, James Spetal of Blairlogy, David Crag, Walter Ewinsoun, Allexander Crag, Johen Watsoun, James Lawder, James Tennand, Johen Wallace, Allexander Murra, Duncan Darow and Duncan Bow.

**Mentetht [to be beheaded].** Robart Mentecht was convicit be the said assis and doume gifin on him to be had to the Heiddin Hill and the hed to be strakin fra the body, and the said doume was gevin be Wille Forsycht, dempstar for the tyme.

21 October 1525.

**Curia justiciarie.** Curia justiciarie burgi de Striveling, tentta in pretorio dicti burgi per Allexander Forester, justiciarium dicti burgi.

**Assisa.** George of Dowglas of Bonkul, Walter Scot of Buchklouk, Patric Buchquannan of Lany, Sir Walter Forester of the Torword, knycht, Allexander Drummound of Armoir, James Spettal of Blairlogy, Johen of Mentecht, William Cunyngham, David Kynkaid, Walter Grame, Johen Ackyn, Allexander Levinstoun, Johen the Brus and Walter Ewinsoun.

**Murra, Muirheid, [to be hanged].** It was fundin be the said assis that Robe Murra and Jame Mur had thiftusly stouin ane gryne klok, ij syourds, ane sertane of sarkis, courcheis and colaris, vij pair of schoun, ane pair of hois, ane buklar; that tharfor the saidis Robart and James sould be tane to the Galhous and hangit quhill tha war deid; and doum was gifin tharupon be the moucht of Wille Forsycht, dempstar for the tyme.

23 October 1525.

**Curia burgi.** Curia burgi de Striveling, tentta in pretorio dicti burgi per prepositum et ballivos eiusdem.

**Stabelaris, aittis, hay.** It is statut and ordinit be the provest, ballies and counssal, that na stabelar within this said burgh sell ony aittis derrar na v d. the pec of the best aittis, and that nane of tham by aittis in the mercat quhill strangeris and the toune be servit; and that secundar aittis be saild for iiij d. the pec, and smallar aittis be saild na derrar na iij d. the pec, and tha that ar nocht wourcht iij d. to be saild bettir chaip. The stane of haye, iiij d.

Alssya, it is statut and ordinit that na houkstar by aittis within this burgh to tap bot gife scho hais ane stabil and hors meit to furnes, and falin heirintill the aittis to be chettit. Houkstaris,  
aittis.

*3 November 1525.*

Thir ar the nemis of the kaikbakstaris to be admittit and ordinit to bak kakis, and that tha be sufficient stoufe and hald the woucht, and quhen the pec of meil is coft for vj d. that the penny kake be ane pund woucht, and sya afferand the woucht of the kake as the meil is saild:—Agnes Thomsoun, Agnes Beltmakar, or ane of hir douchteris, Marion Wod, Cristan Akman, Mergret Kirk, Jenne Symun, Mergret Drummound and Johen Hutching wyfe. Kaik-  
bakstaris.

*21 November 1525.*

It was previt sufficiently be Robyne Ewin and Johen Ewin, and the gret Syene aicht syorne, that Johen Talyour passit our the Watter of Fourcht at the Borowman medow with the nowmyr of v<sup>xx</sup> of syene or tharby.

*29 January 1525-6.*

Allexander Crag is souerte that Edward Rowane sall bring the sow clemite be Andro Legat to be hus propir gud on Monunday the xij day of Februar nixt to cum, and to enter the said syen in presens of the saidis provest and ballies. Sow clemite.

*8 February 1525-6.*

James Pattoun, first witnes, syoerne, deponit that be the aicht that he maid, safer as he wnderstoud, that the sow clemite be Andro Legat, thair present, was Dave Bellis sow and now Edward Rouanis and saild be him to wmquhill the said Dave Bell, quhowbeit that hir lug was cuttit, and on cuttit the tyme that he saild hir to the said Dave. Sow in court.

*5 March 1525-6.*

It is ordinit be the provest and ballies that na persoun within burgh tak mair for the brekin of ane salmound bot ane penny, wnder the pane of debering of the persoun that dois in the contrar fra brekin of fycht for yeir and day at the will of the saidis offisaris. Salmound.

Allexander Smytht hais grantit to deliver to Rob Willesoun ane silver belt and ane ring betuex this day and Peax nixt to cum, and falin tharof to deliver the waill of the samyn. Belt and ring.

9 April 1526.

Robesoun,  
accusit of  
slakter.

Johen Robesoun, fleschour, was accusit, in presens of the saidis provest and bailyeis, for the slaktir of Sande Patonsoun, allegand that the said Johen strak the said Allexander, thro the quhilk strakis the said Allexander deit; the said Johen denyit that evir he strak him na did him hourt or harme and tuk him to God and ane gud assis; the assis ramovand and passand fourcht ryiply avisit and be examacion of witnes in com agane, and deliverit all in a voce that the said Johen innocent of the deid of the said Allexander becaus it was sufficiently previt befor tham be famus witnes that the said Johen did him nowder hourt na harme the tyme that it was allegit that he strak him.

13 April 1526.

Impertinat  
langagh.

Thomas M'Calpy was fundin be the said assise that he faltit to the bailye, Ritschart Narne, be impertinat langagh, and it was ordaned be the said assise that Allexander Forester, provest, Walter Grame and Allexander Watsoun, ballies, sould modife amendis be thar discretioun to the said Ritschart, balye, be thar discrecioun. Thomas M'Calpy hais offerit him rady to mak ane emendis to Ritschart Narne at the ordinance of the provest and the towder twa bailyeis as tha command him. Thome M'Calpy allegit that the provest and the bailyeis set and pynist for impertinat langagh and wald nocht gife him rameid nor amendis of impertinat langagh.

Brekin  
statutis anent  
aiel.

It was fundin be the fairsaid assis that Marion Nortoun and Marion Brus war ilkane of tham in amerciament for the brekin of the statutis of the said burgh in sellin of xvj d. aiel contrar the statutis; and it is ordinit that quhat tyme quhow souny ony of the saidis personis brekis the statutis in tyme to cum that the balyeis sall tak of the faltour xl s. or ellis ding out the fat bodim and deil the brewin at the cors.

23 April 1526.

Dekin of bax-  
sters; breid.

Duncan Darow was fundin in ane falt becaus the gud toune wanttit bred, and he to be punist tharfor or ellis fynd ane faltour.

28 May 1526.

Treis cuttit.

Micschal Donaldsoun, taylour, granttit, in presens of the saidis provest and ballies, that he cuttit partis of treis in Duncan Forsycht yaird extending to ix pece of bulisteris, chereis and ploumis.

16 *July* 1526.

Quheit was fundit saild samekle as the bakstaris of the said burgh couft *Quheit, malt.* in Leicht at this last waiaigh for xv s. the boll, and all wder quhit that tha coft for xvj s. the boll. Malt was fundin for xvj s. the boll.

It is statut and ordinit be the provest, ballies, counssal and communitie, *Fleah.* that na indoullar within the fredoum of the said burgh sla ony flecht to sell bot ane freman. Alssya na nyeiris na nyeircres be tane out of the scheip, nowder to burgh nor land, that cummis to sell or saild within the said burgh, quhill Michalmes, under the pane of viij s. unforgifin. Alssya, that na muttoun that ar saild within the said burgh be blawin, under the pane of viij s. unforgifin, nowder with punt of knyefe na uderwais.

Item, that na houkstar by ony fecht to tap apon nebouris on to xj howris, *Fycht.* under the pane of viij s. Item, that na houkstar occupy na ws na byin na tappyn of fycht bot on the mercat day, undir the pane of viij s. Item, that na houkstar occupy the mercat in sellin of fycht bot to remane at thair awin dourris excep the mercat day, undir the pane of viij s. Item, that ragratouris na couparis pas to the watter of Forch to by ony fycht unto the tyme it [is] presentit the mercat, under the pane of viij s.

30 *July* 1526.

Allexander Crag hais tane apon him to prefe sufficiently that Thom *Maltmen,* M'Calpy promisit xx s. to the maltmen and to thair alter of Sanc Mathow, and *alter.* to prefe the sam this day xv dais.

27 *August* 1526.

Johen Thom, allies Cristisoun, sounne to wmquhill William Thom, allies *Burges and gild.* Cristison, enterit to the said William fredoume, undir the aicht aucht and wount, and sall pay xxvj d. ob., ij li. walx and the wyne. Plegis Sir Dave Cristisoun, stewart to the Queenis grace. And gife it happynit that the said Johen eldast broder beis levand and cummis in Scotland and desyris to entir to his faderis fredoume, the said Johen sall renunce and gife our the said fredoume and the occupacioun of the sammyn for the entres of his said broder.

The alter of Sanc Michal, the haly arkangel, was granttit and gevin to *Alter of Sanc Michal.* Sir Archibald Watsoun, sounne to Allexander Watsoun.

## 1 October 1526.

**Houkstaris.** It was statut that na houkstar nor wder persoun sould pas to the toune end, na till ony wder partis of the toune, to by butter, egis, foullis, na uder stoufe cumand to the said burgh to sell, and quha that did in the contrar it sould be lesum to ony nebour that could apprehend ony of tha ragratouris to tak the stoufe fra the saidis ragratouris, and to be the takaris ascheat.

**Calfe skennis.** It was statut and ordinit that na merchand sall by ony calfe skennis under the pane of the wnlaw.

## 15 October 1526.

**Baxteris.** The saidis provest and ballies hais granttit to Wille Dic, dekin of the bakstaris, that he sall have ane offisar rady to pas with him to pund ony of the said craft that falis and keipis nocht the command of the said dekin tuechin the kipin of vj s. wourcht of bred on the marcat day eftir noune for furnessing of the nebouris in samony personis as he commandis and chargis to keip the sammyn.

Wille Dik, dekin of the bakstaris, hais promisit to the provest and ballies to caus the saidis craftismen to mak the twa penny laife xx unce gud and sufficient stoufe and weill bakin, and falin heirot to schaw the faltouris to the saidis provest and ballies that tha ma punys the said faltouris.

**Maltmen.** Mischal Stensoun, dekin to the maltmen, has promisit to the provest and ballies that na maltman within this burgh sall sell malt na derrar na xvj s. the boll, and atour that tha sall tak bot twa s. mair for the boll of malt na the bair is coft quhill Youll nixt to cum, and fra that furcht bot xij d. betuex bollis.

**Candill.** It is statut and ordinit that na candilmakar sell ony candill derrar na four penneis and ane halfe penny the pund, and the half penny candill and the penny candill efferand tharto, undir the pane of daillin of thair candill and ane wnlaw, onforgevin.

## 19 November 1526.

**Act, craftis, bakstaris.** It was granttit be the saidis provest, bailyeis, counssal and communitie, that gif ony craftisman of the bakstaris doulland within the fredoume of the said burgh desobayit the dekin and wald nocht ansour and obay the said dekin and craft, that thar sould ane of the seriandis pas with the said dekin and craft and pund and distrene the persoun or persounis that disobayis, and

the wnlaw to be disponit on walx to be brynt befor Sanc Howbart in honor of God and halykirk. Act, craftis, bakstaris.

Thomas Nortoun, sounne and air to wmquhill Andro Nortoun, nebour of the said burgh, with consent of hus curatouris, protestit, in presens of the saidis provest, bailyeis, counsall and communitie, beand present for the tyme, that the seissin gevin be him of ane anwalrent of xx s. be yeir to Marion Nortoun, hus fader sister, sould be on nane awail na tourne him to na preiudice becaus he was within youitheid and of mynor aige, and for wder diueris causis that he hais to schaw. Protest by a minor.

14 January 1526-7.

It was ordinit be the saidis provest and baillies that na baicht be tane out of the bakhows on to the tyme that ane of the baillies and the dekin weye the said baicht, and ilke bailye to keip the sammyn thar houk about. Bread.

28 January 1526-7.

The provest and baillies assignit Ritschart Narne, Robart Arnot and Allexander Watsoun, to mak compt and rakenyn of the stent silver of the caragh hors silver the tyme the Governour passit to the houst to Ingland, and to mak the said compt within xv dais. Pro communitie, stent, Governour.

1 March 1526-7.

Robart Law enterit to the fredoum of burgesry and gild, under the aicht aucht and wount, and sall pay v li. of mony, ij li. of walx and the wyne; plegis Anro Kar. And the said Robart hais granttit, gife thar happynis ony stenttis, to stent with the nebowris of the said burgh efferand to hus substance of hus gaier, and sall scot and lot with the saidis nebowris quhen ony siclik cummis. And als the provest, baillies, counssal and communitie, beand present for the tyme, hais dispensit with the said Robart and liessant him to ramane and indoull without the said burgh or within, att hus plesour, he stentand with the saidis nebouris as said is. Burges and gild.

3 June 1527.

Robart Spettal allegit and offerit to prefe with the spous of wmquhill Gilbert Johensoun and Jenot, hus douchter, that [he] com to the said Gilbert, he beand liand on hus deid bed and said to him in this maner:—Gudman, it is said that ye murmur me, sayand that I have doune yow gret wrangis in the Pro Spittal, deid bed statement.



**Pro Spittal,  
deid bed  
statement.** bigin apon your ground; and that the said Gilbert ansorit and said:—I sa na thing tha of bot ye ar ane gud nebour.

15 July 1527.

**Amercia-  
ment.** Johen Lam, youngar, was in amerciament for the wrangus byin of v scheip out of Johen of Yair hand eftir that the said Johen servand had coft tham and gevin ane plak of arlling.

**Pro Yair,  
slander.** Johen of Yair gave to the aicht of Johen of Lam, eldir, in the said fenssit court, gife he callit him staik theife and commoun theife, and the said Johen Lam rafusit and wald nocht mak facht of the sammyn; and than the said Johen of Yair protestit that it sould nocht hourt him na hus fredoume to call the said Johen Lam befor ane speretual juge or jugis.

23 July 1527.

**Pro dominode  
Lany, stokis.** The lard of Lany enterit Robart Dowgal to the said provest and ballies in ane fenssit court and the said Robart was put in the stokis.

6 October 1527.

**Pro com-  
munite, meil.** It was statut and ordinit be the provest, baillies, counssal and communitie, that na persoun na personis, nowder to broucht na land, by ony meil in the mercat in gret to gife in for thar ferme or tend to ony gyrnnal on to the tyme that all nebowris and indoullaris within the said burgh be servit, undir the pane of asschetin of samekle as is coft and the profet tharof to be gevin to the Rud wark.

**Mercat, meil.** It is statut and ordinit that ane offisar keip the mercat on the mercat day that na sek with meil be opynnit on to xj houris.

Item, that na persoun bringand meil to the mercat to selland hus meil, met na misour the said meil bot with the met lounis of the custumaris, bayth pece and fourllat.

**Fleschouris.** Item, that na fleschour sall have bot four penneis for brekin of ane mairt and ij d. for ane young beist.

Item, that all flecht that cummis to the mercat to sell that is spoilyeit or mauchit be prisit be ane pairt of fleschouris and wder nebowris indoullaris within the said burgh.

**Salmond.** Item, that na persoun brekand fecht tak mair for the brekin of ane salmond bot j d.

It is statut and ordinit that na marchand that ocupiis stapell gudis by Skennis. ony calfe skennis, kid skennis, na skalding skennis, under the pane of ane wnlaw onforgevin.

And elykwys, it is statut and ordinit that na skennar within the freedom of the said burgh by ony woll skennis, wnder the pane of viij s. als oft as tha can be apprehendit.

Item, it is ordinit that na cordinaris that is na gild brother by ony hidis, that is to say sukin kow and drawin ox, to bark, or to dispon ony wder way, undir the pane of viij s. als oft as tha falt.

8 November 1527.

The provest, baillies and communitie, hais grantit, gife thar be ony persoun within the fredoume of the said burgh that hais ony ma soumes na twa, that tha sall pay thar girs mail for samony ma as tha have na the saidis twa soumis to the persoun or persounis havand assedacioun of the guid toune of the samyn.

Pro communitie, soumes.

9 December 1527.

It was fundin be the inquist, nane discrepand, that wmquhill David Wilsoun was nocht the caus of hus awin deid and that he slew nocht him selfe, and that he was wesyt with siknes, and ane aild waik man, and passand to do his nedis and fell befor hus awin dour and could nocht recower na help him selfe for waiknes, and thar haistely weseit with God.

Pro Margareta Steven-soun.

3 February 1527-8.

Assisa: Robart Arnot, Gilbert M'Llellan, [and nineteen others].

Assisa.

Robe Patonsoun was convict be the fairsaid assis for the brekin of Agnes Langis bouit, and for the brekin of Allexander Watson bouit, and the brekin of William Wyeissis bouit, and the brekin of Thom Jarva bouit, and the brekin Thom M'Calpyis bouit, and the brekin of William Cossour sellar, and for the brekin of divers and syndry sellaris and baernis, and for the thiftuis steillin of diveris and syndry merchandice and wder stoufe, that is to say, blak clayth, quhit clayth, lynnyn clayth, holand clayth, hardin, sewin silk, pepper, saferin, bartane cammes, woull, yarne, walx, quhit bred, aiell, flour, bair, benis, salt salmond, salt byeif, and diveris and syndry uder gair; the quhilk he maid opyn confessioun of, opynly in the said fenssit court, in presens of the saidis

Breaking of booths and stealing.

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provest, baillies, counssall and communite, beand present for the tyme; the quhilk the said Robart broucht the instrumentis and war present the tyme that he was forjuget, that is to say, ane coultyr of ane ploucht, ane kee of ane pyp lok, ane ke of ane throucht lok and thre croukit irnis. The said Robart grantit, in presens, that ane woman callit Esabell Gray, doulland in Lynlythqw, tuk fra him of Agnes Lang gair, the nycht efter that he brak the said Agnes bouit, thre ellis of holand clayth, viij ellis of hardin and ane bourd of ane belt, and that he tuk never penne na penny wourcht for the said gair fra the said Esabell; the quhilk he tuk on his sauil opynly befor all man thair beand present; [that he sold four ells to "ane honest man callit Stene of Carinbe dowlland in Lowdeane" for 28 s.; and] that he saild all the remanent of the said Agnes gair that he staw owt of hir bouit opynly in Edinburgh on the mercat day, the quhilk he tuk on his sawill.

30 March 1528.

Pro Lyeisman,  
Queinis court.

James Watsoun is souerte that Andro Lyeisman sall have justice of William Gillaspy on the (*blank*) day of Aprile in the Queinis grace court of Strivelingshire to be haldin in the tolbourit of Striveling be hir bailye or factouris.

Pro Litstar.

It is ordinit and statut be the saidis provest and baillies that na bailye rasaife ane resignation of ony land or landis within the fredoum of the said burgh bot that Sir William Litstar be notar to the sammyn, gife he be in the said burgh or may be apprehendit.

27 July 1528.

Hors coft.

It was sufficiently provit be Johen of Schaw, bakstar, and Thomas Symontoun that Andro Legat coft ane hors fra Andro Davesoun for xxx s. and ane quart of aiell, without ony condicioun or restriccioun, and the said Andro Legat in amerciament efter the forme of the borgh.

7 August 1528.

Pro Symson,  
St. Lawrance  
alter.

Master Robart Galbracht, prolocutour for Sir William Symson, chaplane of Sanc Lawrens altar fundit and situat within the parocht kirk of the said burgh, producit and schew ane fundacioun of the said altar, makand mentioun quhar Sanc Lawrance Croft was gevin to the said altar and to the chaplane tharof for the tyme.

The provest and baillies commandit James Lam, seriand, to pas to twa <sup>St. Lawrance</sup> rigis lyand on the norch est part of the croft of Sanc Lawrance callit Sanc <sup>croft.</sup> James rigis, and arrest all the cornes now growand on tham to the instance of Sir William Symssoun, chaplane of Sanc Lawrance altar, becaus the said Sir William allegit that the saidis twa rigis pertenis to Sanc Lawrance altar, eftir the forme and tenor of hus fundacioun.

5 October 1528.

It was fundin be the said inquist that Sir Johen Hountter is lypyr and Lypyr. hais byne delatit in thre or four heid courtis of befoir, and that he sould be put to ane desert without the burgh, as lypir men hes wsit to be demanit in tymis bypast, for danger that ma incur eftirwart.

Sir James Lokart was delatit be the said inquist that he was lypyr. Lypyr.

It is ordinit be the said inquist that the baillies sall caus all metlounmis, <sup>The metloun-</sup> pyntis, quhartis and chopynnys, to cum to the tolbout and met and misour <sup>mis.</sup> the sammyn, and quhar tha ar faltius to refourme tham as efferis.

Item, it is statut and ordinit be the foirsaid inquist, and proclamit opynly <sup>Martis, mut-</sup> at the mercat cors of the said burgh, that all martis young and aild, all muttoun <sup>toun, syen.</sup> and syen, sall be had to the Bakraw to be saild and nocht to ramane nor stand on the hee mercat gait, and that the offisaris caus the sam to be keipit.

Item, it is statut and ordinit that na flechour nor wderis tak mair nor <sup>Flechouris.</sup> iij d. for the brekin of ane mart and twa d. for brekin of ane young best.

Item, it is opynly proclemit at the mercat cros that ony fleschour bring- <sup>Muttoun.</sup> and muttoun to the mercat to sell that he bring the heid with the sammyn, under the pane of asschetin of the muttoun.

19 October 1528.

The saidis baillies and counssal beand present for the tyme hais gevin <sup>Common</sup> the office of common clarkschip of the said burgh to Robyne Cunnynggham for <sup>clark.</sup> hus gud and sufficient serves to be doune be him and as requiris to sic a burgh, and he to fynd sufficient causon for the sammyn.

13 November 1528.

The provest, baillies, counssal and communitie, beand for the tyme, hais <sup>Pro domino</sup> grantit and gevin the commoun clarkschip of the said burgh to Sir William <sup>IV. Litstar,</sup> <sup>commoun</sup> <sup>clark.</sup>

Pro domino  
W. Litstar,  
commoun  
clark.  
Banyet.

Litstar, chaplane, for ane yeir and forthir induring thar will, and Archibald Dausoun to be substitut in the tyme.

Peter Diksoun and Wille Talyour, allies Klafing, war banyet this forsaid toun and syorne nevir to cum within the fredoum of the samyn, and hais grantit gife tha can be apprehendit within the saidis bundis to be tane and hangit without doum or law.

18 *January* 1528-9.

Lypyr.

It was fundin be the said inquist that Sir Johen Hunttar, chaplane, is liper and Sir James Lokart.

For fyeir.

It was statut and ordinit that na persoun nor personis set out ony chemnayis with fyeir to kendill on the hee gait for danger to cum tharof, under the pane of viij s. and the brekin of the chemnay.

25 *February* 1528-9.

Pro Paton-  
soun, coump-  
tir.

Duncan Patonsoun offerit the compt of wmquhill David Crag, thesawrar to this gud toune, and the buk tharof, to Johen Ackyne and Allexander Watson to be in thar keipin on to the tyme that the saidis coumptis war futtit befor the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, of the said burgh.

Pro Clark,  
writtin of  
King.

Patric Clark, servand to our Soverane Lord the King, presentit ane writtin of the Kingis grace to the provest and baillies of the said burgh and requirit tham to put the sammyn to execussioun.

5 *April* 1529.

Lipyr.

Sir Johen Hounttar, chaplane, was fundin liper be the said inquist and nocht sponisible to ramane with haill pepill. Sir James Lokart was fundin lypyr.

13 *April* 1529.

Convict of  
slakter.

Pate Fyndelosoun was convicit be ane condong assis for the creuall slakter of Johen Hammiltoun, soun and air to the lard of Perdowny.

21 *June* 1529.

Hukstaris.

Thir ar the nyemis of the hukstaris that ar ragratouris, as is allegit, and tha have fundin souerte for tyme to cum to keip the statutis:—James Lam souerte for Cristan Hendersoun; Cristan Hendersoun for hir moder; [here follow sureties for other twenty-five women].

Item, it is statut and ordinit that nane of thir fornemmit hukstaris, na **Hukstaris.** nane uderis within the fredoume of the said burgh, by ony fycht quhill xj howris befor noun, na fra xij howris quhill sex at ewin. Alssya, that nane of tham by butter, cheis, egis, foullis, corne, haye, foder, to tap agane apon nebowris, wnder the pane of the wnlaw of viij s. onforgevin.

26 August 1529.

Copia litere conducionis Johannis Kowtis, lathomi, sequitur, et est talis, **Agree-**  
manu sua super pennam ductu, subscripta. **ment with**

At the burch of Striveling, the xxvj day of the moneth of August, the yer of God j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>e</sup> twenty and ix yeris, it is fullely concordyt, apoyntit and fynally endyt, betuix honorable and prowident personis, that is to say, the prowest, balyeis, counssall and communitie, of the said brugh off Strivelyn, on that ane part, and Jhon Kowtis, masoun, on that other part, in maner eftyr folowyng, that is to say, that the said Jhon Kowtis, masone, of his fre will and motiwe, uncompellit or unconstrenyeit be ony personis tharto, has conducit and feyit hym self with the saidis prowest, bailyeis, counsall, communitie and brugh, enduryng his lyf tyme, and to remane with thame and thare successouris at thare said burgh to wirk and laubour his craft of masonry and gemetry, in all maner pertening tharto concernyng his facultie, at thair commone werk, inwith or owtwith thare said brugh, at all his uttyr power and possibilite at all tymes, be the awise and counsall of the mastyr of werk of the said brugh chosyn for the tyme, according to his occupacioun, and obey and ansuer him tharapoun as efferis, the said Jhon kepand and observand dewlye thir dyetis and tymes eftyr following of his enteryng dayly to his werk and laubour and departyng tharfra, that is to say, till entyr ilk day in the morwyng at fiwe houris quhen he shall have day licht to wirk with, laif at alewyn houris at none and sewyn houris at ewyn, the said Jhon haiffand ilk werk day ane half hour afor nyne houris afor none to his disjone and ane othir half hour afor four houris eftyr none to his nunschankis. All the remanent of the yeir, quhen the day is schort till entyr to his werk at day lycht in the morwyng, laif at half hour to twelf at none, and nycht at ewyn. And sa till contynew idandlie at his werk all yeris and dayis enduryng his lyf tyme, according to the perfyte ryte and gud consuetude [of] werkmen; na halyday to be observit be hym, clamyt nor allegit, bot commandit of the law. Ilk day till entyr at the

**John Kowtis,**  
**mason.**

Agree-  
ment with  
John Kowtis,  
mason.

houre of pryme eftyr none. Payand, yerlie, the saidis prowest, bailyeis, counsall and communitie of the said brugh, and thar successouris, to the said Jhon Kowtis, masone, for his awyn labour and werkmanship the sowme of fyfty markis gud and usuall money of the realm off Scotland as for his yerly fee quartarlie at thir four termys in the yer, that is to say, twelf markis and ane half mark at his first term of entray in and to his said werk, quhilk salbe at the day of the makyng of thir presentis as for the first quartar payment of the yer aforhand; at the fest of All Sanctis callit Allhallowmes nyxt thaireftyr twelf markis and ane half mark; and at the fest of the purificatioun of our Lady callit Kandilmes nyxt immediat thaireftyr following twelf markis and ane half mark; and at the fest of the Invention of the Cros callit Beltane the lattyr twelf markis and ane half mark, in compleit payment of the saidis fyfty markis; and sa till contynew yerlye, termlye, the payment of the saidis fyfty markis be yere enduryng the said Jhonnis lyf tyme; togyddyr with ane yerlie bowntaith of fourty schillingis money forsaid, or the awale tharof, for his idand and contynuall gud service yerly to be done at his gudlie power at the sycht of the mastyr of werk for the tyme, and gif he beis indiscrete and unressonable than at the sycht of the saidis prowest, bailyeis, counsall and communitie. With power to the said Jhone and his servandis of his causyng tyll intromett, rays and lay, and nane otheris, all layaris and thruchis within the paroch kirk of thare said brugh and quere tharof insafer as pertenyis to thaim, haffand for ilk throwch raysyng and laying saxtene pennyis and ilk layar twelf pennyis, to be done by thar dew tyme of labour above expremyt; and gif ony of thaim beis brokyn or spylt in thar defalt tha sall reform and upset the sammyne agane to the party quhilk sall mak the payment of the said wage. And gif it sall happyn the said prowest, bailyeis, counsall and communitie of the said brugh, till licentt the said Jhone till ony othir werk than thar commune werk the said Jhone sall hawe his dayly wage efferand to his saidis yeris fee; prowidyng alwayis that it salbe unlesfull to the saidis prowest, bailyeis, counsall and communitie, now present or thar successouris, till hawe power till consent or lycent the said Jhone to ony othir werk than thar awyn commune wark saiffand the Kingis grace allegiance alanerlye owttane, and gif ony of thaim attempis in the contrare the attempar thairof and consentar sall pay his yeris fee. And the quhilkis thai bynd and oblys thame and thair successouris straitlie be the faith in thair bodyis to be observit and kepit at all tymes to

cum. And for the securityte of payment of the saidis Jhonis yerlye fee enduryng his lyfytyme in maner forsaid to be maid, the saidis prowest, balyeis, counsall and communitie, and thare successouris, byndis and oblisithame and constrenyeis the commone gud of thare said brugh to the sammyne be this thare letteres, all fraud and gyle secludit and away put. In witnes of the quhilk thing, the commone sele of the said brugh is appensit to thir presentis, til remane with the said Jhone enduryng his lyfytyme, day, yere and place abone expremyt, befor thir witnes: Williame Gillaspe, Patrik Symontoun, Jhon Makferlan, Jhone Makke, Archibald Dawsoun and Schir Williame Litstar, chaplane and notar publict, with utheris divers.

Agreement with John Kowtis, mason.

JOHNE COUTTIS, mason, with my hand at the pen.

3 September 1529.

The provest and baillies hais liessent and lycessit the dekin and craftismen of the fleschouris to bait ane bull of Saneubartis day or on the Sounday nixt thareftir.

Pro carnificibus, bull baiting.

4 October 1529.

Sir Johen Hunttar and Sir James Lokart war fundin lypyr.

Lypyr.

It is ordinit that the baillies sall pas with ane certane of nebouris with tham and wesey Jenne Millar, the spous of Allexander Adamsoun, and Cristan Huntaris douchter and Luke Strivelingis wyife gif tha be infecit with lypyr, becaus it is suspexit be the said inquist that tha ar infecit of the sammyn seknes.

For lypyr.

It is thoct expedient and is ordinit that all land fleschouris sall stand with thar flecht in the Bakraw betuex the almushous gavill and doune throw to the fleschouris of the said burgh quhar tha slay and brekis thar flecht, and in ony waist pairt maist convenient betuex the hee passagh to the Grayfreris and the said almushous gawill.

The land fleschouris.

It is statut and ordinit that na flescher within burgh, na within the schier, that bringis ony flecht to the said burgh to sell that beis spoulyeit or mausschit, the persoun that committis and dowis the sam sall pay for the first falt ane wnlaw of viij s. onforgevin, and the nixt falt the flecht to be eschet and delt to Goddis fowlkis, and him selfe to be dischargit fra flecht sellin in the mercat of the said burgh for yeir and day.

For spoulye of flecht.

It is ordinit be the provest, baillies and counsall, that all persoun or per-

The mid-dingis.



**The middingis.** sonis that hais ony middingis in the Bakraw, or on the heegait of the said burgh, to tak tham away within xxiiij howris efter tha be chargit, wnder the pane of viij s.; and the mydding to be fre to ony persoun or persouns that will leid it away and to incur na danger tharfoir.

**Burges and gild.** Archibald Spettall enterit to the fredoume of burgesry and gild and sall pay xxvj d. ob., ij li walx, and the wyne; and gif it happynit the said Archibald to occupy or ws marchandrece, as wders marchandis dowis in byin or sellin of stapill gudis, he oblissis him to pay to the gud toune the soume of fyfe pundis wsuall mony of the realme.

**Bakstaris, quhit mercat.** It is ordinit be the provest, baillies and counsall, that the dekin and craftismen of the bakstaris sall convene and meit and avyes quhat part or place it is maist convenient and ganand that the quhit mercat be haldin in, and to cum on Friday the ix day of October nixt to cum and schaw tham and tha sall caus it to be haldin in the sam place.

8 October 1529.

**Pro pistori-bus, quhit mercat.** It is ordinit that the quhit that cummis to this mercat to sell sall stand apon the hee gait about the meil mercat, and nane of it to be coft quhill efter x howris.

**The brig yeit.** Wille Aysoun is feit to the keipin of the brig yet for viij dais and sall have ilke day xij d.

21 October 1529.

**Master masoun.** Johen Couttis, master masoun of the said burgh, enterit to the fredoum of burgesry and gild, under the aicht aicht and wount, and hus fynis ramittit and forgevin him for hus gud and thankfull service to be doun be him to the Rud wark of the said burgh in the parocht kirk of the sammyn.

**Common clark.** Johen Grame, common clark of the said burgh, enterit to the fredoume of the sammyn, under the aicht aicht and wount.

17 January 1529-30.

**Erl of Ergile.** Ane nobill and mychty lorde, Colin erle of Ergile, etc., enterit to the fredom of the said burgh as air to wmquhill Colin erle of Ergile, under the aich aicht and wont.

**Lipir.** Schir Johne Huntair, Schir James Lokkart and Lucas Strivelingis wiff, wer fundin lipir.

21 *February* 1529-30.

The provest, ballies, consall and communitie present for the tym, oblisit thame and thair successouris to dispone thair perroche clerkschip in all tymes cuming, quhat tym or quhow sone it sall happin to vak or quhow oft, to the maist cunning chaiplane that can be had to syng in the choir of the said kirk and to na secular in all tymes cuming, and thair handis uphaldin that they sall nevir cum in the contrair, without preiudice to Jhone Bully, possessour for the tym. Jhone Bully, possessour of the said clerkschip, disassentit to the said act maid apone the perroch clerkschip bot gif the samyn war disponit to Schir Thomas Bully, his sone, eftir his deces.

Peroche clerk-  
schip.

4 *April* 1530.

The said bailye, with consent and avis of the consall and communitie present for the tym, at the command of our Souerane Lorde, disponit, presentit and assignit thair altarge of the Trinite situat within the perroch kirk of the said burgh, being at thair dispositioun as undowtit patronis thair of, to maister Alexander Kid, chanoun of our Soveran Lordis chapell, and grantit thair commoun sele tharupoun.

Trinite altar.

[*Records awanting from 4th April, 1530, to 6th December, 1544.*]

19 *January* 1544-5.

The inquist ordanis Cristian Huntair to be considerit be men of undir- standing gif scho be lipir or nocht, and gif sa beis fundin to put hir solitair, and in the mentyme to forbid the merket.

Lipir.

16 *February* 1544-5.

The assis hes convictit Jonet Blakadir for trubling of Jonet Bell, calland hir notable theiff and huir and that scho stoill thre platis quhilk fell furth betuix hir lyming and the kirtill and that hir husband take up ane of tham, and tharfor that scho stand in irnis at the will of the provest and baillies and pas to the place quhair scho said the saide ewill wordis and set down on hir kneis and ask the said Jonet forgifnes and say: Tong scho leid; and gif scho faillies siclik in tyme cuming to be banist to the toun.

Bell, Blak-  
ader, amercia-  
ment.

25 *February* 1544-5.

The provest and baillies hes grantit to the baxstaris that thai sall nocht

For the bak-  
staris.

For the bak-     be haldin to sell ony breid to Wat Scot, bot gif it pleis tham self, bot to kaip  
staris.     thair breid to serve the touin, and the said Waltir to baik hym self to serve  
the Quenis grace as pertenis to his office to do.

14 April 1545.

Regula     The inquist ordanis the baillies to call all the puir folkis of this touin, and  
pauperum.     becaus of the contagiis seiknes of the pest remove all strangears, and gif our  
awin puir ane takin quhairby thai may be knawin, and remove all otheris.

Robene     The inquist ordanis that Jonet Robene, the relict of wmquhill, salbe  
fleschouris.     tholit to have seruand to brek the Cragis to be sald to puir bodijs, becaus  
thai undirstand that hir husband and Johnne Findlasoun usit siclik of befor,  
and als that the samyn is the commoun wele for the puir folkis.

17 April 1545.

Mukkart,     The inquist findis the borcht persewit be Elspeth Mukkart aganis  
Jak; assault,     Katherine Jak of avale for trubling and streking of the said Elspet, servand  
slander.     at hir awin brewhous, rifing of hir hair and casting of hir at the erde, and for  
molesting and trubling of the said Elspet be hir ewill langage, calland hir  
commoun huir and theiff that hes lyein this nyne yeir in the devillis armis  
with ane other wiffis husband baith be nycht and day; and thairfoir ordanis  
the said Katherine Jak to pas to the merket croce this nixt Settirday at x  
houris and ane quhite wand in hir hand and ask Elspet Mukkart forgifnes.

19 June 1545.

Streking and     Johnne Murray, fleschour, amerciat for streking and bluid drawing of  
bluid draw-     Mathe Robesoun, ordanis for reformacioun to pay the barbour and ane crouin  
ing.     of wecht to the pairty, and for his commoun tuilye to leiff the touin or remane  
in warde in the tolboitht for yeir and day, at the will of provest, baillies and  
counsall.

Pikrie.     William Brouin [and] James Duncansoun, apprehendit with pikrie,  
ordanit to be banist the toun and thair lugis nalit to the trone.

30 July 1545.

Grahame     The assis decernis Agnes Hendersoun to pas apon Sunday nixtocum  
[penance].     befor the processoun, sark alane, and ane walx candill in hir hand, and offer  
the samyn to the Rude lycht and say to tong: You leid that said Annapill

Grahame wes ane freris get and freris yawde and ger the moder cum to me Grahame  
and I sall tell hir how scho brynt hir faggald; and thaireftir ask thaim forgifnes. [penance].

5 August 1545.

It wes knawin to the baillye that Richart Mereleis, [and five others,] con- Pro communi-  
tate, expellit  
and banist.  
tempnandlie, contrair the proclamatioun that na man suld depart furth of  
the touin without licence, undir the pane of deid, departit at iij houris in the  
morning our the yarde heidis without licence of the touin and contrair the will  
of the wache, manisand and boistand thaim; for the quhilk the bailye, with  
avis of the counsall, decernis the saidis personis to have tynt the fredome of  
the touin, and nevir to be ressavit tharin in tyme tocum, and that na man  
resset, luge nor consele thaim, or ony ane of thaim, at thair returning, undir  
the pane of deid.

5 October 1545.

Ordanis that na swyne be fundin on the hie gait, nor in na mannis Swyne.  
skaith, sic as yardis or cornis, and gif thai be fund in ony of thai it salbe  
lesum to ony man to sla thaim.

Ordanis lychtis and bowettis to be set out at places convenient in the Lychtis.  
nycht, for geving of lycht to the pepill to se, as the provest and baillies thinkis  
expedient.

16 October 1545.

The provest, baillies and counsall, hes grantit to the craftismen to have For the  
craftis,  
[fourth baille.]  
four personis of the wisest of thaim yeirlie on the counsale.

And als hes grantit to thaim that craftismen in tyme cuming, ane or ma,  
sall bruike office of balyerie, thai being fundin be the counsall able and quali-  
feit thairto, and hes admittit, at thair desiris, Archbald Spittale to be adjonit  
to be ferde baillye for this instant yeir.

It was concludit be the counsall, of thair awin consentis, that quhilk of For the com-  
moun werk.  
thaim absentis thair selffis fra the counsall quhen thai are chargit sall pay to  
the werk of the touin x s., being jugit tharin be the counsall.

3 November 1545.

MARIE, be the grace of God, Quene of Scottis. . . . Forsamekill as Letters in  
name of the  
Queen. Bor-  
douris taxt.  
it is devisit be our derrest cosing and tutour, James erle of Arrane, etc., pro-  
tectour and governour of our realme, and lordis of our counsall, that the soum

**Letters in name of the Queen. Bordouris.** of xvj<sup>m</sup> li. be rasit and upliftit for support of the bordouris aganis our ald innymys of England, and that ane half thairof to have bene payit at the fest of Alhallowmes last bipast and that other half tharof to be payit at new yeir nixtocum, and tharfoir our utheris letteres wer direct chargeing the provest and baillies of the burgh of Edinburgh to convene thair nychtbouris as uis is and taxt thaim selffis and all otheris our borowis lik as thai have done in tymes bigane, insafer as extendis to thar part of the said soum.<sup>1</sup> . . . [Ordains officers to charge the burgh of Stirling to pay their share, and] the inhabitantis of our said burgh to mak payment of the said taxt ilk man for his awin part, insafer as he is taxt to, to the said provest and baillies. . . . Gevin under our signet, at Linlithqw, the thrid day of November and our regne the thrid yeir.

28 May 1546.

**Lair, Nelesoun.** Adam Andirsoun alias Mukart disponit and sald ane lair in the kirk to Johne Nelesoun and his aris, lyand befoir the powpeit, and hes ressavit payment tharof, and sall warrand the samyn to hym and his aris for evir.

12 July 1546.

**Maknaktis, Brouin; breid furnist to Queen.** Isabell Brouin, as souerte for umquhill Walter Scot, to pay iij li. to Johne Maknaktis becaus scho grantit the samyn, and that for breid fwrnist to the Quenis grace be the said Isbell, in name, behalf and command, of the said Waltyr.

**Lamb, theft.** Marioun Lamb, being takin reid hand with ane Spanyie cloik of David Nochell, of hir awin fre will oblist hir, and evir scho war fundin faltand in thift, scho salbe drownit without other dome or law.

30 July 1546.

**Curia justiciarie.** Curia justiciarie supreme domine nostre Regine, tenta in pretorio burgi de Striveling per prepositum et balliuos eiusdem, justiciaros in hac parte, conjunctim et divisim, specialiter constitutos.

**Duncanson convict pro murthero.** Donald Duncanson being accusit for the cruell slachter and murthir, undir

<sup>1</sup> The proportion of the tax of £16,000 by Stirling was £67 7s. 6d. — *Convention Scots*, allocated on the burghs, amounted to *Records*, vol. i., p. 518. £2,666 13s. 4d., of which the share payable

nycht, of wmquhill Johne Lanorok, his maister, hawand trest and credite of hym to sleip and waik in his werkhous, the durris thair of being fast stekit, and of his liiff and deid, gudis, geir and substance, apon the xxj day of Julij last bipast the said Donald awatand apon his said maister and seand hym at ane hevy sleip and rest as natour gevis, cruellie awakit and tuke up in his handis ane gret hevy stane and fellit his said maister in his foirheid and thairefter cuttit his throte, and spoilleit his body of his clething, purs and mony, and thairefter brak his chalmer and thiftuislie stoill that plesit him of redy mony and gudis; and being persewit be Jonet Mentetht, the said wmquhill Johnis spous, and Bessie Lanerok, his sister,—convict, ex proprio consensu. Duncanson  
convict pro  
murthero.

13 August 1546.

Marion Ray convict for the trubling of William Cuninggame with hir trublus wordis, sayand of hym that scho lukit throe ane hole and saw hym swiff Henry Thomson wiff vj tymes. And als for trubling of Henry Thomson, sayand to hym: Sclaverand Henry, wer you worthie to swiff thi wiff thi self you wald nocht lat otheris swiff hir. And als for trubling of Agnes Hendirsoun, calland hir commoun huir and that scho wist hir xx tymes swivit, and that scho [saw] Wille Cuninggame swiff her vj tymes. Ra; Hender-  
soun, Cuning-  
game, [punish-  
ments for  
slander].

The said assis ordanis, for reformatioun, the said Marioun to sit down on hir kneis and ask the said William and Agnes forgifnes and say:—Toung you leid on thaim; and thaireftir remane in ward within the tolboitht quhill the claspis and calvill of irne devisit of befoir be maid and thaireftir to be put and lokit on hir for xxiiij houris, without ony relaxing.

Agnes Hendirsoun convict for trubling of Marioun Ray, calland hir huir and brekair of spowsage, and ordanis, for reformacioun heirop, the said Agnes, eftir that the said Marioun hes fullfillit the pyne put to hir, to ask the said Marioun forgifnes and say:—Toung you leid on hir.

2 September 1546.

John Hutoun [and six others] ar licient to pas to the touin of Renfrow sa lang as it is unsuspect of the pest, and to bring with thaim hering, and to tak na stuff furth with thaim bot alanerly thair viveris for thair awin sustentantioun; and gif ony thai failyeis or departis fra otheris, to tyne liiff, landis and gudis; and to na other townis. Cagearis.

15 *September* 1546.

Sibbald,  
Smyth, coilyair  
to the  
Queen.

Alexander Sibbald, of his awin confessioun oblist hym as souerte for David Sibbald, coilyair to the Quenis grace, to content and pay to Johne Smyth the sowm of fourty pundis usuall mony of Scotland awin to hym for colis furnist to the said David betuix the day of the dait heirof and the fest of Sanct Martyne nixtocum.

24 *September* 1546.

Statut, coun-  
sall.

It wes statut and ordanit be the counsall that the proveist nor baillies sall [nocht] do nor dispone apon ony aclames or caussis concerning the commoun wele of the touin without awis or consent of the counsall.

13 *October* 1546.

Counsall.

The quhilk day, ar suorne of the counsall for this instant yeir: Richert Narne [and twelve others] to concluid, devis and ordane, apon all besynes concerning the commoun wele, and in speciale tueching the propirte and patrimony of the burgh and expending of the frutis thairof, gude reule of all viveris, and sustentatioun of puris gif God sendis the infirmite of pest amangis thaim, and all otheris actiones and materis concerning the commoun wele, the quhilkis the saidis provest and baillies hes acceptit apon thaim to put to executioun and manteine all sic thingis as salbe devisit be thaim for the commoun well. And the saidis counsall tobe in redines with all thair nychtbouris and collegis of the touin to serve the saidis provest and baillies in all actiones concerning the commoun wele and furthputting of thair auctorite.

29 *October* 1546.

Acquit Clune,  
pest.

Andro Clune, being accusit for the bringing of full geir of the pest within this burgh, sending the samyn to his wiff quha is deid of the said pest, quhairthrow the infectioun thairof is rissin within the said burgh, doand that wes in hym to have infeckit the hale pepill thairof, incurrand tharthrow, be strait proclamationis maid and defendit in our Soverane Ladijs name for keping of hir maist noble persoun, the pane of deid and tinsale of his landis and gudis gif ony ye have, quhilk ye can nocht deny, to the takin ye avansit you thairof sayand ye had put ane blok in Striveling of the pest that suld nevir gang furth of it, with mony otheris evill wordis to that effect, as the hale cuntray knawis.

2 December 1546.

Johne Gillane and Johne Johnsoun, being apprehendit cumand fra Leitht Pest. and Edinburgh with certane merchandis, and thairfor wer commandit that thai suld nocht entir within this burgh with the said geir becaus of suspicioun of the pest, and for liciencie to thaim to entir within this burgh foirsaid with thair said merchandis hes oblist thaim, of thair awin confessiones, and thair be ony falt thairof fund throw thaim or thair said merchandis, to thole the deid in thair personis and thair hale landis and gudis to be eschetit to the commoun werk.

17 December 1546.

Johne Fischair, alias Blynk, confessit that he stoll furth of James M'Keson barne row, the v day of December instant within the nycht, of ane gray coit, ane pair of quhit hois, ane gray bonnet, quhilk he hes gottin with Agnes Thomson, and ane sark quhilk scho disponit, ane brekin cote, ane lynning sark sewit with silk, and ane doublat of small quhit, ane sark of round lynning, with other geir; and als grantit furth of Alexander Alschinder scellair of ane bakin hen thre quartaris cakis, and yeid in at the outour windo; and als stoll furth of Besse Smythis furth of Ochtertire of certane malt in ane crele, and xvj s. furth of Thomas Millaris purs furth of Menstre. And adjugit to be nalit his lug to the trone, and to be cuttit the hale lug, ane merk on his cheik, and to be skurgit throw the toun and banist furth of the touin and schir, undir the pain of deid.

Johne  
Fischair  
convict.

8 January 1546-7.

David Forester of Garden, provest of the burgh of Striveling, with awis of the baillies and counsall tharof, hes conduisit and feit Williame Purves, knokmakair, to renew and repair the ald knok of the said burgh, mackand all maner of graitht thairof new forgit that is necessair to be maid new, and the remanent that is sufficient tobe reparit as efferis, suay that the said knok be als substantious, als just, kepand als gude cours, als permanent in reule and cours, as ony knok of hir quantite within this realme dois; and inlikmaner sall mak and repair of new graitht ane orlege and mone, with all necessaris tharof, kepand just cours fra xij houris to xij houris, alswele nycht as day, and just chainge of the mone yeirlie throucht as efferis, with ane burde of estland burde paintit with gold and uly colouris of v quartare breid and ane half, and

Knok.



**Knok.** vj quartar lang, with all circumstancis and reparationis necessar, tobe compleit betuix the dait heirop and the fest of Witsonday nixtocum; for the quhilk the said provest sall content and pay to the said William the soum of xxxv li. money of this realme, thair of x li. at his first enteres to his labouris and other x pundis at the perfection of the said knok set up at all point and reparit, and the remanent xv li. at the completing of the said hale werk in maner abone expremit.

*24 January 1546-7.*

**Custum.** The provest, baillies and counsall, avisand apon the complaint of the baxstaris and maltmen aganis David Graheme, custummair, for trubling of thaim in the wrangus and sair taking of thair custum, hes statut and ordanit that in all tymes tocum ilk laid of victuall grouand within the sheref dome of Striveling sall pay j d. of custum quha evir bring it in, freman or other, and gif ony freman of the touin hes ony stuff of thair awin growand and scellis the samyn thai sall pay tharfor iiij d. of the chalder of mettege silveir, and gif ony freman byis ony victuall or other stuff in ony other burgh or without the said sheref dome thai sall pay na custum tharfor.

*21 February 1546-7.*

**Sibbald, Smith, coil-year to Queen.** It is appointit betuix David Sibbald, servitour to the Quenis grace drowiare of Scotland, on that ane part, and Johne Smyth, principale fermorair of the larde of Caldouris heucht, on that other part, in this maner, the saide Johne sall furnis the said David, as maister coilyear to the said Quenis grace, as many colis burges leidis as tua hors may leid, for ane yeir, for xvj d. the leid. . . .

*28 February 1546-7.*

**Act pro Regine et nobilibus.** It wes statut and ordanit be the provest and baillies that na manir of personis duelling within this touin craiff nor ask thair dettis at the Quenis grace, nor nane otheris noble and gret men, for na maner of merchandris, breid, aile, hors mait, or other furnising quhatsumevir, quhill thai first mak ane bill apon the thing awing thaim and deliver the samyn to the provest and baillies, and gif thai fynd the way that thai ma have payment thai sall mak na blaisnyng nor craiffing tharof quhill the provest and baillies refuis to caus thaim be pait; and thareftir it salbe lesum to thaim to craiff as thai pleis; and quha dois in the contrair sall tyne thair fredome and liberte of the touin gif thai have ony, and gif thai have nane to be expellit of the touin.

Robert Arnot, [and four others, became sureties] that Michell Donaldsoun sall compeir befor the provest or baillies in the tolboitht of Striveling, apon xxiiij houris warning, to undirlic the law for all cryme that salbe imput to hym throu the apprehending in his handis of certane brokin silver challangit be the Quenis grace and imbassitouris servandis. Souertie for Donaldson ; Queen and imbassitouris servandis.

17 *March* 1546-7.

The provest and baillies ordanis that na claret nor quhite wyne be sald Wine. of derrer price nor xiiij d., nor Romany derrer nor xvij d. the point; and quha falyeis to pay xx li.

21 *March* 1546-7.

In presens of Archbald Spittale and William Smart, baillies, it is ap- pointit betuix Alexander Gourlay, dekin of the skynnaris, and the hale remanent of his craft, on that ane part, and Johne Maklellan and Waltir Stewart, bonnatmakaris, on that other part, in this manir, the saidis dekin and craftsmen of skynnaris hes ressavit the saidis bonatmakaris to the brodirheid of thair craft and privilege tharof to be haldin in all tymes cuming of thair brodirheid, obeyand thair dekin and craft as thair sub-deanis, and payand upsettis, olkie pennys and otheris dewiteis respective, ilkane for thair awin part, as the craftsmen of the said skynnar craft pais, with all other chargis, taxationes and dewiteis, lik as the laiff of the said craft dois; providing alwayis that the saidis personis and all thair eftir cumaris of the said craft entir to the fredome of the burgh and do tharfor as efferis. The quhilk appointment and conventioun above written the provest and baillies hes ratifijt and appreivit and for all tyme cuming confermit that all bonnetmakaris of this toun being enterit to the fredome of the toun sall pay upset, scot and lot, walk and warde, pay olkie pennys, and exerce and tak thair part effering to thair substance of all chairges tobe put in tym cuming to the said craft. Skynnaris and bonatmakaris.

1 *April* 1547.

Helene Huchoun amerciat for trubling of Besse Efflek, sayand to hir: Amercia- raistit huir and glengoir huir, and casting of stanis at hir. ment.

18 *April* 1547.

Decernis and findis that Jonet Bell has failyeit to Jonet Scharp, sayand Sharp, Bell.

- Sharp, Bell.** that hir barne wes David Sibbaldis, and that he lay with hir, gevand sic occasioun that the said Jonet husband hes left hir; and ordanis for punitioun that scho gang, sark alane, befor the processioun apon Sonday nixtocum and ask the said Jonet and hir gudman forgifnes and say:—Toung you leid on hir.
- Fleschouris.** Tueching the chopin kniff takin, findis use and consuetude of craftis to tak unfremennis werklumes.
- Banist.** The assis findis Jonet Wrycht ane pikair and apprehendit with saip, lynt and ane scheit, etc., and ordanis to byrne hir cheik and banis hir the touin.

28 *April* 1547.

- Amercia-  
ment, Ray.** Marioun Ray amerciat for trubling of Agnes Hendersoun, calland hir huir and theiff, landlowpair, brekair of spousage, and that scho suld lay the pynt stoup on hir cheftis; ordanis for penitioun that thair be maid ane standand gest furth fra the heid of the tolboitht, with ane pillie, ane tow and ane creile, and scho be put in the creile and hyng thair during the will of the provest and baillies.
- Amercia-  
ment,  
Duchok.** William Duchok amerciat for trubling of Merione Aikman, the spous of Thomas Carnis, calland hir blawid huir [etc.]; and ordanis for punitioun that he sit douin on his kneis in plane courtt and ask hir forgifnes and say to hym self:—Tong you leid on hir; and to drink wattir xxiiij houris becaus he wes drunkin quhen he missaid hir; and gif he faillies in tyme cuming to hing xlvij houris in the said creile without dispensatioun.
- The bell.** James Schaw amerciat for bluid drawing, [and two others for "trubling"]. For punisment, ordanis thair unlawis to be tane with rigour to the support of the bell.

6 *June* 1547.

- Tailyeouris.** The assise findis that the dekyn and craftsmen of the tailyeour craft hes done na wrang in the taking of James Modrellis scheris, becaus he wes fundin wirkand tharwitht and wes nothir fre with the toun nor the said craft, and ordanis the said James and Johne Stene to desist and cece fra all using of the said craft within this burgh quhill thai be maid fre with the toun and craft.

10 *June* 1547.

- Quenis hat.** In presens of Archbald Spittale, ane of the baillies of the burght of Striveling, Alexander Durame ressavit fra Marioun Bruce ane hat of velvus

begareit all with chenyis of gold, with ane drawand chenyie and ane knop, Quenis hat. quhilk scho had in plege of the Quenis grace drowriare of Scotland, for the quhilk the said Alexander dischargis Robert Forester of Kilyemuk of ane hundreht pundis quhilk he debursit to hym of fairhand in hope to have bocht his hous quhilk Marioun Bruce now occupijs, and all contractis betuix thaim to this day, becaus he hes ressavit the said hate and tane hym to the Quenis grace payment. And the said Marion, quha hes agreit with the said Robert apoun the said lugeing and hous, hes tane allowance in hir payment maid to the said Robert for the samyn hundreht li.; and the saidis Robert and Alexander oblis thaim, coniunctlie and severalie, to releiff the said Marioun of the said hat with the particular at the Quenis handis and all otheris, and to deliver to the said Marion hir writing of the ressait of the said hat within xv dais, and sua the said Marion dischargis the hundreth pundis quhilk the said hat lay in plege for to hir.

26 August 1547.

Marie, be the grace of God, Quene of Scottis: To our sheref of Strive- ling and his deputis, and to our lovittis Ormond, pursuivant, messingeris, our shereffis in that part, coniunctlie and severalie, specialie constitut, greting: Forsamekill as eftir divers advertismentis maid to our derrest cousing and tutour and governour and lordis of our secreit counsale of the incuming of our ald innymys of Ingland, and last of all be Ilay, our herald, laitlie returnit furth of the Newcastle, quhair he left the Protectour of Ingland with his army on gaitwart to invaid our realme and entir in the bowndis tharof be land, the last day of this instant moneth of August: Oure will is heirfoir, etc., that ye pas to the merket croces of our burrowis of Striveling and Falkirk, and utheris places neidfull, and thair, be oppin proclamation in our name and auctorite, command and charge all and sindrie our liegis, baitht to burgh and to land, regalite and rialte, aswele spirituall men as temporall men, yemen, commonis, gentill men, and utheris fensabill personis quhatsumevir, of quhat stait, degre or aige thai be off, that thai and ilkane of thaim, wele bodin in feir of weir, with armis and walpinnis, addres thaim tobe at Fawlay Muir the last day of August instant, with tuenty dais victuale nixt eftir thair cuming, and to pas fordwart with our said derrest cousing, tutour and governour, for defence of our realme and resisting of our ald innymys, eftir the forme and tenour of our utheris letters and proclamatiounes past tharupon of befoir, and undir the panis

[Proclamation  
for assembling  
of army at  
Fala Muir.]

[Proclamation  
for assembling  
of army at  
Fala Muir.]

contentit in the samyn nochtwithstanding ony licience gevin or tobe gevin in the contrair; and that ye our said sheref and your deputis mak the fire cors to be dung with all possible deligence throu all partis and boundis of your offices, and set up gebattis within every burgh of our realme for punischment of the persons remanand at hame incontrair the tenour of this our charge, undir the pane of tinsale of your offices and punishment of your personis, landis and gudis, with all rigour, as ye will ansuer to us tharupoun. The quhilk to do we commit to you, coniunctlie and seueralie, our full powar, be thir our letteres, delivering tham be you dewlie execut and indorsat agane to the berar. Gevin undir our signet, at Edinburgh, the xxvj day of August and of our regne the fift yeir.

26 October 1547.<sup>1</sup>

Assedatio  
aque de Forth.  
Toun wallis.

The provest, baillies and counsell, set the Watter of Forth to Johne Forestare, his airis and assignais, for all the dais and termes of thre yeiris nixt and immediat to be compleit eftir the dait of thir presentis, for aughtene pundis yeirlie, extending in the haill thre yeiris to the sowme of fifti four pundis money of this realme, pait be the said Johne in fore male and befoirhand, in ane haill sowme and togeddir, to be expendit upone the strengthing and bigging of the wallis of the toun, at this present peralus tyme of neid, for resisting of oure auld innimeis of Ingland.

7 November 1547.

Pro communi-  
tate, narrow  
passage.

The provest and baillies, considerand the narrownes of the passage at the nuke and point passande to the touiu burne quhair William Malice usis schoing of hors, and the rouim is nocht convenient tharto becaus of stopping of passage, that nother hors men, futmen nor leid men, may gudlie pas by but cummir, and tharfoir hes dischargit the said William of all schoing of hors in the saide narrow passage fra this our furth, undir the pane of ane unlaw.

21 February 1547-8.

Curia justici-  
arie.

Curia justiciarie supreme domine nostre Regine, tenta in pretorio eiusdem . . . per Johannem Cragingelt de eodem, prepositum dicti burgi, justiciarium in hac parte de mandato domini Gubernatoris in verbo dato.

<sup>1</sup> The usually regular work of the burgh court seems to have been interrupted "at this present peralus tyme," as there is scarcely

anything written in the book between 30th August and 7th October.

Nomine inquisitionis: William Alexander [and fourteen others.] John [Indictment of an Englishman.] Hwme, Inglisman, ye ar inditit for the cuming fra the Inglis army, now being at Brughly Crag, throw the cuntrey of Scotland quhill ye com to the town of Perth, without ony conduct or assurans of ony Scotisman, now in tyme of weir, for espying of the said town of Perth and udir partis within this realm, to that effect to have drawin the said army of England for destructioun of our Soverane ladyis legis, bayth of thair bodeis and guidis, be fire and suord, quhilk ye can nocht deny, in takin ye war tane on the brig of the said toun of Perth.

24 February 1547-8.

The provest, baillies and counsall, hes devisit and ordanit that all manir of induellaris within this burgh be redy with thair bodeis, servandis and hors, to wirk and labour for strynthing of the touin in all sortis as salbe devisit and commandit; and inlikmanir that na manir of man depart of the touin nor leiff the samyn now in tyme of mistir, undir the pane of tinsale and escheting of thair landis and guidis, and thair selffis nevir nor thair airis nevir to have place, fredom nor duelling, within this touin efterwart.

28 February 1547-8.

The provest and baillies and counsall commandit Robert Geichane and Thomas Carnis, baxstaris, to delivir to Alexander Watsoun, in the townis name, the soum of fourty pundis usuall mony of Scotland, awing be thaim to the executouris of wmquhill David Sibbald for certane quhite sald to thaim be the saidis executouris to support and furnis the townis labouris for resisting of the Inglismen now in tyme of neid, and thairfoir the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, oblist thaim to warrand and keip skaithles the saidis Robert and Thomas and all otheris quhom it efferis at all handis, and tharupon the saidis Robert and Thomas askit actis.

19 March 1547-8.

The provest and ballies hes grantit to the craftismen of wobstaris thair auld privelege usit and wont.

At the command of the provest and ballies, James Fairny, Johne Cultis, Andro Andersoun, James Hall and Johne Richertsoun, past and vesityt the tenement and werk hous of umquhill George Speris, lyand bath contigue to the toun burn, his duelling hous on the west pairt tharof and his werkhaus on

Condition of a  
tenement and  
werk hous.

the eist part of the samyn; fand the foir pairt and hall of the said duelling hous weill reparit, new thekit with thak, weill tymmerit and kabemit, and sylit abone the hall buird, the windokis weill glasynnit and tirlsit within and without as efferis, with portall slottis and closouris, and the remanent of the said tenement ewin to the yaird standand sufficiently in gret tymmer sic as scylle pan and first, and in kaboris, wattillis and stray, thak and devot, sobirly apperand watir ticht; and the yaird tharof with ane stane dyk at the west end of the sam; and the said werk hous with furnis, leid and fattis, weill wallit and tymmerit, sobirly waterticht as said is; with the yaird tharof dykit with stane and mortar.

7 April 1548.

For the com-  
moun wele;  
artailery.

The provest, ballies, counsale and dekinnis, hes consentit to be taxt at Midsomer nixtocum gif neid beis, for the releiff of William Bell, for the artailery and price tharof as efferis.

13 April 1548.

Wynd myln.

William Bell, Johne Forester and Waltir Cousland, offerit for to big ane wynd myln to the touin for vij yeir tak fre and xx li. of male for the rest of xix yeir.

24 April 1548.

Pruves, com-  
munitate,  
knok and  
mone.

Williame Pruves, knokmakair, grantit hym to have ressavit be the handis of Alexander Watsoun, ane of the baillies of the burgh of Striveling, the soum of ten pundis in hale and compleit payment of all sowmes that he ma ask or craiff for his labouris of knok and mone macking and all otheris labouris to this hour, and quitclames and dischargis the toun and all otheris quhom it efferis for evir, and sall warrand his werk sufficient conforme to his contract befor contenit in this buke.

22 May 1548.

Irrewin, For-  
neir, supplies  
toimbassatour.

Maistir Johne Forneir, maistir houshold to the imbassatour, convenit with Robert Irrewin, fleschour, in this manir,—to furnis hym muttoun, the hale bouke and intralis, except alanerlie the skyn, for x s. the pece; kiddis, except the skynnis, iiij s.; the yong vale, vj s.; ane doissoun of loingis, viij s.; ane vale of yeir ald or tharby, xxviij s. the iiij quartaris alanerlie; ane gret vale of thre yeir ald or tharby, the four quartaris, xxxiiij s.; and the iiij quartaris of the kow, five merk, with sum part of intralis, conforme to thair comoning. The

said Robert hes ressavit tuenty five crownis of the sone debursit befoir hand, Irrewin, For-  
 for the quhilk William Alexander is cumin souerte salang as the silveir lestis, neir, supplies  
 and siclik as the mony beis renewit and induring to Allhallowmes, mony to imbasatour.  
 allwayis being avansit aye befoir.

31 August 1548.

Curia justiciarie supreme domine Regine, tenta . . . per Johannem Curia justici-  
 Cragingelt de eodem, prepositum burgi predicti ac vicecomitem deputatum arie.  
 vicecomitatus eiusdem. Nomina assise: Johne Forster, [and fourteen others].

Nycoll Harower, being accusit of the thifteous steling of ane blak hors Harower to  
 and brekin of our Soverane Ladyis presoun, he confessit the steling of the said be hangit.  
 hors fra Marioun Gowane in Hillbandrik and the breking of the said presoun,  
 of the quhilk the said assis hes convickit him, and ordanis him to be hangit  
 quhill he be deid.

The provest and ballies ordanis all nychtbouris quhilkis ar departit of Pro communi-  
 the town for the pest that thay returne and cum agane to the samyn inconti- tate, pest.  
 nent for the commone weill and guid of the town, undir the pane of tinsell of  
 thair fredome, within thre dayis heireftir; and ordanis this act to be proclamit at  
 the croce for thar warning; and siclyk, that all baksteris, brousteris and  
 flescheouris, uis thair occupationis and craftis, undir the pane forsaid.<sup>1</sup>

3 November 1548.

Johne Cowan com in will to the provest and counsall for the furthputting In will,  
 of Marioun Cowan, his dochter, to kirk and merket, without licience of the Cowan, pest.  
 provest or baillies, and gif ony danger cumis tharthrou, or ony of his hous, to be  
 at the said provest and counsallis will.

9 November 1548.

Robert Gechane, being accusit for saying that Thomas Ramsay slew the Quenis deir.  
 Quenis deir, he refusit the saying tharof and denyit.

3 December 1548.

The provest and ballies ordanis xl s. to be gevin to Wilyem Kerslaw for Knok.  
 the keping of [the] knok in the yeir, of the commone guid.

<sup>1</sup> There are no entries in the record between 31st August and the date of the elections in October, the interruption of municipal pro-  
 ceedings being doubtless occasioned, as was the case in many similar instances, by the visitation of the pestilence.



**Customs, etc.** The provest, ballies and counsall, ordanis the girs maill and stallange of this present yeir and the yeir last bipast tobe gadderit be William Smert and Andro Neilsoun, for the consideratioun of thair tinsell of the small custommis in the yeir last bipast, and thai to pay the haill sowm as the saidis custommis wes set, that is to say, xiiij merk ix s., tobe payit to Johne Forster.

30 December 1548.

**Aill.** The provest, ballies and counsall, hes statut and ordanit that every brouster sall, als sone as hir new aill is reddy tobe cunnit, charge the ballie of that quarter in the quhilk scho duellis to cum and bringsuorne cunneris with him and set ane price upon the said aill and sell na derrar nor the said ballie ordanis it to be sald; and attour, the saidis brousteris hes oblist thame selfis, of thair awne confessioun, to sell als gud aill to thame that fechchis it owt of the hous as within the samyn and of the sam price; and giff ony of thame falyeis in the premissis sall pay xl s. of unlaw.

18 February 1548-9.

**Pro communitate, freris predicatouris.** Freir Archbald Hynd, haveand power of the priour and convent of the freris predicatouris of Striveling, with consent and assent of the saidis priour and convent, comperit personalie in the tolboith of Striveling befor the provest and ballies of the burgh of Striveling, and thar the saidis provest and ballies dischargit all personis within thar jurisdictioun to have ony intromissioun with the halff fisching of ane cobill upon the water of Forth, allegit to pertene to thame, unto the tyme thay be lauchfullie callit and ordourly put tharfra; and in that cais the said freir Archbald haveand the power forsaid submittit the saidis priour and convent to the jurisdictioun of the lordis of sessioun and renuncit thar awne jurisdictioun and all uther privelegis in that cais.

8 March 1548-9.

**Maltmen.** The provest and baillies hes grantit to the maltmen that all thaim that use thair occupatioun sall pay olkis pennys with thaim, alswele without the toun and within.

1 April 1549.

**Tennent, Kinros, Quene Margaret.** Decernis Malcum Kinros to content and pay to Jonet Tennent, the spous of Johne Cowane, the sowme of twenty sex li. for merchandris, Scottis blak, Franche blak, and uthir geir contenit in the said Jonettis compt, deliverit to

the said Malcum, and als contenit in ane precept subscrivit be umquhill Margaret, Quene of Scotland, quhom God assolye, commanding the said Malcum to mak payment tharof to the said Jonet, as hir officier and chalmerlane of Striveling schire, becaus the said Malcum tuik to preiff that the said merchandris wes tane upon the said umquhill Quenis credit and succumbit in his probatioun; and ordanis preceptis to be direct heirapoun giff neid be.

Tennent,  
Kinros,  
Quene Margaret.

12 April 1549.

The provest and ballies inhibitis William Norwell and all utheris to visie and occupy the fredome of skinner craft in tymes cuming bot gif thai entir to the samin and scot and lot with thame.

Wilsoun,  
Norwell,  
skinnar craft.

The assise findis William Norwell ammerciat for the trubling of William M'Clellane, saying he wes manesuorne and gif he gat him without the port he suld peirs his skin.

Ammerciat.

The assise can nocht acquit Helene Thoir of the trubling and blud drawing of William Gillespy and trubling and casting to the yeird of his wiff, and ordanis for reformacioun that hir body sall byd in the tolbyth, at the provest will, and thareftir pas to the plaice quhair the falt was done and offir the stane in his hand that scho kest at him and ask him forgevnes on hir kneis; and gif scho be fund doand siclyk till ony uthir to pay ten li. to the toun wirk.

Amerciat.

29 April 1549.

Robert Leirmonth, in name and behalf of the Quenis grace and wardane and convent of the Freiris Minouris of Striveling, protestis that gif thay be hurt in thair rycht or possessioun, for remeid and actioun of wilfull errorr to the inqueist. And Johne Wallace for his part in lyk manir protestit.

Wardane,  
Wallace,  
Freris Minoris.

Anent the breve of lyming purchest be the bredir of the Freris Minoris of the burght of Striveling aganis Johne Wallace, and for the wrangus biging apoun thair dik of thair kirkyarde and putting furth of windois and asiamentis tharin, it is appointit in this manir, that is to say, the saidis brethir, movit of cheritie and nychtbour luiff, has tollerate the said Johne to big upon thair saide dik, and to breuke tua nedmest windois tharin, hevand the samyn wele stanchorit with irne and clois glasinnit in all tymes cuming; and anent the tua uvirmest lychtis, the saide Johne sall distroy the samyn and big thaim up plane wall with stane and lyme; and anent the closet bigit on the said Johne Wallace

Gray freris,  
Wallace.

Gray freris,  
Wallace.

awin side, upon that part of the said brederis wall and dik, thai have siclik tollerate hym to breuke the samyn salang as thair wall remanis skaithtles, unfulyeit, that is to say, that it be nocht knawin apon thair side nor in thair kirk yarde that thair is ane closet in that part, othir be flevir, sicht, or coloring of the said wallis; and als the said Johne hevand the gavill of his bakstair apon the said dike cloce without sycht of the gavill tharof apon the said bretheris kirk yarde.

9 May 1549.

Duchemen.

Francis Forcane and James Croiff, Duche men, com in will to the provest of Striveling for breking of our Soverane Ladijs pace and wonding and hurting of William Wrycht in perrell of his liff, undir silence of nycht, and schoting of his pistolate within direge, in gret apering of the slachter of baitht men and wemen amang congregatioun tharof, etc.

14 May 1549.

Tolboith,  
kirk.

The forhous of the tolboith wes set to James Ros for xl s. mail for ane yeir, and to uphald the glasin windowis of the kirk for the samin yeir, and to reforme all the faltis of the saidis kirk windois, the provest findand him glas and uthir stuff needfull.

5 July 1549.

Wobisteris.

The provest and baillies ordanis all wobisteris that wirkis the townis werk, quhair evir thay duell, to pay ane olkis penny to the dekin of the wobisteris, and the nyctbouris that puttis furth thair wobbis to werk to ansuer tharfor of the payment of the saidis wobbis.

12 July 1549.

Lady Kers  
lugeing.

Archbald Spittell protestit for his lauchfull defenssis aganis Elisabeth Levingstoun, lady Kers, in the actioun persewit be hir aganis the said Archbald for passage throw his clos and yaird to hir lugeing beside the Blakfreris.

17 October 1549.

Hall, pest.

Findis that James Hall hes failyeit in the furtht putting of clathis and divers stuff furtht of his hous, havand ane woman servand suspect and seik in the pest, and tharfor decernis him to be punist in his person, and all gudis and fredome to be eschete at the provestis will. And in tyme cuming, ordanis that quha evir have ony persoun seik thai sall warne the provest and

baillies incontinent and keip that persoun be thame selffis that ar seik quhill Hall, pest. it be knawin the seiknes, and the remanent of the houshald tobe clois quhill the verite of the seiknes be knawin.

6 November 1549.

George Gairdner, William Finlasoun, Donald Spittell, and Robert Geir apprisit. Lowdeane, being suorne, apprisit the geir undirwrittin pertening to umquhill Marioun Cragingelt, viz., ane gown of Franche brown begareit the bodeis and slevis with velvot and forbreist to the taill, price four li. x s.; ane gown of wareant champit worsset, price four li. x s.; ane kirtill of lyllis worsset begareit round about with velvot, price v li.; ane gown of Scottis pyle russet, price fourty tua s.; ane kirtill of Franche brown, price xx s.

14 November 1549.

Johne Forester ressavit twa silver chandillairis of my lord of Argyllis, *Pro domino de Argyll.* weyand thre pund thre unce and halff ane unce, as plege and souirte for maister Johnne Campbell, persone of the Ylis; and oblissis him to deliver the samyn agane to my lord or his servandis haveand his command undir his lordshipis hand wryt and delivering fourty li. of money, betuix this and Yuill day nixtocum; and giff the payment cumis nocht betuix this and Yuill the said erll of Argyll is content that the said Johnne deliver the saidis chandillairs to the said maister Johnne, ressaveand his writing of the ressait of the samyn.

2 December 1549.

The provest, ballies and counsall, ordanis that na marchand by calff Skynneris. skynnis, gayt skynnis, scaldingis, kyd skynnis, nor wyld leddir, conform to the auld actis.

Ordanis that na skynner by schorlingis, winter skynnis, nor May skynnis, Merchandis. conform to the auld actis, except thay be burgessis and gild broder.

22 January 1549-50.

The gudis undirwrittin apprisit be Andro Ros, officier, quhilkis pertenit to wmquhill Alexander Barry, to Alexander Ray and his spous for hous male *Apprising to Alexander Ray.* awing be the said wmquhill Alexander Barry, viz., ane maskin fat, iiij standis, ane barrell, ane ald langsadill, ane ald ark, ane ald compter lid, ane part of ane pres and forme, and iiij ellis of lynyingis, prisit all to xliij s.; quhilk he

**Apprising to Alexander Ray.** offerit to ony party that wald ressave the samyn, and becaus nane comperit he assignit thaim to the said Alexander in payment of his hous male.

*24 January 1549-50.*

**Statutum pro mercatoribus.** Ordanis that quhat merchand avans ony mony to any fleschour sall pay v li. to the touin and v li. to the Haly Bluid, alswele landwart fleschouris as borrowis.

**Protestatio.** William Niddisdale protestit that the fleschouris ma have place to sell thair penny worthis quhair thay best ma.

**Fleschouris.** Ordanis all fleschouris, baitht burght and land, to present skyn and taucht to the merket as thay do the flesche or thay sell the samyn.

**Statut, skem-millis.** Anent the complaint of the dekin of fleschouris and brethir of craft for stopping of thaim to brek fischis apone the skemlis of the foirgate set to Thomas Norwell to the commoun wele, ordanis in tyme cuming all fleschouris and the takismen of the skemlis tobe fre to brek fischis apone the commoun skemlis, takand for ilk fische breking ane d. tobe pait be the sellair and the gowry of the fische; and ilk fleschour that sall happin to brek ane fische sall pay to the takisman of the skemlis ane half penny for the skemlis.

*26 January 1549-50.*

**Striveling, Yong, Hammiltoun, warklumes.** Margaret Hammiltoun, the relict of wmqhill Richart Yong, sald and assignit thir warklumes undirwritten, that is to say, thre gret stedijs, thre lingnettis of irne, item the gret scheris, ane taingis, ane vice turkes, the stule and graitht perteynyn thairto, hand halmeris and small hammeris, filis and borrache, fat stampis, the litill stedijs, with all other small warklumes,—to Hary Striveling, his aris and assignais, for the soun of ellevin pundis usuall mony of Scotland, quhilk scho instantly ressavit and quitclomit and dischargit the said Harry tharof for now and evir; and oblist hir and hir aris, executouris and assignais, to warrand the said warklumes to the said Hary, his aris and assignais, at the handis of Andro Yong, hir son, and all otheris quhom it effaris, for evir, and declarit that neid and mister compellit hir to sell the saidis warklumes to sustene hir and hir said sone.

*4 February 1549-50.*

**Corsour, etc.** Hary Striveling and Johne Aickin, goldsmythtis, Johne Alexander, and

George Schaw of Incumry, prisit ane chenyie of gold with sex gret knoppis of gold, weyand thre unce and ane unicorne wecht, ilk unce to aucht pundis; and siclik, tua merket dayis immediat preceding; quhilk chenyie Johne Cragingelt, of that ilk, laid in wad to Sir James Cosour, as he allegit, and Robert Forester, seriand, offerit the samyn to the said Johne Cragingelt and to Archbald Spittale, fra quhom he gat the samyn, for the saidis sowmes, and becaus thai refusit to tak the samyn as it wes prisit the said officiare sald and assignit the samyn to the said Sir James in payment of tuenty crownis of wecht gevin tharupon to the said Johne, and ordanis the said Sir James to pay in the remanis, the prising being dedusit. The said Sir James, of his awin motive, grantit to keip the said chenyie to the saidis Johne and Archbald quhill Pasche nixtocum.

1544-50.

The deviding of the touin betuix four baillies<sup>1</sup>:—

Deviding of  
the touin.

The Mary Wynd, Castall Wynd, north part of the Hie-gait:—[Names of 105 persons, of whom 24 are females. 19 names are deleted.]

The hale Bakraw, southt side of the Hie-gait, beginning at Belgebrig, and ane part benetht on the northt side:—[Names of 98 persons, of whom 14 are females. The names include Lady Forester, hir son Jok, Lady Orrok, the nureis, Lady Cragortht.]

The southt quarter fra Belgebrig douin:—[Names of 99 persons, of whom 22 are females. One name deleted.]

The northt quartair fra benetht Belgebrig:—[Names of 103 persons, of whom 9 are females.]

The land burges:—[Names of 19 persons. 5 names deleted.]

The landwart burges:—[Names of 16 persons. 3 names deleted.]

<sup>1</sup> This list, occupying 4½ pages, is written at the end of volume 1544-50, the book being for that purpose turned up-side down. Beginning on the second-last leaf, it extends to the middle of the fifth page, and at the meeting-point the regular record stops, thus showing that the list was made up within the period embraced in the volume. The deletions are probably

meant to indicate deaths or removals, while new names would be added from time to time. If this be the case, the numbers in the four divisions at the last revisal would be:—Mary Wynd, etc., 86; Bakraw, etc., 98; South quarter, 98; North quarter, 103. Total, 385.

[*Records awanting from 26th February, 1549-50, to 24th July, 1554.*]

5 July 1552.<sup>1</sup>

Commoun  
bukis.

Deliverit be Johene Graheme of Baldorrane, commoun clerk of the burght of Striveling, to Johne Cragingelt of that ilk, provest of Striveling, thir commoun bukis undir writin, and put be hym in the thesaure hous, in presens of Archbald Spittale, bailye, Robert Cousland, maister of werk, Johne Haistie, dekin of tailyouris.

In primis, ane buke beginnand of the dait j<sup>m</sup> iiij<sup>c</sup> xliiij yeris indurand to lv yeris.

Item, ane othir buke beginnand in the yeir of God j<sup>m</sup> iiij<sup>c</sup> and fiftie viij yeris indurand to iiij<sup>xx</sup> xvj yeris.

Item, the third buke beginnand the dait j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> yeris and induris to v<sup>c</sup> and vj yeris.

The fourt buke beginnand the sam dait and induris to v<sup>c</sup> and xij yeris.

The fift buke beginnand in the yeir etc., v<sup>c</sup> and xij yeris and induris to xix yeris.

The sext buke beginnand in the sam dait and induris to v<sup>c</sup> and xxx yeris.

The sevint buke beginnand, etc., v<sup>c</sup> xxxvij yeris and induris to v<sup>c</sup> xliiij yeris.

The viij buke, this present buke, beginnand in the sam dait induris to v<sup>c</sup> xlix yeris.

Item, ane buke callit the Reid Buke contenand sum comptis and settis.

Item, I the said Johne Graheme, clerk fairsaid, hes the register buke of the few landis and sesingis of the townis in my awin handis nocht yit compleit, for the quhilk I sall ansuer. Subscrivit with my hand, yeir, day, and place, fairsaid. J. GRAHEME; JOHN CRAGINGELT of that ilk, prowest.

3 December 1554.

Mail of a  
study.

James Thomsone comperit and grantit that he hes ane study of irne per-  
tening to the chapellane of the Trinitie altar, and the saidis jugis decernit the

<sup>1</sup> The statement here given as to delivery of books is written on what had been left a blank page at the end of volume 1544-50. Of the eight volumes of records then in existence, and continuing in an almost unbroken series

from 1444 to 1550, only two volumes, those of 1519-30 and 1544-49/50, can now be found. The "Reid Buke" and "register buke of the few landis and sesingis" have also disappeared.

said James to content and pay to Sir Alexander Cristesone, as chapellane of the said altar, x s. for the maill of the said study for all termes bigane, to be payit betuix and Candilmes nyxtocum. Mail of a study.

19 December 1554.

Anent the summondis persewit be James Watsoun, thesaurar of the burgh of Striveling, aganis William Bell, thesaurar of the said burgh, beginnand at the fest of Mertimes the yeir of God j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> xl sex yeiris and ending in the yeir of God j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> xl sevin yeiris, intromettar with the property and casualty pertening to the community of the said burgh in commouny of the samyn yeir, and siclyk intromettar with the contributionis grantit be the haill community of the samyn burgh to thair commoun besines and for furth setting of thair commoun besines and woltht, and with all contributionis and soumes of money grantit and gevin be the Quenis grace deworiar of Scotland and uder noble lordis, spirituall and temporall, baronis and gentlemen in thair degreis, for beilding, strynthing and upmaking of the wallis of the said burgh, as is particularly contenit in the said William charge apone the fuit of his comptis and in ane buik subscrivit be the Quenis grace foirsaid, lordis, baronis and uder gentlemen as said is, ilk ane for thair awin pairt, as the samyn in the self beiris, extending in the haill to tua thousand aucht libris fyf schillingis fyf d., the said William comptis being maid and hard be certane auditouris, comburgessis of the said burgh, chosin and admittit tharto, he restis awing apone the fute of his saidis comptis to the community foirsaid the sowme of thre hundreth lix li. xix s. x d., as at mair lynth is contenit in the said summondis . . . the saidis provest and bailleis decernis, decretis and ordanis, the said William to content and pay to the said James Watsone, thesaurar forsaid, the said soum . . .

Decretum  
burgi contra  
Bell,  
thesaurar.

14 January 1554-5.

It is fund be the inqueist that thair is greit extorsiounis in the takin of the gait dychtingis, quhairthrow thair cumis littill stuff to the gait to sell, and the mwormour is greit amang the pepill herof, quharfor thai decernis and ordanis the provest, bailyeis and counsall, to put ane ordour to all gait dychtingis, and ane mesour for ilk stufe be the self, that it be kept in tymes cuming, and the failyearis to be pwnist be rigour. Procommunitate, gait dychtingis.



16 January 1554-5.

Pro com-  
munitate; de  
Spittale.

Conwenit in the counsallhous of the brucht of Striveling, Henry Levingstoun of Falkyrk, provest of Striveling, [bailies, council, and deacons of crafts,] and concludit and decernit, all in ane voce, that the provest and baillies sall persew the letteres rasis at thair instance aganis William Bell for production off his infestment of the landis of Spittall befor the lordis of consall, and forthar for the ground rycht tharof and proffitis of the samyn safar as may pertene to the town justlie, ay and quhill the triakle of the treutht tharof may be had, bayth for the commoun wele of the town and the said Williamis singlar wele, in sic maner that gif he haif just rycht thairto, and swa being funding, that he may bruik the samyn peceable without pley, and gyf the town hes the just rycht thairto and recoweris the samyn that thai may inlikmaner use the samyn as thair awin peceable according to justyce, and consentis that thair commoun gudis be dewlie and accordinly spendit thairon; and gyf the samyn happinnis to be superexpendit to support ressonable be generall contributionis of thair awin gudis accordinly as thai sall happin to appont for the tyme gyf neid beis. In witnes off the quhilk thing, thai haif subscrivit thir presentis with thair handis that can subscrivye, and the utheris with thair handis tueching the notaris pen. [Follow twenty-four subscriptions, nine of them by a notary.]

18 January 1554-5.

Hamiltoun,  
our Lady  
altar.

Comperit Sir Johne Hamyltoun, chapellane of our Lady alter, *de novo fundato*, and desyrit his annuallis pertening to the saidis alter, and the annualleris desyrit to haif ane warrand, and the provest and baillies ansuerand thairto ratifijs and appreffis the gyft giffin to the said Sir Johne of befor of the said alter, and sall warrand the samyn to the said Sir Johne, and siclik sall warrand the saidis annuallaris insafar as thai delyver to the said Sir Johne, and thairfor ordinis the saidis annuallaris to pay the samyn to him. And siclik sall warrand Sir Alexander Fargy, collectour pertening to the said alter, insafar as he or thai delyveris to the said Sir Johne.

30 May 1555.

[Settlement  
with William  
Bell as to  
Spittal, etc.]

At Edinburcht and Leitht, the pennult day of Maij the yeir of God j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> and fifty fyfe yeris, we, Henry Levingstone of Falkyrk, provest of Striveling, James Watsons, thesaurer of the brucht of Striveling, twa of the abitratouris

and amicable compositouris chosin for the counsall and commonitie of the said brucht, on that ane part, and Johne Cragingelt of that ilk and Robert Forester, younger, ane of the baillies of the said brucht, twa of the arbitratouris and amicable compositouris chosin for William Bell, on that uthir part, anent the said Williamis rycht and entres to the common landis of the said brucht callit the Spettall and anent iiij<sup>c</sup> iiij<sup>xx</sup> li. of the rest of the futt of the said Williamis comptis awing to the said counsall and communite, and anent all uthir debatis betuix the saidis parteis to this day, we being ryplie avisit, takand consultations and avismentis fra the begynning, allegeances and rychtis of baith the saidis parteis being hard, thair writtis and defenssis product, hes convenit and agreit as efter followis in this manir, that is to say, we the saidis personis chosin for the counsall and communite decretis and ordinis the said William Bell to resing purlie and sempleie the Brighaucht, with the pertinentis, in the townis handis *ad perpetuam remanentiam*, saiffand to him his fermes of this crope now sawin on the ground alanerlie, and sall mak ane new infeftment of the remanent town and landis of Spittall haldin of the town of Striveling, with restrictionis conform to the remanent few landis of the said town, and sall pay yeirly thairfor the sowm of twenty merkis Scottis mony at twa termes in the yeir, Witsonday and Mertymes in wintir, with the double of the few at the entres of evirilk air, with service of brucht usit and wont allanerlie. And we the saidis persones chosin for the said William decretis and ordinis inlikmaner as abone writtin, except allanerlie that we ordane him to pay for the saidis landis yeirlie the sowme of ten li. And becaus we are all agreit [upon the other points, the amount of the yearly feu-duty was referred to the town council's decision]. And this being done dischargis the said William of the said rest of the futt of his comptis and all utheris comptis and chargeis bygane . . . And anent his charge in his comptis of contributionis of gentill men that he allegis he hes nocht gottin, we ordane the samyn to pertene to the said William and the town to mak him thair powar to persew the samyn with all rycht [or] titill of rycht that thai haif tharto. [The provost, bailies and council, fixed the annual payment for the lands belonging to William Bell at £13 6s. 8d.]

9 September 1555.

Johne Burn being indittit for the thiftuis steling and conseling of ane brown meir, pertening to Marioun Dik, furtht of Capildra within the sheref-  
Curia justiciarie.

Curia justiciarie,  
Suspensio,  
Burn.

dom of Fyfe, on the vij day of September, to the takin he brocht the samyn to the fair of Striveling to sell and wes tane ryd hand thairwith and his gartane in hir heid, and wes put to schaw: The said assis convictit him of the samyn becaus he confessit the samyn, and thairfor he was adiugit to be tane to the gallous and hangit quhill he wer deid, and dome thairof giffin be Adam Cristison, dempstar.

Banist.

George Muncrife, James Wilsoun, Bernard Bertan, Nicoll Ore, and Maddy Bathelem, thai and ilk ane of tham being inditit for the thyftuis steling and conseling of ane wob of cammes fra Johnne Makdikim, on the viij day of September, and of commoun pykry, the said assis culd nocht acquyt tham of commoun pykry becaus thai wer all convenit in umquhill Robart Templitonis hous; and the saidis Bernard Bertane, Nicoll Ore and Maddy Bathelem, banist the town of befor, and than tane ryd hand with the said cammes, and thairfor it wes adiugit that ane lug salbe tane fra ilk ane of the men and the said Maddyis cheik brwnt with the burning irn, and dome thairof giffin be Adam Crystisoun, dempstar; and thairefter the saidis personis banist the town and schyre of Striveling, onder the pane of hanging, in all tymis cuming.

14 October 1555.

Lippir.

It is fund that Gillianis wyfe is lippir.

Scab.

It is fund that Thomas Bwy hes twa hors that hes stranglon that ar infeccatife.

21 October 1555.

Cowane, dene  
of gild.

Johnne Cowane allegeit the dene of gild chosin by<sup>1</sup> actis of parliament becaus the craftismen bredir of gild wes nocht at the chesing of the samyn.

November 1555.

Jonet  
Mwrray, bur-  
ges and gild.

Jonat Mwrray, eldar, and Jonat Mwrray, youngar, enterit aris to umquhill James Morray, thair fadir; and Jonat Mwrray, elder, enterit in hir faderis fredom of burges and gild, and payit xxvj d. ob., wax and wyne, and hes sworn.

9 November 1555.

Letter from  
magistrates of  
Perth; crafts-  
men.

My lord prowest. Efter maist hertle commendatioun: Forsamekill ples that thair is nowation ryssin betuix ws and the craftismen of our town, as we trest ye knaw, and the Quenis grace is to be in our town this Thysday the

<sup>1</sup> "Chosin by," i.e., not chosen conform to.

xj day of November to put reformatioun as hir grace pleissis thairin; quhairfor, sen it standis for ane commone weill, that it will ples yow to be here that day for to fortife the lyberte of borrowis, as ye aucht and suld defend the samyn, conforme to the actkis maid amangis borrowis quhen ony burght is hurt in thair priwelege that the remanent sall concour and defend the samyn with thair body and gudis as law will<sup>1</sup>; thairfor prayand your lordship to be here, as we dowl nocht but ye will, for to mein and [ass] yst and debait the samyn, to ewaid that it sall nocht be ane preparatyf to yow and ws and all uthir borrowis in tymis cuming. Nocht elles bot God conserf your lordship. At Pertht, the ix day of November; be your [subscribed:] Baillyeis and consall off Pertht. [Addressed on back:—] The prouest, bailyeis and counsall of Striviline.

Letter from  
magistrates of  
Perth; crafts-  
men.

2 December 1555.

The gait dychtingis, efter the deceis of Johne Coutis, master masoun, sett to David Tennend, for fourty four li. . . with provisioun that the usaris of the samyn handile the samyn with discretioun conform to use and wont.

Gait dychtingis;  
deceis of  
Coutis, mas-  
ter masoun.

9 December 1555.

Anent the supplicatioun giffin in be Johne Cragingelt of that ilk anent the complant maid be the Quenis grace upoun him, upoun the behalf of James Watsoun and William Noruell, burgessis of Striveling, that quhair, sen thai wer acquyt be ane assis of mutulatioun of the lard of Cragingelt, certane of the saidis lardis freindis and servandis had bostit and mannissit tham in sic manir as thai dar nocht for feir of thair liffis cwm furtht of thair awin houssis to do thair leifull besynes within the town of Striveling forsaid, as at mair lentht is contenit in the said supplicatioun and Quenis grace writtin dereet to my lord Erskin tharupoun, desyrand the baillies present for the tym to put him to the knowlege of ane inquist of nychtbouris or to ward [of] thair court gyf he or ony of his freindis or servandis hes offendit the complenaris in maner forsaid sen thai sufferit ane assis as said is; the saidis baillies, takand ward of court, declarit that thai hard na complant tharof to this present and knew na uthir; and thairefter the saidis baillies send for the saidis James Watsoun and

Complaint  
against Crag-  
ingelt.

<sup>1</sup> An act of the convention of royal burghs, dated 18th September, 1555, seems to be referred to here. In connection with the dis-

putes between the town council and craftsmen to which the letter from Perth refers, see footnote, p. 66.

**Complaint against Cragingelt.** William Noruell, quhay comperand personalie declarit in jugement that thai had na caus of complant in deid sen the suffering of the said assis.

18 December 1555.

**Counsall.** It is statut and ordinit be the provest, baillies and counsall, that gyf ony of the counsall, being chargit or sumond personaly the nycht befor, compeiris nocht at the hour assignit to tham, that the persoun absent sall pay incon-  
tinent ij s. and pwndit thairfor without delay.

**Makke, laris.** William Makke admittit be the counsall in the uptaking and laying of laris in the kyrk in tymis cuming for xij d. the thrucht, and viij d. the pay-  
ment, with this restrictionis that incontinent quhen the graf is sattillit that incontinent the samyn laris be laid agane, and siclik that he brek nocht the stanis, and gif ony brek in his defalt that the samyn be mendit in his expens.

**Kyrk; appoyntment with lord Dunfermeling.** It is ordinit be the counsall that Alexander Watsoun, thesaurer, and James Robesoun, baillie, pas to Lythqw, and admittit commisariss to compeir befor my lord off Sanctandrois to complene and obtene letteres as efferis upoun the erectioun of the kyrk and apointment betuix my lord Dunfermeling and the town, on the townis expens.

20 January 1555-6.

**Baxter, dekynnis, visitouris.** Comperit Johne Allane, baxter, and protestit that he be nocht compellit to ansuer to ony dekynnis in tymes cuming bot allanerly to the provest and baillies. Comperit Alexander Brown, in name and behalf of the hale visitours of the brucht of Striveling, and allegeit that Johen Allan submittit him at the sycht of the saidis visitouris and wes sworn tharto and offeris them to pref the samyn and that he suld byd tharat tueching the complant betuix him and William Dorrocht.<sup>1</sup>

10 February 1555-6.

**For the mercat.** It is concludit be the counsall that na maner of sekis with ony maner of

<sup>1</sup> By an act of parliament, passed in June, 1555, it was ordained that from thenceforth no deacons of crafts should be elected within burghs, but that in their stead visitors of crafts should be elected by town councils, and other restrictions were also imposed. The

act caused much contention between merchants and tradesmen, and to allay the dissatisfaction, the Queen, by letters under her great seal, dated at Stirling, 16th April, 1556, restored the former privileges of craftsmen, including the right of electing deacons.

victallis be oppin in tymis cuming quhill ten houris befor nwn, ondir the pane of confiscatione of the sek that be fund oppin befor the said hour. For the mercat.

*2 March 1555-6.*

It is ordinit be the provest, baillies, counsall and communitie, that the officiaris sall pwnd upone all decreitis, confessit dettis or actis, and mak the party payment of the sowm contenit in the samyn, within twenty day nixt efter the ressait of the said precept, act or decreit, ondir the pane of payment of the samyn of thair awin geir. Act for the officiaris.

*10 March 1555-6.*

It is fund be the provest, baillies and counsall, that Jonat Donaldsone, the spous of Alexander Galloway, is ane woman of evill conditionis and nocht lauchfull to by nor sell with, nothir of hir husbandis geir nor nane utheris; and thairfor thai inhibit, be thir presentis, all and syndry thair nychtbouris and inhabitantes of the brucht of Striveling that nane of tham tak upone hand to by, sell or tak in wod, ony manir of geir with hir, ondir the pane of escheiting of the geir bocht, sauld or laid in wod, and calling and persewing of tham for the intrometting with the said geir unlauchfully. Galloway; woman of evill conditionis.

*13 March 1555-6.*

Johne Grahame, sone to Margret Muirheid, being apprehendit for the handling of ane Francheman bag, be command of the Quenis, is despescheit furtht of hir grace compering be the space of ane yeir without ane speciall licens of hir grace, or ellis with ane master quhay will ansuer for him, undir the pane of detht. Graham, Francheman bag.

*7 July 1556.*

It is fund be the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, that Jonat Donaldsone is ane woman of evill conditionis and hes committit syndry pykrijs sen the date of hir acting, throw the quhilkis it may be ane caus to accuse hir said spous of his lyfe, he nocht knowing the committing of the samyn, the quhilkis the said Jonat confessit oppinly; and tharfor the said Jonat compeirand personale, for reformatioun of the premisis, geif hir greit aitht, the evangellis tuechit, outwitht the presens of hir said spous, and of hir awin motife will uncompellit or coactit, become actitat and oblist in this manir;—that scho sall foirbeir and desist fra ony entres of hir said spoussis mercheand Woman of evil conditionis.

Woman of  
evil condi-  
tionis.

butht for the space of ane yeir and day and forthir during his will; secundly, gyf evir the said Jonat committis (as God forbid) ony crymes, sic as thyft or pykry, othir fra the said Alexander hir spous, or layis ony thing in wod, by his consent, or fra ony uthir persone or personis quhatsumevir, or brekis wilfully or fraudfully ony lokis within the said Alexanderis place, or ony uthir places, quhilk may redound to his schaheme and skayth, the samyn or athir of thir crymes being kend and judicialy proffin, in that cace the said Jonat incontynent thaireftir fyrst sall dispesche hir of the said Alexanderis hous and buthtis and all that he hes entres to and salbe contentit to be partit of bed and burd for all the dayis of thair lyftym, and sall at the samyn tym renunce all coniunct fe and sesingis and uthir titill scho hes of the said Alexanderis land or uthir geir quhatsumevir; and last of all, is contentit to be banist the town of Striveling for evir, the saidis crymes being kend and proffin as said is.

7 September 1556.

For the Rud  
brod.

It is thocht expedient be the provest, baillies and counsall, that quhatsumevir persone being charget to gaddir with the Rud brod, in the nycht preceding, that he that refusis and gadderis nocht that he sall pay of his awin purs als mykle as the samyn gyffis on Sunday nixt preceding or Sunday nixt following.

17 September 1556.

[Letter from  
Queen Regent  
as to election  
of provost.]

Bailyeis and counsale of the burgh of Striveling, we grete yow wele. Forsamekle as it is nocht unknowin to yow quhow [be] the electing and chesing of owtlandis men to be your provest thair hes bene gret cummeres and truble thairthrow in your said burgh, lyik as wes be occasioun thair of betuix Henry Lewingstoun and the lard of Cragingelt, and now as we ar informit thair is craftismen and certane utheris within the said burgh quhilkis lawboris to haif sum grete man to landwarte electit and chosin provest at this feist of Michalmes approcheand, and thairthrow to bring gretare trublis in the toun nor evir wes of befoir; for eschewing of the quhilkis, it is our will and we charge yow that ye cheis ane of your awin honest nychtbouris conforme to the act of parliament, and that on na wiss ye cheis ony of the partijs foirsaidis, nor nane utheris part takaris of the feid nor throw quham ony occasioun of truble may cum, as ye will ansuer to ws thairupoun. Subscrivit with our hand, at Banf, the xvij day of September the year of God j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> lvj yeiris.

MARIE, R. (Seal)

25 September 1556.

Sir James Nicolsoun, chepellane of Sant Katherenis altar within the Chaplain of St. Katherenis altar. paroche kyrk of Striveling, hes resingnit, purly and semple, be delyverance of buik, all and hail the said altarge with the pertinentis, in the said provestis handis, in favouris of Sir Andro Hagy, reservand to the said Sir James his lyfrent of the hous within the said brucht that he biggit him self, and the by run proffittis for the dayis of his lyf, the said Sir Andro doand thairfor conform to the fundatioun of the said alter in all punctis.

In presens of provest, baillies and counsall, protestit Walter Cowsland, in Merchandis. name and behalf of the hail mercheandis, that na electioun of provestis be . vottit this day without thai be als mony mercheandis as craftsmen, conform to auld use and wont.

The samyn day, protestit William Dorrocht, in name of the craftsmen, Craftsmen. that na mercheandis haif voitting in the chesing of the officiaris bot allanerly samony as wes admittit in the counsall chosin at Michaelmes last wes.

Duncan Forester comperit and producit ane wryttin of the Quenis grace, For chesing of the provest. undir the sing and subscriptioun, anent the chesing of the the provest and ballies as is contenit thairin, upoun the productioun of the quhilk he askit act and instrument.

5 October 1556.

Robertus Forester de Calyemwk electus est in prepositum pro presenti Electio prepositi. anno, et juravit more solito pro administratione justicie.

Protestit Robert Bruce of Auchinbowy that gyf he hes neglectit ony Bruce of Auchinbowy. thingis in tym of his office, and hes nocht intromettit with the thing that he suld intromettit with, that he may haif tym and place to uptak the samyn now, lik as he mycht done the samyn in tym of his office.

9 October 1556.

It is statut and ordinit be the hail counsall that quhatsumevir of the Statutis, council. persone or personis of the counsall, being warnit to ane hour to compeir, he being personaly apprehendit, that gyf he failyeis the hour sett that in that cace he sall pay ijs. without ony forgiffance or evir he be hard to speik, without he purches leif.

Item, it is statut and ordinit that all the personis off the said counsall heill and conseill the articulis or punctis specifit in the counsall, and gif ony per-



**Statutis,  
council.** soun failyeis and beis notit thairwith that in that cace thai sall be depyvit of the counsall in all tymis cuming and nevir be hard tharintill agane.

**Commissioner  
to Edinburgh.** The counsall consentis that William Norvell pas to Edinburgh as commissar for reformatioun of the taxt, and sall haif vj s. viij d. ilk day.

12 October 1556.

**Haly blud  
alter, orna-  
mentis.** It is concludit be the counsall that the annuallis of Witsonday and Mertymes of the Hally blud alter be gadderit be the dene of gild and put in ane purs togiddir, to be debursit at the sycht of the counsall for ornamentis to be maid.

**Chaplain of  
Rud alter.** It is concludit be the counsall that Sir Johne Stoddart haif the Rude alter, be the dimissioun of Sir Alexander Aikin, last chapellane thairof, and William Smart souerty that the said Sir Johne sall study continualie quhill he be cunnand in prikat sang, and thairfor ordinis the said Sir Johne be presentit to the samyn; and the said Sir Johne sall mak service conform to the fundatioun.

**Hallyblud  
alter.** It is concludit that Sir Alexander Aikin haif the Hallyblud alter now vakcand in the townis handis be deceis of Sir Johne Aikin, oblissand to serve conform to the fundatioun for dewiteis conform as Sir Johne Aikin gat of befor.

**Chapellanis,  
annualis.** For the quhilkis, the provest and baillies and counsall sall fortife the saidis chapellanis in the ingetting of thair annualis contenit in thair fundatioun.

11 January 1556-7.

**For the  
fleshous.** The provest, baillies and counsall, hes thocht expedient that the fleshous be begwn and foundit and that the thesaurer furnis the masteris of werk as may be sparit thairto; and thairfor commandis and ordinis the thesaurar to furnis thairto, quilk salbe allowit in his comptis.

29 January 1556-7.

**Wobstaris,  
Wobstair  
sued for  
walx.** Anent the pound of walx persewit be the dekin of the wobstaris aganis Johne Wobstair, comperit the said Johne and grant the said act, with this conditioun, that he hes bene in use to mak his awin torche and byrn the samyn in the kyrk in the jukscheing in Ywle and thairefter to tak the samyn with him to his awin hous at his plesour quhen it misterit, and offeris him to preif the samyn, and the jugeis assignis thairto the fyft day of Februar.

15 March 1556-7.

We, be the tenour heirof, mackis and constitutis our lovittis, the provest and baillies of Striveling, our justice in this pairt, alanerlie, for punising of Gilbert Colterar, apprehendit reid hand with ane stollin meir, according to the lawis of this realme, ane justice court to hald and ministeris thairof to creat, and generalie all and sindrie other thingis to do that thairto pertenis. Subscrivit with our hand, at Striveling Castell, the xv day of Merche, the yeir of God j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>e</sup> and lvj yeris.—MARIE, R.

[Authority by Queen to hold justice court. From original.]

Gilbert Colterar, being accusit for the thiftuis steling and conseling of ane meir fra Johne Flyming, and xj silver spwnis fra Johne Sympsoun, the said assis convictis him tharin, and he adiugit to be tane to gallows and hangit quhill he be deid.

Suspensio Colterar.

9 April 1557.

It is agreit betuix master William Gullein, master of the grammer scule, on that ane part, and David Elles on that uthir part, in presens of the counsall, that it sall nocht be leswm to the said David Elles to teche and leir ony barnis abon sax yeris with[out] licens of the said master, except tham that leiris to reid and wryt and lay compt.

Master of scule.

19 April 1557.

It is statut and ordinit be the provest, baillies and counsall, that quhat-evir persone within this brucht disobey ony charge giffin be ony officiar to tham, or brek ony statutis maid and commandit thame in the hous or without the hous, that the contempnar and dissobear sall pay for the fyrst falt fyfe li., thairof the twa part to be applyit to the provest and the remanent thrid part to the baillies, and for the secund falt thai sall tyn thair fredome; and in speciale anent the wyne sellaris. And siclyk, that na pryces be rasis upon wyne without speciall licens of the provest and baillies, onder the pane of xl s.

Statut for wynsellaris.

[Records awanting from 18th June, 1557, to 1st April, 1560.]

1 April 1560.

It is statut and ordanit that all salmond be brokin throw uthir, cheyn and all togidder, and the sellar to pay ane penny allanerly, undir the pane of escheting of the fische that beis apprehendit.

Pro communitate statut, salmond.

28 *April* 1560.

Arship per-  
tening John  
Smart.

Alexander Brown [obliged himself] that the arship gudis and geir per-  
tening to Johne Smart, ondirwritin, salbe furthcumand to the said Johne at  
his perfyte age, or failyeing of uthir geir to pay the samyn insafer as it reikis to  
the creditouris that thair be awing as after followis, that is to say, ane quhinger,  
ane purs, ane culvering, ane horn, ane suerd, ane bukлар, ane jedward staf,  
ane knapska with the covering, ane pair of quhyt hois, ane blak dowblat, ane  
kensy coit, ane bonat, ane bonat cais, ane furrit gown, ane kense cloke, ane  
tangis, ane speit, ane elcrwk, ane pair of pot bwlis, ane mykle pot, ane les  
pot, ane tyn pynt, chopin, ane toicht, ane blak bonat, ane trunceor, ane luggit  
dische, ane saltfat, ane tryn quart, ane tryn pynt, ane maskin falt, ane gyle  
fat, ane wecht stand, ane aill barrell, ane boating clayth, ane lavand tub, ane  
berm pynt, ane meit burd, ane ferm, ane compter almy, ane chyre, ane  
kyst, ane stand bed, ane pair of scheitis, ane covering, ane cod, ane chandillar,  
ane spynning quheill, ane pair of cardis, ane quheill spindill, ane wesching  
tub, ane lagallon, ane flesche fat, ane breid almy, ane twyn, ane burd clayth,  
ane bed, ane bowster, ane pewdir plait, ane pair of crelis, ane mwksled, ane  
hand towall, ane serviat, ane langsadill, ane pair of playdis, ane pair of  
treist feit.

20 *May* 1560.

For the Brig-  
haucht.

It is statut and ordinit be the counsall of the brucht that na maner of  
persoun within this brucht put ony bestiall or gudis within the Brighaucht  
bot thai that ar nyctbouris allanerly, and that na nyctbour put in ony  
sownis bot ane, quhilk salbe his awin propir gudis allanerly, and gif ony puttis  
ony may gudis, or utheris persounis gudis upoun thair name, that the samyn  
be poindit and pay xij d. for ilk fute; and to this effect thair is namit Archi-  
bald Smytht, Alexander Robesoun, Andro Carnis and Johne Hill, pundlaris,  
quhay sall haif the gudis pundit to thair proffit for thair travell.

31 *May* 1560.

Brighaucht.

It is statutit and ordainit that na nyctbour put ony sowin on to the  
Brighaucht ondir the pane of escheitting thair of.

28 *June* 1560.

Myrton,  
Gardinar.

Ordinis Sir William Myrton to fairbeir George Gardineris gait and

quhen he seis him on that ane syde of the gait to foirbeir that and pas to the uthir syde, and alwayis to hald fra his gait. Myrton,  
Gardinar.

8 *July* 1560.

Protestit James Oswald that he may haif place to say aganis the breif persewit be Johne Bethok insafer his cleme hurtis ony part of the fundatioun of Sant Mychellis fundatioun; and the said John Bethok allegit him to haif na place to protest insafer as he hes nocht as yit recantit his auld traditiounis. Bethok, eto.,  
St. Mychellis  
fundatioun;  
auld tradi-  
tiounis.

Johne Forester, thesaurer of the brucht of Striveling, protestit in name and behalf of the said brucht that na service maid or to be maid this day anent the breif persewit be Johne Bethok as nerrest and lauchfull air to umquhill Sir Robert Bethok, his fadir brodir, prejug the town nor the rycht thair of, bot protestis that the baillies se quhair the said umquhill Sir Robert was burges of this burgh. Protestatio  
pro com-  
munitate.

23 *August* 1560.

James Robertsoun, burges of Striveling, allegiand hym to haiff ane titill of the vicare of Striveling to intromet with the teind schaves of the kirk of Striveling, hes oblist hym, of his awin confessioun, to keip the saidis teind schaves in his awin hand quhill the prowest, ballies and consall, conclude quhow the samyn salbe usit and disponit; and thairfor the ballies ordanis the said James to be ansuerit of the saide schaves be the occupiaris of the landis pertenyng to the said kirk. Pro commun-  
itate, kirk.

11 *October* 1560.

Robert Cowsland comperit in jugement, in presens of the provest and baillies, and thair offerit payment to Alexander Hog for payment of certane meill bocht be him fra the said Alexander, and to that effect producit ane leddorone wallat with gold, silver tua s. peces, plakis, babeis, hardheidis, and sic uthir usuall money, and the said Alexander refusit to resaif ony Inglis money, and thairfor the said Robert protestit that he be nocht compellit to ansuer ony uthir money nor he gat for the said meill becaus the said money is nocht dischargit. Cowsland,  
Hog, Inglis  
money.

12 *October* 1560.

This is the geir in James Reddochtis hous the tym of William Norrvellis Geir. intromissioun tharwith in presens of Johne Lecheman, baillie:—Item, in primis, in the hall, ane comptur burd, ane form, ane meit almetry, ane dressing stule; item, in the myd chalmer, ane standard beid, ane pres; item, in the

Geir. foir chalmer, thre standand beddis, ane kist, ane form, ane littill irn chimnay; item, in the over chalmer, thre standand beddis, and tua of thame but boddwmes.

14 October 1560.

Reiding of  
commoun  
prayeris.

The counsall hes concludit that Thomas Duncansone be payitt of the sowme of fowrtie merkis moneye in the yeir, quartarly, for the reiding of the commoun prayeris, and that aye and quhill ordour be put thairto be the lordis, and for the service bygane sen the fest of Peaxe last bypast; provyding that the said Thomas saye and reid the prayeris ilk wark day anes in the day, and twys on the Saboath, and oftir gif he be requyrit, and thairfore ordanis the thesawrar to paye the samyn quartarly as said is.

Heirship  
gudis and  
geir.

We, William Darrocht and Thomas Kar, burgessis of Striveling, ourmen left in the testament maid be umquhill Duncan Kar, burges of the said brucht, in and to the gudis and geir pertening to Johne Kar, sone and air of the said umquhill Duncan, and James Kar and Jonat Kar, barnis gottin betuix him and Jonat Galloway, his fyrst spous, grantis us to haif resavit fra Barbara Narn, relict of the said umquhill Duncan, the sowmes of money, gold, arschip gudis and geir, pertening to the said Johne as air to his said umquhill fadir, that is to say, ane rosnoble, ane coit, ane pair of blew hois, ane bonat, ane quhinger, ane klok, ane dowblat, ane suerd, ane sadill, ane feddir bed, ane bowster, ane pair of scheitis, ane cod, ane pair of dowble blancattis, ane greit pot, ane les pote, ane pan, ane plait, ane pewdir dische, ane chandillar, ane trencheour, ane salt fat, ane quart, ane pynt of tyn, ane compter, ane almery, ane chimnay with raxis, ane tangis, ane speit, ane langsadill, ane ferm, ane chyre, ane spynning quheill, ane pair of camis, ane pair of cardis, ane ladill, ane pair of pot bowlis, ane hart horn, ane silver spone weyand (*blank*), ane kyst, ane tub, ane flesche fat, ane barrel, ane standand bed, ane weschell bynk, ane silver bell weyand (*blank*), ane breuing caldron, ane burdclayth, ane schreyn, ane wair almery, ane pair of saip ballandis with ane half pund wecht, ane quarter pund wecht and ij unce wecht of bras, being in the buitth. And als we grant us to haif resavit fra the said Barbara the sowmes of money, gold, gudis and geir, as eftir followis, pertening to the said James and Jonat Karis be ressoun of thair said umquhill faderis deceis, viz., thair awin part, and the deidis part, quhilk extendis to the ane half throw all the hous, that is to say, thretty tua crownis of the sone, sax pistolat crownis,

thre crownis of the rois, thre abay crownis, thre crosay dukcatis, thre angel-nobelis in quhyt silver, comptand fourty s. for ilk pece, tuenty sevin testanis, thretty dowglas grottis, nyne barrit grottis, four unce and half unce of xij and xiiij d. grottis, and of quhyt silver thre li. xj s.; and for the half of the skynnis contenand tuenty score and ten skynnis, the sowm of xlvij li.; and for the ane half of sax daker and sevin hydis, the sowm of tuenty four li. xv s.; and for thair half of the wobbis, the sowm of thretty ane li. iij s. vj d.; and for thair half of xiiij\*\* sowssis the sowm of thre li. x s.; and for thair half of fyfe unces thre quartaris ane grot wecht of brokin silver, the sowm of fifty tua s. vij d. ob.; togidder with four plaittis, tua compter saittis, tua luggit dischis, tua threncheouris of tyn, ane chandillar, tua pottis, ane pan, ane feddir bed, ane bowster, thre coddis, thre pair of scheitis, tua coveringis, ane silver spone weyand (*blank*), ane standand bed, ane schryne but the lid, and xvj s. of silver for thair part of the compter in the chalmer, and als for thair pairt of the geir being in the buitht, the sowm of fowrty nyne li. and x s.; and for thair part of the last pak that come furtht of Danskin the sowm of fyfe li. vij s. iij d., for half schip pund irn, half barrell irn, and tua Scottis stanis lynt. The quhilkis sowmis of money, gold, silver, arschip gudis and geir, insprecht and utheris abon writtin, we oblis us conjunctlie and severalie, our airis, executouris and assignais, to put to proffit to the saidis barnis, ilk ane efferand to thair awin part, with all expeditioun; and that the samin, or the avale tharof as thay salbe rowpit or prysit, togidder with the profit tharof, to redound to the saidis barnis. . . .

Heirship  
gudis and  
geir.

21 October 1560.

Elen Maknellen enterit to the fredoum of Johen Maknellen, hir broder, burges and gild, and sall pay xxvj d. ob.; plege, Robert Cowsland. And siclik, it was fund be ward of court that the said Elen and Kathrene Maknellen salbe cognoscit to all and syndry the landis and anuall rentis in the quhilkis thair umquhill brodir deit last vestit and sesit within this brucht.

Elen Mak-  
nellen, burges  
and gild.

31 October 1560.

The provest, baillies and counsell, hes assignit, and be thir presentis assingis, to Johne Duncansone, mynister, that luggion and houss quhilk pertenis to this bruicht and wes occupijt befor be master Alexander Chalmer, to

For the  
minister.

For the  
minister.

be bruikit, joisit, occupijt and usit, be the said Johne Duncansone for using his service, yeirly and ilk yeir during the townis will.

11 November 1560.

Pro com-  
munitate.

It is statut and ordanit that na stanis nor tymmer pertening to the touin [be taken] without advis of the counsall, and giff ony dois in the contrair the samyn salbe reput and haldin as spoilyie.

22 November 1560.

Rouping at  
mercato croce.

Eftir the rowping and apprising, at the mercat croce, thre mercat dayis preceeding, of ane buik callit *Explicatio Cathesismi* rowpit to viij s., ane sweird to xiiij s., ane dowblet of quheit canves stikit with blak silk, viij s. iiij d., ane coit of Frensche gray to vj s. iiij d., allegit to pertene to James Lyndesay in Danskyn and allegit be Johne Strachy, merscheand in Striviling, in quhais possessioun the samin remanis now, to have bene deliverit to him in plege of ane crowne of the sowne and foure grossis; and eftir be oppin proclamatioun of the samin be the said thre mercat dayis thair wes na mair biddin for the said geir, the samin being present at the croce, except onlie the pricis abonewrittin, quhairupon the said Johne Strachy tuke witnes of the provest and baillies of the burgh of Striviling and actis and instrumentis of me notar undirwrittir and clerk of the burgh foirsaid.

2 December 1560.

[Forfeited  
property  
gifted by  
King and  
Queen.]

Maister Nycoll Robesone productit ane instrument of seising of ane pece yaird with the pertinentis lyand within the burght of Striviling, betuix the said maister Nycollis yaird on the eist pairt and the auld Grayferis yaird on the west pairt, the commone wall of the town on the south pairt; quhilk pece yaird pertenit to umquhile Robert Makcleiry, and come in our Soverane Loird and Ladeis handis be his tressonable passing in Ingland in tyme of weir and thair remanand aganis the lawis and statutis of parliament, etc.; gevin be James Norvell, baillie in that part, speciallie constitut be our said Souerane Loird and Ladeis precept, undir thair secreit sele, of the dait, at Edinburgh, the xx<sup>ij</sup> day of Junij the yeir of God j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> and fifty nyne yeiris and of our said Soveranis regnis the first and xvij yeiris; be vertu of the quhilk precept the said James gaif sesing heritable of the said pece yaird to maister Nicholl Robesoun . . .

16 *December* 1560.

The counsale, being convenit in the tolbuyth, ordanit James Watsons and Commission-  
Williame Darrocht to pas to Edinburgh to convene with uthir burrowis for ers to Edin-  
sik besines as occurris for the furthsetting of guid rewle and ordour, upone the burgh.  
townis expenssis, quhilk salbe allowit in the comptis.

2 *January* 1560-1.

Comperit Johne Robesone, Andro Rae and Matho Robesone and Johne Slandering  
Finlasone, in presens of the elderis, and confessit thair abuis in sklandering magistrates  
and talking of the magistratis and elderis of the town, and repetit the samin; and elders.  
and siklike, of the blaspheme of the name of God; and promiseist to forbeir the  
samin in tyme cuming, and geve thai be fundin failye tharin in tyme cuming  
thay ar content to underlie sic correctioun as sall pleis the minister and the  
elderis, but ony grace.

7 *February* 1560-1.

Quo die, nobilis et potens dominus Archibaldus comes Argadie, justiciarius Ergile.  
Scocie, intravit libertatem burgensi et gilde, et solvet vinum, etc.

Quo die, Colinus Cambell, frater dicti nobilis comitis, intravit libertatem His brodir  
burgensi et gilde, et solvet similiter. burgen et  
gilde.

16 *February* 1560-1.

Williame Norvell, thesaurar of the burght of Striviling, ressavit fra the Kinros, Nor-  
handis of Malcome Kinros, as thesaurer foirsaid, the sowme of four pundis vell, Rude  
Scottis money for the Witsonday and Mertimes maillis last bipast for the half croft.  
of the landis callit the Rude Croft, lyand upone the south side of the craig  
undir the kirkyaird of Striviling, for the quhilk sowme the said William, as  
thesaurar foirsaid, and in name and behalf of the toun, oblissis him, his airis  
and assignais and successouris, to warrand the said Malcome at the handis of  
Sir Johne Stodert and all utheris quhome it effeiris.

18 *February* 1560-1.

The counsale ordanis the yaird contigue lyand to the Gray freiris to be Communitas,  
sett in few to Williame Darroche for xxvj s. viij d. of few maill allanerlie. yaird.

Gawin Crawfuird offerit for ane buth of the fleschehous iij merkis and ane Crawfuird,  
half, and protestit and the toun sett it bettir chaipe that thay be accusit for buth of  
hurt of the commone wele. fleschehous.



24 *February* 1560-1.

For the  
mylnis.

The provest, baillies and counsall, hes condiscendit to spend thair commoun gude apone the defens of the burrowmyllis and landis aganis Alexander Erskyn of Cangloir and otheris quhatsumevir personis that will persew the samyn; and in cace of inlaik of thair commoun gude, to spend of thair awin geir accordingly as tyme sall requyre, and to that effect to be taxt with avis of the counsall gif neid beis.

Procuratour  
fiscale.

The provest, baillies and counsall, hes grantit Alexander Paterson xl s. of fe to be procuratour fiscale in the townis effairis.

7 *March* 1560-1.

Eduein,  
bluidwite.

It wes fund be the baillies that Thomas Eduein trublit Thomas Kirkwod and straik at hym with ane goiff club and hurt Johne Allanis wiff wyth that straik, and thairefter drew ane kniff to hym and hurt his awin wiff thairwitht to the effusioun of hir bluid; and als that his wiffe dispersonit the said Thomas, calland hym theiff, that scho suld se his bluid cald on the calsay; and ordanis the said Thomas Eduein and his wiff to ask the said Thomas Kirkwod forgifnes, and als ordanis the said Thomas Eduein to remane in warde quhil he fynd souerte for his unlaw and bluidwite.

10 *April* 1561.

Pro communi-  
tate, chaleis  
of St. James  
alter, etc.

The counsale, being convenit in the counsalhous, ordanis the challeis of Sanct James alter and Sanct Peteris challeis to be sauld for xx s. the unce, and the money thair of to be applyit to the mending of the calsay, except foure pundis to be payit to Johne Leschewan, baillie, for the quhilk the said Sanct Peteris challeis lay to him in wod.

16 *April* 1561.

Pro  
thesaurario,  
Grey freir  
yarde.

The consall, present for the tyme, grantit that the thesaurair big and reform ane pair of buttis in the yarde sumtyme callit the Grayfreir yarde apone the townes expens.

12 *May* 1561.

Norvell, Dik-  
soun, Franche  
men.

The baillies decernis Thomas Norvell to deliver to William Diksoun ane brasyn pot apprehendit in the said Thomas handis within his hous eftir the departing of the Franche men, and in consideratioun that the said Thomas debursit sum mony to the Franche men for the said pot, with consent of the said William Diksoun ordanis hym to pay to the saide Thomas xvj s.

17 *May* 1561.

In presens of Gawin Drummond, baillie, Johne Cragingelt of that ilk, and <sup>Rynd; mad-</sup> Christall Murray, deputis of the sherefdom of Striveling, compeirit Henrie <sup>man.</sup> Rynd, burges of Ochterardour, in the tolbuyth of Striviling, and ressavit Johne Henderson, burges thair of, apprehendit within this burght with ane quheitnam pertening to William Graham of Callendar, takin be him in his madnes, in maner of frannessy or desperatioun, havand na ansuer bot: Put me down, put me down, I set nocht by quhiddir I gang to God or the dewill. And thairthrow the said baillie, havand consideratioun of his madnes, ignorance, and appeirand desperatioun, licent and put the said Johne to libertie in the handis of the said Henrie Rynd, and ordanit him to sustene the said Johne upone the expenssis of his awin land, safar as it ma beir, quhill tyme wirk that God ma provid him be his grace to cum to his rycht wittis.

The bailye and his assessouris findis that giralit victuall nor boit <sup>Gait dychting.</sup> victuall aucht na gait dychting, and thairfoir assoilyeis Johne Moreis thair of.

4 *July* 1561.

The baillies decernis Johne Johnesoun to produce the gold ring clemit be <sup>Gold ring.</sup> Archbald Galloway, in the baillies handis, quhill it be sene quha hes maist rycht thairto.

4 *November* 1561.

Maister Patrik Graheme, persone of Culmoir, in name and behalf of <sup>Chenyie of</sup> master Johne Carswele, persone of Kilmertyne, ressavit and redemit fra <sup>gold, countes</sup> Thomas Wallace, tailyeour and burges of Striviling, ane chenye of gold wey- <sup>of Ergile.</sup> and sexe unce and thre quartaris of ane unce, quhilk the Lady Caterene countes of Ergile deliverit him in wed of the sowme of ane hundreth and twenty merkis, and becaus I have ressavit the said chenye in maner foirsaid I oblis me to warrand, releif and keip skaythles, the said Thomas Wallace, his airis, executouris and assignais, at the saidis ladeis handis and all uthir quhome it effeiris of the said chenye, for now and evir.

7 *November* 1561.

William Norwell is chosin thesaurair for this instant yeir and maister of <sup>Thesaurair</sup> werk, and quhen ony set or labour hapins to be set to tak advis of the dene of <sup>and maister</sup> gild and dekyn of hemmermen. <sup>of werk.</sup>

16 *March* 1561-2.

**Laris.**

The baillies dischargit James Thom of rasing of laris in the kirk, or erting of ony personis, quhill the counsall put ordour thairto.

1 *September* 1562.

**Cameroun,  
adultarie.**

Johne Cameroun, in Kynnoull on my lord Sanchairis landis, apprehendit within this burgh of Striviling in adultarie with Jonnet Gourlaye, the spous of Hendyre Hendry, burges of burgh, he having the said Henryis sister dochtar to his aune spousit wyff, callit Jonnet Lamb, quhairthrow he hes committit odious and abhominable doble adultary, hes promest heir in the presens of God and in presens of the saidis baillies and nyctbouris of this toun to turne frome his wickitnes and return and neir to his wyff and barnes and nevir to faill agane to hir in lifyme, undyr the payne of dethe; and als hes faythfully promest nevir to communicat nor beir companie in preve, in apart, nor be fund in suspect place with the said hairlott, Jonnet Gourlay, bot to flee and abhor hir companie lik as he wald do the accompanie of the evill spreitt; and giff he beis fund doand in the contrar that it sall be lesum to the maiestraitis quhair he sall happin to be fundin in maner forsaid to tak him and justifie him to the maist schamfull deid with all regour without mercye; quhairunto he hes oblest him heirto of his awin confessioun.

**Wichecraft.**

Jonet Lyndesay being sumtyme duelland in Cambus, and Isabell Keir, hir dochter, being brutit with wichecraft, and na man to persew thame thairfoir, oblist tham of thair awin confessioun that thai sall nocht be fundin in this toun agane, undir the pane of deid.

21 *May* 1563.

**Duche  
baneist;  
drowning.**

It is ordanit be the baillies foirsaidis that Jonet Duche, induellar of this burgh of Striviling, apprehendit with certane crymes of thift, and specialie of certane woll stowin be hir, and ressait be Duncane Patersoun, baxter, and Jonet Nelesoun, his spous; for the quhilk caus the foirsaidis baillies ordanis that the said Jonet salbe baneist the toun, and gif scho beis fundin tharin frathinefurth to be drownit without forther accusatioun. And als that the saidis Duncane and his spous, for thair ressait in maner foirsaid, salbe actitat in thair buikis nevir to mak hewit clayth in tyme cuming.

23 *July* 1563.

The baillie and the hale assis hes ordanit Andro Nelesoun and Margret Maklellan, his spous, on that ane part, and Johne Gillaspy and Marjorie Robesoun, his spous, on the other part, sall nocht injur nor truble otheris, other be worde or deid, privatlie or oppinlie, in tyme cuming, undir the pane of five li. to be pait to the puir hospitale.

For the com-  
moun wele  
and hospitale.

13 *October* 1564.

It is appontit betuix the provest and baillies of Striveling, on that ane part, and Patrik M'Dicoun, on that other part, in this manir, the said Patrik hes oblist hym to tak away the foirhous now standing within the barresyet apon the west side of the hie gait passing to the said port and mak the grond clene to be fre passage in tyme cuming; for the quhilk caus the saidis provest, baillies and dene of gild, hes ressavit the said Patrik M'Dicoun to the fredome of burgesrie and gild, gratis.

Appointment  
betuix the  
toun and  
M'Dicoun,  
Barresyet.

27 *October* 1564.

The prices gevin be the provest and baillies to the cordinaris to be observit and kept undir the pane of escheting of the stuff otherwes sauld; and that the stuff be wele barkit and wele laborit, undir the said pane of escheting:—doubill solit butis lynit, xxij s.; singill solit butis, xvj or xvij s.; eftir, as thai ar of gudnes; singill solit mennis schone, the best can be maid, iij s.; other secundair schone for men, ij s., xxviiij d., or xxx d.; eftir, as thay ar of gudnes; doubill solit schone for wemen, xxx d.; singill solit schone for wemen, xvj, xvij, or xx d.; eftir, as thair gudnes; gude barnis schone for xij or xiiij d.; eftir, thair gudnes. Thir statutis maid in respect the barkitt leddir is sauld for xxiiij s. or thairby.

Cordinaris,  
prices.

31 *October* 1564.

Anent the supplicatioun gevin in befor the said baillie and his assessouris, judicillie, be Johne Andersone, with consent and auctorite of Archibald Smyth and Johne Esplene, burgessis of the said burgh, his curatouris, for thair entres, menyng that quhair the said Johne Andersone, minor, is destitut of wardlie guidis or yeirlye proffeittis quhairby he mycht have ony sufficient life to put him to ane craft or schuillis, except onlie ane waist foir tenement of land with ane certane pece waist lyand contigue tharto, and foure bark puillis, conforme as the samin is boundit in the said compleneris evidentis, desiring thairfoir the

Anderson,  
minor, pro-  
perty to be  
sold.

said baillie to caus the said foir tenement of land, with the waist and puillis lyand contigue thairto, tobe rouppit and sauld to the said compleneris utilitie and proffeit quha wald gif maist thairfoir, to the effect that the avail thairof ma be applyit to the said minoris weill and proffeit for leiring and instructing of him of ane craft quhairby he may win his leving as God sall gif the grace during his lifetyme; quhilk desire the said baillie thocht ressonable and thairfore [caused the property to be valued and sold, the price realised being £13 6s. 8d. Scots, or a yearly payment of £1 Scots].

24 November 1564.

[Smyth, claim  
of a friar to be  
served heir.]

Comperit Archibald Smyth and allegit James Smyth, his broder, to have na enteres to stand in jugment for persute of his clame [to be served heir of his father] becaus, apon the xv day of Maij, the yeir of God j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> xxxiiij yeris, the said James, that tyme unprofessit, in presens of freir Andro Abircrommy, priour, and convent of the Blak Freris of Striveling, and als in presens of Thomas Smyth, his fader, . . . grantit hym self deid of this warld and leiffand the samyn and nevir to returne thairto agane, havand certane brethir germane wele belovit to hym, quhilkis he wald remane *secularis* in tymes cuming, renunsit, quitclomit and ourgaiff, all rycht, titill of richt, enteres, propirte and possessioun, that he hes, had, or ony wys ma haif, or ma pertene to hym in tyme cuming, be resson of deces of the said Thomas Smyth, his fadir, alswele landis, heretages, tenementis, as airschip gudis and gair, in speciall favouris of his saidis brederis. . . . Secuntlie, allegit he had na place to persew in jugment, in respect that he is ane conventual brother of the Blak Freris of Striveling, professit, and aucht nocht to persew without consent of the priour and convent, he being under obedience and as yit undischargit be act of parliament. [The judges having decided that these allegations should not stay the proceedings, Archibald Smyth] repetit all the allegeancis foirsaidis to inqueist, and protestit, gif the inqueist servit the said James conforme to his clame, for wilfull errour and remeid of law; and forther allegit that the said James suld nocht be servit as air conforme to his clame, in respect of the act of parliament that ane native man boirne in Scotland, passand furth of the realme to uthir cuntreis, and speciallie to Ingland, and remanand thair furth of the realme be the space of vij yeris contenewalie without recours agane in Scotland, that in that caice it sall nocht be levesum

to that persone to be servit as na air in generall nor in speciall in respect of the prescrivit tym be the lawis. . . .

[*July 1565 ?*]

Andro Campbell, David Robertsoun, David Murray and James Stewart, officiariis of the burgh of Striviling. I, Johne Williamesone, affermes ane borcht of wrang in your handis apone Cristiane Aikman the spous of Johne Scott, tailyeour, that quhair upone Fryday the xj of Julij instant I wes passand doun the gait for doing of my lesum besines, beleving na ewill of ony persone bott to have levit undir Godis pace, etc.; nochttheless the said Cristiane wrangouslie injurit and dispersonit oppinlie, calland me theif, loun, scheip steillar, thou come furth of utheris pairtis for steilling of scheip, and alsua callit my wife theiff, hure; in hie contemptioun of our Soverane Ladeis auctorite, provest and baillies of this burgh, and in ewill exampill of utheris to commit sic attemptatis gif the samin remane onpwneist; beseiking your wisdomes heirfoir of remeid and to pwneis the said Cristiane Aikman in hir persone and gudis with all rigour of the law in exampill of utheris, and als to compell hir to mak me and my said spous ane publict amendis sua that we may be restorit to oure fame. And ane borcht to follow this my borcht. Witnes: Walter Watsone, Archibald Watsoun, Thomas Geichane, James Johnesoun, Jonet Johnseun.

Complaint  
of Johne  
Williamesone.

17 *December 1565.*

Ordanis auld actis and statutis to be keipit and observit, and ordanis the officiariis to be diligent to challenge the brekaris thairof, and the ane half of the regratit vivers for man or hors to be applyit to the chaulanger and the uthir half to the townis wse.

Regrateris.

[*Records awanting from 28th January, 1565-6, to October, 1597, with exceptions mentioned in foot-note.<sup>1</sup>*]

<sup>1</sup>Throughout the greater part of the period embraced in Court Book 1560-6 the practice, which latterly prevailed, of having the proceedings of the burgh court and those of the town council recorded in separate books, was in operation to a certain extent. A few detached leaves of what appears to have been

a record of town council transactions in the years 1561-3, along with similar leaves from a record in 1594-7, were discovered while the "Charters and Documents" were being prepared for publication, and extracts from them were given in an appendix to that volume.

6 May 1589.

Letter from  
the King,  
convention of  
estates. [From  
original.]

To our traist freindis, the provest, baillies and counsell, of our burgh of Striveling. Traist freindis, we greit yow hertlie weill. The conventioun of our estaittis quhilk we appointed to haif bene in this burgh the xxiiij day of this last Aprile being thortourit and deserted be the intervening of this lait insurrection in the North, and the occatiounis quhilk movit it at that time yit resting to be treated and resolvit upoun be the advise of our estaittis, we haif thairfoir appointed a new conventioun thair of in this said burgh upoun the xxj day of this said moneth; desyring you right eirnestly to haif your commissioner present with us the saidis day and place to concur with his advise in sic things as salbe oppynit and communicat unto him at his cuming, as ye will do us acceptable and thankfull service. Thus we commit you to God. From Edinburgh, this sext of May, 1589.—JAMES R.

1 April 1592.

South bray,  
belonging to  
hospital,  
feued to  
James Monteithe.

It is contractit and finallie agreit betuix the honorable pairteis following, to wit, the bailleis and counsell of the burght of Striviling, takand the burding upoun thame for the pure of the hospitall of the said burght, heritable proprietares of the bray underwrettin, on the ane parte, and James Monteithe of Randifurde on the uther parte, in maner, forme and effect as efter followes, that is to say, forsamekle as the said James hes presentlie at the making heiroyf payit and delyverit to the said bailleis and counsell, in name and behalf of the pure of the hospitall, the soume of aucht scoir merk usuall money of this realme; [therefore they, with consent of the bailies and council as superiors, bound themselves to grant a feu charter to James Monteithe] of the bray callit the South Bray of the said burght, presentlie possessit be the maisteris of the said hospitall, lyand betuix the wall of the hanyng of Dame Annabell Murray, countes of Mar, on the west, the dyk of the kirk yarde, the bak tenement and yaird dyk of Robert Auchmoutie, Johne Bruce of Auchenbowie, Adame Spittell of Blairlogye, and sua furth as the commoun dyk of the said burght passis to the Grayfreir dyk, upoun the north, the dyk that passis fra the said Grayfreir dyk to James Watsones barne yaird on the eist, the dyk that devydis the said bray fra the Rude croft and the said James Watsones dyk on the south pairtes. Quhilk charter sall contene thir heidis and claussis following:— In the first, that it sall nocht be lesome to the said James to mak ony divi-

sioun of the said bray, nether be setting of tak nor few thairrof, bot that the samyn sall remane haill and togidder as it is presentlie; nor it sall nocht be lesom to the said James to mak alienatioun of the said bray in haill nor in pairte to na persone nor persones bot to the nyctbour burgessis and indue-laris of the said burgh, be the speciall advyse and consent of the said baillies and counsell for the tyme had thairto. Farder, it sall nocht be lesome to the said James nor na uther persone to quhome he sall mak dispositioun, be the advyse of the said bailleis and counsell, to mak ony planting of wod and treis thairin, bot onlie ane gang about the samyn as the marche passis about the said bray. And farder, it is agreit be the saidis bailleis and counsell that na bak yett be maid nor yit haldin opin upoun the south wall of the said burgh, quhilk is the north merche of the said bray, within the boundis thairrof, bot that the passage to the samyn salbe maid throw the kirk yairde of the said burght, entrand at the yet thairrof, quhilk passage sall serve for laboring of the said bray at all seasons neidfull, and the said James and his foirsaidis to be infest thairin as passage commoun to the said bray; as lykwayes, gif it sall please the baillies and counsell of the said burgh the samyn lykwayes to be passage to serve the said burgh and other thair nyctbouris for doing thair lesome bissines under the said bray at all tymes that thay sall have to do. Mairatour, the said few charter to contene the payment yeirlie to the pure of the said hospitall of the soume of fyve merk usuall money of this realme . . . with the doubling thairrof at the entrie of ilk air or aires thairto. . . .

South bray,  
belonging to  
hospital,  
feued to  
James Mon-  
teithe.

### 3 May 1594.

To our traist freindis the provest, baillies, and counsale of our burgh of Striviling. Traist freindis, we greit yow hertlie weill. Haveing resolved the halding forward of our parliament the xxvij day of this instant, for the mair substantieus ordour to be taikin thairin it is fund expedient that our estaittis be convenit the xxv day immediatlie preceeding, quhilk hes gevin ws occasione earnestlie to desire yow that ye failt nocht (all excussis set a pairt) to direct your commissioneris heir towardis ws the said day preceislie, quhen we luik assuritlie for thair presence instructit speciallie with thair best advise and opinioun anent the imployment of sum noble men and utheris for renewing and confermeing of the maist antient league sett down and inviolablie observit betuix our vmquhile predicessouris of worthey memorie and the Kingis of

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France, quhair of the perticuleris salbe oppynnit up to tham at meitting. Sa, nocht doubting of ther preceisly keiping of that dyet, as ye will kith your zeall toward the effectuating of materis importing sa heichlie to religioun, the weill and suirtie of our awin persone and the haill estait, and will do ws thankfull plesour and service, we commit yow to Goddis protectioun. From Edinburgh, the third day of May, 1594.—JAMES, R.

16 September 1597.

Letter from  
the King as  
to a wiche.  
[From  
original.]

REX. Provest and baillies of the burght of Sterling: We greit you wele. It is our will and we command you that ye fail not (all excuses set apart) to send to ws to Linlythqw, upoun Tyisday nixt, . . . , prickat wiche, presentlie in your waird, that scho may be reddy thair that nycht at evin attending our cuming for hir tryell in that depositioun scho hes maid aganis Capitane Herring and his wyffe and for our bettir resolutioun of the treuth thair of: As ye will ansuerto us upoun your offices and obedience, keipand thir presentis for your warrand. Subscrivit with our hand, at Falkland, the xvj daye of September, 1597.—JAMES R.

10 November 1597.

The watter of  
Forth.

The watter of Forthe sett to Gawane Carnis, baxter, for xxv li., with provi-  
tion that he observe the actis anent the inputting and owtputting of the nettis according to the former actis; and siclyk that na unfremane he receave as pertinere with him in that caus, under the pane of tinsale of his fredome, and payment of the soume of fourtie pundis by and attour the said tynsale of his fredome.

26 December 1597.

Anent peckis.

The provest, bailleis and counsale, being in counsale hous convenit, the counsale ordanis John Miller, baillie, Jhone Hendersone, baxter, William Gillespy, maltman, Walter Cowane, dene of gild, and Robert Robertson alias Tennent, convener, to sie the peckis justit with the firlettis, and thame to be maid equale, and to convene to that effect betuix and this day aucht dayis.

Anent the  
knok stepall.

The counsale ordanis the thesaurer to tak ordour with the stipall of the tolbuyth quhair the knok is, and to repair the same accordinglie.

Grammer  
scule; Pater-  
sonis yaill and  
tofall.

And siclyck, to beit the grammer scule; and to tak sex honest nychtbouris with him and sie the end of the tofall betuix the kirk and Patersonis yaill, and to reforme the same as neid beis.

6 February 1597-8.

The counsall ordanis the deane of gild to conveyne his brethereine, and the convener to conveyne his deaconis, and to sett down stenteris with all diligence for this present stent, stenting and collecting thair of within this brucht for the pairt of the samyne, viz., the soume of fyve hundrethe xliij pondis x s. ij d. monie, and that betuix and the xiiij of this instant.

Anent the  
stent.

27 February 1597-8.

In presens of the bailleis and counsall, Andro Hendersoun is enterit in burges and gild, hes suorne, and sall pay tuentie pond becaus he hes mareit ane gild brotheris dochter.

Hendersoun,  
burges and  
gild.

18 April 1598.

James Wallace band and obleist him, his airis, executouris and assigneis, to produce ane bell of fine silver wyand twa unce and ane half, and schaw the samin to the magistratis aucht dayis befor Paix, quhilk bell salbe deliverit to ony of the magistratis on Paix Tysday, and failyeing of deliverance to pay twentie pundis to the magistrattis of the towne of Striviling.

Silver bell.

1 May 1598.

Walter Neische of Wester Dubbettis, baillie, is appointit commissioner for production of the tounes rychtis in Edinburgh the xv day of Maij instant, befoire the commissioneris appointit to that effect, and ordanis Jhone Muschett to pas with him.

Commission-  
eris, evidentis  
of the tounes.

The counsall hes ordanit the thesaurer to satisfie the ministeris thrie bolls maill restand as yit unpayit, and that of the first burges fyne.

Anent the  
minister.

29 May 1598.

The bailleis and counsale hes electit, nominat and chosin, Andro Buchannane, shiref clerk of Striviling, in clerk of this burght, during thair will, quhill Michaelmes, quha hes suorne *more solito*, and thairupon askit act. . . And the said Andro sall caus advise all questionable processis of the said burght, upon his awin expenssis, during the tyme of his service.

Andro  
Buchanan  
admitted in  
clerk.

4 September 1598.

Walter Cowan is nominat commissioner to pas to Edinburgh the vij of September, conform to the lettere direct thairanent, and for evacuing of the unlaw continit thairintill, for directing ane commissioner to France.

Commis-  
sioner.

Actis of parliament.

Walter Neische producit the actis of parliament, quhilkis coist aucht poind, and ordanit the thesaurer to repay the samin to him.<sup>1</sup>

Trubling a bailie.

James Mitchel, being adiugeit for trubling of Johne Myller, bailye, conforme to his complaint, is amerciate thairintill and decernit to pey fyve poindis presentlie, and to do his homage as the counsal hes decernit; and gif the said James be convict in the lyk, to be decernit to have tynt his fredome and libertie within brugh. As alswa his wyf, being with bairne, is oursein for hir sclanders, bot gif scho do the lyk, to be puneist with all rigour.

Minister, parsonage teinds.

The haill counsall having consideratioune that forasmeikill as Archebauld Alexander, Walter Neische, Johne Miller, and James Schort, bailleis and conburgessis in Striviling, cautioneris and souerteis for maister Patrik Sympsone, minister, ar becummin bundin and obleist for thame, thair airis, executouris and assigniis, coniunctlie and severallie, to redelyver and repaye to Alexander, maister of Elphingstoun, and to Alexander Elphingstone, his eldest sone, the soume of thrie hundrethe poundis guid and usual monye of this realme, addebtit to the said maister Patrick out of the personadge of Striviling of the termes of Witsonday [1597 and 1598], and that in caice it sal happin the teind schavis of the said paroche kirk of Stirling to be evictit and fund lauchfullie redemit fra the saidis Alexander maister of Elphingstoun and his said sone of the termes foirsaidis be Johne erle of Mar, assignay lauchfullie constitute to the redemptione of the samyne; [therefore they, the town council, bound themselves to relieve the obligatants of the consequences of their undertaking].

9 October 1598.

Walter Cowane dene of gild.  
Anent the dene of gild.

The provest, bailleis and counsale, presentlie convenit, findis and declaris the admissioun of Walter Cowane in dene of gild for this yeir to be lauchfull.

The provest, bailleis and counsale, understandand and considderand the truble and inconvenient that is lyk to fall furth within this burght be the electioun of Normond Blakwod in dene of gild, quha usis and usurpis the office thair of, thairfoir, for eschewing of farder truble and commotioun, it is

<sup>1</sup>Skene's edition of the acts of parliament 1424-1598 was published about this time. By an act, dated 29th June, 1598, the convention of estates remitted to the lords of session to enforce the purchase, by all subjects of suffi-

cient "substance and habilitie," of the "actis of parliament imprentit be Mr. Johnne Skene, clerk of register."—Acts of Parliament, 1598, c. 9, vol. iv., p. 165.

statut and ordanit that, be oppin proclamatioun at the mercat croce of this burght, the said Normond and his fortefearis be inhibit and dischargit to hald ony gild court or use the said office fra this furth unto the tyme he be placit and estableshit dene of gild ordourlie, and that he and the remanent gildbrethir ansuer and obey Walter Cowane as dene of gild, quhome thay first electit, and quhais admissioun is fund lauchfull be the counsale heir present; and gif thay or ony of thame do in the contrair, to be punishit with all rigour.

Anent the  
dene of gild.

13 October 1598.

Johnn Adamsone, notar, wes creat clerk deput undir Androw Buchannan, in his absens to serve the burgh of Striviling, quha being suorne maid fayth to use the same lelellie and treulie quhill he be dischargit.

John Adam-  
sone, clerk  
depute.

The provest and bailleis of the said burgh, for making of the statuttis and prycis of the victuellis, vivers and utheris particularie eftir specifeit, this present yeir, quhill fardir ordour be tane, hes electit, nominat, and choisin the personis of inqueist following for declaring of the samyn, thay ar to say:— Robert Allexander, merchand; Johnn Donaldson, merchand; Andro Lowrie, merchand; Duncan Patirson, merchand; Johnne Sinclaire; Robert Robieson, peudrar; Johnn Merschell, litster; Johnn Henderson, baxter; William Edmen, baxter; Alexander Robiesone, fleschour; George Forrester in Schiphauch; James Crystie in Corntoun; Andro Fergusson, cordinar; James Steinson, maltman; Duncan Murieson, maltman.

Statuttis and  
prycis.

Nomina  
inquisitionis.

Quhilkis personis of inqueist compeirand personallie, being suorne and admitit, all in ane voice declairit that ilk boll of malt may be sauld for vj li. money the boll; the pynt of aill for tuelff pennyis, guid and sufficient; and that thair be ane man of ilk quarter of the said burgh choisin to visie the said aill anent the sufficiencie thairoff, and in cais the sam be fund nocht wordie of the said xij d. ilk pynt thairof, ane barrell thairof to be delt to the puir and that ilk boll of quheit be sauld for nyn pundis the boll.

Malt, aill,  
quheit.

And that the laiff of quheit breid, guid and sufficient stuff, being fourtein vnces of wecht, be sauld for xij d.; and in cais, heireftir, that the sam may be sauld bettir chaip or darrer nor the said xij d. ilk fourtein vncis of quheit breid, the said inqueist consentis that the counsall declair thairanent as thay think expedient.

Breid.

And ilk stane of sufficient tauch, being tron wecht, be sauld for threttie

Tauch,  
candill.

**Tauch, candill.** tua schillingis, and ilk pund of maid candill of trois vecht, sufficient coverit with tauche, be sauld for tua schillingis, and to be sichtit be the bailleis and magistrattis of this burgh.

**Aittis, stray, &c.** And ilk boll of kars aittis be sauld for thrie pundis; and ilk boll of dryfeild aitis for fourtie schillingis. And ilk xxiiij houris hors stray, stabill fie, and candill, tua schillingis.

**Hukstaris, kaikbaxteris.** And that na hukstarris nor kaikbaxteris by ony maill befor allevin houris, and that ordour be tane with thame be the magistrattis how money thai may baik of everie pect of maill and of quhat quantitie and wecht thai may be. Nor that na hukstarris nor kaikbaxteris by ony butter or cheis on the mercat day to sell agane befor ten houris.

**Maltmen.** And that na outtintounis maltmen by ony beir in the mercat in tym cuming befor allevin houris befor none, and that it sal be lesum to the maltman of this burgh to by beir at ten houris befor none in the said mercat.

**Coparis, forstallaris.** And that na coparis nor forstallaris by ony kynd of vivors befor ten houris on the mercat day.

The said inqueist ordanis the bailyeis and magistrattis to tak ordour with the copparis and foirstallaris of hering and utheris fischis.

**Statutis ratified.** Unto the quhilkis ordinancis and statuttis, maid be the said personis of inqueist in maner forsaid, the saidis provest and balyeis consentit thairto, and interponis thair auctoritie thairto, and ordanis the same to be obeyit, fulfillit and observit in all poyntis, with certificatioun to thame and ather of thame that salhappin to contravein the premissis, or ony pairt thairof, thai sall pay the sowm of fyff pundis usuell money of this realm *toties quoties*; and ordanis publicatioun to be maid of the samyn at the mercat cros of this burgh as efferis, to the effect na person or personis pretend ignorans heiroff.

19 October 1598.

**Linlithgow furlott and peck.**

Duncan Patirson, merchand, and Robert Robiesone, convenar, wes electit, nominat and choisin, be the provest, bailyeis, and counsell, to pas to Linlithgow on the xx day of October instant, and to tak with tham ane furlott and ane pect, thair to be met and mesourit be the bailyeis of the said burgh of Linlithgow with thair just furlott and pect, and that conforme to our Soverane Lordis ordinance maid thairupoun, and to report bak agane fra the saidis bailyeis of Lynlithgow ane sufficient testimoniall thairupoun.

1 *January* 1598-9.

The counsall statut and ordanit the bailyeis to tak ordour with the mercat of Airthe, and to direct the Kingis Majesties letteres and thair commission to Edinburgh to the provest to be advysit be him and men of law thair. Anent Airth  
mercat.

The baillies and counsall ordanis the haill entressis of burgessis within this burgh that salhappin to be enterit befor Michalmis nixtocum salbe uplifit and intromettit with be Walter Cowan, to be wairit and bestowit be him for the beitting and mending of the calsay that passis to the hewin of Sterling, except the sowm of tuenty pundis money, quhilk thay consent be gewin to Archibald Alsunder as debursit be him of befor. Anent the  
calsay.

12 *January* 1598-9.

The new custoume grantit be the Kingis Maiestie to the provest and bailleis of this burgh for beitting and repairing of the brig thair of and calsay adiacent thairto is set to Williame Soirlie, in the Quhynnis, and Williame Thomsons, thair, equalie betuix thame, quhill the terme of Mertymes nixtocum, for payment to the thesaurar of this burgh of the soume of fourtie pundis money.<sup>1</sup> Provyding that thay sall not extors ony our Soverane Lordis liegis be taking of griter custoum of leidis or guidis nor is presentlie set down be the baillies and salbe affixit upon the brig and port. New cus-  
toume.

5 *March* 1598-9.

It is statut and ordanit be the saidis bailleis and counsall that na person or personis presum or tak on hand to build, edifie or big, ony hous or work within this burgh or territorie thair of, in ony tym cuming, without the adwyse and consent of the counsall of the said burgh haid thairto, undir the pan of tuenty pundis money to be payit be ony person or personis contravenand the samyn, *toties quoties*, to the commoun guid of the said burgh. Buildings.

<sup>1</sup>By an act of the convention of royal burghs, dated 4th July, 1598, the burgh of Stirling were authorised "to impetrat of our Souerane lord, for the space of thre yeiris nixt following the dait heirof, ane gift of the import for uphalding and repairing of thair calsay and brig,

that is to say, of ilk laid passand alongis the said brig, unfremen four penneis, fremen tua penneis; and of ilk kow, ox or hors cummand to be sauld tua penneis; and of ilk score schap four penneis." The intended application seems to have succeeded.—Conv. Rec., vol. ii., p. 36.

11 *June* 1599.

Act anent  
c. li. to be  
borrowit to  
the minister.

The counsall ordanis and concludis that thair be borowit the sowm of ane hundrethe pundis, for profett, till Mertimes nixtocum, quhair the sam may be best gottin, to be gewin to thair minister for the Witsonday terme last bipast, as in pairt of payment of his stipend of the crop and yeir of God j<sup>m</sup> v<sup>c</sup> lxxx nyntein yeiris, quhill the teyndis of the paroche kirk of Striviling of the said crop pertening to the teynd parsonage be gottin in to pay the same.

23 *July* 1599.

Johnn  
Scherar,  
commis-  
sionar.

The counsall ordanis Johnn Scherar to pas to Falkland, as thair commissionar, agane the xxvij day of Julij instant, and thair to convey his Maiestie and remanent commissionaris of burrowis for intreitting of sic effairis as his Maiestie sall have to do, and specialie anent ordour taking with the West Bordouris, conforme to his Hienes lettre.

30 *July* 1599.

Anent the  
wapinschaw-  
ing.

Forsamekill as thair is ane generall wapinschawing appointit be the Kingis Maiestie to be haldin on the sext day of August nixtocum, in this haill realm, and for obeydiance the counsall hev ordanit ane wapinschawing to be haldin in this burght on the said day, and thairfor ordanis the haill burgessis and inhabitantis within the samyn burgh to be in reddines in thair armour according to his Maiesties command, and that na person or personis invaid nor trubill wtheris be schottis or wtherways on the said day, undir the pane of deid quha contravenis the samyn.

8 *October* 1599.

Anent the  
pulpit.

The haill counsall ordanis thair maistir of work to renew the grein clayth on the edge of the pulpet quhair the minister preichis, quhilk is worne, and to decoir the same as it wes of befor, and ordanis the thesaurar to satisfie thairfor.

19 *October* 1599.

Anent the  
minister.

The counsall ordanis the thesaurar to pay to thair minister the sowm of xx li., and als ordanis him to pay for tua mairtis to the said minister.

Anent the  
stoupis.

The counsall hes condiscendit and gewin expres command to Robert Robertstone, peudrar, being present at counsall, that all stoupis, sic as quartis,

pyntis, chopines, to be maid be him heireftir, sal be agriabill in mesour to the jug and stampit with the townis stamp, and that the pluik be benethe the mouth of ilk stoup as followis, to wit, of the quart stoup and pynt stoup ane inche, and of ilk chopein stoup half ane inch, and that he present the stamp to the counsall yeirlie.

Anent the  
stoupis.

24 October 1599.

The counsall, being present, agreit that Archibald Alschunder, Walter Neische, William Edmond, and Johnn Hendersone, convenar, pas to Patrik Innes, servitour to maister Johnn Skeyn, clerk of register, and to apoynt and agrie with him in bying of sua mony buikis of the actis of parliament, for the weill of the inhabitantis of the said burcht, as they may guidlie get don at his handis.

Anent the  
actis of par-  
liament.

5 November 1599.

The baillies and counsall, haifing dew regaird and consideratione of the estait of maister Patrick Simpson, thair minister, quha haifing regraitit to thame quhat fachrie he hes haid in tymes bipast in craiffing of his stipend, and how the charge thairof hes bein ane occasion to withdraw him fra his studie, thairfoir thai have, all in ane voice, appoyntit William Edmond, baillie, to mak him payment of his stipend for this present yeir to cum, extending to the sowm of fyff hundrethe merkis money, quarterlie, as he craiffit, at four severall tymes viz. Martimes, Candilmes, Witsonday and Lambes, beginnand the first quarter thairof at Mertimes nixtocum. And quhatsumeuer entres or lois the said William salhappin to incur in his behalff be advancing of money befor the ordinar stipend appointit may be collectit, or vtherwayis, the haill baillies and counsall bindis and oblissis tham to warrand and releiff the said William thairof, and to repay the samyn to him, as alsua to concur and assist with him in execution of this guid caus tending to the weill of the haill town.

Anent the  
minister.

7 December 1599.

The counsall concludit and ordanit James Hendirson, son of James Hendirson, baxter, burges in Striviling, for dissobeydiance of the ordinance of the kirk and for dysobeydiance of the magistrattis of the said burght, and for injureing of thame with drawin wapines, to pay the sowm of ten pundis money, and to cum to the mercat cros of the said burght and thair opinlie to confes his faultis in dissobeying of the said kirk and

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magistrattis, quhen he sall be requyrit; and failyeing thairof, to be banissit furth of this burgh and territorie thairof, and to remain furth of the same for the space of thrie yeris, and incais he tak himself to banischment conform to the said ordinance, and beis fundin within this burght in ony tym within the said space, he sall pay, *toties quoties*, he sall be apprehendit the sowm of x li.

And lykwayis ordanis James Wallace, notar, to pas to the said mercat cros quhen he sall be requyrit, and thair opinlie to confes and grant that he hes don greit wrang and injurit John Paterson, bailie, in jugement, he being in the Kingis Majesties place, and also to pay fyve pundis of unlaw.

20 *February* 1600.

Anent the  
winschel-  
hauch.

The baillies and counsall of the said burgh, convenit this day, findis that Robert Allexander, merchand, hes dispossessit thair liberties in teilling down of ane part of thair libertie of the peice land lyand besyd the Winschelhauch, appointit for drying of the fischaris nettis repairing thair, quhairof thaj war in possession within certan merchis quhilk war set thairintill; tharfor, all in ane voice, condescendis that the merchis raisit be the said Robert in the saidis landis salbe set in agane, and all the boundis betuix that and the walter of Forthe be keipit in commontie as it wes past memor of man, and usit be the fischaris in drying of thair nettis, ay and quhill thaj be callit and lauchfullie put thairfra be the law; and to this effect that the haille town pas and lay ouer the ground agane newlie revin out within the boundis forsaidis, to the effect abon writtin, and thaj to be warnit be the sound of drum; and ordanis the said Robert Alexander to be warnit to compeir to ansuer for contravening of the former act maid heiranent.

29 *February* 1600.

Anent the  
minister.

The counsall ordanis the first tua entressis of burgessis and gild that salhappin to be enterit in this burgh to be gewin to maister Patrik Simpstone, thair minister, for releiffing of him of sum dettis awand be him.

21 *July* 1600.

Robert  
Forester gif-  
ing 1 merkis  
to the hospi-  
tall.

Comperit Robert Forrester of Boquhan and delyverit and frielie gaiff to Johnn Gawie, ane of the maistiris of the hospitall, the sowm of fiftie merkis, to be wairit, imployit, and laid on land for yeirlye annuelrent to be gottin thair-

foir, to the utilitie and commoditie of the hospitall of the said burgh and pair being thairintill, present and to cum, be the advyse of the provest, baillies and counsall of this burgh, and that for the zeill, favour and gud will, quhilk the said Robert Forrester hes and beiris to this burght and pair of the said hospittall.

Robert  
Forester gif-  
ing 1 merkis  
to the hospi-  
tall.

The counsall present, with advyse and consent of sindrie utheris honest nychtbouris inhabitantis in the said burghe, is content and consentit that thair libertie be menteinit and summondis of reducioun raisit at thair instancis for reducioun of the rychtis maid and grantit be our Soveran lord to the townis of Airth and Falkirk, in prejudice of the liberties of this burght, and thairefter electit and cheisit, the maist pairt of tham, that Archibald Alsunder, dene of gild, and Johne Hendirson, convenar, sall pas to Edinburgh to caus with all diligens lybell ane summonds of reducioun. And the haill craftmen dissasentit fra directing of ony commissioner to the effect for-said except ane craftisman be direct commissioner, in all tym cuming, for this burght, with ane uther commissioner, and thairwpon thaj tuik instrument.

Airth and  
Falkirk.

20 August 1600.

The counsall ordanis the thesaurar to pay to Walter Neische the sowm of fourtie pundis, debursit be him for ane unlaw for his non compeirance befor the lordis of chekkar to mak the comptis of this burght at the day appointit.

Chekkar,  
comptis.

15 September 1600.

The baillies and counsall hes electit and nominate Johne Williamson, schereff clerk of Striviling, in commoun clerk and nychtbour of the said burgh, in place of umquhile Andro Buchannan, last clerk and possessour of the said office, for the space of ane yeir nixtocum. . . . And the said Johnne sall caus advyse all questionable processis upoun his expenssis that sall occur within the said burgh during the tyme of his said service.

Commoun  
clerk.

24 September 1600.

The baillies and counsall, present, nominates and appointis Archiball Allane, merchand, and Johnne Henrysoun, convenare, commissionares to pas to Edinburgh, with all diligence, and thair, be advyse of men of law and jugement, to caus libell and rais ane summond of reducioun at the instance of the provest, baillies, counsall, deacones of craft, and haill commounitie of the said burgh, for annulling the richtis and erectiones of the tounes of Falkirk and Airth.

Falkirk and  
Airth.

3 December 1600.

Gowrye's leg  
and arm.

Johnne Broun, induellare of the Cannogait, producit and gaif in the lettre undirwrittin, quhair of the tennour followis:—

REX.: Provest and baillies of our burgh of Striveling. It is our will that ye ressave heirwith tua quarteris of the lait erle of Gowry and his brother, our declairit traitouris, and caus thame be sett up on the maist eminent and usuall places within your toun, according to the dome pronuncet aganest thame be the thrie estaittis, quhairanent this salbe a sufficient warrand to yow. Subscrivit with our hand at Haliruidhous the xxvij day of November 1600. *Sic subscribitur*: JAMES, Rex. And siclike, the said Johnne Broun deliverit to the saidis baillies the saidis tua quarteris of the fairsaid vmquhile Erle of Gowry and his said brother. For obedience of the command of the quhilkis letteres, the saidis baillies and counsall ordinit the saidis tua quarteris of the said umquhile [erle of Gowry and his] brother to be sett up on the stipell of the tolbuith of the said burgh as the maist eminent place within the same.

Robert  
Seytoun,  
burges and  
gild brother.

Robert Seytoun, brother to the laird of Touche, is enterit to the libertie and fredome of ane burges and gild brother of this burgh, quha maid faith *more solito*; and that frelie, without any compositione payet or to be payed be him thairfoir, inrespect of the grite panes and travellis tane be the said Robert in the beitting and repairing of the brig of Tullibody, quhilk he undertuik at desyre of the baillies and counsall of the said burgh.

20 December 1600.

Commis-  
sioners to  
Perth.

The baillies and counsall convenit, voites, nominates and apointis, Archibald Alschunder and Williame Edmond, baillies, with all diligence, to pas to the burgh of Perth and thair eirnestlie to insist and deale with the provest, baillies and counsall thairof, for the len and use of the commoun charter and evident granted to the merchandis and inhabitantis of the haill frie burghis of this realme be King David the [Second<sup>1</sup>], quhilk is of the dait the [28 March, 1364<sup>1</sup>], to the effect the said evident may be producit and used befor the lordis of sessioun in the actioun and caus of susspensioun persewit

<sup>1</sup>In the record blanks are left here. A copy of the Convention of Royal Burghs, vol. i., of the charter referred to is printed in Records pp. 536-40.

be the induellaris of the villages of Falkirk and Airth aganes the provest, baillies, and counsall of the said burgh of Striveling, concerning the lait erectiones of the saidis villages in burghis of baronie. Commis-  
sioners to  
Perth.

25 December 1600.

Archibald Alschunder and Williame Edmond, for reporte of the commissioun gevin to thame upoun the xx day of December instant, producet and deliverit to James Schorte, deane of gild, and George Norwell, thesaurare, in name of the haill counsall, the commoun charter and evident grantet be King David the [Second] to the haill merchandis of frie burghis within this realme, quhilk wes in the handis and custodie of the provest, baillies, and counsall of the burgh of Perth, fra quhome the saidis commissioneris, in name and behalf foirsaidis, hes borrowit and resavit the same, for the caus and effect specifeit in the said commissioun, off the quhilk charter and evident the saidis James Schorte and George Norwell, in name and behalf of the said counsall, grantis the ressait fra the saidis commissioneris, and discharges thame thair of for ever, in respect the saidis Archibald Alschunder and William Edmond ar bund and obleist to redeliuer the said evident agane to the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall of the said burgh of Perth, betuix and the last day of Februar nixtocum. Sanct  
Johnstones  
evident.

28 January 1601.

[The baillies and counsall, "Robert Forestare of Boquhane, ald provest," and seven others,] being convenit in the counsalhous of the said burgh to confer and intreate upoun the commoun effairis of the said burgh, all in ane voce, for thair awin pairtis, voitit and concludet to prosecute and defend the actioun and caus persewit and depending befor the lordis of counsall at the instance of the inhabitantes of the villages of Falkirk and Airth aganes the provest, baillies, and commountie of the said burgh, anent the erectiones of the saidis villages in burghes of baronie; and for that effect the saidis baillies, counsall, and deacones of craft, and uther persones foirsaidis, agreit, votet and concludet, all in ane voce, for thair awin pairtes, to provyde, lift and uptak the soume of tua hundreth pundis money as the samyn may be maist convenientlie had, viz., that the saidis foure baillies, upoun thair awin obligatione, borrow the said soume of tua hundreth pundis for profite quhair it may be had, quhill the feist and terme of Witsonday nixtocum, to be deliverit be thame to the com- Falkirk and  
Airth.

**Falkirk and Airth.** missioneris of the said burgh as salbe apointit for defence of the said caus; [of which personal obligation the four bailies are to be relieved out of the common good.]

**Commissioun to the presbiterie.** The saidis baillies and counsall gevis power and commissioun to the moderator and remanent brether of the presbyterie of Striviling, for the better provissiou of ane secund minister within the said burgh, to travell with Sir Thomas Erskene of Gogare, knicht, for the dispositione of his richt, title and kyndnes, of the burrow mylnes of this burgh, upoun the conditiones offired be him to thame of befoir.

28 *April* 1601.

**Winschelhauch.** Anent the merche stanes laitlie revin up be Robert Alschunder betuix the landis of Winschelhauche perteing to the said Robert, on the ane pairte, and the schoir rowme of the cobill fisching of this burgh be west the brig, on the uthir pairte, quhairby the said Robert thinkis to appropriate the said schoir rowme to his saidis landis of Winschelhauche, and sua to mak the said fisching altogidder unprofittable to this burgh, notwithstanding that the provest, baillies, and counsall of this burgh, and thair fischeares in thair names hes bene in possessioun of the said schoir rowme thir mony yeiris bygane past memorie of man; the baillies and counsall convenit, being weill and ryplie avysit thairanent, decernis and ordinis that, with all diligence, the saidis merche stanes be of new inpute agane betuix the saidis landis of Winschelhauche and the said schoir rowme of the cobill fisching of this burgh, quhair they wer of befoir, and for that effect ordinis the haill inhabitantis of this burgh to be warnit this day eftir none, be sweshe or bell, to accompany the saidis baillies and counsall in setting and placeing of the saidis stanes agane in maner foirsaidis.

1 *May* 1601.

**Winschelhauche.** The baillies and counsall, convenit, nominates and apointis Archibald Allane, younger, commissionare to pas to Edinburgh, for finding caution, souirtie, and lauborrous, actit in the buikis of counsall and sessioun, for Williame Foirlie [and others] contenit in the letteres of lauborrowis raised and execute be Robert Alschundir aganes thame for his indempnitie. . . . [And also] to raise ane summondis of contraventioun aganes the said Robert Alschundir for altering and raising of the merche stanes betuix the landis of Winschelhauche and the fisching shoir rowme of this burgh be west the brig.

5 *May* 1601.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, ordinis tua sufficient, apt and qualifeit doctouris, to be provydet to the grammer scole of this burgh, for the bettir instructioun of the youthe thairof; and continues the provisioun of thair fies and sustentatione, with the rest of the ordour requisite to be had for reformatione of the said grammer scole, unto the aughtene day of Maij instant.

Doctor to the  
grammer  
schole.

16 *September* 1601.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, for eschewing and preventing of all farder trouble and inquietnes of this burgh betuix the baxteris and maltmen thairof, ordinis the persones underwritin, alswell of the baxteris as of the maltmen, to be charget, with all diligence, to enter thair persones in waird within the tolbuith of this burgh, and to remane thairintill, upoun thair awin expenssis, ay and quhile they becum actit and obleist in the commoun buikis of this burgh, ilk ane for thair awin pairtes, viz., the saidis persones of the baxteris for thame selfis and for the remanent baxteris of this burgh, baith maisteris, prentessis, and servandes, and the saidis persones of the maltmen for thame selfis and for the remanent maltmen, baith maisteris, prentessis, and servandis, that ather of the saidis craftis, thair wyffes, bairnes, servandis, assisteris, and pairt takeris, salbe harmeless and skaithles of utheris, and on nawyis to be molestit nor troublit be utheris, nor na utheris of thair causing, sending, hounding out, causing, command, assistance, or ratihabitone, quhome they may stop or lett, directlie or indirectlie, uthirwyis nor be ordour of law and justice, quhill the aughtene day of October nixtocum, under the panes following, viz., ilk maister under the pane of fourtie pundis, and ilk prentes and servand under the pane of tuentie pundis, the ane half thairof to the saidis provest and baillies, and the uther half to the pairty grevit; and gif thair be ony of the saidis baxteris or maltmen, ather maisteris, prentessis, or servandis, for quhome the maisteris following will nocht tak burding nor obleis thame selfis as said is, the saidis baillies and counsall ordinis thair names to be gevin up to thame, that thairefter they may be apprehendit and put in waird thame selfis, to remane thairintill ay and quhill they find cautione and souertie for thame selfis in maner and to the effect fairsaidis. Followis the names of the saidis maisteris:—For the baxteris, Andro Andersone, James Archibald, James Michell Christopher Cairnes, Robert Waird

Baiksteris  
and maltmen.

Baiksteris and maltmen. and Alexander Robesoun; for the maltmen, James Stenesoun, Walter Muresoun, Johnne Layng abone the porte, Duncane Patersone, James Thomesoun and Alexander Thomesoun.

18 *December* 1601.

Glasgw, plaig. Nominates and apointis James Schort commissioner to pas and visie the toun of Glasgw, and to reporte the trew estait thair of anent the present plaig of pest and pestilence quhairwith the said toun is infected.

21 *December* 1601.

For the pest. The baillies and counsall convenit, findis it neidfull and expedient that fra this furth the barres yett, the burrow mylne, the brig yett, Balnageich and the plane treis, be daylie keipit and attendit on be the nychtbouris and inhabitantes of this burgh as followis, viz., be tua persones daylie at the barres yett, tua at the burrow mylne, ane at the brig yett, ane uther at Balnageich, and ane uther at the plane treis, and that na straingeris be sufferit to haif acces or entrie at the saidis passages without sufficient testimoniallis; and gif ony testimoniall cum fra Glasgw, the baillies and counsall discharges the keipares of the saidis portes and passages to ressave ony of the saidis testimoniallis fra Glasgw, or fra ony uther suspect place unto the tyme the baillie of the quarter be first advertesed; and siclik, the saidis baillies and counsall nominates and apointes the persones following to be quarter maisteris and adjonit to the baillies for thair help and ease in viseing and attending on the saidis portes and passages, and utherwyis to tak heid and advert so far as in thame lyis that na infectioun of the present plaig of pest arryse within this burgh, that is to say [two persons for each quarter]; and that the saidis portes and passages be keipit quarterlie about as it is begun alreddy.

11 *January* 1602.

For conven- ing of the counsall. The baillies and counsall, convenit, statutes and ordinis that fra this furthe gif ony persoun of the counsall, ather baillie, merchand, or craftisman, convene nocht preceislie within the counsalhous at the houre apointit to the quhilk they salhapin to be warnit, ilk persoun absent and nocht compeirand at the apointit houre as said is, sall pay ane unlaw of tua schillingis, to be unforgevin, and putt in ane box and keipit and maid furthcumand be the clerk to the provest, baillies and counsall.

13 *January* 1602.

The baillies and counsall findis and concludes that thair be ane stent of the soume of fiftie pundis ten s. raisit and upliftit of the inhabitantes of this burgh, according to the accustomed ordour, and that for releif of certane the tounes necessar effairis, speciallie anent the mater of the claith making, and that the said soume be upliftit with all diligence.

10 *May* 1602.

Walter Cowane, thesaurer, is appointet commissioner to pas to Edinburgh, with power to compt, rekin and tak ordour with the burgh of Edinburgh anent the tounes pairte of the stent raisit of the burrowes for hame bringing of the strangeris.

9 *July* 1602.

The provest and baillies grantes to the toun for biging of thair peir and schoir the unlaues following, viz., [four unlaues, amounting in all to £63 6s. 8d.].

Ordinis the thesaurer to gif the Flemyngis the sowme of twentie foure merkes to by thame tua stane of woll.

Ordinis the thesaurare to be cautione for the Flemyngis hous maillis fra Witsonday last bipast to Witsonday nixtocum, and the toun sall releve the thesaurare of the said cautionerie.

Ordinis the thesaurer to pay fourtie schillingis to James Castellawes wyff for the len of ane hous to the gude wyff of Pannellis bairnes for the ease of the Flemyngis.

20 *August* 1602.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, ordinis tua sufficient, apt, and qualifeit doctouris, to be provydit and placed in the grammer scole of this burgh; and, for thair travellis to be tane be thame thairintill, assignis to everie ane of thame in stipend the soume of tuentie merkis, thairof ten pundis to be payed to ilk ane of thame be the toun, at tua termes in the yeir Witsonday and Mertimes in the winter, be equall portiones, and thrie pundis vj s. viij d. to be payed to ilk ane of thame be the maister of the scole furth of the excres of his scollage mair nor wes first conditionate to him be his contract. And for the saidis doctouris burde and intertenement, ordinis the haill nyctbouris of this burgh quha salhappin to present and haif thair bairnes teachit in the said scole to gif the saidis doctouris daylie burding as it salhappin ordourlie to cum athorte.



The grammer  
scole.

And for the bettir flourishing of the said scole, ordinis all bairns within this burgh exceiding the age of aucht yeiris that ar alreddie or salbe presentit to ony uther scoles within this burgh, or to ony uther landwert scole about the same to the quhilk bairnes gang furth in the morning and thairfra cumes hame at evin, to be removit and alterit furth of the saidis scoles, and presentit and putt to the said grammer scole. And that the maister teache to all bairnes that salbe presentit fra this furth to him the commoun rudimentis professit and teachit in all wther scoles, with Pylossois first pairte of grammer and Ramus Syntax. And for sic bairnes as ar alredie enterit and groundit with Ramus rudimentis, the counsall promittis the said maister to continew and proceid with thame in the teaching of Ramus grammer and haill pairtes thair of as the said maister sall think expedient. And this ordour to continew ay and quhill the generall assemblie of the kirk, or his Maiestie and estaittis, condiscend and agrie upoun ane universall grammer to be teachid throuhout the haill realme. And this act to continew and stand induring the counsallis will.

4 October 1602.

Owirgeiving of  
fredome.

In presens of the baillies and counsall, comperit personallie Johnne Sinclare, commissare of Dunblane, quha declaret that the provest, baillies, and counsall of this burgh for the tyme, frelie ressavit and admittit him to the libertie and fredome of ane burges and gild brother of this burgh, and that he findis the said libertie and fredome to be now unproffitable to him, thairfoir of his awin fre will renuceit and gaif over the same to the saidis baillies and counsall to be used and disponit upon be thame at thair plesour.

15 November 1602.

Abbote of  
Cambuskyn-  
neth and the  
toun.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, ordines Johne Gawie and Alexander Dawsoun, maisteris of the hospitall, to borrow for proffite and annuell the soume of tua hundrethe merkis quhill Witsonday nixtocum, that thairwith the abote of Cambuskenneth may be satisfeit of the byrun maillis acclamit be him fra the toun and for a perpetuall richt thair of to the pure of the said hospitall in tyme cuming, conforme to the decreit arbitrall pronuncet betuix the abote and the toun thairanent.

Grammer  
scole.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, conducet and agreit with maister James Weland, doctour of the grammer scole, to travell in the said

office quhill Witsonday nixtocum, and ordinis the thesaurare to pay him thairfoir the soume of tuentie merkes. And for the said maister James bettir intertenement ordinis ane roll to be maid of all honest mennis hairnes within the scole of quhome the said doctour may gudlie tak his intertenement, and ordinis the parentis of the saidis bairnes the said doctour salbe buirdet to be advertesed be ane baillie, that gif the doctour be neglectit of his intertenement as he salhapin ordourlie to cum athorte, that for ilk dayis buirde quhairof he salhapin to be frustrate thair salbe upliftit sex schillingis aucht penneis of ilk ane of the saidis parentis to be payed to the doctour; and ordinis ane baillie to poynd thairfoir gif neid be. And, siclike, the counsall, with consent of Alexander Yule, maister of the said scole, grantis to the said doctour ten schillingis of scolage of ilk tounes barne, deduceand in payment thairof vj s. viij d. aff the maisteris scollage, sua that fra this furth the said maister sal haif of everie tounes barne tuentie schillingis and the doctour ten schillingis, and thir scollages to be payed quarterlie, begynnand at this Mertimes terme last bipast. And this to continew quhill the said terme of Witsonday nixtocum and langer induring the counsallis will allanerlie.

30 January 1603.

The provest, baillies and counsall, apointis Archibald Alschunder and maister Robert Murray to pas, on Wedinsday nixtocum, to the presbiterie and to crave of thame a command to maister Alexander Greif to desist and ceis fra teching of thame a command to maister Alexander Greif to desist and ceis fra teching of grammer to ony uther bairnes within this burgh nor to the laird of Gardenes awin bairnes, and fra all usurping of the maister of scoles calling thairanent.

Ordinis everie baillie, in thair awin quarter, to assist and concur with the maister of scole in obteneing payment of his scollage with sic summer proces as thay may of law.

31 March 1603.

James Castellaw, Cuthbert Cunyngham, balyeis, and Johnne Williamson, clark, is ordenit to pas commissioneris, or ony of tham, coniunctlie and seueralie, to pas to Edinburgh to intrett, conclud, and consult upon the effairis of the estait of burrowis, becaus of his Maiesteis schortlie remoifing to Ingland to accept the crown thairof, with the remanent commissioneris of burrowis presentlie convenit in Edinburgh to that effect, conform to the missive lettre drect fra the counsall of Edinburgh to this burght.

19 April 1603.

Schoir maill  
and anchor  
age.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, considering the grete decay of thair shoir and heavin upoun the watter of Forthe, and for preventing of the grite inconveniencis that be proces of tyme may arryse thairthrow to the weill of this burgh, thairfoir the saidis baillies and counsall, convenit, representing the haill communitie of this burgh, for thame and thair successouris, ordinis fra this furth that ilk nychtbour and freman within this burgh pay for everie boll of victuall quhilk salhappin to be inbrocht be sey at the schoir and heavin of this burgh, tua penneis of schoir maill; and for ilk barreil of gudis that salhappin to be inbrocht or out sent, tua penneis; ilk daiker of hydes, tua penneis; ilk hundreth shep skynnes, sex penneis; ilk tua hundreth gaitt skynnes, sex pennies; ilk tuentie tod skynnes, sex pennies; ilk thousand lamb skynnes, tuelf penneis; ilk fyve hundreth fute fellis, tuelf penneis; ilk double pak of clayth, tua schillingis; ilk single pak, tuelf penneis; ilk hundreth daillis, tuelf penneis; ilk hundreth single sparris, tuelf penneis; ilk hundreth double sparris, tua schillingis; ilk hundreth knapple, sex penneis; ilk pece of wainscott, ane penny; and ilk hors draucht of all uthir tymmer, ane penny; ilk tun of wyne, sextene penneis; ilk tuentie stane of tallon, sex penneis; ilk leid of bark, ae penny; ilk chalder of lyme, tuelf penneis. And this custome abonewrittin to be doublet upoun all unfremen; and to be upliftit be the collectouris that salhappin to be appointit thairto yeirlie, as followes, viz., tua for the custom and schoir maill of all victuall, tymber, and uther waires that is commoun for all men to by and sell, and uther tua for the custome of all staple gudes quhairwith na unfreman may traffique. And for the better uplifting of the said schoir maill, ordinis the merchandis of all creires and boittis, immediatelie efter thair arryving to the said schoir and heavin, and befoir thair loissing, to enter and gif up befoir ae baillie and the clerk ane trew inventer of the haill gudes that salhappin to be within the saidis schippis, creares, and boittis, to the effect that with the responde of the said inventare, the collectour of the said schoir maill may the better mak compt and rakning of the said collectioun, under the pane of fyve pundis *toties quoties*; and tua schillingis to bepayed to the clerk for ilk entrie be the boitmaister.

27 June 1603.

Wattir of  
Forthe.

Anent the supplicatione gevin be James Duncansoun, redare and vicare of Strivling, concerning the tyme of entrie and af leving of the salmond fisch-

ing in the water of Forthe, and uptaking of maillis and unlaues at the fischeris beiris; the said James being personalie present, on the ane pairt, and William Edmond and Robert Robertsoun als Tennent, watter baillies of the said watter, siclyke personalie present, on the uther pairte, the prouest, baillies and counsall, convenit, being weill and ryplie advyset with the said supplicatione, findis and declaires that the saidis watter baillies hes done wrang in nocht suffering the fischeares of the said watter frelie to haif enterit to the said fisching this last yeir at the ordiner tyme prescrivit thairto be the act of parliament,<sup>1</sup> viz., at Andersmes the last day of November last bipast, and thairfoir ordinis the saidis watter baillies, now present and tocum, to suffer and permit the saidis fischeares frelie to enter to the said salmond fisching in all tyme cuming yeirlie at the said day callit Andersmes day, but payment of ony maill or dewtie to the said watter baillies; and ordinis the saidis watter baillies present and tocum to discharg and stay all fischeares within the tounes fredome fra all furder fisching yeirlie with the fiftene day of August, callit of ald the Assumptioun of our Ladie, under the panes contenit in the actis of parliament; and ordinis the saidis watter baillies present and tocum to do thair exact diligence yeirlie in putting of our Soverane lordis actis of parliament concerning the Settirdayis slope,<sup>2</sup> and remanent actis quhatsumever anent the libertie of the said fisching to dew executione, under the panes thairin contenit; and declaires that the jurisdiction of the saidis watter baillies present and tocum owir the saidis fischeares is nor salbe na farder extendit owir thame bot to caus thame keip count and plaint gif they be requirret thairto allanerlie.

Wattir of  
Forthe.

18 July 1603.

Johne Murray of Touchadam, provest, [bailies and council], Duncan Pater-  
soun, Andro Cowane, merchandis, and Johnne Henrysoun, baxter, ald convenare,  
being convenit in the counsalhous of the said burgh, entreating upoun the  
common effaires thairof, all in ane voce, voited, concludit and ordinit, that with  
all possible and convenient diligence thair salbe ane taxatione and stent of the

Stent for the  
shoir.

<sup>1</sup> 1424, c. 12. Acts of Parliament, vol. ii., p. 7. that na man thar sal tak fish fra the Saterdag at evyn quhil Mononday at the son be risyn."

<sup>2</sup> 1185, c. 10. "The watir aw to be fre sua —Ibid., vol. i., p. 374.

**Stent for the shoir.** soume of aucht hundrethe merkis money for making and biging of ane peir and bulwark to the schoir and heavin of this burgh, upliftit of the haill inhabitantis thairrof.

19 *July* 1603.

**James Gardner, stents.**

James Gairdner, burges of the said burgh, for the love and favour quhilk he hes and beiris to the commoun weill of this burgh, [renounced the exemption purchased or granted to him and consented from thenceforth to be] stentit with the remanent nyctbouris of this burgh, according to his rank, qualitie and trade, . . . for making, beiting, mending and uphalding of the peir, bulwark, kirk, portes, wallis, brig, and commoun calsayis of this burgh, and for the help and intertenement of the ministrie, hospitell, and scules of this burgh.

9 *September* 1603.

**Pure folkis.**

The baillies and counsall, convenit, ordinis the haill strainger pure presentlie within this burgh to be removit furth thairrof upoun Fryday nixtocum, and to be haldin furth of the toun induring the kirkis and counsallis will, and for this effect ordinis tua watchmen to be conducet and fiet, ane be the kirk and ane uther be the toun, for outkeping of the said pure during the said space.

**Brig porte.**

Ordinis the brig porte to be locket nychtlie at ten houris, and the keyes thairrof to be brocht oulkie to ane bailye.

19 *September* 1603.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, ordinis fra this furthe the barres yett, burrow mylne, the plane treis, and Balnabrecht, to be daylie kept and attendit on be the nyctbouris and inhabitantes of this burgh as followis, viz., tua at the barres yett, tua at the burrow mylne, ane at the plane treis, and ane at Balnabrecht; and that na straingeris be sufferit to haif acces or entrie at the saidis passages, without sufficient testimonialles, and this ordour to be quarterlie kept through the haill toun, begynnand at the first quarter.

9 *October* 1603.

**Counsall, [extra members.]**

The provest, baillies and counsall of this burgh, at request of my lord provest, and haifing consideratione of the extraordinier grite and wechtie effaires that ar liklie to fall out and occur within this burgh this yeir tocum, hes thairfoir electit and chosin Umphra Cunyngham, vicare of Kilmacolme, and Anthone Bruce, portioner of Levelandis, in extraordinare persones of the

counsall of this burgh for this yeir tocum, but prejudice of the tounes libertie and custome of electioun in tyme cuming. Lykeas the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, at desyre of the deacones of craftis of this burgh, hes grantit uther tua persones to be extraordinare counsallouris for this yeir tocum, quhome the saidis deacones sall nominat and present the nixt counsall day, but prejudice likewyis of thair libertie and custome of electioun in tyme cuming.

Counsall,  
[extra mem-  
bers.]

The provest, baillies and counsall, hes voted and ordinit Johnne Ker, tailyeour, Johnne Harte, Thomas Thomesoun, cordiner, Andro Richartsoun, wricht, Mareon Graham, relict of umquhile Robert Scott, tailyeour, and Christiane Ker, dochter of umquhile Robert Ker, merchand, burges of this burgh, to be all placet in the hospitell of this burgh for thair lyftymes; and the saidis Christiane Ker and Mareon Graham, ilk ane of thame, to haif half levrey.

John Ker and  
others enterit  
in the hospi-  
tall.

24 October 1603.

In presens of the provest, baillies and counsall, of this burgh, convenit for the tyme, it wes voited, concludit and ordinit, that with all possible diligence, thair salbe ane lichter boitt provydit to the heavin and schoir of this burgh, and for that effect apointis James Schort to aggrie with ane wricht thair foir, and the toun to relieve him thairof.

Ane lichter  
boitt to be  
biggit.

Sett to Williame Stanehope in Salt Prestoun and Johnne Stanehope, his brother, the custome new and auld, with the anchorage and schoir silver, of all tymber cuttit and to be cuttit be thame in Murrays wode this yeir bigane and thir foure yeiris to cum, with the haill bark and beuche thairof, and farder salang as it salhappin the said wode to be in cutting and quhilk salhappin to be transportet and cariit be thame throw this burgh to the schoir thairof, for payment [of 100 merks].

Custome of  
Murrayis  
wode.

18 November 1603.

The provest, baillies and counsall of this burgh, ordinis fra this furth na inhabitant within this burgh present thair maill cheildrene, of quhatsoever age they be of, to ony uther scole within this burgh uther nor to the grammer scole thairof, presentlie teachit be maister Alexander Yule, maister of the same, bot that all the saidis maill cheildrene be presentit fra this furth to the said maister Alexander Yule for the better flourishing of the said grammer scole induring the counsallis will; and for the bettir executione of this act, James

Grammer  
scole.

Grammer  
scole.

Duncansoun and Nicoll Murdoch, now teacheris of the Ingles scolles, being personallie present, become actit and oblest of thair awin consentis fra this furth to ressave na kynd of maill childrene, nather tounes bairnes nor utheris, within thair scoles, ilk ane of thame under the pane of ten pundis to be unforgevin, and farder to haif thair scole durris staitet up.

12 *March* 1604.

Schollares loft  
in kirk.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, findis gude that the schollares laft in the kirk be reformed and enlarged at the sicht of the minister and sic eldares of the kirk as he craves to be adjoyned to him.

Lofte in kirk.

Findis gude and ordinis ane lofte to be maid betuix the laird of Gardenes lofte and my lord Cambuskennethes lofte; and, with consent of my lord Cambuskenneth, ordines ane dur to be putt furth throw his loft to the said new lofte, provyding the expenssis thair of be defrayed be the provest and baillies of thair reddiest unlaues.

Act for  
Colonell  
Edmond.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, haifing ressavit of befoir fra James Kinros of Kippenros, in name and behalf of the richt honorabill Sir William Edmond, colonell of the Scottis regiment in the law cuntreis the soume of fyve hundreth pundis Scottis, deduceand thair of the soume of aucht pundis iij s. iiij d., and that in the species of gold and obligatiounis underwritin, that is to say, [57 half nobles and "aucht haill Utrik nobles,"—£304 3s. 4d.; an obligation by Robert Edmond, merchant, burges of Stirling, £159; in the hands of Christopher Porterfeild, £28 13s. 4d.; making in all £491 16s. 8d.] Mair, ressavit fra him ane obligatione granted be Sir James Sandelandis of Slamannan, knyght, . . . ane hundreth and fiftie gudlingis, at tuentie stures the gudling. Quhilkis soumes of money particularlie abone specifit the said Sir William Edmond haiffing dedicat to the pure of this burgh, for the manifold merceis of God bestowit on him, it pleasit him laitlie, in the moneth of November last bipast, to direct and send to ws with umquhile Johnne Portuous the foirnamit first soume of five hundreth pundis, with the said Sir James Sandelandis obligatione of ane hundreth and fiftie gudlingis foirsaid; and the said Johnne of quhat mynd we know nocht, haifing conceillit fra ws the foirnamit soume and obligatione, with the said Sir Williames missive lettre direct to ws thairanent, be the space of ane moneth and mair or thairby eftir his arryving thairwith in this cuntrie, quhill thaireftir at the

plesour of God he tuik seiknes and depairtit this lyff, but ony significatione maid be him to ws thairof, sua that, be providence of God, gif James Kinros, elder of Kippenros, had nocht instantlie the tyme of the said umquhile Johnnes deceis, or immediatlie thairefter, upoun sum informatione maid to him be thame that wer in cumpanie with the said umquhile Johnne the tyme of his hame cuming in presens of his awin brother and utheris quha wer present for the tyme, had nocht apprehendit under the said Johnnes bedsyde ane purs with the haill gold abonespecificit thairintill, and the tua obligationes fairsaidis, with the missive lettre direct to ws thairanent, as the said James Kinros hes declairit to ws upoun his honour, quhilk we notifie to the said Sir William and all utheris quhome it effeiris. . . . Lykeas we the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, being glaidlie movit with the said Sir Williame Edmond's maist loving and cheritable dealing toward ws, quhome utherwyis be his valorous lyf he hes sa heichlie honorit and advancit, that of the lyke nor na uthir birthe few or nane heis heirtfoir preceidit, gevis thairfoir to him maist hairtlye thankis and wishes that God wald continew and multiplie his blessingis on him. Lykeas, with all convenient diligence, we faithfullie promitt to bestow and wair the foirnamit soumes of money upon the particulare use destinat and apointit thairto be the said Sir William conforme to his missive lettre direct to ws thairanent and informatione sent be him to Archibald Allane, thesaurare, for that effect.

Act for  
Colonell  
Edmond

19 *March* 1604.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, findis gude and concludes that for the bettir biging of the schoir and peir of this burgh thair salbe ane lighter boitt provydet and coft for careing of stanes and uther materiallis thairto, and committis the bying and provisioun of the said boitt to James Schorte, baillie, and Duncan Patersone, deane of gild, and assignis to thame for that effect [300 merks of fore maill to be paid for the grass of the Brighauch for three years, with 112 merks to be paid for the anchorage and shore maill].

Act anent the  
lichter boitt.

16 *April* 1604.

[The dean of guild on behalf of the guild brethern, and deacon convener on behalf of the craftismen, submitted themselves to the provost and bailies] anent the devyding and pairting of the tuentie tua stand of armour quhilkis ar to be sauld and dispersit amangis the inhabitantis of this burgh.

Anent the  
coralattis and  
pikis.



Anent the  
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pikis.

Apointis Duncan Paterson and Archibald Smyth commissioneris for St. Johnestoun to ressave the threttie ane stand of armour quhilk the toun hes componit for with Johnne Jamesoun, factour to Sir Michael Balfour of Burlie, knight, and to do with him thairanent as they sall think expedient.

2 May 1604.

Anent the  
Pest.

It is statut and ordenit that, becaus of the present infectioun of Edinburgh in the pest and plaig, and for bettir keiping of this burgh, gif it pleis God, that the portis and wthir comoun placis of this burgh be keipit be the nychtbouris, and that na inhabitantis of this burgh resaif in thair hous na persone nor personis, wagaboundis, nor na maner of persone quhill first thai cum to the bailye of the quarter, wnder the pane of deid; and that the drum gang throw the town and mak intimatioun heirof; and that na inhabitant within this burgh pas fra this furth to Edinburgh without licence, and that na persone within this burgh pres or presume to cum in to the said burgh att ony pairt thair of bott att the portis onlie; and also that all nychtbouris repair and mend thair yard heidis and bak yettis, to the effect that na persone cum our or in thairatt.

William  
Huton, cuik,  
banist.

William Huttoun, cuik, for streking of Johne Brown, officer, in presens of William Ednem, bailye, is ordenit be the haill counsall to be banist this burgh, and gif he entir in the samin at ony tym heireftir without licence, for the first to be scurgitt, and thaireftir gif he entir agane eftir he be scurgit, to be hangitt; and dischargis all inhabitantis within the said burgh to resaif him in thair housis, or intertein him thairin att ony tym, under the pane of ten li.; and that intimatioun be made heirof be the drum ganging throw the town; and thai that hes nocht ten pundis to pey, or is nocht worth the said unlaw, to be scurgitt; to the quhilk he consentit be cumin in thair will.

1 June 1604.

Commissioner  
to Glasgw;  
pest.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, ordinis Archibald Allane, thesaurare, this same day to ryde toward Glasgw, and thair to try thair estaitt anent the plaigue, and to reporte the same the morne.

Abbay furde  
and blak  
willie.

The provest, baillies and counsall, findis gude and concludes that the furde at the bak of the abbay and besyd the blak willy be red and clenget of the stanes that lyis thairintill and stopes the passage of the same, and this to

be done upoun the help of the haill nyctbouris and inhabitantis of this burgh; and apointes James Short and Duncane Patersoun to be seares of the wark and furnessouris of warklomes thairto upoun the tounes expensis. Abbay furde  
and blak  
willie.

4 June 1604.

For bettir ordour to be keipit within this burgh during the tym of this present plaigue, it is ordinit that quarter maisteris [be] joyned to the baillies, and for that effect hes chosin [four persons for each of the four quarters]; quhilkis persones abone writtin the counsall makes and constitutes baillies in that pairte for checking of the ordiner watches and causing of thame to attend on thair charges, and for ressaving of testimoniallis and debarring of all suspect persones fra entres within this burgh, and for visiting the haill nyctbouris in the tyme of seiknes or suspicione of seiknes; with power to the saidis quarter maisteris to inclose and putt furth at thair plesour, and to do all uther thingis requisite for ane gude and substantiall ordour to be keipit and usit during the tym of this present plaigue. Anent the  
pest.

18 June 1604.

Nominates and apointis Duncane Patersone, deane of gild, commissioner to pas to Edinburgh, with power to present to the provest [and] baillies thair of the missive lettre to be penned anent the contraversie betuix the toun and thame. Duncan  
Patersone  
direct to  
Edinburgh.

16 July 1604.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, statutes and ordines that fra this furth na inhabitant of this burghe tak upoun hand to resorte and travell toward the burgh of Edinburgh, Cannogait, Leyth, Dalkeyth, nor na uther suspect place, but leve of the provest and baillies or ony tua of thame, the provest being always ane, under the pane of tuentie pundis, and to be debarred fra all acces within the toun at thair returne; and that the portmen and keparees ressave nor admitt nane within thair portis cummand fra ony suspect place, under the said pane, unles the provest and baillies be first advertesett. Anent the  
pest.

James Schort, baillie, commissioner to the lait conventioun of burrowes, and Johnne Williamson, clerk, commissioner to the parliament, for report of the effares done in the said parliament and conventioun, declairit that for the outreiking of commissioneris for the parte of burrowes to England, to the number

**Stent, unioun.** of sevin persones, for entreating in the mater of the unioun, the burrowes hes voluntarlie consentit and aggreit to ane taxatioun of the soume of sextene thousand merkes, to be upliftit of the haill burrowes conform to the stent roll betwix this and the fift day of August nixtocum; for quhilk effect the provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, ordinis ane tax roll to be maid of that pairte of the said taxatione, extending to the soume of tua hundreth and thrie scoir pundis, tharof the merchandis the ane half, but prejudice of thair ald libertie, and the craftismen and *omnigaddrum* the uthir half.

17 December 1604.

**Act anent the  
*Omnigaddrum*.**

It is ordinit be the provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, that fra this furth in all tyme cuming thair salbe joyned, yeirlie, to the counsall of this burgh, tua of the ald merchand bailleis, and tua of the *omnigaddrum*, as extraordinier persones of counsall, conforme to use and wount; and thairfor, of the *omnigaddrum* this yeir they haif electit and chosin Johne Cunynghame and Andro Kilbowie; and ordinis the deane of gild to present tua ald baillies the nixt counsall day.

21 January 1605.

**Anent the  
lichter.**

The counsall committis the charge and oursicht of the lichter to James Schorte for this yeir to cum, and modifeis the fraucht of hir to Alloway and Airth, be fremen to xlvj s. viij d., and be straingeris to iij li. vj s. viij d.; to the paittis, be fremen, xxvj s. viij d., and be straingeris xl s.; and that by the mennis wages that sall labour and roll; to the bak of the abbay, be fremen xxvj s. viij d., and be straingeres xl s.; by the wark mennis wages, to be payed be thame that sall employ the lichter.

4 February 1605.

**Schoir maill  
and anchor-  
age to be sett  
for xxj yeiris.**

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, haifing consideratione of the grite charges and expenssis that ar yit requisite to the perfyting of the schoir and peir of this burgh, and how unable the toun is to sustene and do the same without supporte and help be tymouslie provydit tharto, thairfor it is statute and ordinit that the schoir maill and anchorage of this burgh be sett for the space of tuentie ane yeiris for foir maill to be payed thairfor in hand, to be employed on the said schoir as the counsall sall apoint.

Ordinis Archibald Allane, thesaurer, to lay to materiallis of stane, tymber, lyme and sand, to the almousous in the heid of the Bak Raw, quhilk salbe allowit to him in the first end of his intromissioun with the silver destinat and apointit thairto be Colonell Edmond. Anent the almousous.

22 April 1605.

Ordanes that everie persone that enteris to the libertie and fredome of ane burges and gild of this burgh fra this furth sall pay to the thesaurare the soume of lx li., and siclyk that everie persone that enteris to the libertie and fredome of ane nychtbour and burges, nocht being ane nychtbouris sone, sall pay the soume of viij li. Act anent the enterie of nychtbouris.

3 May 1605.

The baillies, counsall and deacones of craft, convenit, ordinis fra this furthe the brig porte to be daylie keipit and watchet for the bettir preservatione of the toun fra this feirfull plaig of pest quhairwith sindrie pairtes of Fyff ar now, at the plesour of God, infectit, and that tua keipares be putt to the said porte quarterlie throw the haill toun, to begin at the north eist quarter; and ordinis publicatione to be maid heirof be the drum or bell that nane be sufferit to haif entres at the said brig porte cuming fra Sanctandrois, Seres, Kirkaldy, Kinghorne, and Torryburne; and ordinis all strainger pure to be putt and haldin af the toun. Anent the pest.

27 May 1605.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, convenit, ratifies and appreves the act and ordinance of the sessioun of the kirk anent the breking of the flure in the eist end of the kirk for buriall of ony corpes thairintill, quhairby it is provydet that in cais ony persoun will presume obstinatlie to do in the contrair, they sall pay *ad pios vsus*, befor the breking of the eirthe, the soume of fourtie pundis money; and ordinis the said act to be observit and keipit in all tyme cuming. Anent the buriall in the kirk.

It is statute and ordinit that, heireftir, na banished persoun be resett nor reponit to thair libertie agane within this burghe unto the tyme licence be had of the provest, baillies and counsall thairto, gif the banischment be for a civill caus, and of the sessioun of the kirk gif it be for ony caus belangand to thair discipline. Anent banished persones.

It is statute and ordinit that fra this furthe na inhabitant within this burgh tak upoun hand to by in grite and tap out in small ony tymber, victuell, viveres, or uther unstaple waires that salhappin to cum be sey upoun aventure seikand mercatt to the schoir of this burgh, or to ony pairte abone the Rudder brig. Tapping tymber, victuall, viveris, etc.

21 *October* 1605.

Precentor's  
feall.

Ordeanes Archibald Allane, thesaurare, to pay yeirlie to Moses Fergusoun, in feall, for uptaking of the psalmes within the kirk of this burgh, the soume of fourtie pundis yeirlie.

4 *April* 1606.

Anent the  
schoir.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, allowes and approves James Schorte, maister of wark to the shoir, in his discharge of the said wark sa far as yit is proceidit thairintill; and gif ony nyctbour traduce and sclander the said James of the neglect of ony point of the said wark in contrair the tennour of this his approbatione thair of fairsaid, the persone, traducer and sclanderare of him, sall pay for the first falt fyve pundis, and for the secund falt ten pundis, and utherwyis wardit and punishit in thair persones at the will of the counsall; and ordinis publicatione to be maid heirof be bell or drum that nane pretend ignorance thair of.

23 *June* 1606.

Servandis to  
be sent to the  
schoir.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, statutes and ordinis for the bettir reparatione of the shoir, that thair be aucht serving men or wemane daylie and ilk day sent to the schoir be the inhabitantis of this burgh, as they salbe warnit be the baillie of thair quarter, for bering of red as the maister of wark sall direct to thame; and gif ony nyctbour refusis to send ane servand, being requirit, ordinis fyve shillingis to be poyndit that thairwith ane uther may be feit in thair places; and siclike ordinis ane gildbrother and ane craftisman to attend ilk ane of thame thair day about on the work of the shoir, under the pane of ten s. to be poyndit of the dean of gild and convener for the contravener.

4 *August* 1606.

Anent the  
kirk.

Nominates and apointes James Short [and five others] to visit the ile called Patersones ile, and to report thair advyse how the kirk foiranent the said ile salbe theikit, and to meitt this day and to reporte on Fryday nixtocum.

Almoushous.

Ordinis Archibald Allane, thesaurare, to borrow tua hundreth pundis on proffite, quhill Mertimes nixtocum, to sett fordwart the wark of the almoushous.

16 *October* 1606.

Pest, lugis.

The saidis provest, balyeis and counsall, band and obleist tham and thair successouris to warrand, relief, and keip skaithles Archibald Allane, thair

thesaurer, of the sowm of xlvij li. money for the price of j<sup>e</sup> daillis bocht att Pest, lugis. thair command fra Georg Norvell and Alexander Patersoun, tobe lugis to thair diseisit and seik personis in the Brighauch, in the present visitatioun.

30 January 1607.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, ordinis the haill effaires that salhappin fra this furth to be intreated in counsall to be inrollit and callit be the roll ordourlie as it salbe left att, begynnand at the effaires of the kirk and Goddis service, thaireftir of the toun, and last at sic particulares as sall occur.

Effaires  
intreated in  
counsall.

Ordinis the baillie of ilk quarter agane the nixt counsall day to visite Pest. thair quarteris and to tak up ane cathologe of all the persones quhais houssis hes bene infectit of this visitatione of the pest, with the number of the persones deceissit and of thame quha hes mendit of that seiknes, that ordour may be tane thairwithe.

9 February 1607.

In presens of the provest and baillies and counsall, convenit, thair is producet be ilk baillie a roll of all persones deceissit in his awin quarter in this last visitatione of pest, to the number of sex hundreth [blank] persones in the haill, by and attour the number of [blank] persones quha amendit and convallessit of the seiknes.

Pest; roll of  
persones  
deceissit.

14 February 1607.

Ordinis the haill clengeares, except James Broun, to be clenget and send Clengeares. hame, and ordinis the thesaurer to gif thame drink silver at the provest and baillies discretione.

Johnne Williamsone is suorne in the office of clerkship for this yeir tocum, Clerk. as use is, and the counsall ratifies all thingis that he hes done sen the tym of his last admissioun.

13 February 1607.

The baillies and counsall, convenit, haifing consideratione of the grete desolatione of this burghe this yeir bigane be resson of the pest, quhairthrow thair hes bene litell or na tred within the samyn during the tyme of the said seiknes, thairfoir defalkis and discharges to the takismen of the tounes customes and rentis underwritin as eftir followis, [to the executouris of umquhile Janet Neilsoun, of the peckis sett for £45, £11, 9s. 2d.; to Archibald Smythe, for the gait dightingis sett for 140 merks, 60 merks; to the executouris of

Act anent the  
tounes rent.

Act anent the tounes rent. umquhile Johne Young, for the fische skemmillis sett for £6, 30s.; to George Aikman and Johne Crawford, for the small customes sett for £120, £40]. . .

20 February 1607.

Anent burges fynes. The baillies and counsall, convenit, statutes and ordinis that in tyme cuming the burges and fyne of extranear burgessis salbe sextene pundis, but ony downgeving; and burges bairnes to pay conforme to the last act, viz., foure pundis.

9 March 1607.

Laurence Thomsoun and otheris in will for troublance. Laurence Thomsoun, George Cairnes, David Wilsoun, Patrik Alexander, and William Robertsoun, baxteris, become in the counsallis will for inquieting the toun on Fryday last at nicht, be moking of the buriallis of thame quha deit of the pest, in hie contempt of God.

20 March 1607.

Baxteris, punishment. The baillies and counsall, convenit, declaires thair will on Laurence Thomsoun, baxter, and his complices as followis, viz., that on ane mercatt day the said Laurence salbe cariet in ane sled throw the toun, beir futtit and beir heidit, with ane quhite sark on him and ane paper on his heid beiring the caus of his punishment, and the rest of his complices to gang beir futtit and beir heidit throw the toun, and thaireftir to be brocht and bund at the croce, to stand thair during the baillies will.

William Donaldsoun punishment. William Donaldsoun confessit that on Mononday last, the sextene day of Marche instant, he dispersonit Johnne Scherare, baillie, in his office, saying gif he war out of his bailliarie he sould haif said mair to him; and being charget and committet to waird thairfoir, confessit that he brak waird and eshepit furth of the tolbut, and thaireftir being commandit to wairde agane be Archibald Smyth, bailly, disobeyit and withstud him in his office, drew and myntet ane suord to him, and preissit to haif eshepit furth of his handis, and gaif him mony injurious wordis; for the quhilkis offences he becomes in the provest, baillies, and counsallis will; quha being advyset thairwith be thair will declaires and ordinis the said William Donaldsoun to be putt thairfoir in the irones, and thaireftir to be kept in fast waird on breid and watter induring the provest and baillies will, and ay and quhill they find him penitent for his offences, and to pay to the commoun wark of the toun the soume of fourtie

pundis, and at his releif out of wairde sall find caution never to committ trublance agane within this burgh, under the pane of ane hundreth pundis for the first falt and the nixt falt, and for the nixt falt to be banishet the toun, and to seik the saidis tua bailleis forgivenes at the croce.

William  
Donaldsones  
punishment.

23 *March* 1607.

The baillies and counsall convenit, ordinis fra this furth, ilk officiar his xv dayes about, to keip the keyes of the tolbuith, and to be ansuerable during that space for the saidis keyes, and to suffer nane to haif acces to the wairderis but leve of the baillies, under the pane of deprivatione of the saidis officiares of thair offices.

Keyes of the  
tolbuithe.

6 *April* 1607.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, haifing consideratione of the grite panes and travellis tane be maister Patrik Symsons in his office of ministrie in the kirk of God within this burgh thir [*blank*] yeiris bygane, and that the said maister Patrik throw his extraordinar panes and travellis is now becum unable him allane to discharge the cure of his said ministrie, and the said provest, baillies and counsall, being weill pleaset and satisfyt with the literature, knowleg, and giftis of maister Robert Mure, thinkes him meitt and able to serve in the office of a secund minister of this burghe, desyres thairfoir the said maister Patrik Symsons to travell and deale with the said maister Robert Mure, quhairby he may be inducet to accept on him the said ministrie, and for that effect to offir to him in the tounes name ane stipend of tua hundreth pundis yeirlie.

Anent maister  
Robert  
Mure,  
minister.

Discharges Archibald Soirlie and Andro Fergusson, officiares, of thair saidis offices, and of all farder using thair of in tyme cuming, and ordinis thame to be putt in the irones to remane thairin dureing the provest and baillies willis, and that for the wrang and injurie done be thame to maister Johnne Aissoun, minister, in wairding of him but command or directioun of the magistrattis.

Officiares  
wairding a  
minister.

1 *May* 1607.

The baillies, counsall and deacones of craftis of this burgh, being convenit in the tolbuith thair of to entreate upoun the commoun effaires of the same, and considering that it being the gude will and plesour of God laitlie to visite this burgh with the feirfull seiknes and contagioun of pest, the cours quhair of began

Stent of  
ij<sup>m</sup> merkis;  
pest.



Stent of  
ij<sup>m</sup> merkis;  
pest.

sa violent that, for stanching the same, the provest, baillies, and counsall of this burgh for the tyme, wer forcett to send for ane grite number of clengeares furth of the pairtes of Edinburgh, Linlythqw and Leyth, with quhome conditione and pactioun was maid that for thair travellis they sould haif had ane certane grite soume of money, quhairof as yit they haif gottin nor can get na payment; and thairwith considering the grite soumes of money quhairintill the thesaurare of this burgh is superexpendit of the commoun rent thair of in furnessing of ludges, elding to the caldrone, and uther materiallis necessar to the clengeing, besyde the grite expenssis disbursit be him in susteining ane grite number of pure, baithe within and without the toun in the hauche; and knowing na bettir nor uther meane how to releif and defray the saidis grite chargis and expenssis nor be uplifting ane stent of the soume of money underwrittin; thairfoir the saidis baillies, counsall, and deacones of craft of this burghe, representing the haill commounitie, all in ane voce, votes, concludis and ordinis for relief of the soumes of money abonespecefijt that thair salbe ane stent of the soume of tua thousand merkis usuall money of Scotland raised and uplifted of the haill inhabitants of this burghe betuix the day and dait heirof and the first day of Junij nixtocum.

20 *July* 1607.

Drummer and  
pyper.

Ordinis the thesaurare to provyde and furnes George Crawford, drummare, and Johnne Forbes, pyper, ilk ane of thame, with breikis and schankis of ryd stemmyng.

25 *September* 1607.

Maister of  
scole.

Anent the supplicatione gevin in be maister Alexander Yule, maister of the grammer scole, makand mentioun that forsamekle as he hes barganit with Adame Abercrombie for the few of ane of his town landis in Ireland, the transsumpt of quhais richt and placing sum servandis thair and accomplishment of uther necesser turnes will craif his awin presens the space of nyne or ten oulkis thairby, the doctour and pedagoges during this tyme will hald the bairnes exercesit in leirning the lections of thair authouris he hes pairtlie alreddie teachet thame, and will farder follow furthe, desyres thair licence for the said spaice, or farder as his necessitie sall require, utherwyis it will redound to his grite hurt. The counsall continewis the ansuer of his supplicatione to the nixt counsall day.

1 *February* 1608.

James Finlasoun, of his awin consent, for infirmitie and disease of bodie, banishes and exyles him self this burgh; and gif he be fund within the same agane to be scurgit for the first falt and hangit for the nixt falt, except he obtene the counsallis gude will and licence thairto. James Fynlasouns banishment.

18 *April* 1608.

Statutes and ordinis that fra this furth the kairteris and sledmen of this burgh tak na mair for thair cariage fra the shoir nor efter followis, viz., for ane single dracht of tymber, stanes, and uthir waris, ten d.; for ane double dracht, tuentie d.; for ane punshoun of wyne, iiij s.; for ane pipe of sek, x s.; ane pak of mader, x s.; ane les pak vj s. viij d.; ane bun of beir, xvj d.; ane barrell of Osmond wine, xx d.; and ane leid of lyme and victuall, viij d.; under the pane of five pund of unlaw, *toties quoties*. Kairteris and sledmen.

30 *May* 1608.

Apointes Christopher Alexander and Johne Williamson commissioneris to pas to the counsall in Linlythqw, thair to intreate and deale with thame for sum ease and ordour to be tane anent the raid appointet towardis the Iles. Raid to the Iles.

6 *June* 1608.

Apointis Duncan Patersone, den of gild, to beir the townis ansenyie or standart on the xiiij day of Junij instant, quhilk is the wapinschawin day; and the nixt wapinschawin day, quhen it hapinis, the berer of the said ansenyie to be siclyk chosin be the counsall, in all yeiris cuming. Beiring of the townis ansenyie.

27 *June* 1608.

The provest, baillies, and counsall of this burghe, haifing consideratioune that thair is sindrie persones, induellares of this burgh, quha sittis up, under cloude of nicht, drinking and playing in uther mennis houssis and disabusing thame selfis, to the offence of God and evill exemple of nychtbouris; thairfoir it is statut and ordinit that na person nor personis, induellaris within this burgh, nor utheris resorting thairto, tak upoun hand fra this furthe to sit up drinking or playing or walking on the strettis eftir ten houris at evin. Nather yet, in thair communicationes, that they tak upoun hand to calumniat, traduce or dispersone ony of the magistrattis, or speake unreverentlie of thame, Against drinking, playing, &c.

Against  
drinking,  
playing, &c.

under the pane of fourtie pundis *toties quoties*. And that na browstare, oystlare, nor ventare of wyne or meitt, sell ather drink or meitt, nor ressait ony persone within thair houssis after the said hour, under the pane foirsaid.

Notary dis-  
personing a  
baillie.

William Young, notare, become in will for dispersoning of Johnne Scherare, baillie, in calling him base borne swyngour; and thairfoir the provest, baillies and counsall, ordinnis him to remane in waird quhill Thuresday nixtocum efter the sermone, and thaireftir to cum to the croce on his kneis and seik the said baillies forgivenes; and gif evir he do the lyke to the magistrates of this burgh he salbe banishet this burgh for evir, of his awin consent.

25 July 1608.

Act anent the  
brig.

Ordinis George Norwall, thesaurare, betuix and the last day of July instant, to caus poynt the brig sufficientlie as becumes for preventing of farder dainger thairof, under the pane of tuentie pundis to be payed be him to the commoun warkes of this burgh incais of failye, unforgevin.

Margret Alex-  
ander breking  
statutis and  
calumniating  
magistrates.

Margret Alexander confessit the breking of the tounes statutes in selling of aill derer nor xij d. the pynt, for the quhilk the baillies unlaues hir in the soume of fyve pundis.

The said Margret is publictlie admonishet, in counsall, gif at ony tyme heireftir she be fund calumniating or injuring the provest, bailleis, or ony uther office berare of this burgh, sho sall sit in the brankis during sic space and in sic place as the magistratis sall think expedient.

Muk or  
fuilyie.

Ordines publicatione to be maid, with sound of drum, that fra this furthe na nychtbour suffer ony muk or fuilyie to ly at thair yettis or durris on the hie streittis langer nor xlvij houris unremovit or takin away, under the pane of fyve pundis to be payed, *toties quoties*.

Custome,  
flesheouris of  
Edinburgh.

For sundrie respectis, the counsall ordines fra this furthe, quhill the nixt conventioun of the burrowes, that na custome be tane at the brig nor porte fra the flesheouris of Edinburgh, and intimatioun to be maid heirof be the thesaurare to the customares.

3 September 1608.

Pest.

Haifing consideratione of the laitt greit and suddane infectioun of pest within the burghes of St. Johnnestoun, Bruntyland, and uther pairtes be northe the watter of Forthe, thairfoir discharges the fair approachand, callit the Latter

Ladie day, to be kepit and haldin, and ordines publicatione to be maid heirof be Pest. drum at the croce and throw the toun, that nane pretend ignorance thairof.

28 *November* 1608.

The counsell, convenit, statutes and ordines that all and quhatsumever <sup>Act anent brythellis.</sup> persones, duelland within this burgh or perochine thairof, quha salhappin to be proclomit for mariage contractit betuix thame, sal mak thair brythellis and banquetis within this burgh fra this furth; and gif they falyie, being proclomit within the perochie kirk of this burgh be the ministeris thairof, and mak thair brythellis outwith the said burgh, in that cais the pairtie or pairties that salhappin to contravene sall pay to the toun the soume of tuentie pundis money; provyding alwayis that this act be onlie extendit aganes the men and women quha salhappin to be joyned in marriage baith duelland within this burgh or perochine thairof; and gif ony persone duelland within this burgh marie ane outland woman, in that cais it is statute and ordinate that it sall nocht be lesum to him to desyre any ma persones nyctbouris of the said burgh nor tuentie persones, and gif it be fund or tryed that he dois in the contrair, in that cais he sall pay to the toun the soume of ten pundis; and willis the kirk, befoir they grant testimoniall, to tak ane pand thairfoir. Lykeas, gif any outland man mary any woman duelland within this burgh, in that cais the brythell or banquet salbe maid within this burghe, and gif the woman contravene thairintill, in that cais sall pay uther xx pundis, and willis that befoir ony testimoniall be grantet be the minister or redder, or yit that mariage be solemnizite, that they tak ane pand for the said soume.

5 *December* 1608.

Undirstanding the grit decay of the present estait of the kirk and emenent <sup>Kirk.</sup> danger and ruing thairof, for eschewing of the samin and that remeid may be tymouslie provydit, it is thocht meit that thair be ane sufficient honest man everie Sondag to stand att the kirk dure and thair to craif and seik, for uphalding and reparatioun of the said kirk, of the charitie and benevolence of the intrantis thairin and perochineris; and desyris the sessioun of the kirk to interpone thair auctoritie heirto.

The lichter boit sett for this yeir to cum to Mertemes nixtocum to Duncan <sup>Lichter boit.</sup> Watson, for the sowm of fiftie thrie pundis sax s. viiij d. to be payit quarterlie

**Lichter boit.** to the thesaurer; prowying that he serve the town to the peir with tuelf lichter full of stanis to the schoir without ony payment; and that he sett nor ws nocht the lichter to na persone nor personis to putt stanis thairin; and that he sall redelyver hir agane att the said terme in als gud estait and conditioun as he resaisfis hir now.

19 *December* 1608.

**Almoushous.** Discharges the maister of the hospitall to ansuer ony of the beidmen thair of of thair rentis and portiones fra this furth except they mak actuall residence within the hospitall hous.

20 *February* 1609.

**Alexander Sklatter, chirurgiane.** The baillies and counsall, advysit, suspendis and discharges Alexander Sklatter of all farder using and exercesing the office and cure of ane chirurgiane fra this furth quhill they be farder testifijt of his knowledge and sufficiencie, under the pane of banishment.

13 *March* 1609.

**Writing schole.** The provest, baillies and counsell, for sindrie gude caussis moving thame, discharges Johnne Mathesoun of all farder teaching and keping of ane writting schole within this burgh, quhilk discharge the said Johnne acceptit and promesed to obey.

2 *April* 1609.

**Johnne Scott unlawit.** Johnne Scott, tennent to Andro Lowrie, becumes in will for ryving up of the tounes commontie and the kingis hie gait in the burrow mure, for the quhilk he is unlawit in the soum of fyve pundis to be unforgevin.

**Anent the burrowmuir.** Ordinis the heritouris and possessouris of the aikeris on baithe sydes of the ald and new mure to cast thair seuches and dykes fornent thair awin landis betuix this and the last day of July nixtocum, ilk ane under the pane of fyve pundis, at the sicht of the birlamen.

**Grammer scole.** Apointes John Sherare, baillie, [and three others], commissioneris to deale with Mr. Alexander Yule for sum solide ordour to be tane for causing of the grammer schole of this burgh to flurishe in tyme cuming, and for that effect to try and heir the said Mr. Alexanderis greves with his awin advyse for remeid thair of, als lykewyis to propone to him the tounes greves with the said commissioneris awin advys for the best remeid thair of that they can find thairanent.

24 July 1609.

James Wallace, merchand, being convenit befor the bailleis and counsall for vilipending of Johne Scherare, baillie, in presens of the haill counsall, in saying he wald nocht gif ane slaffart for his kyndnes, comperit and confessit the same, and thairfoir cravit him and the haill counsall forgevnes, and obleist him that gif in ony tyme heireftir he vilipendit or misbehavit himself to the saidis baillies or ony of tham, ather in counsall or furth thairof, aither be word or deid, in that cais to pay to the thesaurare to the commoun warkis tuentie pundis *toties quoties*.

Act, James Wallace vilipending.

5 September 1609.

Johnne M'Williame confessit disobedience done be him to Christopher Alexander, baillie, in the executioun of his office, be presenting to him ane drawine quhinger, and becum in will thairfoir, and wes ordinit to pas to the mercate croce, and thair on his kneis to crave God and the said Christopher forgivenes of the said offence, and of his awin consent actis himself gif heireftir he be fund giltie of the lyk cryme, he sall amitt and tyne his friedome and be banishit this burgh for ever.

M'Williame disobedience.

5 February 1610.

Nominates and electes Archibald Allane, younger, in maister of wark to the outredding and perfyting of the new almouschous; and ordines sum craftis-men to be joyned to him, quhome he sall chois.

Maister of wark to the almouschous.

16 February 1610.

Andro Fergusson, deacone of the cordineris, confessit ane falt in dispersoning and contemning of Walter Cowane, baillie, in doing of his office, and become thairfoir in will of the counsall, be quhome he is sharplie reprovit and admonishet in cais he be fund in the like falt agane he salbe declared incapable of ony office bering within this burgh.

Dispersoning a baillie.

26 February 1610.

Nominates and apointes Archibald Allane, younger, commissioner to pas with maister Robert Mure, ane of the ministeris of this burgh, to his Maiesteis commissioneris, and to the bischopes and the commissioneris of the general assemblie of the kirk in thair meeting at Edinburgh, the (*blank*) day of Marche nixtocum, and thair to testifie in the tounes name that they ar weill pleased

Mr. Robert Mure.

Mr. Robert Mure. with the said maister Robertes ministrie, baithe of doctrine and lyfe, and thairfoir to crave thair approbatione of the said maister Robertis ministrie, for his bettir encouragement to do his office in tyme cuming.

12 *March* 1610.

Act anent Donaldsones. Ordines Johnne, William, and James Donaldsones, to be inhibit and dischargit at ony tyme heireftir during the inimitie and feid betuix thame and Duncane Patersone, deane of gild, ather to croce, pas, or repair throw the said Duncanes clos, or within ony uther the said Duncanes boundis, or yit to contend with him for the gait quhen they salhappin to meitt togidder, bot that they gif him the gaitt as becumes thame to do to ane magistrate, under the pane of ten pundis, *toties quoties*.

16 *April* 1610.

Tolbuith. James Short, provest, [and three bailies, obliged themselves] that gif it salhappin Daniell Bryce to eschaip furth of the tolbuith of this burghe, quhairintill he wes laitlie committet be Johne Henrysoun, baillie, [to share with that bailie the loss and damage sustained thereby;] and for the better keping of the said Daniell Bryce within the said tolbuith, the counsall ordines ane wache of foure persones to be kepit nychtlie throw the hæill toun.

30 *April* 1610.

Washing in touns burne dischargit. Prohibites the haill inhabitantis of this burghe, that nane of thame tak on hand fra this furth to weshe ony claithes or uther thingis quhatsumevir in the toun burne abone Robert Patersones wark hous, ather within the toun or outwith the same, under the tounes brayes at the hospitall land occupeit be James Thomesoun, under the pane of v li. and breking of thair tubbes, *toties quoties*; and ordines publicatione to be maid be bell or drum or be the officiaris heiranent.

7 *May* 1610.

Wairdhous. Ordanes James Robesone, thesaurer, to big up the window in the over wairdhous sufficientlie with stane and lyme, and to batt the same with yrone battis.

13 *June* 1610.

Furde. Ordines the haill toun to be warnet be thair quarteris, how sone that the furde may be red, everie hous to send ane man thair day about to the furde

and work thairat as they salbe directet be the maisteris of wark during the Furde. tyme of the drouthe that the furde may be wrocht at, ilk hous under the pane of fyve pundis.

30 *July* 1610.

The proveist, bailyeis and counsall, ordanis James Robertsons, thesaurer, Skletter. to pas to Glasgw and Dumbartane, and thair to conduce and transact with ane craftisman sklettir for theiking of the kirk and the almushous.

28 *September* 1610.

The proveist, baillies, counsall, and deacones of craft of the burght of Striviling, representing the haill commownitie thair of, . . . being convenit in the tolbuthe of Striviling to intreate upoun the commoun effaires thair of, specialie to elect and cheis thair magistratis and counsall for this yeir to cum, compeirit ane noble and potent lord, Johne erle of Mar lord Erskyne and Gareoche, etc., commissioneare in that parte, be the lordis of his Majesteis secreit counsall to the effect undirwreitin speciallie constitute, quha producet and shew to the saidis proveist, baillies and counsall, ane commissioun grantit to him be the saidis lordis of secreit counsall, gevand him speciall directioun, warrand and commissioun, to be present at the said electioun and to command in his name that the said electioun sould proceid conforme to the act of parliament, under certane greit panes at lenthe specifeit and contenit in the said commissioun. And, siclyke, compeirit James Winderhame, generall agent for the haill burrowis within this realme, quha producet and shew [an act of the general convention of burghs, dated 4th July last,<sup>1</sup> ordaining the burgh to conform to the acts of parliament. The magistrates, council and deacons of crafts, being thereupon required to comply with these injunctions, resolved] that now and in all tyme cuming the magistratis and counsall of the said burgh sould be chosine conforme to the saidis actis of parliament and actis of burrowis abone writtin, that is to say, the ald counsall sall cheis the new counsall this day, and yeirly heirefter upoun Mononday preceding the Fryday befor the feist of Michelmes; and the ald and the new counsall togidder sall this day, and yeirly herefter upoun Fryday preceding the said feist of Michelmes, cheis the proveist, baillies, deane of gild, thesaurare and uther officiares; and that

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<sup>1</sup> Convention Records, vol. ii, p. 290.



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the counsall of the said burgh sall consist and stand this yeir and yeirlye heirefter of the nomber, qualitie, and conditioun of the persones efterspecificeit, viz., of the nomber of tuentie ane persones, to wit, the proveist, the foure baillies, the deane of gild, and the thesaurare of the yeir preceding, tuelf merchandis and tua deacones of craftis adjoynd to thame, makand thairby in the haill the said nomber of tuentie ane persones of the qualitie foirsaid, to be chosine out of the leit of the persones following, viz., the tuelf merchandis of the ald counsall and uther tuelf merchandis to be joyned and put to thame be the ald counsall in leit for the merchandis, and the tua deacones of the craft of the ald counsall with the haill new deacones of craft to be joyned and put to thame in leit for the craftismen; and out of the saidis haill persones tuelf merchandis and tua craftismen to be chosine be the pluralitie of voitis out of the said ald and new counsall. And of the saidis tuelf merchandis and tua craftismen, with the ald proveist, baillies, deane of gild, and thesaurare of the yeir preceding, the new counsall of the said burgh sall consist and stand this yeir and yeirlye heirefter, to haif the full governament of all the effaires of the said burgh that yeir. And the said new counsall, being sua chosine be the said ald counsall as is befor contenit, the said ald and new counsall, with the remanent haill deacones of craft of the said burgh, sall this day and yeirlye heirefter upoun the samyn day, being Friday preceding the said feist and terme of Michelmes, gang togidder in the counsalhous of the said tolbuith, and thair be pluralitie of voitis elect and cheis, out of the said new counsall of merchandis, the proveist, baillies, deane of gild, thesaurare, and uther officiares of the said burgh, quha being sua chosine sall than instantlie be sworne gif they be present, and failyeing thair of the nixt first day of thair meitting, that they sall leillie and trewlie exerce thair offices for that yeir to cum, as they sall ansuer to God and the Kingis majestie.

*7 January 1611.*

Act, Studeman and  
Dicksoun for  
the ministrie.

The provest, baillies and counsall, grantis thame to haif ressavit fra Robert Studeman, servitour to the Quenes Majestie, and Elizabeth Erskine als Ferrere, his spous, the soume of thrie hundreth merkis, and fra Johnne Dicksoun, sumtyme servitour to umquhile dame Annabell Murray comptes of Mar, the soume of ane hundreth merkis, usuall money of Scotland, to be employed be the toun on rent to the help of the ministrie of this burghe; quhilk the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, obleissis thame and their successouris sa to bestow and

employ upoun rent to the help and supporte of the ministrie of the said burghe in all tyme cuming, and sall never employ the same to ony uther use. Lyke as, they rander to the saidis persones maist hairtlie thankes for thair cheretable and godlie benevolences, and ordines sum publict notice of memoriall to be extendit thairupon.

Act, Studeman and Dicksoun for the ministrie.

11 *February* 1611.

Statutes and ordinis that, in all tymes cuming, the aires and new intrant tennentis of all landis belangand to this burghe, alsweill ald patrimonie as kirklandis annexit thairto, halden of the toun in few, sall enter thame selfis to the saidis landis be preceptis of clare constat and be resignatioune in the counsallis handis or be confirmatioune, to the effect that the toun be nocht prejuget nather of the doublingis of aires nor yet of the compositiounes of the new tennentis, as the same salbe componit be the counsall; and na baillie with the clerk gif sesing utherwyis, ilk baillie under the pane of fyve pundis and the clerk under the pane of thrie pundis.

Touneslandis.

Ordinis ane watche of thrie men furthe of ilk quarter of the toun to be nychtlie kepit fra this furthe, for the space of aucht dayes nixtocum and langer induring the counsallis will, to be sett at Balnageich or quhair the baillie of the quarter sall apoint, fra nyne houris at evin quhill foure houris in the morning.

Act, watche.

15 *February* 1611.

Nominates and apointes James Shorte, provest, and Johnne Sherare, baillie, commissionares for the toun to compeir befor the counsall the xxj day of Februare instant, to ansuer to the lettres raisit aganes the toun at the instance of my lord of Mar concerning prissones and wairdhoussis.

Commissionares to Edinburgh.

18 *March* 1611.

Statutes and apointes ane visitatioune of the tounes merches to be yeirlie on the Mononday nixt and immediatlie following the electioun and admissioun of the provest, baillies and counsall, and on the Mononday nixt eftir the feist of Peashe, yeirlie.

Visitatione of the tounes merches.

8 *April* 1611.

Apointes ane new visitatione of the commoun gaittes and passages to the toun throw the tounes awin landis, and of the tounes commounteis, to be the xv day of Aprile instant, and ordines all pairteis haifand interes thairto to be warnet be drum to be present at the said visitatione; and ordines the thesaur-

Commoun gaittes and passages.

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are to prepair merch stanes and warkmen for that effect; and the merching of the saidis gaittis nocht to be hurtfull to the toun anent the mettage of the tounes landis.

27 May 1611.

Burgessis  
fynes.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, ratifies and appreves the act of counsell maid of befor anent the compositioun of sextene pundis to be payed for the admissioun of burgessis, but ony diminutioun, in tyme cuming.

Drummer.

Ordinis the thesaurare to ansuer George Crawford, drummer, of ane garment of rid stemmyng, with quhite pasmentis, as use is.

5 June 1611.

Maltmen.

The provest and bailleis, [being charged at the instance of Christopher Cairnes, baxter, to put to due execution the act of parliament, December 1567<sup>1</sup> against maltmen having a deacon, and also the act of convention 5 July 1602<sup>2</sup> against the maltmen of Stirling infringing the act,] discharges the deacoun of maltmen of this burghe and his brether of all usurpeing of the said office in tyme cumyng, and of all trubling and molesting the said Christopher Cairnes and utheris inhabitantes of this burghe, burgessis and friemen of the same, in using and exerceing of the said tred of making of malt at thair pleasour, they keipand alwayes the lawes and statutes of this burghe; and declair that in all tyme cuming thair sould be na deacoun nor visitour of maltmen within this burghe, nor yet sall they be reput ane craft within this burghe at na tyme heireftir, notwithstanding quhatsumevir act, licence or tollerance, grantit to thame be the provest, bailleis, or counsall of the said burghe, at ony tyme of befor.

1 July 1611.

Act of malt-  
making.

The provest, baillies, and counsell of this burghe, for the commoun weill and profite thair of, statutes and ordinis that in all tyme cuming it sall nocht be lesum to na inhabitant within the same to exerce and use the trade of malt-making within the fredome and territorie of this burghe, without speciall licence of the provest, baillies and counsell, first socht and obtenit thairto, under the pane of ane hundreth pundis to be payed and imployed for the commoun use of the burghe; and being licentiate thairto sall pay thairfoir the

<sup>1</sup> Acts of Parliament, vol. iii., p. 33.

<sup>2</sup> Convention Records, vol. ii., p. 129.

soume of tuentie pundis to the commoun gude; and ordinis publicatione to be maid thair of. Act of malt-making.

30 *August* 1611.

Considering that the fair day now approaching fallis this yeir on the Sabothe day, thairfoir ordines the same to be proclamed agane the morne thairefter, quhilk will be Mononday the ix day of September nixtocum, and that na mercat be halden on the Sabothe day preceding for eschewing the prophanatione thair of. Anent the fair.

23 *December* 1611.

Comperit Williame Tailyeffer, sone to Williame Tailyeffer in Kirkcud-brycht, and become actit of his awin confessioun to be perpetuallie exylet and banishet this burghe, as ane persone sclanderous and offensive to this burghe, and gif he be found heireftir within the same, he salbe scourget throw the toun, and brunt in the cheik with ane irone as ane notorious vagabund, but dome or law, of his awin consent. Act, Tailyeffer, banished.

10 *February* 1612.

Grantes to Robert Cragingelt ane feall of foure pundis for ringing of the counsall and ten hour bell at nycht. Bells.

The saidis provest, baillies and counsall, considdering that sex yeires sen syne or thairby, Capitane Thomas Erskyne, sone to umquhile James Erskyne of Balgony, in remembrance of Godis manefald merceis and delyverances bestowit on him fra monie danger quhairtill he is fallin fra tyme to tyme in the Law Cuntreis, did thairfoir dedicate, of his awin frie gift, furthe of that quhilk he had obtenit for his travellis in the saidis pairtes, the soume of fyve hundrethe merkis usuall money of Scotland, quhilk the said Capitane Thomas willit and ordenit to be imployet to sum profittable wark or use within this burgh, for a perpetuall memorie baithe of the said Capitane Thomas thankfulness to his end and of his love and effectioun to this burghe, in the quhilk he had his educatioun the tyme of his yuthe; and the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall of this burgh, the tyme foirsaid, haifeing ressavet the said soume of five hundrethe merkis in thair handis, thinkis it now maist meit and expedient that the said soume salbe imployit on yeirlye rent, as it hes bene thir sex yeiris bygane, for the help and supporte of the ministrie of Godis worde within this burgh in all tyme cumyng, for the quhilk the saidis provest. Bequest by Capitane Thomas Erskine; ministrie.

Bequest by  
Capitane  
Thomas  
Erskine;  
ministrie.  
Commission-  
eris to Edin-  
burgh. bailleis and counsall, randeris the said Capitane Thomas maist hairtlie thankis.

20 April 1612.

Nominates and apointes Johnne Sherer and Johnne Williamsoun commisioneris to pas to Edinburgh for advysing and forming of ane signatour of ane new infetment to the toun.

27 April 1612.

Act of failyie  
and muck. Statutes and ordines for the commoun weill of this burghe that na nychtbour sell ony muck or failyie to extranear and outlandis men, bot to nychtbouris, under the pane of fyve pundis unforgivin, *toties quoties*.

20 June 1612.

Archbishope  
of Sanct-  
androis. Admittis the richt reverend father, George, be the mercie of God, archbishope of Sanctandros, metropolitane of Scotland, and ane of his Majesties moist honorable previe counsall, maister George Meriorybankis and Johnne Wilsone, his servitouris, to the libertie and fredome of nychtbouris and burghessis of this burgh, quha and ilk ane of thame maid faithe as use is.

22 June 1612.

Grammer  
scole. Nominates and appointes [three] commissioneris to meitt in Edinburgh the xxv day of Junij instant, thair to informe the arbitrateres chosin betuix the toun and the maister of the grammer scole, and to attend upoun the said mater to the finall end thair of.

1 July 1612.

Tounes  
evidentis. Duncane Paterson, deane of gild, producet the tounes charter grantet be King Robert, of the libertie of the toun and fishing in the watter of Forthe, kingis maill and pettie custome; with the tounes charter grantet be King David for exemyng thame fra customes of cattell at all portis; togidder with the tounes charter grantet be King Alexander, and confirmet be King David, of the libertie of the gildrie; quhilkis thrie evidentis the said Duncan Paterson ressavit fra Robert Fortoun in Edinburgh, and ar now deliverit to Johnne Sherer, baillie, to be shawin befor the generall conventioun of burrowes in the conventioun at Abirbrothok.

Act, grammer  
scole. [The commissioners appointed on 22nd June reported that an obligation had been granted on behalf of the town] to pay to maister Alexander Yule,

for owirgeving of the schole, the soume of fyve hundir and fiftie merkis at Act, grammer  
schole.  
Martimes nixtocum.

14 *September* 1612.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, hes statute, ordinit, and per- Act, maltmen.  
mittet, that the maltmen of this burghe now present and tocum may, at thair  
plesour in all tyme cuming, bruke, joyse, and posses thair wounted liberteis,  
privilages and immunitieis, grantet to thame be the lawes of this realme, actis  
and statutes of this burghe agreable thairto, anent the friedome of malt making  
within this burghe, siclike, als frelie and amplie in all respectis as the maltmen  
of any other burgh within this realme hes uset and exercet or yet may exerce  
and use the said tred of maltmaking, but contradictioun or agane calling quhat-  
sumever; with power to the saidis maltmen to haif ane visitour amang thame  
for trying the insufficiencie of thair malt and prices thair of, quha salbe haldin  
to present to the counsall of this burghe all intrant maltmen crevand the said  
tred to be admittet thairto be the counsall of the toun; and for thair entrie to  
the said tred they sall pay to the toun for augmentatioun of thair commoun  
gude the soume of sextene pundis in name of entres, and to the visitour of the  
maltmen and friemen thair of the soume of aucht pundis; and gif he be ane  
maltmannis eldest sone he sall pay to the toun [8 merks and to the maltmen  
4 merks; a maltman's second, third, or fourth son, or one who marries a malt-  
man's wife or daughter, to pay to the toun £8 and to the maltmen £4; a  
merchant or craftsman, to the toun £8 17s. 4d. and to the maltmen £4 8s. 8d.]  
And in all taxationes or uther impositiones that salbe raised or imposet upoun  
this burghe, the merchandis and craftismen usand the said tred of maltmaking  
salbe stentit with the said maltmen according to thair chairge and handling  
in that tred.

25 *September* 1612.

Nominates and appointes Johnne Sherer and Johnne Cunynghame, Anent the  
grammer  
scole.  
baillies, commissioneris to pas and meitt with maister William Wallace in  
Irwing, and to intreat and confer with him anent his plantatioun in the  
grammer scole of this burghe, and to mak offirris to him for that effect of ane  
feall of j<sup>c</sup> merkis of the toun, with his expectatioun of fiftie merkis of my lord  
of Mar, quhairof gif neid be the toun salbe bund to him, with ane duelling  
hous maill frie for thrie yeris tocum, and the expenssis of his transportatioun;  
with fourtie s. of scollage of ilk toun bairne to him and his doctouris.

5 November 1612.

Act, brig  
custome.

The provest, baillies and counsall, convenit, for uphald of the brig and calseyes thairof, quhilkis ar daylie decaying, statutes and ordines that in all tyme cuming the haill fremen and nyctbouris of this burghe passing langis the said brig with hors laidis, or sleddis, of merchand geir, victuell, or with ony gudes to or fra this burgh, sall pay the custome following, that is to say, ilk pak or hors leid of merchand geir, tua penneis; ilk punsheoun of wyne, tuelf penneis; ilk barrell of beir, aucht penneis; ilk laid of flowre and uther victuell, except the provisioun meill of mennis housses cuming langis the brig, tua penneis; ilk burding of ony geir, ane penny; ilk slauchter kow passing langis the brig or cuming be the Drip furde, tua penneis; and ilk fyve slauchter sheip cuming they wyes, tua penneis; to be payed to the customer, and to be rowpet and sett yeirlye with the rest of the commoun gude.

9 November 1612.

Scolage of  
Ingles scholes.

Statutes and ordines that fra this furthe James Duncanson, nor na uther teacher of femele cheldrene within this burghe, tak mair scholage of ilk bairne nor sex s. in the quarter, and thair doctour tua s. in the quarter, under the pane of discharging thame of all teaching and halding of Ingles or writting scholes, and farder under the pane of fyve pundis als oft as they do in the contrair.

16 November 1612.

Doctour of  
the grammer  
schole.

Ressaves and admittis maister James Edmestoun to be ane doctour in the grammer scole, being presentet to thame be maister Patrik Symson in name of the maister, and grantis him in fie the soume of tuentie merkis yeirlye, with tua s. of scollage in the quarter of ilk tounes bairne, and his libertie of landwert bairnes, according to the discretioun and liberalitie of thair parentis.

23 November 1612.

Doctour for  
the Ingles  
bairnes.

Ressaves and admittis Johnne Thomesoun, son to Robert Thomesoun, belman, to be ane doctour in the grammer schole, under maister William Wallace, principall maister, for teaching of bairnes in reding of the Ingles toung; and grantis him in fie the soume of ten merkis yeirlye, with ij s. of scollage in the quarter of ilk tounes bairne, and his libertie of landwart bairnes according to the discretione and liberalitie of thair parentis.

It is statute and ordinet that fra this furthe na inhabitant of this burgh Act, muk. gadder na muk nor failie upoun the hie streitis of this burgh outwith thair durris and yettis, nor yet suffer the same to ly outwith thair durris and yettis attour the space of xlvij houris, under the pane of confiscatione of the said muk and warding of the persones of thame that contravenes, at the sicht of the magistrattis; and to begin this day aucht dayes; and ordines publicatione to be maid heirof be drum or bell that nane pretend ignorance thairanent.

25 January 1613.

The counsall,convenit,having consideratioun of the great injurie and offence Act of Adame committet and done laitle within this burgh be Adame Donaldsone, burges Donaldsone. of the same, to Duncane Patersone, provest of the said burgh, in dispersoning of him and minting to ane quhinger to have struckin him thairwith, als also with ane golf club, then being in the hand of Johnne Scherar, dene of gild of the said burgh, quhilk he brak becaus the said dene of gild wald nocht suffer the same to gang with him, and utherwayis injuring of the said Duncane Patersone the tyme of his said provestrie, as the proces of convictioun sett doun in the commoun buikis of the said burgh beires, have thairfoir, all in ane voice with ane consent and assent, unlawit the said Adame Donaldsoun in the soume of fourtie pundis for his said offence; and farder ordanes him to remane in waird during the counsallis will, and thaireftir to gang to the mercat croce quhair the said Adame Donaldsone sall thair oppinlie crave God, the Kingis Maiestie, the said provest and haill magistratis of this burgh, forgiveness for his offence foirsaid; and in cais it sall be fundin heirefter that he do the lyk, or be hard dispersoning ony magistrat of this burgh, sall pay to the thesaurer of the samyn the soume of ane hundreth pundis money of this realme, and farder be baneischit this burgh and territorie thairof and amit and tyne his libertie of the samyn. And, siclyk, ordanes that publicatioun be maid heirof at the said mercat croce making intimatioun to all inhabitantis of the samyn, and utheris quhom it effeiris, of the premisses, with certificatioun to thame gif ony persone be fund dispersoning, calumniating or injuring, ayther oppinlie or privalie, ony of the magistratis of this burgh heireftir, the contraveneris als oft as thai falyie sall pay the penalties foirsaidis, be imprisonat in thair persones, amitt and tyne thair libertie of the said burgh, and exylit the samyn and haill territorie thairof for evir, as is befor contenit.



8 *February* 1613.

**Servandis.**

It is statute and ordinit that na servand man nor womane within this burgh keip or haif ony kistis or uther lokfast lomes outwith thair maisteris houssis, bot that they keip and haif thair kistis within thair awin maisteris houssis, and that thair kistis be at na tyme locket bot ay left oppin, for eshewing and preventing of the grite stewthe and pykrie that daylie incressis within this burgh, under the pane of banishing of the saidis servandis this burgh and confiscatione of thair saidis kistis and thair haill geir within the same that salbe fund outwith thair maisteris houssis and loket and fast within thair maisteris houssis; and ordines publicatione to be maid heirof be the drum throw the toun. And the lyk punishment to be uset on thame that ressatiss the said kistis fra ony mannis servandis, but ony favour.

8 *March* 1613.

**Act watching.**

The counsall ordanit ane watche of four men out of the four quarteris of the toun, to watche throw the toun for suppressing and halding doun of all stouth and utheris enormities that may arise in this burgh in the nicht, ay and quhill thai be dischargit.

26 *April* 1613.

**Custome  
dewtie of the  
ladill.**

The counsall findis, declaires, and ordines that, seing the custome dewtie of the ladill of this burgh is grittlie defraudit be the fremen and induellares of this burgh quha bringis in victuell baithe be sey and land within the same burgh and hurdes up the same in thair barnes, loftis, and girnellis, and tappis out the same to ane grit dearthe in that same kynd and qualitie that thay by the same and presentis nocht thair victuele to the mercatt, that thairfoir the saidis fremen and inhabitantis of this burgh sall pay the custome dewtie of the ladill siclike as gif the same wer presentit and sauld in the mercatt. Provyding the same be nocht extendit to na victuele brocht in ather be sey or land, belangand to fremen for the exercese of thair awin tredd, as beir maid and sauld be maltmen in malt, quheit maid and sauld be baxteris in flour and breid, and aittis, peis and benes, maid and sauld in meill, conforme to the meaning of the counsellis decreit datit the xj day of Marche last bipast. And this to be observit in all tyme cuming as ane law and statut of this burgh.

18 *October* 1613.

**Burges fyne.**

Statutes and ordines that fra this furthe the entres and fyne of nycht-

bouris and burgessis enterand within this burghe quha salbe burges bairnes, **Burges fyne.**  
or quha sall marie burges wyffes and bairnes, is and salbe aucht pundis, bot of  
burges aires iiij s. vj d., conforme to use and wounte.

6 December 1613.

Anent the complaint maid be Duncan Patersoun, provest, aganes Walter **Convictioun,**  
Keir, baxter, insafar as laitlie, the xv day of November last, the said Walter **Walter Keir.**  
Keir being convenit befor the counsall for selling of derrer malt nor is sett doun  
be the act maid thairanent, behavit himself maist unreverentlie to the said  
provest, saying and affirming oftymes to him, quhill he was sitting in opin  
counsall, that he was alsfrie in the toun as the provest himself, and that he had  
better duell in Cambusbarroun or ony landwert toun nor duell in this burgh;  
and quhen the provest sayd it had bein guid for the toun he had left it sevin  
yeir syne, and gif he wald leive the toun the devill gang with him, the said  
Walter maist prouddie and bitterlie anserit agane and sayd: The devill be amang  
thame that I leave behind me then; besyd mony uther unreverent speches  
and gestures utterit be him. Bayth the pairteis present, the said Walter con-  
fessit his misbehaviour foirsaid to the said provest and become thairfoir in the  
said provestis awin will; quhairof he continewes his declaratioun quhill he be  
farder advyset.

28 March 1614.

Anent our Soverane lordis lettres raisit aganes all and sindrie the in-  
habitantis of the burgh of Sterling for electing and chesing of certane persones **Taxatioun;**  
for stenting of thair nychtbouris for ingetting and payment making of the **mariage of**  
said burgh thair pairt of the secund termes peyment of the taxatioun grantit **Lady Eliza-**  
to the mariage of our Soverane lordis darrest dochter the ladye Elizabeth; and **beth; pursuit**  
anent the missive bill direct for satisfeing his Majesteis thesaurer of the said **of Stercovius**  
burgh thair pairt of the sex thowsand merkis offerit be the burrowis of this **a German, for**  
realme to his Majestie for the expenssis of Stercovius, . . . comperit and **scandering**  
convenit the provest, baillies, counsall, deacones of craft, and certane utheris **this natioun.**  
nychtbouris and inhabitantis of the said burgh, quha of commoun consent  
electit and cheisit [eight persones to stent the inhabitants in the sums payable  
by the burgh.]

30 May 1614.

Ordanes, for mending of the kingis gaitt towardis the barresyett outwith **Anent mend-**  
the same, that all inhabitantis of the same quha hes reddie horssis leid ilk ane **ing of gaittis.**

Anent mending of gaittis. xx laidis of red and chinnell out of sic pairtis betuix and the park yett quhair it may commodiouslie be had. To be done with all diligence as they sall be warnit, ilk persone under the pane of xl s.

Anent the narrow passigis. Statutis and ordanes that fra this furth na inhabitant of this burgh extend nor build furth thair biggingis nor sidwalis of thair houssis out upoun the kingis hie calseyis in ony strait pairtis of this burgh, and specialie fra the heid of the Marye wynd to the futt thairof, and fra the Bellis yett to the laird of Keris ludging, on baith the sydis of the gait, ilk persone under the pane of ane hundreth pundis. As lykwayis that na persone crave licence in contrair this act, under the pane foirsaid.

6 June 1614.

Drummer claythis. Ordanes the thesaurer to wair tuelf pundis upoun rid stemming to be ane garmount of claythis to George Craufurde, drummer, of the tounes leveray; and the drummer to weir the samyn ilk Sondag quhill they be done; and he to mak the rest of the expenssis himselff.

15 June 1614.

Discharge omnigadrum. Statutis and ordanes that fra this furth thair be na conventioun nor meiting amangis the nyctbouris and inhabitantis of this burgh callit the omnigadrum, nather privatlie nor oppinlie, under the panes contentit in the actis of parliament, without the concurrence of ane of the magistratis of this burgh.

1 July 1614.

Stane bowett. The counsell ordines the thesaurer, on the tounes expenssis, to put ane cais and lid on the stane bowett at the fute of the buird in the counselhous, with ane plait and tirls of irone and ane lok and key, as the provest sall direct to be done.

8 August 1614.

Pyper. Ressaves Harie Levingstoun, pyper, in menstrall and pyper of this burgh to serve quhill Mertimes 1615, and the counsall allowis to him sic fies and casualiteis as utheris hes had of befor. Quha wes suorne *more solito*.

29 November 1614.

Bradye, grammer scole. Comperit personallie maister James Bradye, sumtyme doctour in the grammer scole, and actit him self, of his awin confessioun, nevir to be heireftir

fund calumniating, traducing, or making evill speichis of maister William Wallace, maister of the said scole, or conversing, hanting, or reparing with ony of his scoleris, thairby drawing thair myndis and affectiounis fra the maister, or yit to mak ony uther lafull caus of offence to the maister; quhilk gif he do, to be baneischit this burgh and libertie thair of and not to be repute thaireftir ane worthie to duell in the same; quhairunto the said maister James Bradye consentit.

Bradye, grammer scole.

14 December 1614.

Alexander Huttoun, deacone of the skinneris, and Robert Henrysoun, deacone of the hammermen, being requirēt yit, as divers tymes of befor, be the provest, baillies and counsell, to accept on thame the office of counsallouris for this yeir to cum, eftir advyse and consultatioun takin be thame with thair craftis and remanent deacones, being now accompanyit with James Spittell als Waird, deacone convener, declaret and affirmet that they were expreslie commandit and dischargēt be the haill deacones and craftis nocht to accept the said office on thame this yeir, and thairfoir they refuisit altogider to tak thair offices on thame. Thaireftir the saidis provest, baillies and counsell, ordinit the saidis Alexander Huttoun and Robert Henrysoun to be commandit to remane in waird within the tolbuith ay and quhill they accept thair saidis offices on thame. And the saidis deacones offered thame selfis reddy to accept thair saidis offices provyding the counsell will observe the actis maid anent the nocht bruiking of office within burgh langer nor tua yeiris, and that na viveres sall bruik office ather of magistracie or counsell within burghe.

Deacons refusing to accept office as counsallouris.

2 January 1615.

Statute and ordanit that seing thair is sindrie unlauchfull persones, unfremen, vagabundis, and idyll levaris, that resortis fra landwart out of thair awin parochie to the frie burrowis, that ar not abill to beir burding of his Majesties service within burgh, and ar commoun hurderis of thiftis, pykries, adultereis and druckines, and ourleyis the burgh with thair wyffis and barnes, in contrair his Majesties lawis and aganis all good ordour; that thairfoir na freman and inhabitant of this burgh sall sett thair houssis within the samyn to ony sic persones, unfremen of the said burgh, except that first they cum to the magistratis and acquēt them with the same and obtene licence of them thairto, and schaw testimoniall to them of the said unfremen fra quhat perochie

Act anent setteris of houssis to unfremen.

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fremen.

they come and how they have behavit themselfis in lyff and conversatioun; ilk persone, setter of the saidis houssis, under the pane of fyve pundis, *toties quoties*, unforgevin, to be peyit to sum guid use of the burgh. And ordanes publicatioun and intimatioun to be maid heirop be bell or sound of drum as use is.

14 *January* 1615.

Banishment,  
David Aikin.

David Aikin confest the abusing of nyctbouris be subscriyving of bandis for pairteis that can nocht writ thaimselfis, nocht being ane publick noter, and thairfoir the counsell, of his awin consent, banishes him this toun, and certifies him gif he be fund heirintill agane, eftir the first day of Februar nixtocum, he salbe scourget throw the toun and never sufferit to cum within the same agane.

3 *April* 1615.

Anent the  
craftis suppli-  
catioun.

Anent the supplicatioun gevin in . . . in name and behalff of the saidis deacones and haill freman of craft of the [burgh,] makand mentioun that quhair, nochtwithstanding it pleisit his Majestie, fyve yeiris syne or thairby, to gif directioun that the haill burrowis of this realme sould elect and cheis thair magistrattis furth of merchand trafficqueris and actuall burgessis, induelleris of thair awin burghis, quhilk wes onlie done to exclude sum nobill men fra bering office of provestrie in sum of the speciall burrowis, and that the counsall of the burgh sould be chosin conforme to the act of parliament, quhilk wes done onlie for satling of ane quyet governament in sic tounes quhair questioun wes of the cheising of thair counsall and quhair the counsall of the toun consistit of gentlemen and not of actuall burgessis; yitt, in consideratioun of the great inquyetnes, hurt, and detriment, that micht aryse upoun the alteratioun and change of ony lovabill auld governament that hes bene in ony burgh, it wald have pleisit his Majestie rather to have dispensit with the preceis observatioun of his Majesteis lawis in that behalff nor by strait urging the observance of the same to have cassin louss the myndis and affectiounes of the induelleris of his hienes burrowis by imbraceing ony novatioun and change of thair auld and wounted formes of governament, quhilk with so lang peace and quyetnes to the weill of thair awin tounes they have injoyit; and the saidis craftis douttit not bot the provest, baillies, and counsall of this burgh, knawis weill aneuche quhat distractioun, baith of myndis and affectiounes, is amangis thame baith, and quhat hinder and latt the best workis of this burgh

did ressave by the change and alteratioun of thair auld forme of government, quhilk gif they could seutable agrie upoun amangis them selffis to reduce the same to thair auld wounted and lovable forme it wald nather displeas his Majestie nor his hienes commissionar the erle of Mar, quha wes deput for that effect to sie the said alteratioun maid, lyk as he hes declairit baith to the saidis provest, baillies, and sindrie of the counsall of the toun, and to thair pastouris, that it sould content him gif they and the saidis craftismen sould agrie amangis them selffis upoun the change thair of. And, seing the saidis craftis ar of mynd, God willing, in tyme cuming, to neglect na thing that lyes in thame quhilk may tend to the advancement of the weill and quyetnes of this burgh, and to indevoir them selffis to the utermest of thair power to hald hand with the provest, baillies, and counsall of this toun thairto. Desyring, thairfoir, for the respectis abone writtin, that the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, wald repone the saidis craftis to thair wounted libertie and plaice in counsall and in magistracie agane quhilk thai had, befor this lait novatioun, monye ages of befor past all memorie of man,—to witt, that they may have thair hail deacones on the counsall, and ane of thair number to be ane baillie, quhairby thair may be ane greater hermonye and conformitie amangis thame nor hes bene thir four yeiris bygane. . . . [Members of the council and craftsmen having conferred in regard to the supplication, the council asked answers by the crafts to the following articles:]—A desyting, at leist for sum space of yeiris, fra the persute of the merchand gildrie except they renunce thair craft, conforme to the act of parliament. Secundlie, a voluntar contributioun for purchessing of a new infestment to the toun of thair auld liberties and landis as utheris burghes hes done in this Kingis tyme. Thirdlie, a consent to the ladill dewtie as the toun hes had of auld, and as utheris tounes hes, with ane impoist of viij d. of ilk browst for help of the commoun gude. And last, a consent to transact with my lord of Fentoun for a rycht of the tounes mylnes, and, being transactit with him thairfoir, a consent to thirle the toun thairto, as utheris tounes ar that hes mylnes of thair awin. Quhilkis articles being first agreit to be the craftis, the counsall is content thaireftir to repone sa monye of thame baith to the place of the counsall and of the magistracie as for the peace and quyetnes of the toun sall seme expedient to the burrowis and to the erle of Mar, his Majesties commissionar appointet for satling of that difference. . . . [In answer, the crafts declared that till first they] be reponit to thair

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hail plaice of the counsall and magistracie, to witt, that the hail deacones be putt on the counsall foiranent als monye merchandis, and ane craftisman be a baillie, they will nawayis condiscend to the articles foirsaidis, nather yitt will thai submitt thame selfis thairanent.

28 August 1615.

Act for  
Johnne Cwn-  
ynghame,  
baillie, his  
cuir.

Findis that the hurt and wound laitlie gevin be Aulay M'Aulay to Johnne Cwnynghame, baillie, wes done to him in the executioun of his office, and thairfoir ordanes for his bettir cuiring of the said wound that Thomas Bachope, thesaurer, sall becum debtour to James Kynloche, chrurgian, for the soume of tua hundreth merkis money as the toun and he hes aggreit; and for the thesaureris releiff, the counsall dedicattis and assignis the ordinar fies this yeir dew to the provest, baillies, dene of gild, thesaurer and clerk, extending to xxxvj li.; and of the unlawis this yeir the provest and baillies assignis to the said thesaurer the sowme of xl pundis, quhairof they sall caus him be payit; and the sessioun of the kirk sall be delt with to gif out of thair box xl li.; and the dene of gild and his brethir sall be delt with out of thair box to gif according to thair guid plesour; and the toun themselfis, out of thair commoun guid, sall gif xl lib., with ane voluntar contributioun of nychtbouris, quhairof the thesaurer sall be comptabill to the toun of the superplus accord- ing to his intromissioun; and thair sall be allowit to him the intres and annuell of the said sowme of ij<sup>c</sup> merkis incais he be compellit to borrow the same, with all coistis, chargis, and expenssis the counsall sustene thairthrow.

6 September 1615.

Act, watch-  
ing.

Ordanes ane wetch of four persones nichtlie, viz., four of ilk quarter about of the toun, to watche the wardhous and tolbuyth of this burgh and attend upoun Aulay M'Aulay during the counsallis will; and for thair bettir watching ordanes the thesaurer to furneis nychtlie to the watcheris xii d. worth of candill to gif licht to thame in the nicht; and the officiaris to warn thair quarter nicht about, and the persones refusaris to watche to pay to the officiaris v s. for ilk persone, and the officiaris to supplie his place, and farder the perfones refusaris to watch to be wardit during the counsallis will.

18 December 1615.

Ministeris  
meill.

[Inquiry having been made of the craftsmen] quhither or nocht they wald

satisfie maister Patrik Symson, minister, of the aucht bollis meill quhair of the craftismen hes bene in use of payment to him as ane pairte of his stipend thir money yeiris bigane . . . declared and ansuered that the haill craftis had concludit and determined that they wald nocht ansuer nor satisfie the said maister Patrik of the foirsaidis aucht bollis meill of the yeiris abonewritten [1614 and 1615] nor in tyme cuming.

Ministeris  
meill.

23 August 1616.

Findis and concludes that in all tyme cuming the deacone convenare, nor remanent deacones of craft of this burght, sall nocht juge nor decerne in na mater of injurie, troublance or blude, betuix craftisman and craftisman, nor yit sall caus thair officeris poynd ony craftisman, be virtew of quhatsumever thair awin demeritis, without the same be first allowed of be the magistrattis and ane command gevin be thame to thair officeris to concur with the convenares officer; and gif the said convenair and deacones of craft do in the contrair heirop they salbe unlawed thairfoir *toties quoties* in the soume of xl li. And Robert Henrysoun, convenair of the saidis deacones, protestit in the contrair.

Deacones  
judging  
betuix craftis-  
men.

21 October 1616.

The provest, baillies and counsell, convenit, ratifeis and appreves the act of the generall conventioun of burrowes maid in favour of the baxteris of Dunfermling, the sevint day of Julij the yeir of God j<sup>m</sup> vj<sup>e</sup> and tuelf yeiris,<sup>1</sup> be the quhilk the toun of Sterling is ordinit to suffer the toun of Dumfermling to sell thair breid in the mercat at the mercat tyme of day, provyding thair xij d. leaf wey twa unces mair nor the xij d. leaf of Sterling, and to be als sufficient breid; with this additioun that the breid of Dunfermling be nocht presentet to the mercat of this burght befoir aucht houris in the morning, and byde na langer in the mercat nor tua houris efter none, under the pane of confiscatioun of the same to the tounes use.

Act, baxteris.

4 November 1616.

[Ordned the following agreement to be inserted in the council book:]—  
We, deacones of craft, craftismen, maltmen, and utheris of the burgh of Sterling undersubscryvand, for ourselfis and our successouris, acknowledging

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<sup>1</sup> Convention Records, vol. ii., p. 351.



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ourselffis for the present to be in the reverence of our magistrates for certane oversychtis layed be tham to our charge, quhairof sum of ws ar alreddie tryit and utheris under proces to be tryit befor thame; quhairanent we have submittit our selffis to tham, and in all dewtifull respectis promittis, be the sallis and treuth in our bodyes, in all tyme cuming to obey and follow our saidis magistratis in all thair lauchfull directiounes, tending to the peace, quyetnes, and weilfair of this burgh. And for thair bettir satisfacioun we grant and consentis to the articles and conditiounes particularlie underwrittin now sett down be tham to ws, thay ar to say:—In the first, we ar content to exhibite and produce befor oursaidis magistratis of this burgh the haill buikis of craftis, and speciallie of the baxter craft, sic as war writtin be umquhile Johnne Allan, John Leggett, and John Archibald, to be sene and considderit be thame quhat unlauchfull actis and statutis ar sett down thairintill, to be reformed and corrected be the magistratis; and that Thomas Tailyeour, baxter, exhibite and delyver to thame the new ensenyie laitlie careit be him the last wapinschawing of this burgh, to be usit be tham at thair will and plesour; and that he gyf in the tounes evident quhilk he hes to the charter kist, quhairof ane autentik copie thair of may be gevin to the craftis under the subscriptionn manuall of thair commoun clerk.

Item, we acknowledge all meittingis, gedderingis and conventiounes of the haill deacones of craftis with thair brether togidder upoun ane day, as hes bene accustomat, on the hillis of this burgh, to be altogidder unlauchfull, hurtfull and improfitabill, baith to our selffis and to the haill toun, and sall abstene thairfra in tyme cuming, ilk deacone present at the saidis meittingis under the pane of warding xxiiij houris and payment of ane unlaw of tuentie pundis; provyding this be not prejudiciall to everie deacone of craft to convene and meitt with four or sex maisteris of his awin craft to intreat upoun materis of thair awin craft allanerlie; and quhen ony mater of questioun or importance sall be proponit in the counsall of the toun, it sall be lesum to the haill deacones of that yeir to convene and meitt togidder befor the nixt counsall day to advyse and consult amangis themselffis on the mater proponed, that ansuer may be maid and reporttit thair of agane to the counsall; and it sall be lesum to the saidis deacones to meitt amang thamselffis for ony mater of craft at uther tymes quhen they pleis, but ony gaddering of mae deacones or craftismen thairto be ony maner of way; and in the saidis meittingis thair

sall be na jurisdiction of the magistrattis usurpit be us, nor yit sall we judge ony mater of debt, blude, injurie, or trublande, bot sall onlie handill materis of our awin craft, undir the pane of ten pundis to be payit be the deacone, ane or mae, that sall happin to usurp the said jurisdiction.

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Item, we agrie that in all wapinchawingis thair sall be na baneris nor pinsallis brocht furth nor careit, bot onlie the Kingis standart to be careit be ane quhom the magistratis and counsall sall appoint, with the merchandis and craftis standart accompaneing the same, to be liftit in a quyet and decent maner as the magistratis sall direct, and na deacone nor uther craftisman sall clame to him selff in the saidis wapinschawingis, nor na uther publict meittingis, ony commandiment or charge over craftismen, nor yit carie in thair handis as commanderis or ledaris ony quhytt stalfes, under the pane to be repute factious and dissobedient persones and puneischit thairfoir as accordis.

Item, we agrie that thair be ane generall stent raisit aff the haill inhabitantis of this burgh for bigging of ane strong and sufficient wardhous, out of the quhilk presoneris may not escaip, and for purchessing of ane new infeftment to the toun of thair awin liberties and commoun landis, provyding the said infeftment be equalie advysit alsweill for the craftis as for ony uther estait of the toun.

Item, becaus maister Patrik Sympsone, minister, hes bene unpayit of the craftis pairt of the tuentie bõllis meill quhilk he had of the toun, [for years 1613, 1614 and 1615,] thairfoir we promise to pay [for these years and] in tyme cuming for his lyftyme.

Item, becaus the toun hes lytill commoun gude or meinis, ather to intertenye thair ministerie, thair kirk, tolbuyth, brig, schoir, calseyis, schole, or uther commoun warkis and effairis, quhilk can not be sustenit without the rents and commoditie of mylnes as utheris tounes hes, thairfoir how soone the toun may have occasioun to acqyre and gett mylnes able to serve the toun, we the saidis craftis, maltmen, and utheris vndersubscriyvand, for our selffis and our successouris, sall consent and grant, with the remanent inhabitantis of this burgh, to thirle ourselffis to the saidis mylnes for siclyk servyce and dewteis paying as the burrowis of Lynlithgow or Glasgow payis and gevis, but any gainstanding quhatsumever to be maid be ws in the contrair; provyding that sum of the craftis and maltmen be pairtneris in the undertaking to gett

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and acqyre the saidis mylnes for the weill of the toun, giff thai sall imbrace the same as utheris sall offir and undertak to do thairfoir. And unto the tyme that the saidis mylnes be acqyred and had we are content that thair sall be ane impost of viij d. liftit of ilk browst of aill or beir that sall be fra this furth browin within this burght, with tua schillingis of ilk fyve firloftis of landwart malt that sall be browin within the same and not presenttit to the mercatt, in contentatioun of the ladyll dewtie thairof quhilk is defraudit and preiudgit be not presenting of the same to the mercatt as it aucht to be, conforme to the act of parliament.

Item, we ar content, consentis and aggreis, that the deacones of craft be chosin yeirlie in tymes cuming efter this maner . . . [After prescribing the form of election it is provided that four deacons are to be on the council in addition to another craftsman who is to be chosen a bailie.]

Item, for augmenting of the commoun guid of this burgh, the magistratis and counsall aggreis that, quhill the toun acqyre and gett mylnes abill to serve them selffis as is befoir contenit, thair sall be proffeit maid yeirlie to the toun of all weyabill merchand wairis, sic as lint, hemp, irn, woll, and utheris subject to great wecht, brocht and sauld within this burgh, according to the custome and ordour of the new weyhous of Edinburgh in all respectis. And, quhill ane weyhous and wechtis be had for that effect within this burgh, the gild brether and merchandis ar content to giff yeirlie to the toun for the help of thair commoun guid the sowme of fourtie pundis.

Item, it is aggreit that na craftsman by, top, nor sell ony merchand wairis, sic as silk, pasmentis, buttounes, fustianes, buckesie, bukrum, poldavye, foran clayth of all soirtis, baling, nor na uther stapill wairis quhatsumevir, in hurt and preiudyce of the merchand gildrie, under the pane of confiscatioun of the same to the tounes use; reserving always to the saidis craftsmen and thair successouris actioun to sute the previledge of the merchand gildrie as accordis of the law. Nathir yit that ony merchand by, to top or sell, ony handywork belonging to craftsmen, sic as brydill bittis, brydillis, stirrep irnes, stirrep ledderis, maid girdis with buckillis, irn hors cambis, spurris, buittis, schone, pantenes, and pickedaillis, nor na utheris handye work maid within this burgh belonging to ony craftsmen quhatsumever, in hurt and preiudyce of the saidis craftsmen, under the pane fairsaid of confiscatioun of the same to the tounes use.

Finallie, we ar content that sa mony of us the saidis craftis and maltmen as sall be tryed giltie, befor our saidis magistratis, of the devysing, assisting and countenancing of the said new handsenyie careit be the said Thomas Tailyeour the last wapinschawing day, or of ony uther insolencie and disordour committit be ony of us within this burgh at ony tyme bygane preceding the dait heiroff, eftir tryall and cognitioun of the same, sall cum thairfoir simpliciter in the saidis magistratis awin willis. Bot the saidis magistratis declairis that sa monye of us as hes or sall subscriue thir present articles of aggrement befor sett down, sall be frie of all puneischment, baith in thair persone and guidis, sa far as the saidis magistratis may lay to our charge for the caussis foirsaidis. Lykas, thay promise to indevoir thamselffis to the lordis of his Hienes previe counsall to procure the releiff of sa much of us as ar committit to waird furth of our wairdis quhair we remane, to the utermest of thair credeit, except for the pairt of the said Thomas Tailyour, quha wes the principall devysar and hame bringar of the handsenyie foirsaid and of the factious band maid thairanent.

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And to the effect that thir articles and conditiones of aggrement abone-writin, now concludit upoun betuix the magistrattis of the said burgh and ws the saidis craftismen, maltmen, and utheris undersubscrivaris of the same, may tak the bettir succes and effect, and the toun retenit under thame in the greater peace, amitie and love, thay and we all in ane voice faithfullie promittis, in all tymes cuming, to observe the kirk for heiring of Godis word with greater reverence and cair nor we have done in tymes bygane.

16 December 1616.

Ordanes all the nychtbouris of this burgh to remove thair fuilyie aff the hie streittis, and nocht to lay the same thairupoun heireftir nor suffer the same to ly langer nor xxiiij houris eftir the same is brucht out of thair houssis and cloissis; and ordanes all the present middingis to be tane aff the streitis betuix this and the first day of Januar nixt.

Anent remov-  
ing of  
middings.

Statutis and ordanes that all nychtbouris and inhabitantis of this burgh mend and repair the calseyis foiranent thair houssis, with all possibill diligence, and uphald the same in all tyme heirefter conforme to the ordour of burgh, and to flag their gutteris quhair they sall be appointit be the magistratis, sufficientlie, at thair sycht and thair maister of work.

Anent the  
streittis.

6 *January* 1617.

Mrs. Mur-  
rayis favora-  
bill lettre.

Comperit maister Patrik Sympsone, minister of Chrystis evangel at the kirk of Sterling, and presentit, exhibite, and delyverit to the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, ane letter direct to him beiring that dame Elizabeth Schaw, M<sup>res</sup>. Murray, had willit him to schaw to the counsall that for the good scho buir to the toun scho wes of mynd to bestow on the hospitall, to the support of the puir, ane hundreth pundis scottis yeirlie during hir lyftyme, the payment to begin at Yule last; quhilk lettere abonewrittin is daittit 23 of November last, and is ordanit to be keipit be the counsall as a warrand to tham for the caus foirsaid; for the quhilk they gif the said M<sup>res</sup>. Murray hairtlie thankis.

Ministrie,  
bookis.

The said maister Patrik Sympsone exponit and schew that it having plesit Sir Robert Douglas to advance the librarie of this burgh with certane bookis, viz., Zanchius workis, in thre volumes, pryce xxxiiij li.; Historia Tuanj, in tua volumes, pryce xx li.; Plinij Historia, xij li.; extending in the haill, the pryce of the saidis bookis, to iij<sup>xx</sup> vj li.; quhilkis bookis war brocht hame to this burgh be Dougall Galloway, travelar, for the quhilk wes payit to him be the said maister Patrik Sympsoun, xij s. iiij d. The said maister Patrik Sympsone promittit that the saidis bookis sall be forthcummand to the toun and ministrie thair of eftir him, and they sall have rycht thairto eftir his deceis.

12 *May* 1617.

Barresyett.

Ordanes the heid of the barresyett to be hichtit, mendit and repairit, with stane and lyme, with all diligence, at the sicht of the magistratis and thair maister of wark; and ordanes the maister of wark to agrie with workmen for this effect. Lykas, the counsall hes aggreit with Duncane Patersoun for tua hundreth laid of stanes, and ma gif he may have thame, to be win be him out of the craig foiranent his barn dur in the Craigis, for v li. the hundreth laid, quhilk he promiseiss to do and lay out, and to begin the winning thair of agane Mononday nixt.

Gilting gold.

Ordanes the thesaurer to by sum leavis of gold to gild his Majesteis armes, the croce, and tolbuyth.

Brig.

Ordanes the thesaurer to repair the brig, and for that effect to caus cast feall to serve the turn out of the furris of the Brighauche.

26 *May* 1617.

Ordanes William Fotheringham, thesaurare, to borrow, for the tounes adoes anent his Majesteis preparatiounes, the soume of fyve hundreth merkis for annuell till Mertimes nixtocum. Thesaurar;  
his Majesteis  
prepara-  
tiounes.

Apointis maister Robert Murray to mak and deliver the speiche to the Kingis Majestie at his first entrie in the toun, conforme to the directioun of the counsallis lettre. Kingis entrie.

2 *June* 1617.

Ordanes the thesaurer to mak a scaffald for reparatioun of the tolbuyth with laid thairupoun, and to prepar all materiallis thairfoir. Tolbuyth.

15 *July* 1617.

Ordines William Fotheringham, thesaurare, to borrow for proffet and annuell, quhill Witsonday nixtocum, the soume of ane hundreth pundis to the tounes use and adoes, agane the tyme of his Majesteis cuming; for releif quhairof it is statut and ordinet that the haill fynes and unlaues of courte that salhappin to fall and vaik within this burghe fra this furth quhill Michaelmas [next, and longer if necessary, should be uplifted by the treasurer.] Act, trea-  
surer; Kingis  
entrie.

James Reid, ane of the groomes of his Maiesties slauchter hous, is ressavit and admittit to the libertie and fredome of ane nychtbour and burges of this burghe, and that gratis. Reid, groom  
of Kingis  
slauchter  
hous.

Ressaves maister Myllingtoun, ane of the purviores of his Majesties wyne in the wyne seller, to the libertie and fredome of ane nychtbour and burges. Myllingtoun,  
purviar of  
Kingis wines.

17 *July* 1617.

Ressaves and admittis [the following persons to the liberty and freedom of burgesses and guild brethren, gratis:]— Burgesses ad-  
mitted gratis.

Sir Harie Ritche, gentilman of his Majesteis previe chalmer; Sir George Goring, levetennent of the gentilmen pensionaris; and Sir Thomas Cuninghame, siclyk gentilman of his Majesties previe chalmer.

Sir Eduard Vilares, Sir Thomas Mettyme, Sir Petir Saltersoun, Sir Robert Osburne, Sir Johnne Upslie and Sir Edward Goring, equiriaris to his Majestie.

Sir Arthour Teringhame, Sir Tibol Gorge, Sir Edward Winsoir, and Alexander Auchamoutie, gentilmen pensionaris to his Majestie.

Burgesses admitted gratis. Mr. Mylmy, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Knychtlie and Mr. Ramsay, coupberaris to his Maiestie.

Ressaves and admittis Mr. Feilden, Mr. Dickbie, Mr. Cottrall, Williame Ker, Sir Williame Blakstoun, David Young, serjant of the scullarie; Robert Cox, clerk of the chek of his Majesteis gward; David Murray, yeman of the butterie; and Mr. Thomas Synell.

James Bowye, serjant of his Majesteis selleris; and William Bowye his servitour.

19 July 1617.

Burgesses admitted gratis. Ressaves and admittis [the following to the liberty and freedom of burgesses and guild brethren, gratis:]—William Sydserff of Rouchlaw, maister of his Majesteis carriage; James Hopper of Boirhoussis, Patrik Cokburne of Chappelcleuche, Thomas Wode of Grange, Johnne Hepburn of Beinstoun, and Mr. Johnne Sydserff, sone to William Sydserff of Rouchlaw.

Johnne Thomesoun, ane of his Majesteis gwardrop, and John Murray, maister of the thesaurie.

Harie Gib, grome of his Majesties bed chalmer; [and several others.]

20 October 1617.

Banquet to Englishmen. Modifeis to Donald Christesone, browdinstler, the soume of ten merkis for hinging of the laird of Randisfurdis hous the tyme of the tounes banquet to the Englishmen.

Omnigadrum, shoir maill. William Rynd, maissoun, Thomas Michell, flesher, William Thomesoun, . . . for thame selfis and in name of the rest of the omnigadrum, renuncet and gaif our to the toun, for help of thair commoun gude, thair pairt of the tak of the shoir dewtie, with all proffit and commodity thair of, bayth of yeiris bigane and tocum.

1 December 1617.

James Duncanson, redare. Remembering the lang and gude service done to the toun be James Duncanson, redare, grantis to him and his aires, heretable, the ground annuell of xl s. addettit yeirlie furth of his tenement of land fornent the Erl of Ergyles hous to St. Thomas alter sumtyme situat in the parochie kirk of this burgh.

17 January 1618.

Act anent the jug. For obedience of the letter direct to thame be the lordis of his Majesteis secereit counsell, desyring and commanding the stowp or jug to be send for

informatioun to the commissioneris apointit be the parliament for reducing the wechtis and measouris to ane conformitie, agane the nyntene day of this instant, ordanes the said stowp or jug to be sent to Edinburgh with Dougall Galloway to Johnne Sherare, baillie, being presentlie thair, to the effect he may produce the same befor the saidis commissioneris; and ordanes the clerk to wret to him to ressave the same, and to desyre him to be cairfull of the keping of the same.

23 *February* 1618.

James Schort, provest, producit and deliverit to Andro Japhray, ane of the maisteris of the hospitall, the soume of ane hundreth pundis Scottis, quhilk he ressavit fra maistres Murray for the support of the pure according to hir promis maid of befor; and the toun geves hir hairtly thankis for the same.

M<sup>res</sup> Murray  
j<sup>e</sup> li. to the  
pure.

2 *March* 1618.

Ordines the thesaurare to caus baik thrie salmond to be sent to Edinburgh, ane to Mr. Thomas Houpe, and ane to Mr. James Richart, and ane to James Winrhame.

Salmond sent  
to Edinburgh.

30 *March* 1618.

Anent the complaint maid be William Duncansoun, baxter, William Fergusson, cordinare, Johnne Stevinsoun and Thomas Park, nixt adjacent nychtbouris to the new biggit kyll of Johnne Anderson, baxter, upoun the said Johnne, quha nochtwithstanding of the act maid of befor ordinyng the said Johnnes kill to be removet and takin down for eshewing of farder dainger and feir of fyre and burning within the toun, under the pane of disobedience, hes sensyne put and kendlit fyre in the said kill, and thairby hes putt the saidis nychtbouris in ane new feir of fyre and burnyng, as at mair lengthe is contenit in the said complaint; the said Johnne Andersoun being personallie present, the saidis provest, baillies and counsell, convenit, ordines the said Johnne Andersoun, yit as of befor, to remove and tak away his said kill to ane uther place toward the fute of his yaird, conform to the said last act, and nocht to putt nor kendle fyre thairin again, under the pane of ane hundreth pundis to be payed to the thesaurare of the toun for sum commoun use thair of.

Anent Johnne  
Anderson's  
kill.

4 *May* 1618.

Nominates and apointes Johnne Sherare, James Forester, baillies, and Johnne Williamson, clerk, to ryde to Edinburgh agane the nixt counsell day

Act anent the  
jug.



Act anent the jug. to deale for ane warrand of the jug to be disperset throwche the haill burrowes, as Lynlythgow hes done for the firloft.

27 *May* 1618.

Mr. Johnne  
Row, uptak-  
ing psalmes.

Grantes and assignes to maister Johnne Row, doctour of the grammer schole, the soume of ten merkis in feall for uptaking of the psalmes, baith oulkday and Sabbothe dayes prechingis, thair of the half to be payed be the toun and the uther half be the sessioun of the kirk.

8 *June* 1618.

New  
measures.

Apointit Duncane Watsoun, Johnne Johnnestoun, James Robesoun, and Andro Jalfray to conduce and agrie with the couperis for making of sufficient furlott, conform and proportionable to those new furlottis and remanent measouris gevin owt be the toun of Linlithgow.

14 *July* 1618.

Commission-  
eris, minister.

The provest, baillies and counsell, with ane grite number of the eldares and deacones of the sessioun of the kirk thair of and of the communitie of the burgh, being convenit in the sessioun hous of the kirk to entreat and determine upoun the nominatioun and planting of ane minister to this kirk in the place of umquhile maister Patrik Symssoun, nominates, electis, and cheses James Forester, Johnne Sherer, baillies, Johnne Cowan, merchand, Thomas Couper, convenare, and Johnne Williamson, clerk, or ony foure of thame, commissioneris to travell to Edinburgh, and to all the pairtes of Fyff and ellis quhair, as it sall pleis God to direct thame, and thair to deale with maister Alexander Henrysoun, minister at Lucheris, maister William Scott, minister at Couper, maister David Dalglesche, minister thair, maister Johnne Carmichaell, minister at [Kilconquhar], maister Johnne Dykes, minister at Kilrynnny, and maister Johnne Gillespie, minister at Kirkaldy, or with ony utheris quhom the saidis ministeris or maist pairt of tham sall nominat and advyse tham to deale with, for thair transportation fra thair awin kirkis to this kirk, upoun sic conditiones as the saidis commissioneris and they sall agrie upoun.

17 *August* 1618.

Commission-  
ares for the  
minister.

Nominates and apointes maister Robert Murray, Johnne Sherer, Johnne Cowane and Johnne Williamson, commissioneris for the toun to pas to the

generall assemblie, quhilk is to convene at the burgh of Perth, the twentie Commission-  
fyve day of August instant, with power to thame to intreate and deale in the ares for the  
said assemblie for the transportatioun of maister Alexander Henrysoun, minister.  
minister at Lucheris, to the ministrie of this burghe.

12 October 1618.

Abrogattis and annullis that auld custome quhilk hes bene usit in this Act, ward-  
burgh anent the warding of fremen and utheris in thair waird within the ing.  
tolbuyth thair of in oppin and fre waird, the durris being oppin upoun thame;  
and ordanes, in all tyme cumming, all warderis to be committit in sure waird  
and the durris of the tolbuyth to be lockit and closit upoun thame, and they  
detenit tharin ay and quhill they obey the decreitis and ordinances gevin out  
aganis thame.

26 October 1618.

Grantes to the toun of Mussilburgh, for support of the harborie thair of, the Act, Mussil-  
soume of fourtie pundis. burgh.

14 December 1618.

Concludes and ordines that the barganes offerit be the lord Elphinstoun, Commission-  
the lairdis of Keir, Polmais, and maister Robert Narne, of thair mylnes that eris for the  
lyes about this toun, to the tounes use, salbe hard, considderit and followet mylnes.  
furthe, provyding the toun be nocht thirlet to the saidis mylnes befor they  
be als mony mylnes gottin and had be the toun as may be able to serve the  
haill toun, baithe somer and winter, nycht and day.

21 December 1618.

Statutes and ordines that fra this furth na flescher, nather freman nor Blawin  
stranger, tak upoun thame to blaw ony flesche, ather be thair mouth or be flesche.  
thair okstares, nor yit brod ony flesche for blawing of the same, under the  
pane of confiscatioun of all sic flesche as salbe fund sa blawin or broddett and  
dealing of the same to the pure, unforgevin.

19 April 1619.

Apointes . . . commissioneris for the toun to my lord St. Androis, Commission-  
at the aproching synodall assemblie in Edinburgh, to sute and deale for the ares for ane  
transportatioun of maister Henrie Fethie, or ony uther quha salbe thocht be minister.  
the saidis commissioneris mair meitt to be plantet minister of this burghe.

18 *July* 1619.

Anent the  
obites.

The counsell ordines the obites and ground annuellis belangand of ald to the chaplenes of this burgh, and now to the toun, to be collectit and takin up of the yeris [1617 and 1618], and in all tyme cuming, and remittes the same of all uther yeiris preceding, provyding that thankfull payment be maid of the saidis byrunnis but poynding; and sic as will nocht pay unpoyndet, ordines thame to be poyndet of all yeiris and termes sen thair last discharge.

7 *February* 1620.

Ministrie,  
preching, &c.

Ordines Williame Mureheid, thesaurare, to ansuer and pay to maister Harie Levingstoun for the help maid be him to the toun in his ministrie and preching and administratioune of baptisme and mareage, this lang tyme bigane, of the soume of ane hundreth merkis.

23 *February* 1620.

Act,  
Mr. Josephe  
Lowrie,  
minister.

The saidis provest, baillies and counsell of this burghe, representing the haill communitie thair of, efter tryall and cognitione takin be thame of the literature, lyf, and conversatioun of maister Josephe Lowrye, minister at the kirk of Lenzie, and how apt and able he is to exerce the cure and functioun of ane minister of this burghe, hes conducet and apointet with him for his acceptatione of the said ministrie that he sall haif in stipend yeirlie the soume of fyve hundreth pundis money of this realme, quhilk, with the viccarage of this kirk reservit to James Duncanson, present possessour thair of, during his lytyme, is be the lordis commissioneris of the last parliament assignit to the minister serving or that salhappin to serve the cure of this kirk, to be payed be the erle of Mar, principall takisman of the teindschaves of the samin kirk. And in contentatioun of the foirsaid viccarage during the said James Duncanson's lytyme, the saidis provest, baillies and counsell, bindis and obleissis thame and thair successouris, and thair thesaurares in thair names, to content and pay yeirly to the said maister Josephe, during his remaining minister of this burgh, the soume of ane hundreth pundis, with tua mairtis yeirly at Alhallowmes, by and attour the mans and gleib, quhilk salbe the said maister Josephes haill provisioun for his ministrie of this burghe. . . . And he obleissis him to transport him self and his familie and to enter to the said ministrie betuix this and the first day of Junij nixtocum. And he sall nocht be haldin

to preache efter nor twyse on the Sabbothe day, or ellis anes on the Sabbothe day and anes on the Twysday or Thuresday, ouklike. And the toun faithfullie promessis to provyde and furnes to him ane helper how sone maister Harie Levingstoun leaves af to preche on the Twysday as he hes bene in use to do thir twa yeiris bigane, quhilk helper salhaif ane chalmer or twa in the said mans gif he pleis for his studeing. And how sone the said viccarage salhappin to vaik, be deceis of the said James Duncansoun or utherwyes, the said maister Josephe obleissis him to sett, lykas be thir presentis he settis the same to the saidis proveist, baillies and counsell, and thair successouris, during all the dayes of his lyf tyme, at the leist sa lang as he remanes minister of this burgh, for the yeirly payment to him of the said soume of ane hundreth pundis and of the saidis tua mairtes now acceptit be him in contentatioun of the said viccarage as is befor contenit.

Act,  
Mr. Josephe  
Lowrie,  
minister.

20 April 1620.

Findis and thinkis it meitt and expedient that the prothocoll buikis of umquhile Sir Williame Litstar, Johnne Grahame, Johnne Mushet, Andro Buchannane, James Oswald, Robert Ramsay, and Johnne Hog, salbe travellit and delt for with maister Alexander Hay, deput in that pairt to my lord clerk of register, to be had and inbrocht to the commoun kist of this burgh for the guid of the toun and nyctbouris thairof, and thairfoir geves commissioun to the provest [and three others] to deale and agrie with the said maister Alexander Hay for the saidis prothocoll buikes, and to offer and gif him for the same the soume of four scoir or ane hundreth pundis, with ane double angell to his servandis.

Anent the  
toun protho-  
collis.

22 May 1620.

Maister Williame Row is ressavit and admittet to be principall doctour of the grammer scole, teacher of musik, and uptaker of the psalmes in the kirk, for the space of ane yeir to cum, quha promesed faithfullie to discharge the saidis offices, for the quhilk the toun grantes him in feall as doctour tuentie merkis, and as teacher of the musik and uptaker of the psalmes tuentie li., with aucht s. in the quarter betuix him and the uther doctour, and sex s. viij d. in the quarter for teaching of the musik to ilk toun bairne in scollage and benevolence of strangeris.

Mr. William  
Row, doctour.

9 July 1620.

Ratifeis and appreves the lait act of the generall conventioun of burrowes

Anent the

Anent the  
electioun of  
magistratis  
and counsell.

maid anent the ordour and maner of the electioun of the magistrates and counsell of this burgh in all tyme cuming, quhilk is ordinit to consist and stand of the number of tuentie ane persones, to wit, of the provest, foure baillies, deane of gild, thesaurare, all merchandis and gild brother, uther sevin merchandis and gild brether, and sevin deacones of craft, but prejudice of ony heid, article or conditioun, agreit upoun betuix the toun, merchandis, and craftismen, anent the comoune weill of this burgh of befor. And the saidis provest, baillies and counsell, obleissis thame and thair successouris to observe and keip the said ordour of electioun prescrivit be the saidis burrowes<sup>1</sup> in all tyme cuming.

2 October 1620.

Thesaurer,  
cutting for  
the stone.

Ordines Williame Mureheid, thesaurare, to gif to Malcolme Forester the soume of ten merkis for his help to satisfie the cure of the cutting his sone of the stane.

17 November 1620.

Prothogollis.

Ordanes William Muirheid, thair thesaurer, to pas to Edinburgh, with all diligence, and satisfie maister Alexander Hay his hundreth pundis for the prothogollis, and to ressave the saidis prothogollis.

4 December 1620.

Anent the  
new mesouris.

Ordines fra this furth the haill furlottis, pekis, half pekis, and fourt pairt pekis, that salbe gevin furth of this burghe ather to nychtbouris or to outlandis men, salbe all jedgit, burnt, and merkit with the toun irne be the dene of gild and thesaurare; for the quhilk ilk nychtbour sall pay vj s. viij d. for marking of the firlott, iij s. iiij d. for marking of the pek, half pek, and fourt pairt pek; and ilk landwart man sall pay for marking of the firlott xij s. iiij d., and for marking of the pek, half pek, and fourt pairt pek vj s. viij d. to the use of the toun. And ordines the saidis mesouris to be all maid agrieable to the act of parliament. And that na couper within this burghe gif out ony measouris befor they be first markit and burnt with the tounes irone as is befor contenit, under the pane of ten pundis; and gif ony firlote, pek, half pek, or fourt pairt pek, be fund within this burght unmarkit and burnt in maner foirsaid, the pairtie with quhome it salbe found salbe unlawit thairfoir in the soume of tuentie pundis and the mesour itself burnt and destroyet, and the

<sup>1</sup> Convention Records, vol. iii., p. 110.

stuff quhilk salbe fund sauld and deliverit thairwith to be confiscat and esheit to the tounes use. Anent the new mesouris.

6 December 1620.

The provest, baillies and counsell, convenit, hes conducet and agreit with David Murray, musiciane, to be a doctour in the grammer schole of this burgh for teaching of the Ingleshe reding and writting, teacher of the musik and uptaker of the psalmes in the kirk, for the space of thrie yeir and ane half nixtocum, under the charge of maister James Edmestoun, principall maister of the said grammer schole; for the quhilk cure the saidis provest, baillies and counsell, grantis to the said David Murray in feall the soume of fiftie merkis money [yearly]; togider with aucht s. in the quarter for schollage and buirde of ilk toun bairne that sall leirne to reid and write, and sex s. viij d. mair of ilk toun bairne that salbe teachit in the musik, and libertie to haif of outlandis bairnes according to the benevolence of parentis. David Murray, musiciane, doctour.

18 December 1620.

Comperit Williame Sherer, merchand, and for obedience of the charge gevin to him for delivering of the prothogall buikes and scrollis of umquhile Johnne Muschet, producet and gaif in to Williame Mureheid, thesaurare, certane buikes and scrollis of the said umquhile Johnne and umquhile Johnne Grahame, his predecessour. Anent the buikes.

20 February 1622.

Compeirit Alexander Stevinsoun, nyctbour, and sumtyme burges of this burgh, and confessit that he had transgressit divers actis, baith of the kirk and toun, maid anent his abstinence fra the cumpanie of Margaret Donaldsone with quhom he hes verie sclanderuslie behavit himselff, for the quhilk thay have bene baith laitlie cairtit throw this toun and utherwayis puneischit in thair persones and ordanit to abstene fra utheris, under the pane of baneischment; and thairfoir the said Alexander Stevinsone grantis himselff, of his awin consent, baith to be exylit and baneischit this burgh, and to have amittit and tint his burgeschip and libertie of the same. It is alwayis grantit to him be the magistratis that nochtwithstanding of his baneischment abone-writtin, it sall be lesum to him yeirlie, at four severall tymes, viz., at Witsonday, Mertimes, and tua fairis in harvest, to cum to this toun for doing of his lesum effairis and bussiness for the space of ane day and tua nichtis at ilk tyme. Alexander Stevinsone banished.

2 June 1622.

Officeris,  
drummer and  
pyperis  
claithes.

The counsell ordines the thesaurare to by and furnes to the foure officiares and to the drummer and pyper, ilk ane of thame, ane garment of rid Ingleshe kaser, viz., coit, breikis, and shankes, with whyte knettingis, wrocht in gude fassoun.

24 June 1622.

Handsenyie.

The counsell desyres Johnne Sherer, provest, to provyde and by ane handsenyie of talfitie, of the tounes cullouris, in place of the ald handsenyie quhilk is altogider worne.

15 July 1622.

New  
ensenyie.

Ordines Thomas Bachope, thesaurare, to mak payment to Johnne Sherer, provest, of the soume of thrie scoir tua li. depurset be him, at the tounes comand, in Edinburgh, for ane new ensenyie or Kingis standart.

1 August 1622.

Entressis of  
boittis.

Statutes and ordines that thair salbe ane collectioun maid be William Norie, takisman of the shoir maill, of the entressis of all boittis this yeir at the shoir and gevin up be him to the clerk to be buiket be him; and fra this furth that na boitt, creare, nor uther veshell be sufferit to los at the shoir quhill first they be enterit in the clerkis buikes, for the quhilk they sall pay allanerlie tua s. to the clerk, under the pane of ten pundis ilk boitt or creare, unforgevin.

12 August 1622.

Erle of Lin-  
lythqw,  
burgess and  
gild.

The provest, baillies and counsell, convenit, frelie and lovinglie ressaves and admittis ane noble erle, Alexander erle of Linlythqw, to the libertie and fredome of ane burgess and gild brother of this burghe.

28 August 1622.

Mr. Joseph  
Lawrie,  
buikis.

Comperit maister James Edmestoun, maister of the grammer schole, quha presentet they sex buikis, viz., Zanchius thrie volumes, Thuanus Historie in tua volumes, and Plinius Naturall Historie, quhilkis wer dedicat be Sir Robert Douglas to ane librarie within this burghe, and maister Josephe Lowrie, minister of this burghe, being present, ressavit the saidis buikis in custodie and keping and promessis to mak the same furthcumand to the toun quhen he salbe requyret.

16 *September* 1622.

In presens of the counsell, Johnne Sherer, provest, producet and gaif in ane compt writtin and subscrivit with his hand, quhairintill he charget him self with the ressett, in the tounes name, of the soume of aucht hundrethe and sex pundis usuall money of this realme for the prices of threttie foure jugis of bras ventet and dispersit be him amang the frie burrowes of this realme. . . . And for the grite cair, panes and travellis, takin be the said Johnne Sherer, baithe in causing mak the saidis juges and in venting and dispersing of the same amang the frie burrowes of this realme, quhilk the toun acknowlegis to be a verie gude and memorable service done be him to thame, they assigne to him the first vaiking gilbrotheris fyne that sall occur to thame.

30 *September* 1622.

The counsell ratifeis all actis maid of befor anent the cuming to the counsell immediatlie eftir the ringing of the bell, and modifeis the unlaw of absens to xl d. to be instantly payed quhen they cum except they be lauchfullie excusit be the provest; and the clerk to be send for with ane officer, seing he heires nocht the bell in his writing chalmer. And the counsell to meitt onlie everie xv dayes except sum extraordinar occasioun be offret.

The saidis provest, baillies and counsell, convenit, all in ane voce, eftir consultatioun the deane of gild with his gild brether and the convenare with the haill craftis, nominates and apointes Johnne Sherer, provest, and [the clerk, dean of guild, and convener,] commissioneris for the toun to deale, apoint and conclude, with the Erle of Kellie and the Lord Fentoun, for the heretable richt and dispositioun to be maid be thame to the toun of thair tua mylnes, with the croftis about the same, and the freir yaird and freir croft; provyding the saidis commissioneris exceid nocht the soume of ten thousand merkis to be payed be the toun thairfoir; and als provyding that the acqyring of the saidis mylnes be the toun infer nocht ony thirlling of the toun thairto unto the tyme the toun acqyre ma mylnes, nor yit that thair be ony alteratioun or hichting of the quantitie of the multure or knaifshep that presentlie is payed.

10 *February* 1623.

Ordines Robert Broun, thesaurare, to gif to the foure ordinar officialis the soume of aucht pundis for thair panes and travellis to be takin in outputting



Anent the  
pure.

and outhalding of the unkow and outland pure of the streittis and calseyes of this burgh, and fra all menes yettis and durris, fra this furth quhill the feist and terme of Michaelmes nixtocum; and recommendis the saidis officiares to the sessioun of the kirk to haif uther aucht pundis gevin be the kirk to thame for the said service.

9 June 1623.

Washing in  
the toun burn  
dischargit.

Ordenes publicatioun to be maid be bell or drum to the hail inhabitantis within this burgh for discharging thame to washe thar cloathis in ony pairt of the tounne burne above Robert Patersones lithous, under the pane of fyve pundis, and ratifies all former actis mad thairanent.

16 June 1623.

Commis-  
sioner, manu-  
facture of  
commodities,  
etc.

Nominates and apointes Johnne Sherer, provest, commissioner to ane meting apointet be the counsell of a number of noblemen, barones, gentlemen, and burrowes, in the burgh of Edinburgh, the nynt day of Julij nixtocum, to concur with the rest of the meting by his best advyse and counsell how the manufacture of commodities necessar for the use of the cuntrie, and specialle of the woll, may be undertakin and directit, and societies joyned and a stok maid for bringing of sa gude a wark to perfectioun; and als to advyse upoun sum overtures anent the universall miserie of the pure and the daylie grouthe of thair nomberis to be proponit to the said publict meting.

18 August 1623.

Commission-  
eris, frieschole  
or college.

Apointes Johnne Sherer, provest, and Johnne Williamsoun, clerk, commissioner to pas to Edinburgh with maister David Drummond to attend the counsell in the mater of the frie schole or college intendit be the Kingis majestie to be foundit in this burgh.

8 December 1623.

Anent selling  
of wyne.

Ratifeis and appreis the auld lovable actis maid of befoir, and to be keipit and put in executioun, anent the selling of wyne in this burgh, berand that all wyne to be sald in this toun sould be onlye xij d. mair of the pynt nor in the principall heid burgh of Edinburgh, and ordanes the same ordour to be observit and keipit in this burgh in all tyme cuming; and seing it is now presentlie sauld in Edinburgh at x s. the pynt, the same to be sauld in this toun at xi s., and so proportionable heirefter as wyne rysis and fallis.

29 December 1623.

Ordenes ane summondis of improbatione to be raiset at the instance of our Soverane lordis advocat and the toun aganes the aires of umquhile William Bell and remanent haill possessouris of the tounes landis. . . . As also to rais lettres aganes my lord Elphinstoun and his tennendis of Craigforthe for trubling the tounes fisching, or utherwyis to deill with my lord for redres of the said wrang.

Anent the  
Brighauche  
and tounes  
landis and  
fisching.

26 January 1624.

Nominates and apointes Johnne Sherare, provest, [and two others, to appear before the secret council and pursue the summons raised by the town] against Robert Ayssoun, in Craigorthe, James and Robert Ayssones, his brether sones, for incasting of stanes in the watter of Forthe to the destruction of the salmond fisching thairrof.

Commission-  
eris, salmon  
fishing.

6 February 1624.

Comperit personallie Robert Ayssoun in Craigorthe, Johnne and James Ayssones, his brether sones, thair, quha humblie confessit thair fault in thair wilfull casting of fyftene grit stanes in that rak of the watter of Forthe nixt under the cruves of Craigorthe, laitlie in the monethe of Januar last bypast, to the grit hurt and prejudice of the tounes fishing; for the quhilk they becum in the tounes will, quha unlawet thame thairfoir in the soume of fourtie pundis, and ordinit thame, of thair awne consentis, to red and cleinge the said watter of the fairsaidis stanes betuix and the first day of Aprile nixtocum.

Act,  
Ayssones.

14 June 1624.

Compeirit maister Harye Levingstoun, elder minister at Sanct Ninianes kirk, and thair understanding himselff to be waik and infirme of bodye, and that he hes bene hevelie diseasit this lang tyme bygane, and thairby unable to discharge his ministerie as he hes done to this toun this lang tyme bygane maist dewtifullie and painfullie, the said maister Harye thairfoir hes frelie, with his blissing, renuncit and gevin over his charge and cure of the ministerie of this burgh in favouris of the toun, with all dewtie thairrof in tyme cuming, so that thai may utherwyis dispose thairupoun at thair plesour.

Overgeving be  
Mr. Harye  
Levingstoun,  
minister.

7 March 1625.

Ordines the maisteris of the almousous to put ane ruif on the ile callit

Ruif of  
Bowies ile.

Ruif of  
Bowies ile.

Bowyes ile of the kirk on the expenssis of the puir folkis silver, inrespect the commoditie of all buriallis within the said ile is destinat be the toun to the use of the pure.

25 April 1625.

Keir,  
dissobedience.

Anent the complaint gevin in be Johnne Sherer, provest, aganes Walter Keir, baxter, for dissobedience done be the said Walter to him in the execution of his office laitlie, being commandit be the provest to gif out to him [a female prisoner who had fled to his house], the said Walter said: the devill a fut he wald lett or gif hir out to him, with mony uther disdainfull wordis. [He is ordained] to remane in waird ay and quhill he satisfie the provest for the said offence.

16 August 1625.

My Lord  
Merchestoun,  
thesaurer  
depute, etc.,  
burgessis and  
gilbrether.

The provest, baillies and counsell, convenit, hes ressavit and admittet thair honorable and grit respectit freind Sir Archibald Neaper of Merchestoun, knycht, maister Robert Neaper of Baquhaple, and Alexander Neaper, his breither, and Mongo Neaper, servitour to the said Sir Archibald, to the libertie and freidome of burgessis and gildbreither of this burgh.

22 August 1625.

Grammer  
schole.

Conduces and aggreis with maister David Will that, for the space of fyve yeiris nixt eftir the feast and terme of Mertimes nixtocum, the said maister David sall instruct and teache the haill youthe of this burgh, and utheris quha salhappin to be presentet to him within the grammer schole, in all the pairtes of grammer and authouris, bayth Greik and Latine, during the said space of fyve yeiris, as principall maister of the said grammer schole, and sal gif and employ himself haillilie to the teaching of the said grammer schole, and nocht withdraw himself thairfra at ony tyme during the said space but licence socht and obtenit thairto of the toun. . . . [The provest, bailies and council to pay him, yearly,] the soume of ane hundreth pundis usuall money of this realme in name of feale and stipend; and for ilk tounes bairne the said maister David salbe licenciati to tak in schollage ilk quarter of the yeir sex s. viij d., with libertie to tak of gentill mennes bairnes according to the discretioun of the gevaras.

28 August 1626.

Mr. Patrick  
Bell, reader,  
etc.

The provest, baillies and counsell, hes conducet and agreit with maister Patrik Bell, sone to maister Williame Bell, indueller of Glasgw, that for the space

of fyve yeiris nixt eftir the feast and terme of Mertimes nixtocum he sall serve the toun in the offices of ane reader in the kirk, clerk of the sessioun thair of, and teacher of the musike and uptaker of the psalmes, quhilkis offices he faithfullie promittis leallilie and trewlie to discharge according to his giftis, as he sall ansuer to God, during the space foirsaid. And for his service in the saidis offices the saidis provest, baillies and counsell, promittis to the said maister Patrik the haill frutes of the viccarage of the said kirk how sone it salhappin the samin to vaik, ather be deceis or dimissioun of James Duncansoun, present viccare and redare of the said kirk, togider with the haill alterages and chaplenreis of the samin kirk, quhair of the said James Duncansoun hes rycht and possession of the toun, how sone it salhappin the same to vaik as said is. And in the meyntyme, quhill the foirsaid viccarage and the saidis alterages sall happin to vaik, the saidis provest, baillies and counsell, obleissis tham, ather out of the sessioun of the said kirk or failyeing thair of furth of the commoun guid of the toun, to pay or caus be payed to the said maister Patrik Bell [200 merks yearly; with power to him] to tak scholage of tounes bairnes for teaching thame in the musik at his awin discretioun, and libertie alwyse to tak of out tounes bairnes as he and thair paires can agrie; and allowes to him for everie marage sex s. aucht d., and of everie baptisime tua s., and the ordiner commoditie of the registeres and of the clerkship of the kirk.

Mr. Patrick  
Bell, reader,  
etc.

30 October 1626.

Makis and constitutis Johnne Cowane, deane of gild, [commissioner to a convention of burghs at Edinburgh] to consult, vote, and determine anent sufficient number of shipis to be provydit with all warlyk furnitour to be sett out for saiftie of the cuntrye and preventing of the enemeis projectis and purpossis.

Anent  
shipping.

23 April 1627.

Electis [the dean of guild commissioner to a convention of burghs] anent the mater of the restrictioun of the borrowes tred, and the taking of thair shipis be the Dunkirkeris, the detenyng of thair men in bondage, the falling of thair commoun landis under the revocatioun, the granting of ane gift of the penall statutis, and utheris mentionat in the missive.

Commis-  
sioner.

7 December 1627.

David Stevinsone, baillie, and Thomas Coupar, tailyeour, keparis of the

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Anent cripple  
Jonetis v<sup>c</sup>  
merkis.

Anent cripple Jonetis v<sup>e</sup> merkis. pures box of the kirk of Sterling, granttit tham to have ressavit fra John M'Nair, thesaurer, the soume of fyve hundreth merkis, quhilk wes ressavit of befoir fra cripkill Jonet and destinat be hir to the use of the pure of the said kirk.

4 February 1628.

Anent j<sup>e</sup> li. left be the conservatour to the almous-hous. Delyverit be Johnne Cowane, deane of gild, to Thomas Bachop, merchand, and James Spittell als Waird, baxter, maisteris of the almoushous or hospitall of Sterling, in name of the pure thair of, the soume of ane hundreth pundis money, quhilk wes left in legacie be umquhile Sir Robert Dennestoun, lait conservatour in the Law Countreis for the Scotis natioun, to the pure of the said hospitall of Sterling.

Macolme Sword, burges and gild brether. Ressaves and admittis Macolme Sword, youngest sone of umquhile Christopher Sword, merchand, burges of this burgh, to the libertie and fredome of ane gild brether and burges. . . . Lykas the said Macolme presentlie renunes his craft and calling of skinnercraft, and actis and obleissis him, and thairupoun hes gevin his solemne athe, never to exerce nor use the said craft nor na uther craft within this burgh fra this furthe.

8 May, 1629.

Court held by provost and bailies; a creillman, and others convicted. James Ramsay, creillman, son to John Ramsay, borne besyde Breichan, Marion Straittoun, his spows, Jeilles Leslie, borne in Steanhyve, and John Lyndsay, hir sone, borne in Largs, ane bastard, being accuset be John Adamsone, procuratour fiscall of this burgh, Jeillis Lennox, [and others,] for the thifteus and wrangous stealling, resetting, and intrometting with and awaye taking fra the saidis Geillis Lennox, [and others,] of certane of thair guidis, geir, insicht and plenneissing, claithes, pleydes and wtheris, perteining to them, quhair of ane certaine pairt of the said gear was gotten againe fra sindrie hands as being sauld be the said creillman his wyffe, of his knowlege and command, to the saids persouns or layed in pledge to them, and wther pairt of the said gear was apprehendit and found with the said creillman and the said Geillis Leslie and hir sone at the tym of thair apprehensioun; and the said creilleman ganging throw the countrey lyk ane ydle vagabound with ane tumbe creill on his bak and nathing fund thairin to sell; and the said Geilles Leslie and hir sone haunting and resorting thair companie and ludging, eating and drinking with them, quha confessit the bying fra the said creillman

and his wyffe tua cuttis and sume yeirne and tua single pleydes, quhilk apperantlie was all stollene gear; and everie ane of the saids persouns ar fund and tryet be thair awen confessiouns and thair depositiouns that they ar commone lieris and to varye everie ane of them fra utheris in thair depositions, for the quhilk they aucht to be punishit in thair persouns in exampbell of utheris. [Being tried by an assize of fifteen persons,] convictis the said James Ramsay and his spous as idle and sturdye vagaboundis and commoun pykeris and evill levaris, and the said Jeillis Leslie and John Lindsay, hir sone, as idle vagaboundis and hanteris and resorteris in the saidis evill cumpanye and societie. And thairfoir the judges ordanis the said James Ramsay, creillman, to be scurgit through the toune to the Barresyett and thair burnt on the shoulder; and the said creillmans wyffe and the uther tua persouns foirsaidis to be exiled and banishit this burgh and libertie thairfor ever; and gif ever ony of the saids persouns be fund agane thairin to be hangit or drowned, but assyse or dome of law.

Court held by provost and bailies; a creillman, and others convicted.

26 *May* 1628.

The counsall ordanis na burgessis to be admittit heireftir quhill first thair produce thair armour sufficientlie in presens of the counsall.

Anent burgessis and thair armour.

21 *September* 1629.

Findis that Alexander Cunynghame, merchand, hes contravenit the acttis and ordinances of this burgh and gildrie thairfor, in bigging and building with timber under the foirstair of umquhile James Stevinsones fairland foiranent the mercat croce of this burgh, quhairfor baith the procuratour fischall and his nychtbouris hes complenit to the dene of gild and his bretherine and to the counsall. . . . Ordanes the said Alexander Cunynghame to demoleische and tak doun his said timber wark and mak all agane in als guid estait as it wes of befoir within xlvij houris eftir this present hour, under the pane of xl li. And dischargis him and all utheris to do the lyk agane, or mak ony uther novatioun of building or bigging within this burgh, but licence had and obtenit of the counsall thairto, under the panes contenit in the former actis.

Novatioun of building.

16 *November* 1629.

Statutes and ordanes that fra this furthe that na baxteris within this burgh, thair wyffis, barnes, servandis, nor na utheris, sell ony meaneschottis

Baxteris, anent main schottis.

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schottis.

within the samyn, bott according to the paice and pryce of quhyt bread, conform to the statutis of this burgh.

28 December 1629.

Bryce,  
buriallis in  
hospitallis  
yle.

Statutis and ordanes that na persone quhatsumever fra this furthe be bureit in the hospitallis yle, within the kirk of this burgh, quhill first thair be satisfet thairfoir, be tham that craves the same, to the maisteris of the said hospitall, in name of the pure thairof, the pryces following, to witt, for ilk persone man or woman fourtie pundis, and everye bairne tuentie pundis, unforgevin; and ordanes this act to be sett down in the kirk session book, and to be dewlie observit in all tyme cuming; and discharges the maisteris of the said hospitall of taking ony les pryces nor is befor set down.

3 May 1630.

Andro Kirk-  
wode ressavit  
in hospitall.

For certane reasonabill caussis moving tham, furthe of thair pitie and compassioun, ressaves and admittis Andro Kirkwood, nyctbour and burges of this burgh, to ane place in thair nether hospitall or almouschous, to be ressavit thairin be the maisteris thairof, and to have all dewis aperteining; provyding the ressaving of the said Andro thairto be nawayis prejudiciall to the tounes actis and ordinances maid heiranent of befor, and that he remane and abyde in the said hospitall, and obey the directiounes of the saidis maisteris in all pointis, utherwayis he to be removit and secludit fra all benefeit thairof.

Anent our  
ministerie.

Nominatis, appointis, and ordanes Thomas Bruce, provest, and John Cowane, thair deane of gild, commissioneris for tham, to ryd with maister Joseph Laurye, thair lait minister, to the archiebischop of Sanct Androis, and thair to confer with him anent the planting and satling of the ministrie, and to gif the said bischop ane ansuer of his last missive to the toun, and to sie how the said maister Joseph sall be provydit; and gif thei have occasioun to mak overtures of ony utheris ministeris name to cum heir, that thei propone maister Alexander Henrysone, minister of Leucheris befor any uther.

Hammermen  
contrar cor-  
dineris anent  
the beltmak-  
eris entrie.

The provest, baillies and counsall, having at lenth hard, sene, and considerit the complent gevin in to tham of befor be Robert Henrysoun, deacone of the hammermen of this burgh, for himselff and in name and behalff of his hail bretherene of craft, aganes James Houstoun, deacone of the cordineris thairof, and his hail bretherene of craft, for boisting and dischairging of

James Henrye, beltmaker in Dumblane, quha wes laitlie enterit and ressavit nychtbour and burges of this burgh, to enter with the said hammermen and thair craft to quhom thei afferme he properlie pertenis, as saidleris and uther beltmakeris in uther burrowis are in use to enter with, being a pairt and pendicle of thair calling; quhilk the cordineris affirme in the contrair that the said beltmaker pertenis mair properlie to thame; quha being desyrit to giff in thair reasonis and ansueris of befoir to the said complent, the said deacone of the cordineris declairit he wald giff in nane for the present; and thairfoir the counsall patt the said mater in voitting to quhom the said belt-maker sould enter, quha be pluralitie of voittis fand that the said John Henrye, beltmaker, aucht properlie to enter with the hammermen and to thair craft and not to the cordiner craft for ony thing thai have yitt hard and sene, specialie in respect the said deacone of the hammermen hes producit and gevin in sindrie actis and ordinances of the hammermen of Edinburgh quhilk makis in favouris of the hammermen of this burgh heir.

Hammermen  
contrar cor-  
dineris anent  
the beltmak-  
eris entrie.

*7 February 1631.*

Ordanes the haill summondis of reducioun and improbatioun, raisit and persewit at the instance of the Kingis majesties advocat, and the provest, baillies, and counsell of the burgh of Sterling, the maisteris of the hospitall in name of the pure thairof, and at the instance of the minister of Stirling and his successouris, for the vicarage, mans, and gleib, to be presentlie tabulat and ane act of contnewatioun sett down thairanent in the bookis of counsall and sessioun, to the effect the toun and utheris havand intres may prosecute and follow furthe the saidis actiones at ony tyme heireftir at thair plesour.

Tounes  
summondis.

*7 March 1631.*

Ordanes Patrik Sword, thair thesaurer, to caus mend and repair agane the calsey at the barresyett and toun wall at the Dirtraw, quhilk wes brokin yisterday, being Sonday, be the great spait of water that brak out of the park loche.

Calsey and  
toun wall,  
spait of water.

*21 March 1631.*

Charles Scherar, Scottisman, and now indueller in Dort in Holland, hes instantlie at the dait heiroy, out of the love and favour quhilk he hes and beiris to the said burgh of Stirling, and to the weill and standing thairof,

Charles  
Sherar, minis-  
trie and pure.



Charles  
Sherar, minis-  
trie and pure.

gevin, payit, and delyverit to the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, and to thair thesaurer foirsaid in thair name, all and haill the soume of ane thousand merkis guid and usuall money foirsaid of this realme, to be bestowit and imployit be tham for the use of thair said kirk, ministerie or pure thairof, as thai sall think maist meit and expedient.

Craftis fynes  
and entressis.

Findis that thair hes bene ane great abuse among the craftis of this burgh in tymes bygane for dealing amang tham of thair fynes and entressis quhen it wes gottin in, and not imploying the samyn to the use of thair pure decayit bretherine, wedowis, and thair bairnes, aganes all law, equitie and resoun, and to the great hurt of the craftis and in contrair the actis of burrowis; and thairfoir the counsall discharges the lyk abuse in tyme cuming, and be consent of the haill craftis deacones present, ordanes the saidis fynes and entressis to be imployit and keipit to the richt use foirsaid and to na uther use, under all hiest pane and chairge that eftir may follow.

12 April 1631.

Act, silver  
bellis of the  
burgh.

In presens of [the provost and bailies] compeirit personallie maister Thomas Rollok, younger, burges of the said burgh of Sterling, and become actit and obleist, of his awen confessioun, as cawtioner and souertie for John Drummond of Garnok, that he sall exhibit, present, and delyver to the proveist, or ony ane of the bailleis of the said burgh of Sterling, within the said burgh, upon the first day of Marche nixtocum, all and haill theis silver bellis, extending to the number of aucht bellis, weyand in the haill aucht unce and nyne drape weight, quhilk he wane this day, being Peace Tuesday, at the bell reace, to be rune againe the nixt Peace Tuesday betuix Bannokburne and Sterling, and that under the paine of fyve hundreth merkes money of this realme to be payd to the thesaurer of this burgh to the tounes use in caise of failyie.

13 June 1631.

Act aganes  
Johnne  
Williamsoun.

The provest, baillies and counsall, all in ane voice, concludes and ordanes that in respect Johnne Williamsoun, sumtyme thair clerk, quha opinlie and voluntarlie in counsall, at Michaelmes 1627, had dimittit his office of clerkship of this burgh in favouris of the counsall, and now laitlie this day had causit summond the provest, baillies, and haill counsallouris, with thair clerk, thesaurer, and procuratour fischall, befor the lordis for allegit ejecting of him

at the said terme of Michaelmes 1627 fra his said office, quhilk the counsall thinkis ane maist manifest abuse and wrang done to the haill toun; and thairfoir ordanes the said caus (being a commoun caus of the toun) to be defendit upoun the tounes expenssis; and farder ordanes and concludes that the tounes summondis and actioun aganes the said Johnne Williamsoun for thair prothogollis, bookis and warrandis, sall be prosecute and followit furthe with all expeditioun, lykwayis upoun the tounes charges.

Act aganes  
Johnne  
Williamsoun.

11 *July* 1631.

Andro Young, baillie, producit in counsall ane act of the sessioun of the kirk of Stirling, under the subscriptioun of maister Patrick Bell, thair reidar and clerk of the said kirk sessioun, of the dait the 7 day of Junij last, quhairby thaj had approvin and allowit the said baillie his proceedingis in bying of ane bell to the kirk, fra my Lord Madertie, quhilk wes hung wp in the kirk steple, for the quhilk the said baillie had satisfeit and maid the rest of the expenssis in hinging the same, to be allowit be him, as maister of the kirk wark, in his comptis. Lykas, the saidis provest, baillies and counsall appreves and allowis the said Andro Young, baillie, his haill proceedingis and doinges thairin, to the great credit and decoratioun of the toun and kirk.

Anent the  
new kirk bell.

25 *July* 1631.

Ordanes Patrick Sword, thair thesaurer, to pay and delyver to Johnne Robene, thair clerk, fiftie merkis money for helping to repair Bonnokburne brig.

Bonnokburne  
brig.

7 *November* 1631.

Ordanes that for the bettir reparatioun and uphalding of thair kirk in tyme cuming, and for the help and supplie of thair pure, that all the commodities that sall happin to be gottin for the funerall and buriall places within the said kirk and passages to the iyles thairin, and for privat mariages, to-gidder with the collectionnes for the pure, penalties and uther accidentis pertening to the kirk and sessioun, salbe collectit and ingadderit and put wp be the maisteris and collectouris thairof in ane box and purs; and quhat is necessar for the reparatioun of the said kirk the same to be first tane aff the same, and the rest to be delt and destributit to the pure as the magistratis and sessioun of the kirk sall think maist meit and expedient.

Reparatioun  
of kirk and  
help of the  
pure.

5 *March* 1632.

Copie signa-  
tour of Edin-  
burgh.

Delyverit be Johnne Robene, in counsall, the cople of the toun of Edin-  
burghis great infetment, daittit in anno 1603, to be putt in the counsall  
bowell, to the toun of Stirlingis use.

23 *April* 1632.

Act anent our  
ministerie.

The provest, baillies and counsall, all in ane voice, ar content with maister  
Henrye Guthrye, minister at Guthrie kirk, his teiching and doctrine, quhilk  
thai hard twys yisterday and uther twa dayis of befor, and ar willing to have  
him to be thair pastor, and yit, for the peoples farder satysfatioun, desyris the  
approbatioun of the sessioun of the kirk, and a particular meiting of the dene  
of gild with his bretherine, and the convenar and the rest of the decones with  
thair bretherine of craft, and visitour of the maltmen with his bretherine, and  
to report thair willis and myndis heiranent this day aucht dayis to the counsall  
of the toun.

30 *April* 1632.

Act anent  
ministerie  
and commis-  
sionares.

Being convenit for treating on the satling of thair ministerie and uther  
thair commoun affaires; eftir report maid this day in counsall be the dene of gild  
for himselff and his bretherine the merchandis, and the convenar for him selff  
and the haill craftis (thair decones being present in counsall), and be sindrye  
utheris as sessionaris of the kirk, and uther nychtbouris of the toun, as wes  
desyrit the last counsall day, anent thair myndis and willis concerning maister  
Henrye Guthrye, minister at the kirk of Guthrie, and of his teiching and  
doctrine quhilk they had hard twys yisterday, being the Sabothe day, and  
uther tua severall dayis of befor, declairit oppinlie that thai ar weill content  
and pleasit with him and his doctrine, and ar content and willing to have him  
to be thair pastor; quhairwith also the haill counsall of the toun war content.  
[Commissioners appointed to treat with the archbishop of St. Andrews and the  
minister for his settlement in the burgh.]

8 *October* 1632.

Act anent the  
colledge of  
Glasgow toun.

Having consideratioun of the petitioun of the commissionaris for the  
colledge of Glasgow desyring support of this toun for the help of the edifeing  
and bigging of the said colledge, as utheris weill affectit bayth of the burrowis

as nobilitie and gentrye hes offerit, the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, all in ane voice, out of the love and zail thay have and bearis to the propagatioun of the trew religioun and for the bettir tranyng and bringing wp of youthe at the said colledge, have frelye and voluntarlie granttit to pay for advancement of the said wark, sua weill intendit, the soume of thre hundreth merkis Scottis money, and ratefeis and approves the hand writt and subscription of Thomas Bruce, our provest, putt to the saidis commissionaris book of volutar contributioun maid thairanent.

Act anent the  
colledge of  
Glasgow town.

11 *February* 1633.

The baillies and counsall, being convenit for treating on thair commoun effairis, and specialie for reparatioun of thair kirk quhilk wes greatumlie harmit and skaythit throw the great tempest of windis on the 6 and 7 dayis of Februar instant, concludes and ordanes, for the better help and reparatioun of the said kirk for the present, that the maisteris of the nether hospitall or almousous of this burgh presentlie ansuer and advance to the maisteris of wark of the said kirk the soume of ane thowsand merkis money of Scotland; as also that the maisteris of the kirkis box ansuer and advance furth of thair pures box for the help foirsaid the haill moneyis being thairin for the present.

Reparatioun  
of kirk, great  
tempest.

The counsall ordanes the tounes thesaurer to repair thair grammer scoole, decayit throw the occasioun foirsaid, and putt on ane new ruiff thairon and theik the same with sclaitt, and putt workmen thairto with all diligence, on the tounes charges.

Reparatioun,  
grammer  
scoole.

8 *April* 1633.

Anent the reparatioun of the kirk quhilk wes greatumlie harmit and skaithit throw the great tempest of windis on the 6 and 7 dayis of Februar last bipast, quhairanent the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, [on 11th February authorised the masters of the hospital and of the kirk box to advance money for its reparation]; and seing thair is not so mutche reddye moneyis for the present in the said kirkis box as will help and repair the said kirk be the tent pairt, thairfoir the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, being maist willing that the pure of the said hospitall and thair maisteris thairof be nawayis frustrat, bot rather sufficientlie securit for the said soume of ane thousand merkis, [bound themselves to repay the same out of the readiest money to be collected for repair of the kirk or otherwise].

Act for the  
hospitall  
anent the  
kirk.

13 *May* 1633.

Propyne for  
the King.

Concludis and agreis for a propyne aganes his Maiesties cuming to this toun, viz., a silver coup to be maid in guid fassioun, heiche sett, with a cover ourgilt with gold, at the sicht of the magistratis, on the tounes charges.

20 *May* 1633.

Executionar.

Thomas Grant, borne in Glenalmond, under David Murray of Buchindye, ressavit and sworne servand and executionar to this toun of Stirling during his lyftyme, and sall not remove nor absent himselff aff the toun but licence of the magistratis, under the pane of daithe.

18 *June* 1633.

Curia burgi.  
Anent the  
kings careage.

Compeirit David Stevinsone and James Fotheringhame, bailleis, for taking ordour anent the Kings Majesteis careage swa far as is imposit on this towne, the chairge quhairof wnder them is imposit on Walter Wallace, thair constable, sworne for that effect, and theis that hes horssis being warnit to this day againe nyne houris be John Forrester, officiar, and the compeirantes as is nattet on the roll being enjoynit, ilk ane of them wnder the paine of xx li., and the rest absent ar unlawit ilk ane of them in x li. and ordanit to be wardit; quhairupon dome is given.

4 *July* 1633.

Sindrye of  
the Kingis  
servandis  
burgessis and  
gild brether.

The provest, baillies, dene of guild, thesaurer, and sindrie utheris of the counsall of this burgh being convenit, the persones efternominat war ressavit and admittit frelie in burgessis and gild brethir of the said burgh, quhairof pairt being present war sworne, and utheris absent thair burges tickettis war gevin to utheris to giff to them, as followis:—Presentes, burgessis ressavit and sworne: Sir Harye Hungatt, gentilman of his Majesties privie chalmer, Sir Richard Lechforde, gentilman pensionar to his Majestie; Sir Harye Mudie, baronet; [and 47 others, the last being] Johnne M'Beathe, servand at the Quenis Majesteis bakstairis. Burgessis absentis not sworne, quhais tickettis are delyverit to utheris to giff tham: Sir Richard Young, gentilman of his Majesties privie chalmer, [and five others].

8 *July* 1633.

The bischop  
of London  
and utheris  
burgessis and  
gild brethir.

The saidis provest, baillies and counsall, frelie ressavit and admittit the persones following to the libertie and fredome of burgessis and gild brether of the said burgh, quha maid faithe as use is:—the reverend father in God,

William lord bishop of London; the reverend father in God, William lord bishop elect of Helyforde; Johnne bishop of Ros; maister James Aynslie chaplane to my lord bishop of Ross, maister James Hannay, preicher at Halyruidhous; James Kirk, his servitour; [and fourteen others].

The bischop  
of London  
and utheris  
burrgeasis and  
gild brethir.

26 *July* 1633.

Ordanes James Fotheringhame, baillie, to ryd to Edinburgh, and efter advyse of our tounes advocatis to requyre Johnne Williamsoun, sumtyme thair clerk, to cum to Sterling betuix and the xv day of August nixtocum, and to accept the place of clerkship thair of on him, conforme to the decreit of the lordis of sessioun.

Anent Johnne  
Williamsounes  
repositioun.

14 *August* 1633.

The provest, baillies and counsall, having hard the report of John Johnnestoun, merchand, commissioner for this burgh to St. Androis, declairit that the burrowis hes concludit and ordanit that ilk burges, at the tyme of thair admissioun, fra that furthe sould giff thair aithes that thai procure no monopolis; and that all scoollis within burgh begin to teiche Wodderburnes grammer fra Michaelmes nixt, and to send to the agent of the burrowis for the bookis and pay for them; as also that na fremen sall bye nor take pairt in schipping with unfremen fra this furth, and thai that hes tane pairt alreddye sall quytt them selfis within yeir and day, under the pane of j<sup>c</sup> li. and tyning of thair libertie.

Report anent  
the burrowis.

15 *August* 1633.

Johnne Robene, principall clerk, for obedience of the proveist, bailleis, and counsallis ordinance, this day, and of befoir at everie Michaelmes quhan he was sworne clerk, hes delyverit to Thomas Andersone, thesaurer of this burgh, with consent of the cownsell, the haill buikis, prothogollis, and warrandis pertaining to the towne, sen his admissioun at Michaelmes 1627.

Delyverie of  
prothogollis  
and war-  
randis.

According to the decreit [of the lords of council and session] the proveist, bailleis and counsall, willinglie reposessit and enterit John Williamsone to the office of clerkshipe to be bruikit and joysit be him conforme to the said decreit and act of admissioun mentionat thairintill, be delyvering to him of ane of the buikis of caussis and commoun stamp or caschett of the said burgh.

Repositioun  
of Johnne  
Williamsone.

6 January 1634.

Act of taxation.

Haifing consideratioun that Thomas Bruce of Weltoun, provest, Johnne Sherare, and Johnne Johnnestoun, merchandis, burgessis of the said burgh, be commissioun and poware gevin to thame from the baillies and counsall of the samyn burghe, had maid ane offir to pay to his Maiestie and to ane noble and potent marquise James marquise of Hamyltoun, collectour generall of the extentis, ordinar and extraordinare, grantet to his hienes in the lait parliament haldin at Edinburgh, the tuentie aucht day of Junij last bipast, the soume of ten thousand merkis money of this realme for the extent of the tua of ten grantit furthe of the annuellis of the termes of Mertimes [1633, Whitsunday and Martinmas 1634, 1635, and 1636; also, £4,793 8s. Scots] for the ordinar taxatioun, and for the extraordinare taxatioun of the sextene pennye grantet furthe of the annuellis of the termes of Mertimes [1634, 1635, 1636, 1637, 1638 and 1639, all to be paid together and in one sum at Whitsunday next; which offer having been accepted, the provest, bailies and council now bound themselves to pay the sums agreed upon.]

16 June 1634.

Sailleris of Kirkaldie.

Condiscendis that betuix thame and the sessioun of the kirk thair salbe gevin to the releif of the sailleris of Kirkaldie, prisoneris in Argeres, the soume of (*blank*).

1 September 1634.

Act, thesaurer, King's visit.

Remittis to Johnne Robesoun, travellour, the sextene pundis for his nychtbourheid and burgesship, in respect of the service done be him to the toun the tyme of his Majesteis being in Scotland, in hambringing and taking agane to Edinburgh the sport stafes and gownes.

29 September 1634.

Ringin of bell.

Robert Henrysoun obleist him as cautioner for Patrick Christie, officer, that he sall attend and ring the ten hour bell nychtlie, and sall nocht leave af the ringin thair of, nor yit the ringin of the counsell bell, befor the space of ane quarter of ane hour be first spendit.

Anent John Cowane's legacies, etc.

The provest, baillies, and counsell of the burghe of Sterling, being convenit in the counsell hous within the tolbuthe thair of, for treating upoun the commoun effaires of the same, comperit personallie Allexander Cowane, brother and air of umquhile Johnne Cowane, merchand, burges of the said

burghe, and executour lauchfullie confirmet to him, and shew and declared that his said umquhile brother, on his deid bed, in his latter will and testament, tuke the said Allexander sworne that he sould faithfullie performe that quhilk he wes to declair and will him to do eftir his deceis, to witt, that with all convenient diligence he sould provyde out of the reddiest of his guidis, geir and dettis, the soume of fourtie thousand merkis usuall money of this realme, quhilk the said umquhile Johnne, furthe of his zeale to the glorie of God and out of the love he had to this burghe, he had left, assignet, destinat, and apointet to be waired and bestowed upoun ane hospitall or almoushouse to be buildit in sum commodious place within this burghe for sustenyng thairintill the number of tuelf decayed gilbrother, burgessis and induellaris of the said burghe; and according to the foirsaid latter will the said Allexander Cowane, air and executour foirsaid of his said umquhile brother, being movit in conscience and dewtie to performe and fulfill his said umquhile brotheris latter will abonewrettin, producet and gaif in ane band and obligatioun subscrivit with his hand of the day and dait of thir presentis, oblessing him to the payment of the foirnamit soume of fourtie thousand merkis for the use of the foirsaid hospitall, to be callit in all tyme cuming Cowanes Hospitall, at the termes and in maner mentionat in the foirsaid band; quhilk band and obligatioun the saidis provest, baillies and counsell, thankfullie ressavit and acceptit be the hand of Thomas Bruce, provest, and gaif God thankis quha movit the said umquhile Johnnes mynd to sa gude a worke, and they promest faithfullie to concur and assist to the perfytyng of the foirsaid wark and latter will, and to sett doun ane mair ample commemoratioun thairof in all the buikis of this burghe in dew and competent forme as effeires. And farder, the said Allexander Cowane shew and declaired that his said umquhile brother had left for the use of the maister of the schole five hundreth merkis, and for the use of the secund minister uther fyve hundreth merkis, quhilkis soumes the said Allexander Cowane instantlie payed and deliverit to James Robertsoun, thesaurer, quhairof he grantis the ressait. Farder the said Allexander declared that it wes his brotheris desyre that the toun wald grant to the said Allexander and to Issobell Alexander, his mother, and to the posterite of thair bodies and of thair lyne ane buriall place within thair kirk on the north syde thairof betuix the pilleris quhair his umquhile father wes bureit, with power to set up ane convenient memoriall or monument on the

Anent John Cowane's legacies for erecting an hospitall for decayed gild-brethren, etc.



Anent John Cowane's legacies for erecting an hospitall for decayed gild-brethren, etc. face of the north syde wall of the said kirk, quhair thair wes ane dur of ald, neir to the Patersones ile, without closing up ony boundis of the kirk at all; quhilk desyre the saidis provest, baillies, and counsell thocht ressonabill, and thairfoir grantis the same conforme to the desyre foirsaid. And desyres the minister, elderis, and deacones of the sessioun of the said kirk, lykewyes to condiscend thairto be act of thair sessioun buik in ample forme as effeires.

1 June 1635.

Act, thesaurer and minister; Orkney and Shetland. Ordines James Robertsoun, thesaurer, to ressave and uplift fra maister Harie Guthrie, minister, the fyve hundrethe merkis quhilk wes laitlie collectit bot nocht bestowit for the support and help of the distrest and famished people of Orkney and Shetland, to be employed be the said thesaurer for sum of the tounes present neidfull adoes for the quhilk he salbe comptable to the toun; and ordines the said thesaurer to gif band to the said minister for making the lyke soume furthcumand ather to the use foirsaid of the said distrest and famished people, or to sum uther gude and pious use, as the saidis provest, baillies, and counsell, with the minister and sessioun of the kirk, sall determine and think expedient.

31 August 1635.

Thesaurer, sone dyell. Ordines James Robesoun, thesaurer, to ansuer and mak payment to Johnne Service, maissoun, of the soume of tuentie merkis for his werkmanship of the sone dyell sett up be him on the foirface of the clerkis hous foirnent the mercat croce.

30 May 1636.

Act anent the laddell dewtie. [The council ordained the act dated 26th April, 1613,<sup>1</sup> and decree of the privy council in fortification thereof to be registered here for confirmation of the same. The decret is dated 11th March, 1613, and proceeds on letters raised by his Majesty's advocate and by the deacons of crafts] in name of the haill remanent craftsmen, and utheris, handleris and treaderis with victuall within the said burgh of Sterling, makand mentioun that quhair thir divers yeires bygane the maist pairt of the merchandis of the said burgh (of quhilk sort and rank of peopell the haill counsell of the toun doethe consist, tua craftsmen onlie haifing voice thairintill,) hes borne ane very great heatret and malice aganes the haill craftsmen of the said toun (quhairof sum number ar

<sup>1</sup> Ante, p. 134.

victuall handleris), and by all direct and indirect menes hes ever socht to draw thame to truble, fashrie, and extraordinarie great chargis and expenssis, thairby to worke with thame thair utter wrak and owerthraw; and not of long tyme syne the commissionaris who wer apointit be the lordis of his Majesties privie counsall to satle and tak away the elistis and differences standing betuix the merchandis and craftismen of the said burgh haifing, with no small panis, in some measour satled and pacesied thame in ane ressonable good ordour and quyetnes, appyning that the saidis merchandis and thair associate suld haif na farder insist to have bereft the saidis complenaris of thair liberties and privilegis dew to thame within the said burgh, bot sould haif sufferit thame to have peaceablie enjoyit thair saidis liberties and civilie and modestlie to haif levit besydis thame as being all memberis of ane bodie; notwithstanding, it is of treuthe that in the monethe of November or thairby last bypast the provest, baillies, and counsell of the said burgh, all of thame consisting of merchandis, except only tua craftismen as said is, assistit be some seditious and fractious persones within the said burgh, verie presumptuoslie and unlauchfullie be thame selfis, without the generall consent of the haill bodie of the said burght, (the saidis tua craftismen counselleris of the said burgh dissasentyng from thame) and without ony warrand from his Majestie or lordis of his hienes privie counsall, and als without the consent or allowance of the burrowes of this kingdome, hes statute and ordenit be act of the said counsall that the saidis complenaris, and all utheris friemen within the said burgh who sall hapin to bring ony sort of victuall within the same from ony pairt of the kingdom outwith the libertie of the said burgh, ather for thair awin propper use, or to be sauld be thame in smallis or in breid or drink within the said burgh for the commoun benefite of the toun, sall pay to the customair of the said burgh out of everye lead of the said victuall ane pretendit unlauchfull custome, impost, or custome callit be thame the laydell dewtie, as the said pretendit act maid thairanent at lenthe beiris, quhilk act they intend to caus be put to executioun againes the saidis complenaris. Lykas they haif alreadie, upoun the aucht day of Februar last, by opin violence and be way of bangastrie and oppressioun tane and apprehendit James Hendersoun and Walter Keir, baxteris, burgessis and frie craftismen and nychtbouris of the said burgh, and committit thame to waird within the tolbuthe thair of for thair lauchfull refusing to mak payment of the said unlauchfull custome and as yit keipis and

Act anent  
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detenis thame in prisoun and strait captivetie, they being his Maiesties frie legis ansuerable and obedient to his hienes lawis, and thair being no lauchfull sentence nor decreit standing againes thame. Albeit, it be of verety that nather in the said burgh of Sterling, nor in na uther burghe within this kingdome, wes thair ever ony suche dewtie exactit or intendit to haif bene exactit be the magistratis of the burrowes fra ony frieman for victuall bocht be thame in the cuntrie and inbrocht in the saidis burrowes but the layddell dewtie of the said burgh of Sterling, and of all uther burrowis of this kingdome, utherwyse callit the geat dychtynge, gevin fra the beginyng to the burrowes for keiping of the geattis of the burghes cleine, is onlie extendit aganes unfremen who presentis thair victuall to the mercatis of the saidis burrowes allanerlie and na farder, as the uther small commodities presentit be the unfremen to mercatis payis thair customes accordingle; and gif this impost and custome be exactit and uptane from fremen and nychtbouris of the burgh they thairby ar in nobettercaice and conditioun nor ane unfremen, and lossis the libertie and privelyge dew to thame within the said burgh quhairof they and thair predicessouris hes bene in peaceble possessioun sen the first erecting of the same burgh; and the saidis provest, baillies, and counsall of the said burgh, the saidis tua craftismen representing the saidis haill craftismen, and maist pairt of the bodie of the said toun dissasenting in this mater from the remanent of the said counsall, mycht nocht lauchfullie have maid the said act nor na suche uther statute or act as mycht haive bereft thame of thair ancient liberties and privilegis within the said burgh, and far les may they or aucht they to put the said pretendit act to executioun againes the saidis complenaris or ony of the brethren of the saidis craftis, except the same had bene first authorized and apprevin be his Majestie and lordis of his privie counsall, or than that they haid had the consent of the burrowes to the making thairof, as they haif not. . . . The lordis of secreite counsall findis and declaris that the act fairsaid anent the custome of the laidill is lauchfullie maid for the weil of the said burgh, and ordenis the same to ressave executioun, with this interpretatioun, limitatioun and restrictioun alwyse, that the said act salbe extendit onlie againes suche persones inhabitantis of the said burgh who buyes and bringis victuall to the said burgh and sellis the same ower againe in that kynd, space, and sort as it was bocht, [etc., to same effect as the act dated 26th April, 1613, *antea* p. 134. The lords also freed Hendersoun and Keir from ward, and discharged the unlaw.]

20 February 1637.

Haifing consideratioun that Allexander Cowane of Wester Polmais hes <sup>Act, Alexander Cowane.</sup> now performit the legacie of umquhile Johnne Cowane, merchand, burges of the said burghe, maid be him of the soume of fourtie thousand merkis money of this realme left for edifeing of ane hospitall within this burghe to be callit Cowanes Hospitall in all tyme coming, in maner mentionat in the contract maid betuix the toun and the said Allexander thairanent, [the provest was instructed to deliver up his bond dated 29th September, 1634.]

Nominates, electis, and cheses James Robesoun, younger, merchand, <sup>Preceptour of Cowanes Hospitell.</sup> in preceptour, thesaurer, and maister of wark of the new hospitell or almousous callit Cowanes Hospitell, quhill the feast and terme of Michelmes nixtocum, quha maid faithe as use is.

25 September 1637.

Ratifeis and approves the supplicatioun underwritin, gevin in be Johnne <sup>The tounes supplicatioun to the counsell.</sup> Johnnstoun, baillie, in name of the provest, baillies, and counsell of this burghe, for the haill communitie thair of, to the lordis of his Majesties secreit counsell laitlie the [blank] day of September instant, quhairof the tenour followis:—My lordis of secreit counsell,—Unto your lordshipis humlie meanes and shawes we, his Majesteis maist humble and loyall subjectis, the provest, baillies, and counsell of Sterling, in name of the haill communitie thair of, that seing thair wes ane proclamatioun gevin furth upoun the tuentie day of December, 1636, for authorizing ane certane buik of commoun prayer to be the onlie forme of Godis worship within this kingdome, commanding all subjectis, baithe ecclesiasticall and civile, to conforme thameselfis thairto, and the contravenares to be condignlie censured and punishet; quhilk buike wantis nocht onlie all approbatioun of generall assembleis and ratificatioun by any act of parliament, the auctoritie quhairof hes hitherto bene fund necessar for establishing of materis of religioun and Godis worship, bot also is fund to contene a form of worship dangerouslie suerving frome the forme of religioun, worship and doctrine, quhilk we haif bene tacht and haif followit universallie hitherto sence our happie reformatioun from poprie, and according to the reule of Godis word and warrand of divers actis of parliament; and yit, nochtwithstanding ane warrand is gevin from your lordshipis in Julij last, 1637, to charge the

The tounes  
supplicatioun  
to the coun-  
sell.

ministeris with lettres of hornying to by at least, eche of thame, tua of the saidis buikes within fyftene dayes, for the use of the perochine, as the charge geves ws to understand, be virtew quhairof the ministeris ar begun to be pressed and the buik to be bocht and sua to draw nerar to be practised, quhairby we his Majesteis subjectis ar reddie to be brocht in straites ather to conforme to the said forme of service and consent to suche a dangerous innovatioun of religioun, or ellis to be lyable to censures and punishmentis for nocht consenting; theirfoir it is our humble supplicatioun to your lordshipis that this our caice and difficultie may be favorable representit to his Majestie, and your lordshipis supplicatioun joyned with ouris that we may be deliverit frome the feare of this and all farder innovatiounes of religioun and be incuraget to serve God and his Maiestie the mair cherefullie. And your lordships ansuer humlie we expect.

2 October 1637.

Act anent the  
teilling of the  
Brighauche.

Ordines Johnne Russell, thesaurer, be advyse of the deane of gild and convenare, to caus teill and labour the Brighauche and saw the same this yeir, and for that effect to provyde seid for sawing and plewes for teilling, on the tounes expenssis.

13 October 1637.

Commissioun  
anent the  
service buke.

Nominates and apointes Thomas Bruce of Weltoun, provest, David Stevinsoun, deane of gild, and Christopher Russell, convener, commissioneris for the toun, to petitioun and supplicat the lordis of his Maiesteis secret counsell that it wald please the Kingis majestie, yit as of befoir, to represent to his hienes the caice and difficultie of the embracing of the service buik, and that the saidis lordis wald joyne to thair supplicatioun the saidis lordis awin supplicatioun, quhairby this congregatioun may be deliverit from the feir of this and all farder innovatiounes of religioun and be incuragit to serve God and the Kingis majestie the mair cherefullie.

1 December 1637.

Commissioun,  
provest, anent  
the service  
buke.

Whairas thair wes gevin in to his Majesties counsall a number of petitiones frome the noble men, barrones, gentrie, burrowes and ministrie throughout the severall pairtes of the kingdome aganes the service buke and buke of the cannonees and constitutiones of the kirk and kirk government,

contenyng divers grevances to be represented to his Majestie, and quhairas his Majestie hes nocht as yit declaret his gracious will and plesour anent the saidis petitiounes, and that it is thocht fitting be the lordis of his Majesteis secreit counsall, for eschewing of neidles charges and uther inconvenientis, that sume commissioneris salbe nominat be everie shyre, presbiterie, and burghe, to attend his Majesties ansuer and to gif sic remonstrances as salbe fund requisite in name of those for quhome they ar commissioneris; thairfoir the provest, baillies, and counsall of the said burghe, hes maid, constitute, and ordinet Thomas Bruce of Weltoun, provest, commissioner for the said burghe.

Commissionoun,  
prouest, anent  
the service  
buke.

12 February 1638.

Statutes and ordines that na flescheour within this burghe tak upoun hand fra this furthe, at the breking of ony beif, veale, or uther flesche, to tak to thame selfis ony collope of the same, bot onlie thair dewtie of tua s. viij d. the beast; so yit gif ony flescheour transgres quhatsumever statute that is sett down and proclamit in the Bakraw yeirlië for gude ordour of the mercat, that Johnne Litlejohnne, present deacoun of the flescheouris, and his successouris deacones for the tyme, sall pay to the tounes thesaurer, or to thair procuratour fischal for the tounes use, fyve pundis, *toties quoties*, vnforgevin.

Act,  
flescheouris.

12 March 1638.

Haifing consideratioun of the grit prejudice and harme quhilk the baxteris friemen of this burgh sustenes throw the grit abuse that hes laitlie cruppin in within the same, by sindrie nyctbouris, nocht frie to duell nor tred thair-intill, to baik, tap, and sell ait brede caikes, baithe at ane heiche price and ane law wecht or paise, statutes thairfoir and ordines that fra this furth in all tyme cuming na inhabitant nor indueller of this burgh tak upoun hand to baik, tap, or sell ony aitt breid caikis within the same, under the pane of confiscatioun thairof to the use of the pure and farder punishing of thame in thair person and gudis at the sicht of the magistrates, exceptand browstares that sall baik, tap, or sell aitt breid for the saill of thair aill within thair houssis, and nocht to sell the same without thair saidis houssis. It is alwyes herewith provydet that the baxteris friemen of this burghe furnes the toun with aitt breid maid in leaves or bapes of the wecht or paise and price sett

Act, baxteris.

Act, baxteris. doun in the table insert in this counsall buik,<sup>1</sup> for the quhilk Christopher Russell, present deacone of the baxteris of this burgh, for him and his successouris, deacones of the said craft, salbe answerable to the toun yeirlie but fraud or gyle.

28 May 1638.

Commis-  
sioneris  
to meit with  
nobilitie,  
gentrie, etc.

Nominates and electis Thomas Bruce of Weltoun, provest, James Robert-soun, baillie, and Christopher Russell, convener, commissioneris to convene and meit with the nobilitie, gentrie, burrowes and ministrie of this realme, at Edinburgh, the secund day of Junij nixtocum, thair then to concur with thame be thair best advyse and assistance for resolutioun anent the Kingis Majesteis plesour, quhilk is to be declared at Dalkeyth the sext day of Junij foirsaid, for satling the commotiones of this kingdome, conforme to the missive bill direct to the toun be the commissioneris of Edinburgh thairanent.

18 June 1638.

Act anent the  
fischer cobles.

It is statute and ordinit that fra this furth in all tyme cuming na ferrie boit nor fischer coble sall pas be nycht nor day, nather hither nor yond the watter of Forthe at the brig, nor under nor abone the same, within the tounes libertie of the watter, ather for transporting of people or uther wair or commoditeis quhatsumever, under the pane of fyve pundis to be exactit and tane of the maister and awner of ilk boat and coble, unforgevin.

21 June 1638.

Act, Mr.  
William Jak.

I, maister William Jak, student in divinitie, grant me to haif ressavit fra James Fotheringhame, ane of the baillies of the said burgh, in name of the

<sup>1</sup>TABLE OF AITT BREID.

Ait mele sauld for	xij penny baps sould wey	x penny baps sould wey	viii penny brede sould wey	vi penny brede sould wey
5 lib.	16 unce.	14 unce.	11½ unce.	10 unce.
6 "	14 "	12 "	10 "	9½ "
7 "	11½ "	9½ "	8 "	7½ "
8 "	9½ "	7 "	7½ "	6 "
9 "	8½ "	6 "	6½ "	5½ "
10 "	7½ "	5½ "	5½ "	4½ "

provest, remanent baillies and counsall thairof, tua buikis pertaining to the said burgh, ane thairof callit Chemnitius on the Evangelistis, and the uther Cornelius Alexander on St. Paullis Epistoles; quhilk I obleissis me to redelyver bak agane to the saidis provest, baillies, and counsell, quhensoever they salbe requyrit.

Act, Mr.  
William Jak.

16 July 1638.

Ordines the gres mercat to be transportet and changet fra the hiegait to the bak raw fornent James Couperis hous on the north syde and Thomas Allanes hous on the southe syde.

Gres mercat  
changet.

1 October 1638.

Ordines, for decencies caus and gude ordour to be observit amangis the baillies of this burghe, that the aldest chosin baillie salhaif precedencie and place, baithe of sitting, ingoing, and voting, befor ane laitter chosin baillie, but contraversie, in all tyme cuming.

Anent the  
precedencie  
of baillies.

8 October 1638.

The provest, baillies, counsall, and kirk sessioun of the said burghe, haifing diligentlie considerit the manifald corruptions, innovationes and disordouris, disturbing our peace and tending to the overthrow of the religioun and liberties of the reformat kirkis within this realme, quhilkis hes cum to pas especiallie throw want of the necessar remedie of generall assemblies, als weill ordiner as *pro re nata*, enjoyed by this kirk for mony yeiris and ratifeid by actis of parliament; and now seing, by the mercie of God, our Soverane Lord the Kingis Maiestie hes apointet ane frie generall assemblee to be haldin at the citie of Glasgw the tuentie ane day of November nixtocum; thairfoir be thir presentis nominates and electes Thomas Bruce of Weltoun, provest of the said burgh, thair lauchfull commissioner, gevand and grantand to him thair full poware, commissioun, and expres charge to repair to the said assemblee at the day and place foirsaid, or to ony uther day or place quhair and quhen the samyn salhappin to sitt, and thair, with the rest quha salbe authorized with lauchfull commissioun, in the tounes name, to propone, treat, ressoun, vote and conclude, according to the word of God, in all ecclesiasticall materis that salhappin to be proponed, competent to ane frie generall assemblee and tending to the glorie of God and advancement of the kingdome of Christ and the gude of religioun, as they will ansuer to God and this kirk thairupoun.

Commis-  
sioner for  
assemblee at  
Glasgow.



18 *February* 1639.

Hors mercat.

The counsell ordines that the ouklike hors mercat of this burgh, quhilk begynnes ordinerlie a litle befor seid tyme and continewes quhill eftir that seid tyme be done, be keipit and haldin in the valey and in na uther place of this toun.

29 *April* 1639.

The provest  
commissioner  
to the parlia-  
ment.

Nominates and cheses Thomas Bruce of Weltoun, provest, commissioner for the toun to the parliament apointet to be haldin at the burghe of Edinburghe the fyftene day of Maij nixtocum, withe powar to him to convene, meit resson, vote, and determyne in all thingis that sal hapin to be proponit and movit in the said parliament tending to the glorie of God, the weill of religioun, and gude of this kingdome.

23 *July* 1639.

Thomas  
Bruce com-  
missioner to  
the generall  
assemblie.

The provest, baillies, counsell, minister, and sessioun of the burgh, [appointed the provost their commissioner] to compeir in the generall assemblie of the kirk of this kingdome apointit and indicted be his Majestie out of his gracious favour for repressing the disordouris within this kirk and kingdome, to be and begyn at the burgh of Edinburghe the tuelf day of August nixtocum, with continuatioun of dayes, and thair in thair names to treate, resson, vote, and conclude in all materis that salbe proponit in the said assemblie concernyng the glorie of God, establishing of the religioun, and welfair of this kirk within this kingdome.

4 *April* 1640.

Generall Les-  
lie, and others,  
burgessis and  
gild brether.

Ressaves and admittis the richt honorable generall Allexander Leslie to the libertie and fredome of ane burges and gild brether of this burgh. [Also levetennent colonell Andro Bruce, levetennent colonell Patrick Leslie, capitane Thomas Dalzell, capitane James Ogilvie, Johne Tait servitour to Generall Leslie, Johnne Sterling of Herbertshire, and Allexander Sampson servitour to Generall Leslie.]

30 *November* 1640.

Warrant,  
payment for  
armes, etc.

Geves warrant to Thomas Bruce, provest, thair commissioner at the conventioun of burrowes in Edinburghe, to undertak for this tounes proportionall pairte of the soum of ane hundrethe and fiftie thousand gilderis quhilk is

apointet be the committie of estaites of parliament to be payet be the haill burrowis of this realme to be sent in money or commodities to the factouris in Campheir for the armes, munitioun, and uther provisioun sent heir be thame for defence of the cuntrie.

Warrant,  
payment for  
armes, etc.

*7 January 1641.*

Nominates and apointes Patrik Suorde and Robert Young, merchandis, commissioneris for bestowing and waring the voluntare contributioun of the toun, at least nyne hundrethe merkis thair of, quhilk is conceidit and put in thair handis for that effect, to be comptable to the toun of thair wairing.

Commission-  
eris for bying  
clothes to the  
sojouris.

*11 October 1641.*

The counsell unlaues Allexander Cunynghame, merchand, for breking and spilling the Kingis hie gait at the nether entrie of the toun, betuix Benneis croft and the Gallous mailling, quhilk he could nocht deny, in the soume of xx li.; and ordines the same to be payed to the thesaurare to be employde for the use foirsaid of the repairing and mending of the said gait.

Cunynghame,  
spilling hie  
gait.

*18 October 1641.*

Nominates and apointes James Fotheringhame, deane of gild, James Robertsoun, baillie, and Christopher Russell, convener, commissioneris, conjunctlie, to assist the provest in going to Edinburgh for advysing ane signature of ane new infetment of the tounes liberteis, landis, customes, and utheris belangand to the toun.

Commission-  
eris to Edin-  
burgh for the  
tounes liber-  
teis.

*31 January 1642.*

Ressaves and admittis Duncane Ewing, sone to Johnne Ewing, wobster, quha wes drummer baithe to capitane Johnne Short and to capitane Thomas Rollok in the publict service of the armye at Kelso, Newcastle, and Durhame, to the libertie and fredome of ane nychtbour and burges of the said burgh, and that for his gude service foirsaid.

Ewing ad-  
mitted burges  
for his gude  
service.

*28 November 1642.*

The baillies and counsell hes conducet and agreit with Duncan Ewing to be ordiner drummer of this burgh during the tounes gude will and his habilitie and gude behaviour, for the quhilk service the toun obleissis thame and thair thesaurare to pay to him [£60 yearly,] togidder with ane leverie of claithes as the toun officeris gettis yeirly or ilk tua yeir, and also foure pundis, yeirlye,

Act, Duncan  
Ewing,  
drummer.

Act, Duncan Ewing, drummer. by and attour the said soume of thrie scoir pundis, and his Yule wages. And the said Duncan Ewing, embracing the said service, maid faithe that he sall faithfullie exerce the said office, and sall touke his drum nychtlie at sevin houris and everye morning at foure houris, begynnyng at the Lady Vennell and thairfra throw the haill toun. Of the quhilk thrie scoir foure pundis, the toun sall pay yeirlie [£4, the guild brethren £20, the crafts £20, the maltmen £10,] and the omnigadrum, viz., the wrichtis, maissones, coupares, litstares, Omnigadrum. glassinwrichtis, sklaitteris, gairdneris, the soume of ten pundis yeirlie.

20 March 1643.

Commoun clerk. Electis and choses maister David Forrester, sheref clerk of Stirling, in commoun clerk of the said burgh in place of umquhile John Williamsone, his maister, last clerk and possessour of the said office, and that fra the dait heirof quhill the feist of Michaelmes nixtocum.

Act for keiping of the covenant. Geves ordour and direction to James Fotheringhame, dean of gild, and Christopher Russell, convenare, keipares of the keyes of the tounis charter kist, to lay up thairin the covenant renewed and subscrivit be thame and be the haill inhabitantes of the said burgh in the yeir of God j<sup>m</sup> vj<sup>c</sup> threttie and nyne yeiris, to the effect the same may be in sure custodie and keiping amongst uther of thair evidentis to the succeeding posteritie.

15 September 1643.

Burgessis and gild brother, gratis. Ressaves and admittis Archibald lord Campbell of Lorne, lord Neill Campbell, secund lafull sone to the Marques of Argyle, Sir Harie Vane, knyght, Sir Williame Airmene, knyght, commissioneris for the kingdome of Ingland, maister Stevin Mershell, preacher in Ingland, [and others to be burgesses and gild brethren, gratis.]

9 October 1643.

Anent the visitatioun of the grammour schoole. The provest, baillies, and counsall, remembering the laudable custome observit be thame of befor anent thair grammour schoole, hes actit and ordanit that thair salbe ane visitatioun of thair said grammour schoole be certane of thair number in all tym cuming, yeirlie, at ilk quarter of the yeir, quha salbe apoyntit and direct for that effect be the said counsall; and ordanes the first visitatioun thair of to be and begine the first day of November nixtocum, and

sua furth continew thaireftir, at quhilk tyme they sall inquyre and trye anent the goverment of the schoole be the maisteris and doctouris and of all uther thingis competent to the said visitatioun.

Anent the visitatioun of the grammour schoole.

The provest, baillies and counsall, being convenit to treat of thair commoun effaires and bussines, did remember and call to mynd that the worthie persones aftermentionate, out of thair zeall to the glorie of God and for the propagatioun of the trew reformat religioun presentlie professit in this land, have left, mortfeit, dottit and gevin, for the help and supplie of the provisioun of ane uther minister to be provydit to the kirk of Stirling, the sowmes of money underwretin, viz., [Sir Thomas Erskyne, knycht, 500 merks; maister Robert Murray of Levingland, commissar of Stirling, 525 merks; Andro Cowane, merchand, £100; Jonet Allexander, spouse of Walter Cowane, merchand, £100; Agnes Cowane, spouse of James Short, merchand, 100 merks; John Cowane, merchand, 500 merks; Issobell Allexander, relict of Andro Cowane, merchand, 500 merks; and Alexander Cowane of Wester Polmais, ane quarter of the landis of Southfeild . . . rowpit and sauld for 1000 merks; which sums together amount to £2,283 6 s. 8 d. ;] for the quhilk sowmes sua mortfeit and dottit, the saidis present provest, baillies and counsall, doe heirby geve thankis heartilie to God, and for the better encouragement of utheris to do the lyk gud workes shall ever have ane respective remembrance of the saidis benefactouris and weillwilleris. And they being verie desyrous to prosecute and follow furth so happie and religious a work, haif thairfore thocht it necessar and expedient, both for Godis glorie and for the gude of the soules within the parochine of Stirling, that thair be ane uther actuall minister adjoyned to maister Harie Guthrie, present minister at the said kirk, speciallie seing the charge of the said parochine is so grite and wechtie that it can not be commodiouslie done and exercit onely be ane minister, and heirby they, for thamselvis and thair successouris, actis and ordanes that thair salbe tua ministeris to serve the cure at the said kirk in all tyme cuming. And for the provisioun of that uther minister now apoyntit to be presentlie socht and adjoynit as said is, the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, representing the haille communitie of the said burgh, actis and obleissis thame and thair successoures to caus thair tounes thesaurer, present and to cum, mak gude and thankfull payment to him [of 1000 merks yearly; in relief whereof the treasurer is to receive the annualrent of the mortified money,

Second minister to be appointed.

Second minister to be appointed. £182 13 s. 4 d.; out of the reddiest of the commoun gude, £217 6 s. 8 d.; from the guildry, £100; crafts, £100; maltmen, 50 merks; "the haill omnigatherim of the said burgh amongst thame, £46 13 s. 4 d., quhair of to be payit be the mechanikes amongst thame £20, and be the remanent of the said omnigatherime £26 13 s. 4 d."]

19 August 1644.

Toun clerke. The provest, baillies and counsell, being convened for electing of ane clerk of the said burghe in place of umquhile maister David Forrester, having sufficient assurance and experience of the qualificatioun of maister David Williamsoun, advocatt, sone to umquhile Johnne Williamsoun, sheref and toun clerk of Stirling, nominats and appoynts the said maister David Williamsone to be clerk of the said burghe.

9 December 1644.

Reider and teacher of musick. Receaves and admittis James Thomeson in the Cannogate, to be reider of the kirk of Stirling and teacher of ane musick scoole for the space of fyve yeiris nixt eftir the dait heirof.

6 January 1645.

Quartering of sogerris. Considdering the daylie greivances and complainttis givin in be the inhabitantis of this burgh, alleadging sogerris to be quartered upoun thame wnequallie above thair just proportione, for preventing of the lyke complainttis in tymes cuming they have appoynted [one person for each of the four quarters] to concurr with the baillie of the severall quarterris and to sett down ane proportionable way of quartering of sogeris wpon the inhabitantis as equallie and justlie as they can, according to thair knowledge and conscience; and that the gentilmen inhabiting this burgh who have benefit of kirk and mercat beare thair proportionable burding for quartering of sogeris for the eas and releif of the poore neighbouris.

7 April 1645.

Act, Mr. John Allan. Ordanes John Johnsoun, baillie, [and three others,] to go to maister John Allan, as commissionaris, to intimat and signifie to him that the tounes counsall all in ane voice ar weill pleisit to accept him for thair pastor conjunct with maister Henrye Guthrie, and to schaw him quhat is the maintenance appointit for him and to giff him thankis.

28 *July* 1645.

The counsall thinkis fitting for the present that sum ludges be maid, as Ludges for the seik folkis occasioun requyris, upoun that parcell of land callit Chirmerland, at the eist syde of the lang calsey leidand fra the brig, and the toun sall satisfie the heritour for the loissis quhill farder cours be takin.

And the buriall of these that dyes of the plaige to be at the chapell Burials. well.

Ordanes James Dawis dochter to be sighted, and thaireftir gevis libertie to him to burye hir in his awin yaird.

Memorandum, to spek with John Wilsoun, fischer, Robert Gourlay, Caryeing, clenging, graves. cordinar, Alexander Airthe, skinner, Catherine Edmound, and Adame Mur-rayis wyff, for caryeing and clenging and making of graves.

Ordanes these persones quha war formarlie nominat to visite the quarteris Visitatioun and maintenance of closed persones. of the toun, to attend ilk ane of tham thair awin quarteris allanerlie, and not promiscuouslie as wes befoir ordanit. And ordanes tham to advance mentenance to the closed persones in thair severall quarteris according to discretioun, and to keip accompt thair of quhilk sall be repayit to thame agane.

Ordanes a lettre to be sent to Linlythgow for clengeris, desyring tham Clengeris. gif they have nane of thair awin to deall with Burrowstounes for sum, and a lettre to the baillie of the Nes also.

Ordanes the baillies to visite John Adames wyff benethe the bray and sie gif it be convenient for the clengeris.

Ordanes the thesaurer to caus big sum lodges for these that ar infected Lodges. houssis, with all diligence.

22 *September* 1645.

At the Park of Stirling, the 22 day of September, being Mononday, Election ; meeting held at the park. being the day of the electioun of the counsall of the burgh of Stirling for the yeir to cum, convenit within the said park<sup>1</sup> (in respect of the plaige of pestilence within the said burgh and thair boundis besyde) the persones following:— . . .

<sup>1</sup> Meetings continued to be held at "the park" down to 21st November inclusive. The next recorded meeting, which did not take place till 2nd January, was held "on the

hie gait," while the following one, 12th January, and some others, were held "in the over hospitall of Stirling, callit Cowanes Hospitall."

6 *October* 1645.

Clengeres and  
utheris.

Convenit the persones efternominat of the counsall, [six persons,] with certane uther nyctbouris and inhabitantis of the said burgh, quha set doun sindrie actis and ordinances anent the clenging and rewling of the toun as thai bear.

Registeres  
and bookes.

Ordanes the deane of gild to tak certane nyctbouris with him to umquhile maister David Williamsoun, thair last clerkis hous and chalmer, presentlie, and thair to ressave the tounes hail bookis, prothogollis and registeres, and to putt tham in the tolbuith and counsalhous for the tounes use, and the rest to be putt wp in cofferis.

13 *October* 1645.

Pest; atten-  
daris and  
quarter-  
maisteris.

The counsall ordanit attendaris and quartermaisteris to be chosen for clenging of the toun as followis. And first thai chuisit attenderis and waiteris on the foull clengeris, [one for each quarter.] Attenderis clene clengeris, [one for each quarter.] Quartermaisteris chosin, and thai that ar foull to be clengit first, [two for each of the first and second, and one for each of the third and fourth quarters.]

Keeping port  
and brig.

Ordanes Andro Andersone to attend and keip the port and barresyett and lock it all nicht, and John Wilsoun to do the lyk at the brig.

Pure folkis,  
coillis.

Ordanes the quartermaisteris to ansuer the pure folkis of coillis according to the quartermaisteris discretioun.

Destributioun  
of money.

Item, Robert Watsoun, merchand, is apointit to ressave the v<sup>c</sup> merkis borrowit be the toun fra John Lytlejohnis wyff to be destributit at the sicht of the deane of gild and quartermaisteris.

21 *November* 1645.

Stentaris for  
the clenging  
moneyis.

Apointit the deane of gild [and four others] stentaris for the clenging moneyis throw the toun, and the deane of gild to be oursman; and that thai stent and sett doun upoun ilk persone and hows; ordanes the same to be payit befor thai gett entres to thair howssis.

2 *January* 1646.

Anent cleng-  
ing moneyis.

Ordanes the collectouris of the clenging moneyis to ressave for clenging of everie pair of plaidis that sall be clengit, vj s. 8 d., and 8 d. for bread cleathe, and ilk elne of stuff, iiij d., and na farder to be tane, nor yit ony drink silver.

12 *January* 1646.

Ordanes that na howssis be sett fra this furthe be na nychtbouris of the toun to unfremen without consent of the provest and baillies thairof, under the pane of tinsall and foirfalting of thair liberties of this burgh. Act aganes unfremen.

The counsall ordanes a lettere to be writtin, subscrivit, and sent to Sanct Androis to Thomas Bruce, oure tounes commissionar, for geving in a petitioun to the estaitis of parliament, desyring exemptioun of the monethlie mantinance imposit on our toun, in respect of the great deathe of the nychtbouris and inhabitantis thairof of the plaige, and in respect of the great loissis sustenit be the toun at this tyme, quhairby the toun are becum unabill to do ony thing in the lyk kynd; as also to supplicat the parliament for ordour taking with our toun for our formar advancit moneyis for quartering of the sogouris in this toun thir yeires bygane; and thirdlie, to crave a licence (gif it may be had) to our nychtbouris and nychtbouris bairnes of the toun that ar cummet bak out of Ingland to remane and abyde at hame in the toun for bettir planting and serving of the same inrespect of the deathe of thair parentis and utheris our nychtbouris of the toun. Anent monethlie mantinance, loissis, and nychtbour bairnes.

2 *March* 1646.

Statutes aud ordanes that na outland men that sall be ressavit and enterit heireftir to the libertie and fredome of ane nychtbour and burges of the said burgh, nor to the libertie of maltmaking within the same, be ressavit nor admittit to the libertie nor fredome thairof quhill they be knawin to be honest and discreit men worth fyve hundreth merkis of thair awin frie gear, and that thai remane and duell within the said burgh for bearing burding with the rest of the nychtbouris thairof in stenting, watching, warding, and all uther burdingis, quhilk giff thay failie and remove and duell aff the toun, thay sall foirfalt, amitt, and tyne thair said libertie and fredome, baith thamselffis and thair successioun. And farder, the said counsall, for cleiring quhat the saidis new intrantis sall pay heireftir for thair said fredome and libertie foirsaid (not being nychtbouris nor burgessis bairnes of befor) sall pay fra this furthe for thair said entrie of nychtbour and burges to the thesaurer of this burgh for the tounes vse xxiiij li., and for thair entrie and libertie to the maltmaking l merkis. Act anent new intrant burgessis and maltmen.



9 *March* 1646.

Writtis and  
prothogollis.

Ordanes maister David Williamsoun thair last clerkis scrowis aud minutes, alsweill of burgessis entries as utheris counsall actis and writis, to be sichtit and inventarit, and for that effect apointis the deane of gild and convenar.

Chirurgian,  
nychtbour  
and burges.

Ressaves and admittis Johnne Buchannan, chirurgian, to the libertie and fredome of ane nychtbour and burges of this burgh, and that gratis, quha maid faithe as use is; and he sall not mak malt nor use na uther tred nor handling within the said burgh and libertie thair of except his awin calling, but licence of the counsall; with libertie to him to tak a chalmer in the toun fra ony nychtbour and burges thair of for himself, his mother and sister, to to duell in, but ony using of ony chainge or uther libertie as said is.

16 *March* 1646.

Knokmaker,  
nychtbour  
and burges.

George Wallace, knokmaker in Prestounpannis, ressavit and admittit to the libertie and fredome of ane nychtbour and burges of this burgh, and that gratis for guid servyce done and to be done to the guid toun, quha maid faithe as use is.

25 *March* 1646.

Act anent the  
last clerkis  
writtis.

Ordanes the haill actis and scrowis that ar not buikit be maister David Williamsoun, last clerk, in the counsall book, to be sichtit and luikit out, and the same to be fillit up be Johnne Robene, thair present clerk.

3 *April* 1646.

Transumptis.

Ordanes the thesaurer to tak for transsuming of everie seasing out of the defunct clerkis prothogollis of landis within this burgh and libertie thair of x merkis, and funder or les at the counsallis discretioun, and quhill then the thesaurer not to giff furthe the saidis prothogollis to be transsumet and that the counsall be first acquentit thairwith.

13 *April* 1646.

Act discharg-  
ing conven-  
tioun at  
brydellis.

The counsall discharges all conventioun and meiting of people at brydellis fra this furthe, except thre or four with ilk pairtie, and acquent the kirk sessioun to do the lyk.

Guidlingis.

Ane act in favouris of the toun of Sterling anent the Holland gudlingis, delyverit be James Fotheringham, deane of gild, to Thomas Bachop, thesaurer, to be put up be him in the tounes bowall in the counsal hous.

20 *April* 1646.

Appointis a committee of sindrie of the counsall to heir the hail petitiounes and complementis of these that hes tane the tounes customes the last yeir quhairof thay want mekle in respect of the plaige; and the meiting heiranent to be on Fryday nixt at 7 houris in the morning.

Committe for  
the tounes  
customes.

27 *April* 1646.

The counsall, takand to thair consideratioun the petitiounes and supplicatiounes gevin in to thame of befor be the tackismen of the tounes settis the last yeir, quha wantis mekle in respect of the plaige of pestilence within this burgh, modefeis and gevis doun thair dewties to be payit be tham and thair cautioneris to Thomas Bachop, thesaurer, as follows . . .

Settis toun  
modefeit  
doun.

4 *May* 1646.

Ordanes ane supplicatioun to be drawin wp be informatioun and gevin in to the comittee of estaitis anent the restraining of ane new levie out of this toun.

Anent the  
new levie.

6 *May* 1646.

Apointis the deane of gild, and Duncane Nairne, baillie, to ryd to Edinburgh to supplicat the committee of estaitis, anent the rynawayis of Sterling to abyde at hame, and anent the new levie and uther thingis conforme to the instructiounes.

Anent ryn-  
awayis, new  
levie.

1 *June* 1646.

James Fotheringhame, deane of gild, producit and gave in the tounes signet in counsall, quhilk the last clerk, maister David Williamsoun had, quhilk Johnne Robene, present clerk, ressavit to be delyverit agane quhen it is cravit.

Tounes  
signet.

20 *July* 1646.

Anent the collection of the excyse, the counsall ordanes those quha refussis to pay the dewis thankfullie quhen it is requyrit, to caus summond tham to thair aithes befor ony of the baillies of this burgh. As also the wyne unctinaris to be summond, and thei and all utheris anent tobacco.

Excyse.  
Tobacco.

Ordanes the said Thomas Bachop, thesaurer, to mak ane new kist for putting in of the tounes writtis and prothogollis and mak ane inventar thairof.

A new kist,  
thesaurer.

12 August 1646.

Buriallis,  
chapelcroft.

Ordanes Robert Watsoun, merchand, and the deacone of the wobsteris, present in counsall, to giff in a roll of all the names that wer bureit at the chapelcroft the tyme of the visitatioun of the plaige the last yeir, to the effect they may be stentit and pay thair buriallis.

14 September 1646.

Watching  
toun.

In the Valey. The counsall, convenit, ordanes the deane of gild to acquent the merchandis out of the toun, and the convenar the craftis, to cum in and attend the watching the toun and uther ordouris to be gevin tham, under the pane of v li. ilk persone unforgevin, *toties quoties*, and farder tinsall of thair freedom and libertie thairrof. Item, the visitour of the maltmen to acquent his bretherne, and the omnigaderum also to be acquentit to do the lyk.

12 October 1646.

Anent nycht-  
bouris.

Act ordaning the drummer to go throw the toun discharging all nychtbouris and inhabitantis of this burgh to repair agane to Edinburgh, Perth, or Glasgow, without first thay acquant the magistratis and obtene thair licence thairto, and that thay sall resett na strangeris in thair houssis without licence foirsaid, under the pane of tinsall of thair liberties.

21 October 1646.

Commission-  
aris to Edin-  
burgh.

Nominatis and apointis John Schort, provest, maister John Cowan and Thomas Bachop, baillies, and Robert Kidstoun, convenar, commissionaris for the toun, to complene upoun all wrangis done to tham be the governour of Sterling or ony utheris, befor the committe of estaitis, lordis of secreit counsall, or ony utheris judges competent, and for that effect to ryd to Edinburgh with all diligence; and ordanes Andro Baird, thesaurer, to mak the saidis commissionaris charges and expenssis.

30 November 1646.

Writtis  
delyverit.

John Robene, clerk, delyverit to Andro Baird, thesaurer, on the counsall buird, umquhile John Williamsons 5 and 6 volumes of prothogollis, with ane prothogoll book quhairin sum seasingis of umquhile maister David Forrester and maister David Williamsoun ar insert sensyne; item, a toun act book in the said John Robenes tyme quho wes clerk beginning at Michaelmes, 1627; with thre bunsches of the tounes registrat bandis also quhen he wes clerk.

25 *January* 1647.

Comperit Alexander and John Hogis and Andro Thomesone, fleschouris, <sup>Act fleschouris.</sup> quha being fund to have transgressit the actis and ordinances of this burgh and thair proclamatiounes anent slotting and spulyeing of flesche, thairfoir the counsall unlawis tham and ilk ane of tham in the sowme of v li. to be payit to Andro Baird, thesaurer of this burgh, for the tounes use, conforme to the last act, and ordanes tham to be actit not to do the lyk agane under the lyk pane for ilk failie; as also to be actit with thair awin consent that thay and everie ane of tham fra this furthe sall slay thair awin flesche under thair awin stokis, or in thair awin buithes, and sall sell everie ane of tham thair awin flesche that thay lauchfullie by and slay, and that nane of tham sall be pertineris with utheris of selling of dead flesche, bot that the samyn be presenttit to the mercat and oppin buithes to be sauld to nyctbouris, conforme to the lawis of the kingdome; and siclyk that thay sall not by fra ony landwert fleschour, or utheris cumand to the mercat or in the mercat, ony flesche upoun ony pretext or excuse, under the panes foirsaidis.

21 *June* 1647.

Ordanes the clerk and sum of the counsall with him to inventar and bunsche up the tounes haill bookis, writtis, and prothogollis, and for the first <sup>Tounes writtis to be inventariit.</sup> tyme apointis the deane of gild, convenar, and thesaurer.

Item, to look out all actis anent the hospitall moneyis.

Hospitall.

19 *July* 1647.

Ordanes ilk baillie of thair quarter to tak wp the names of all unfremen <sup>Unfre persones.</sup> and women in this burgh and thair resetteris, that ordour may be tane with thame conforme to the auld actis and ordinances maid thairanent.

26 *July* 1647.

Ordanes a proclamatioun to be maid and sent throw the toun be drum, <sup>Wilfull persones passing out of toun; watche.</sup> discharging all nyctbouris and inhabitantis of the same ather to go out of the toun or resett ony persones in thair houssis, quhill first thaj acquent the magistratis thairwith and obtene thair licence thairto, under the pane of xx li. ilk persone unforgevin, and tinsall of thair libertie and fredome of this burghe; as also that ilk nyctbour attend his watche and enter at v houris

Wilfull per-  
sones passing  
out of toun ;  
watche.

in the morning and abyde quhill 9 houris at evin, and that nane fie nor putt utheris in thair plaice, and quha beis fund aff his watche during that tyme sall pay v li. ilk persone.

17 *January* 1648.

Anent wob-  
steris and  
litsteris.

Ordanes the actis anent the wobsteris and litsteris to be set down in the toun court bookis.

24 *January* 1648.

Iron reill.

Ordanes the iron reill to be hung to the cros for tryall of wrang reillis in the toun.

21 *February* 1648.

Act discharg-  
ing the Satur-  
dayis mercat.

For obedience of his Majesties lait actis of parliament, and actis of the generall assembleie, and at the desyre of the presbiterie of Sterling, hes alterit and changit the Saturdayis mercat day of this burght to the Fryday fra this furthe, for bettir keiping of the Saboth day, and ordanes the Weddinsdayis mercat to stand as it is and hes bene in tymes bygane, and intimatioun to be maid heirof at the mercat croce on Saturday nixt be sound of drum, and the kirkis and paricheis about to be acquaintit heirwith be letteris and utheris.

Muskettis.

The roll anent the muskettis and utheris delyverit be Thomas Bachop, baillie, to Andro Baird, thesaurer, to be socht in to the tounes use.

27 *February* 1648.

Act altering  
thetoun court  
day.

Ordanes the tounes court day, quhilk wes of befoir haldin on the Fryday, to be on the Saturday, in respect the tounes mercat day, quhilk wes on Saturday, is now changit to the Fryday for bettir observing of the Sabothe, conforme to the lait actis of parliament and actis of the generall assembleie of the kirk.

13 *March* 1648.

Fryday  
court day  
changit to  
Saturday.

Chaingis thair ordinar court day, being Fryday, to the Saturday for civill caussis onlye in the hour of caus; and trublances, bludis, and injuries, to be judgit ony uther day, for bettir keiping of the Sabothe.

18 *May* 1648.

Anent the  
tounes  
sojouris.

Nominatis and apointis the persones following for chuising of the sojouris of this toun to go furthe in this present levie, and stenting of the rest of the toun for outreiking of tham, to witt, [the dean of guild and the convener, with two persons for each quarter].

31 *May* 1648.

Frelie ressavit and admittit the persones following, quha went furthe as sojouris for this burgh, to the libertie and fredome of nyctbouris and burgessis of the said burgh, to witt, [twenty-nine persons,] quha and ilk ane of tham maid faithe as use is.

Sojouris, toun nyctbouris and burgessis.

21 *August* 1648.

Ordanes John Schort, thair provest, and James Schort, his brother, now going to Edinburgh, to attend maister George Norvall, advocat, anent the expeding of the tounes signatour<sup>1</sup>; and the tounes thesaurer to mak thair charges and expensis.

Tounes signator.

9 *October* 1648.

Having hard, red, and considerit the letteres and actis direct to tham fra the committie of estaitis, requyring the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, nochtwithstanding of thair formar electioun, to mak ane new electioun of thair magistratis and counsall, conforme to the saidis actis, and heiring and finding that maister John Cowan quha wes last chosin deane of gild is accessor to the lait unlauchfull engadgment be geving his oithes at committies of the estaitis and schyre and uther meitingis, specialie quhen the erles of Craufurde, Glencarne, Lanerk, and Major George Monro war at Sterling; and thairfoir the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, eftir consideratioun of the premissis and removing of the said maister John Cowan, [elected Robert Young dean of guild in his place].

Robert Young deane of gild in plaice of maister John Cowan.

Suspendis Christopher Russall, baillie, fra ony exercesing of his plaice in respect he had gevin his oithe in the committie of the schyre.

Christopher Russall, baillie, suspendit.

30 *October* 1648.

Ordanes thair court day for civill actiounes, fra this furthe, to be on the Thursday in the hour of caus, for bettir keiping of the Saboth day.

New court day.

28 *November* 1648.

Nominatis and apointis Duncane Nairne, baillie, to ryd to Edinburgh and report the tounes procedingis to the committie of estaitis anent the new electioun of thair magistratis, and chusing thair commissioner to the parliament, and utheris the tounes effairis.

Duncane Nairne, baillie, to ryd to Edinburgh.

<sup>1</sup> See "Charters and Documents," p. 124, foot-note.

1 *January* 1649.

Obittis. Alexander Burne, merchand, gave in a roll of the tounes obittis, to be examinat, copiet and layit, and apointis for this effect the baillies, dean of gild and convenar.

29 *January* 1649.

Collectouris of obittis. Makis and constitutis [the treasurer and his deputes] collectouris of the obittis and grund annuallis of auld dew to Sanct James and Sanct Thomas alteris, and now pertening to the toun, and that of all yeiris and termes restand to them sen Mertimes 1632 to Mertimes nixt 1649, and langer quhill he be dischargit.

2 *May* 1649.

Settis of this new fair not sett. The counsall being convenit for setting of the revenewis of this new fair callit Hallow Thursday, quhilk is x dayis befor Whitsonday, not sett this tyme albeit oft roupit.

30 *June* 1649.

Visite rowin-ous howesis. Ordanes the baillies, ilk ane throw thair awin quarter, to visite the waist and dimoleischit houssis in the toun, and to try the heritouris thair of and report thair diligence of the same to the counsall.

19 *July* 1649.

Settis secund fair. Being convenit for setting of the revenewis and customes of this secund fair, not sett this tyme albeit oft roupit, wes ordanit to be collectit be certane persones quhat nicht be gottin thair of, and being collectit extendit as follows, viz., for the staigis viij li. xiiij s., and for the brig nyne li. 4 s. 8 d., and for the barresyett (*blank*).

Equies, great chartour and comptis. Ordanes the baillies to meit and mak the tounes equies sence the last equie and send tham to Edinburgh with the tounes great chartour and comptis of thair commoun gude sence the last equie, with silver to pay for all.

24 *September* 1649.

Anent our ministerie. Consentit to send out commissionaris with avyse of the kirk sessioun for calling of maister James Guthrie, minister at Lawder, to be minister of this kirk. [The "act of transportatioun of maister James Guthrie" from Lauder to Stirling was produced to the council on 4th December.]

Scolmaister. The counsall ordanes John Schort, auld provest, and Christopher Russall, deacone convenar, to ryd to Glasgow and satle and agrie with maister David Wall to be schoolmaister of this burgh.

9 October 1649.

The counsall discharges all candlemakeris and utheris of melting of ony Candle-  
tauche, talloum, or crakkingis, within the bodye of the toun fra this furthe, makeris.  
bot in uther rowmes at the futt of thair yairdis and uther skirtis of the toun,  
under a great pane, and the drum to go throw the toun for that effect.

30 October 1649.

The provest, baillies and counsall, taking to consideratioun the grevances Act for  
gevin in be sindrie of the magistratis thair of to the counsall, complening that magistratis.  
thay ar urgit to continew in thair offices sindrie yeiris togidder, quhilk is con-  
trair to the actis of parliament and actis of burrowis, and to the great hurt  
and prejudice of the saidis persones bothe in thair bodies and estaitis, and  
thairfoir the saidis provest, baillies and counsall, all in ane voice, for bettir  
remedie thairoff, hes inactit, statute and ordanit, that fra this furthe it sall  
not be lesum to continew any magistratis of this burgh langer nor tua yeiris  
togidder at anes in thair plaices and offices, exceptand alwayis at Michaelmes  
1650, quhair thair sall be tua of the present baillies, or quha hes bene of auld  
continewed, and thaireftir to be chosin yeirly tua that hes borne office befoir.

13 May 1650.

Apointis . . . . . commissionaris for tham to ryd to Edinburgh and Minister.  
thair to meit and convene with the commissionaris of the generall assemblie  
. . . . . and thair to deall for transportatioun of maister David Bennet,  
minister at Lenzie, to be minister at Stirling. [The act of transportation was  
produced to the council on 5th June.]

9 July 1650.

At Edinburgh, the nynth day of Julij 1650. The committee of estates Order by the  
considering that through the necessarie repaire to the toune of Stirling of committee of  
diverse persones of qualitie, for attending upoun the Kings Majestie, there will estates; lodg-  
bee scarcitie of lodging and want of accommodation in that place, and that it ing for per-  
is fitting some persones bee removed from thence for giving place to those sones attend-  
that might resort thither for the imployments of the publict, doth hereby ing king.  
therefore give warrand and command to the magistrates of the said burgh of  
Stirling to remove from the speciall houses thereof such persones, not being



Order by the  
committee of  
estates; lodg-  
ing for per-  
sons attend-  
ing king.

burgesses, as they shall think fitt not to remane there, to the effect houses and lodgeings may bee had for these that are to attend the King and the affaires of the publict. And generall-major James Holburne is hereby requyred to bee aiding and assisting to the said magistrates in execution hereof. Extractum, [Subscribed:] A. Henderson.

16 *May* 1651.

Customes,  
first fair.

Sindrie of the baillies, with utheris of the counsall, convenar and thesaurer present, the customes of the i fair roupit thrie severall tymes and not sett, nane compeirand to tak the same.

12 *June* 1651.

Act anent the  
200 li. sterling  
to the Kingis  
Majestie.

The provest, baillies and counsall, hes all, with ane consent, agriet to borrow the sowme of tua hundrethe pund sterling for his Majesties wse, quhilk his Majestie hes requyrit be severall letteres direct to thame thairanent, and for that effect the deane of gild and convenar ar appointit eache of thame to speik with thair brethrene apairt for lening of what money may be had amongst thame, and to mak report at the nixt meiting.

24 *July* 1651.

Order by com-  
mittee of  
provisiounes.

Edinburgh, this 24 July 1651. The committie of provisiounes for the army doe hereby appoynt the baillies of Sterling to cause furnish and give up to collonell Cuninghame, governour of the castell of Stirling, the number of threttie stane of iron for the present use of the said castle, for the which you ar to be payit. [Subscribed:] Hamilton, Cochrane, Cardross, Lauderdale, A. Belsches, J. Cokburne, J. Dundas, Johnne Dugwid.

I, Andrew Cunynghame, anciente in the castell of Stirling, grantes me to have receavit from the baillies of Stirling the above writtin threttie stane of irone, as witnessis my hand, att Stirling, the 25 day of Jullij 1651. [Subscribed:] Andrew Cunynghame.

29 *July* 1651.

Order to pay  
master of  
king's house-  
hold £104.

Provest and baillies of Stirling: These are to desyre you to pay and deliver to Michael Elphinstoun, ane of his Majesteis maisteris housholdis, the soume of ane hundreth and four poundis money out of your last monethis maintenance dew be you to his Majestie; wheranent thir presentis with his

recept shalbe your warrand and allowd in your accomptis. Gevin at Stirling the 29 of Julij 1651. [The receipt of the master of the household, dated 1st August, is appended.]

Order to pay master of king's household £104.

1 August 1651.

Ordanes the thesaurer to provyd such necessaris as the governor of the castell sall requyre of him for the vse of the castell, and tak his receipt of the same, and to try throw the towne for sua many of the foirsaidis necessaris as may be gottin.

Thesaurer to provyd for the castell.

The provest, baillies and counsall, having borrowit and ressavit the sowmes of money aftermentonat from the persones following hes subscrivit bandis for the same as is aftermentonat, [two sums of 500 merks and 800 merkis respectively:] quhilkis sowmes ar payit to his Majestie and wtheris in his hienes name.

Money borrowit for the 200 li. sterling to his Majestie.

15 October 1651.

For our assured freinds, the provest, baillies and toun counsell of Stirling. Assured freinds,—The committee of estates haveing taken to thair consideration that the meeting of the parliament which was appointed to be at Stirling upon the second Wednesday of November nixt, the 12th of that instant, cannot convenientlie be kept at that place, and it being referred to the committee of estates to change and alter the place of meeting as they think fitt, they have therefore thought good to appoint Finlarge at the west end of Loch Tay to be the place of the parliaments meeting upon the said 12th day of November, and to require yow to send your commissioner to keep the said dyet and meeting of parliament; or, if he be not chosen alreadie, that you doe with all possible speed convene your toun counsell to elect and choose him for the effect afoirsaid; which recommending seriouslie to your care, and expecting your performance thereof, wee rest, your affectionat freinds. [Subscribed:] Argyll, Linlithgow, Cochrane, Loudoun cancellarius, Tullibardine, Lothian, Roxburghe, Wigtoune, Wemyss, [and others]. Rothesay, the 15th October, 1651.

Lettre from the committee of estates.

[Indorsed:] Sterling 14 of November 1651. This lettre delyverit be maister Johne Cowane to Johne Schort, provest, and opned be him, the baillies, and deane of gild, upoun the Monday thairefter, the 17 of November.

26 November 1651.

For the rycht honorabill the provest and baillies of the burgh of Stirling,

Letter from the borrowes of Fife.

Letter from  
the borrowes  
of Fife.

these. Rycht honorabill and loving neighbours,—The missive of the state of borrowes, having its rest for the tyme at the burgh of Coupar, and Edinburgh, [which] in former tymes was than watchtour for any emergent, not having for the present a representative of ther burgh, wee the borrowes within the shyre of Fyffe having mett in and with the burgh of Coupar have found it our duetie, in regaird of the condition of affaires in this nation, to present to yow how necessar it is for the whole bodie of the borrowes to be brought together that ther may be ane unanimous course amongst themselves in eviry thing as formerly it hath bein. Thairfor we have judged fitt that ye send a commissioner to Edinburgh against the xxij day of December, as the most convenient place of meitting, for considering what may be most for the weill of our state. We rest, your loving friendis and nychtboures, the borrowes of the shyre of Fyffe, [Signed:] Geo. Jameson, moderator.

14 *February* 1652.

Letter from  
Thomas  
Bruce, com-  
missioner to  
Dalkeith.

For his assuritt frindis the proveist and bellies of Sterling, this.

Richtt assuritt frindis,—I did in obedience of your commissione, with fuill wader, cum to Dalkeith on Fryday be xi ourris, and did presentlie delyver the commissione, and was allowitt itt was werie simpill. Sindrie utheris was nott so, and I gatt the schorter anssuer efter nowin. The commissioneris of schyris and borrowis thatt meitt publiklie with the Inglis commissioneris and gatt ther commissionis allowitt did sitt still with them and resevitt ther declarationis in printt and sum in peper did coist sum munnie ye mey perseve. Quhen ye rid them sie gif they ye nott as I schew to yow, and consider gif I be nott putt to ane haird task and hes Tusday bott to advys to subscryve for my self and yow all. The schoirtt baird thatt is drawin wp wpone the 3 artikillis and dois comprehend schorttlie all I did say wald be ther reseultt. Itt tuchis me werie neir moir nor I will sett dowin in paper att this tyme. I hauiff sentt my man with all the peperis to yow to advys with; and send them bak on Munday, and ether cum sum of your selfis or send me wird quhat I sall do. To refuis itt, your commissione is so leirge in my awin naime I dair nott refuis excep ye all command me, and to do itt is my grif, and God knowis how I will be exponitt for takin such ane commissione. Ye mey keip the declaretionis and send bak the dubill of the baird I suld subscryve and the artikillis on the sam peper. Quhen this is doin ther

is no moir ado. Gif ye hauif onie thing to mak ws of the commissioneris for  
 Ingland for your towuis burdenis, mak them reddie, and latt sum cum with  
 them thatt will follow them, and I sall schaw them the wey befor I cum  
 away. I moist keip still my hoirs to cum to Dakeith quhen I hauif ado, and  
 I hoip ye will suffer my man cum to me on his hoirs. Gif ye kan gett onie  
 to send to me suner nor him befor Tusday I prey yow do itt. Not trubling  
 yow farder, but this much in heist, and with grif quhen I wrett itt, restis, your  
 assuritt frend to power, [Signed:] Tho. Bruce. Dalkeith, the 4th Februar 1652.

Letter from  
 Thomas  
 Bruce, com-  
 missioner to  
 Dalkeith.

Giff I had nott respek to the towin, and fering the evill suld fallin them, I  
 wald never excepitt of the commissione, nor agrie to this peper, and suld hauif  
 cost me quhat is deirist to me. Send bak the hell declarationis and peperis.  
 They ar my warrand.

20 March 1652.

Hes ordeanit the present maisteris of the over and nether hospitallis to  
 caus labour the landis belongand to these hospitallis and provyde seid and saw  
 the same, quhilk salbe allowit to thame in thair accomptis.

Maisteris of  
 the hospitallis  
 to labour  
 landis.

The counsall hes appoyntit that at the making of the comptis of the over  
 hospitall the buike thairof be revisit and everie loaf thairof markit, and the  
 totall number wrettin doune upoun the last loaf and subscrivit be tua baillies,  
 the minister, and the deane of gild and convinar; and this becaus that thair  
 is severall loafes cuttit out thairof at the intaking of the toune be the Inglishe  
 armie in the yeir of God j<sup>m</sup> vj<sup>c</sup> fyftie ane.

Revising of  
 the over  
 hospitall  
 buik.

The counsall has hard Thomas Bruce report of his commissioun to  
 Dalkeithe and hes approvin of his procedour and randerit him manye thankis,  
 and ordeans the thesaurer to satisfie and pay his chairgis, as also the chairgis  
 of Robert Stevinsone, baillie, and Williame Barclay, clerk, wha wer in Edin-  
 burgh and Dalkeithe attending the said Thomas be ordour of the counsall  
 and nichtbouris.

Report of  
 commissioun  
 to Dalkeithe.

6 April 1652.

Hes nominat and electit Duncane Nairne, deane of gild, Robert Russall,  
 convinar, and Williame Barclay, clerk, comissionares for this burghe, to repaire  
 to Dalkeithe and supplicat the comissionares for the libertie and fredome of  
 this burghe and uther thingis necessar, speciallie the electing of majestrates  
 thairin.

Commission  
 for Duncan  
 Nairne and  
 utheris to go  
 to Dalkeithe.

**Distressed  
merchandise  
and crafts.**

Ordeanes the deane of gild [and three others] to take tryall of the necessateis of the distressed merchandis and craftsmen, and accordinglie to give ordour to the maisteris of the nether hospitall to supplie thair necessaties till farder ordour.

19 *April* 1652.

**Report of  
commission to  
Dalkeithe.**

[The commissioners appointed on 6th April] have maid report of thair commissioun to Dalkeithe anent the electioun of majestrates within this burghe, etc., quhairof the counsall hes approvin.

21 *April* 1652.

**Electioun be  
warrant from  
the comis-  
sionares at  
Dalkeithe.**

The nichtbouris and inhabitantes of the burghe of Sterling, being con-  
venit, in obedience to ane warrant and commissioun direct furthe be the  
commissionares of the parliament of the comoun wealthe of Ingland for ordering  
and manadgeing the effaires in Scotland, authorizeing and appoynting tham,  
according to thair former rules and customes, to nominat and choyse thair  
majestrates and officeris for the government of the said burghe and liberties  
thair of till farder ordour, as the said warrant and commissioun of the dait the  
14th of this instant monethe of Appryle in itself at mair lenthe proportes,<sup>1</sup>  
the quhilk warrant and commissioun the saidis nichtbouris and inhabitantes  
haveing at lenthe considerit, and being thairwithe ryplie advysit, they have  
nominat and electit the persones following to beare chairge as counsallouris  
of this burghe till Michaelmes nixt, withe poware to thame to make electioun  
of the majestrates and uther office bearers for the said space, and thaireftir fra  
tyme to tyme to proceid in thair electioun conforme to use and wont, till  
farder ordour, as is prescryvit be the said commissioun.

26 *April* 1652.

**Anent  
desertaris and  
unfremen.**

The provest, baillies, and counsall of the burgh of Sterling, have ordeanit  
that the baillies take cognitioun and tryall what nichtbouris and burgessis  
have desertit and left the toun this tyme bygone, and also of what unfriemen  
are within the same, and make thair names knawin to the counsall at thair  
nixt meiting that course may be takin withe thame.

3 *May* 1652.

**Commissionar  
to Dalkeithe.**

The counsall hes nominat and appoyntit Williame Barclay, thair clerk,

<sup>1</sup> The warrant and commission is printed in "Charters and Documents," pp. 168-70.

to repair to Edinburgh and Dalkeathe, and to tray what course is takin be Commissionar to Dalkeithe.  
 uther burghs for the poware of the commissariat within thair burghs, and if  
 thair be any apparent possabilitie to obteane the poware thair of within this  
 burgh to supplicat majour generall Deanes for the same.

19 May 1652.

Right honorabill and our weris loveing freindis and neighbouris,—We Letter from provost and baillies of Edinburgh; convention.  
 doubt not bot yow ar sufficiëntlie sensibill of the reasones whey, according to  
 our accustumat forme, we have not directed to yow a missive for conveyeing  
 in Julij. Nevertheles, since by providence thair is a gennerall meiting of  
 the commissioneris of the haill schyres and burrowes to be heir at Edinburgh  
 wpoun the twentie day of August nixt for the mater of the Unione, we have  
 thocht fitt to desyre yow to tak to consideratioun the articles contenit in the  
 missive sent to yow for convening at Coupure wpoun the secound day of Julij  
 1650, be reasone the samyne could not at that tyme be discust, and to send  
 your commissioneris weill instructed to this place againe the thretine day of  
 the moneth of August nixt, that soe we may conclude our bussines concerneing  
 the state of burrowes befor the said generall meiting. We have alsoe thocht  
 fitt to advertice yow that the commissioneris of the parliament of the comone  
 wealth of Ingland, at Dalkeith, had a great mynd appeirandlie to have dis-  
 chargit both our staple at Campheir, and the conservator of his office, if we  
 had not cairfullie and tymeouslie adverted thairto by giveing them such satis-  
 factione as will mak them (we hop) forbear aney further proceiding in that  
 bussines till the meiting of the commissioneris of both nationes at Londoun  
 in October nixt, wher the said conservator intendis to attend them, haveing  
 a call from the burrowes for that effect. Wheranent, and concerneing all  
 uther soe great and important bussines that now lyes not onlie wpoun the  
 burrowes but the haill natione, we sall heartilie desyre that ye may mak  
 choise of the most abill and best qualified men to be your commissioneris, and  
 that they may come heir soe weill instructed, as may testifie your affectioun  
 and zeale to the publict guid, and your reall respectis wnto your loveing  
 freindis and nightbouris, the provest and baillies of Edinburgh, subscribeing  
 be Williame Thomsone, our commoun clerk, at our command. [Signed:] W.  
 Thomsone. Edinburgh 19 Maij 1652.

We earnestlie recommend to yow to send the inclosed unto the burgh of

Letter, etc. Kilrynnie, in respect at present we have no commoun post to send alongis purposlie thairwith, and to procure a returne of thair diligence.

17 *July* 1652.

Call to Mr.  
Harie  
Guthrie.

It is resolvit be the maist pairt of the toune counsall, if it may stand withe the ordour of the churche, to give ane call to maister Harie Guthrie, leate minister of this burght, and for that effect hes condescendit that ane call be drawin and subscrivit to be sent to him, and this in reguard of the urgencie of the comounes and of the affectioun caried to him be almost the hail parochineris except a few number, quhair of the pretendit eldares and deacones of the kirk sessioun are the greatest pairt, quhilk call is to be taken eist be the deane of gild and convinar and advysit if it may stand withe the ordour of the churche and pleasour of the ensewing assemblie before it be delyverit, utherwayis that it be not delyverit.

24 *August* 1652.

Repair of the  
foir tolbuthe.

Ordeanes Allexander Fergusone, thesaurar, to repair the foir tolbuthe and to make up the seates and binches thair of agane the doune sitting of the justice court.

Report of  
commissioun  
to the  
borrowes.

William Barclay maid report to the counsall of his commissioun to Edinburgh for the meiting of the burrowes anent choysing of commissionaris to go to Lundoun.

25 *August* 1652.

Report of the  
aggrement  
anent the  
milnes.

Baillie Russall, the deane of gild and convinar, and utheris wha wer commissionat to meit withe maister Leslies brother anent the bying of the milnes and land belongand to him, maid report that they had aggreit withe him for the richt of the saidis milnes and landis, and had conditioned to pay to him for the same the sowme of sextene thowsand merkis money, off the quhilk aggrement the counsall hes approvin.

17 *September* 1652.

Letter from  
the provost  
and bailies of  
Glasgow.

Rycht worthie loveing freinds and neichbouris,—We doubt not bot long agoe yee have hard of the lamentable conditioun of this citie throw suddent fyre, and that thair is ane generall contributioun to be colected throw the hail nation for supplie of the poor widowis, orphantis, and others, who ar totallie wrakit be that fyre. We have sent thir twa young men, John Semple

and James Or, alongs throw the countrey to use dilligence for ingetting of that contributioun. We expect that your burghe will not onlie, according to its abilitie, be helpfull thairanent in ane guid exemplare maner, bot also will prove assistant to them in relatioun to all your neichbores about. We thairfor recommend this to your owne care and discretioun, and with all requeisting yow most earnestlie that quhat can be gottine may be sent with dilligence befor the winter approche, that the poore widowis and orphantis who hes no sheilds to creipe in may be tymeouslie supported. And so restis your affectionat freinds and neichbores. [Signed by the provost and three bailies.] Glasgow, 17 September 1652.

Letter from  
the provost  
and bailies of  
Glasgow.

*27 September 1652.*

The baillies and counsall have ressavit and admittit the persones following in burgessis and gild brither of the said burgh frelie, qua and ilk ane of thame maid faithe as now use is, to witt: Judges George Smythe, Androw Oven, and Edward Moisley; Hendrie Whaley, judge advocat; Majour Johnne Cloberrie, Captain Nathaniell Badger, [and twenty-five others].

The English  
judges and  
utheris, bur-  
gessis and  
gild brither.

*2 October 1652.*

Considering that the grammer scoole of the said burghe is now vacant throw the deceas of umquhile maister David Will, last maister thairof, and that the childerine are altogither neglectit throw want of ane maister, they thairfoir doe nominat and elect maister Johnne Galbraithe, younger, to be schoolmaister of the said burghe for a yeir nixt eftir the dait heirof, and farder dureing the counsallis pleasour.

Maister Johnne  
Galbreathe,  
scoolmaister.

*4 October 1652.*

Haveing hard and considerit the complent gevin in be James Sword and Williame Smythe against Walter Cowane and Williame Spittall, schawing that they being employit be the majestates to go to Culros for the executionar to attend heir the tyme of the sitting of the justice court, the said Walter and Williame did mock and scorne thame, quhilk they acknawledgit and cam in will for the same; the counsall ordeanes the said Walter Cowane and Williame Spittall to convoye and put hombe the said executionar to Culros upoun thair awine chairgis, and to returne the tounes band betuixt and

Walter  
Cowane and  
Williame  
Spittall to go  
to Culros  
with execu-  
tionar.



Walter  
Cowane, etc. the morne at nicht, under the pane of ane hundrethe pundis money by and attour the haizard of the penaltie conteanit in the said band.

11 October 1652.

Attendares to  
the brig  
milne. The counsall hes nominat and electit Robert Stevinsone, merchand, and Robert Kidstoune, baxter, to be overseeris and attendares of the building of the brig milne and for bying of timber and uther furnitour thairto, aggreing withe and paying of the warkmen, and doing of what ellis salbe necessarie to be done, for which effect money is to be presentlie provydit and gevin to thame, and they are not to be trublit with advanceing or depurseing of money before they receive the same.

9 November 1652.

Ministeris  
stipend, omni-  
gathrum. The counsall hes nominat and electit Johne Thomsone, in Whinnes, [and four others,] to be collectouris of the secund ministeris stipend for the omnigadrumes pairt thairto, and appoyntis thame to have this last terme reddie againe Saturneday nixt.

1 December 1652.

Keiping  
beggeris out  
of toune. The counsall haveing aggreit with ane Thomas Bennie wha hes undertakin to attend the toune and keip the beggeris furthe thairto, they have ordeanit the thesaurar to cleid him presentlie, and to give him threttene shilling foure penneis weiklie and ane load of coalles once in the monethe, quhilk salbe accordinglie allowit to him.

Comissioun to  
Edinburgh. The counsall hes nominat and appoyntit James Keir to go to Edinburgh againe the sextene of this instant to attend and imploye some to attend and compeir before the judges for administratioun of justice anent the Erle of Maris bussines in what concerns the toun and hospitallis.

19 February 1653.

Provyding of  
letheris and  
buckittis. The counsall hes condescendit that thair be some long letheris and buckittis provydit and layit up for the comoun use of the toune, and hes ordeanit the thesaurar presentlie to go about the provyding of the same.

28 February 1653.

Mertches to  
be yeirlie per-  
ambulat. The counsall hes condescendit that fra this tyme furthe the tounes mertche be perambulat and gone throw yeirlie upoun the first Taysday of Mertche, and

that they sall begin the morne, being the first Taysday of Mertche this yeir, and for that end the baillies, deane of gild and convinar, withe the haill counsall and sutchie old men and young men as salbe wairnit to attend thame are to wait on the morne and meit together in the morning.

Mertches to  
be yeirlie per-  
ambulat.

7 March 1653.

Haveing hard the complent gevin in be the thesaurer of this burgh against David Neilson [and six others] for laying thair fuilyie upoun the sydes of the lang calsay that leadis towardis the park newk and spoyling the same, the foirsaidis persones being present, wha could not denye the fault done be thame, are ilk ane of thame unlawit in the sowme of fourtie shilling Scottis money and ordeanit to remayne in waird till they pay thair unlaw, and als to remove thair fuilyie within fyftene dayes nixt efter the dait heirof, under the paine of ten pundis money, and prohibite to lay ony thair againe under the lyke paine.

Layingfuilyie  
upoun the  
sydes of the  
lang calsay.

The deane of gild and convinar and Thomas Downie presentit to the counsall ane roll of certane poore people amongst whome they had destrebut, according to thair severall necessaties, the sowme of tua hunderithe thriescoir seavintene pundis Scottis money, conforme to ane ordinance of the counsall of the dait the sext day of Appryle lastbypast, with the quhilk destrebutioun the counsall does hereby declair thameselfis weill satisfait.

Destrebu-  
tioun of 277  
lib. amongst  
the poore.

11 March 1653.

To the honorable the lord Generall Monck, commander in cheif of the forces in Scotland, the humble supplicatioun of the nichtbouris and inhabitantes of the burgh of Sterling, schewethe,—That your lorshippis petitioneris have bene at great truble and chairgis since your first entrie to this burgh in the monethe of (*blank*) 1651, be quartering of the garisone within our burgh, and furnishing of coall, candell, and uther necessaris to the souldiouris in thair quarteris, and hes had no localitie for payment of coall nor candell as uther garisones have had, nather have we had any trading nor handling for our liveing all the tyme, as is weill knowin to the governour and remanent officeris of this garisone, so that throw the great burdine we have had, and laik of our trading and handling, we are licklie to be brocht to totall rowine without it be by your lordship tymuslie preventit. Our humble desyre, thairfoir, is that

Petition to  
Generall  
Monck.

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Generall  
Monck.

your lordship wald be pleasit to consider of our conditioun, and for preventing of our totall rowine (which undoubttilie the most pairt of ws wilbe shortlie brocht unto if not prevented) your lordship wald tak some course to setle a localitie upoun some place whair it may be most convenientlie had for payment of coall and candell to this garisone in tyme cuming. And your lordshippis favorable ansuer we humblie wait for.

5 *April* 1653.

Quartering  
souldiouris.

The counsall hes nominat and electit the persones following to be assistant to the majestrates for quartering of the souldiouris within this burgh as they salbe requyrit till farder ordours: [two persons for each quarter.]

Collectioun  
for the poore.

Being informit of the present necessatie of poore of this burgh, hes condescendit that thair be ane publict collectioun at the church doore for the use of the poore ilk Sabbath day at the efternoone till ordour be gevin be thame to the contrarie.

19 *April* 1653.

Act reponing  
Williame  
Hendersone to  
his libertie.

Haveing hard the bill gevin in be Williame Hendersone, maltman, whairby he acknowledges the offence done be him in breking of waird, for the quhilk he was justlie declairit to have lost his libertie of this burgh and dischairgit to have any trade or handling thairin, and to remove himself aff the burgh, as ane act sett doune thairanent upoun the tuentie day of October last by past beares, and promiseiss by Godis assistance not to doe the lyke in tyme cuming, bot that he sall live more varrelie and circumspectlie without any occasioun of effence ather to majestrates or nichtbouris, all which being considerit be thame and withall it being tryit that the said Williame is trewlie sorufull for his offence, they doe heirby repone him to his said former fredome and libertie.

2 *May* 1653.

Ordinance  
anent the  
grammour  
scoole.

The counsall hes ordanit that the baillies go allongis and take notice of the grammour scoole, and that they take tryall quhair thair is any bairnes past sex yeir auld at uther scooles up and doune the toune, and appoynt thame to be put to the grammour scoole, and dischairge the keipares of uther scooles to take in any sutche childerine heireftir.

12 *July* 1653.

Commissioun  
to commander  
in chief.

They have nominat and electit Robert Russall, convinar, and Williame

Barclay, clerk, commissionares for this burgh to go to Edinburgh and represent the havie burdene of this burgh to the comander in cheiff, and to supplicat his honour for liberatioun of asses, and to doe all thingis necessar thairanent as appertenes.

Commissoun  
to commander  
in chief.

18 July 1653.

Robert Russall, convinar, and Williame Barclay, clerk, presentit the report of thair commissioun under Colonell Lilburne, comander in cheif, his hand, whairwith the counsall declarit thameselfis satisfieit; and in reguaird that thair is ane reference conteanit thairintill to Colonell Rid, governour of this burgh, the counsall ordeanes the baillies, convinar and clerk, to go presentlie eftir the counsall and delyver the same to him and desyre him to take some effectuall course for the tounes liberatioun and ease, conform to the foirsaid ordour.

Report,  
Robert  
Russall and  
William  
Barclay.

27 July 1653.

For my muche respectit freinds the proveist, bailleis, and counsall of Stirling, theis. Assurit freinds,—Since it hes pleisit God to call the laitt erlle of Marr it is thought fitting, by my lord Marrs freinds, now that he be sent for to cum sowth that, if it be possible, sum effectuall way may be tane for satisfactioun of his creditors, which, as I conceive, he will not condescend to cum heir except upon assuirance from his creditors not to be disturbit in his persone. The most pairt of his creditors heir hes allreadie signed ane protection wherof the dubill is heir inclosit. Thairfoir theis ar to intreat yow that ye will be pleasit to signe it in so far as may concerne the moneyis resting to yow for the tuo hospitallis and the church box of Stirling. This I hoipe, as it sall facilitat your satisfactioun, so it sall be ane particular obligatioun conferred on your verrie assurit freind, [Signed:] Cardross. Edinburgh, 27 Julij 1653. I desyre your answer may be heir at furdest againe Tuysday at night.

Letter from  
Lord Cardross  
as to Earl  
of Mar's  
creditors.

17 August 1653.

Robert Russall, convinar, maid report of the commissioun gevin to him and Robert Burne for going to Dalkeithe to the commander in cheif anent the tounes asses that was appoyntit to be laid upoun the shyre, which was that he had gevin ordour to deley the uplifting thair of for 10 or 12 dayes space that he cum to this toun.

Report of  
commissioun to  
Dalkeathe.

27 August 1653.

Colonell Lilburne and utheris, burgessis and gild brither.

The counsall, being convenit, hes ressavit and admittit the persones following to the libertie and fredome of burgessis and gild brither thair of, gratis, wha and ilk ane of tham maid faithe as use is:—Colonell Robert Lilburne, comander in cheif of all the forces in Scotland; colonell James Berrie, louetennent colonell Totterer, major George Smithsone, louetennent colonell Goffe, William Clerk, esquyare, secritarie [to] the commander in cheif; doctour Samuell Barra, phisician to the armye; [and twenty-two others.]

29 August 1653.

Pryce of brythell lawingis.

Taking to consideratioun the abuse used be the nichtbouris and inhabitantis of this burgh in taking tuelf shilling for a brythell lawing, they have dischairgit that any nichtbour or inhabitant take more heireftir for a brythell lawing then sex shilling aucht penneis.

5 November 1653.

Comissioun to Dalkeithe.

Hes electit and chosin [the convener and clerk] comissionares for thame to go to the comander in cheif and represent to him the tounes grivances, and supplicat that the toun may be liberat of the payment of asses in tyme cuming.

18 January 1654.

Anent the candel-makeris.

Hes dischairgit Johne Lorne, James Davie and Robert Ker, candelmakeris, to melt any tallone or make candell heirefter except in out houssis whair no dainger may be thairby, under the paine of ane hundrethe pundis money *toties quoties*, and farder punishment of thair persones as the majestrates and counsall sall think fitt.

25 March 1654.

Act, 40 li. payable yeirlye be the gildrie for weyhous.

The counsall hes ordeanit the deane of gild, betuixt and the first day June nixt, to compt with the thesaurar in presence of the majestrates and convenar for what is restand of that fourtie pundis money payable be the gildrie yeirlye to the toun for a weyhous, conforme to the articles drawin in anno 1616,<sup>1</sup> and to satisfie him presentlie thaireftir what is resting; and lykwayes ordeanes the thesaurar to go about the building of a weyhous withe all conveniencie, the place for building quhair of is to be tryit out and designed to him so soone as the magistrates and counsall can gett the same done.

<sup>1</sup> *Antea*, p. 144.

27 March 1654.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, after mature deliberatioun and foir thought takin be thameselves together, and advyse from the gild brither, [the crafts, and maltmen,] they doe heirby thirle and astrict the haill nichtbouris and inhabitantes of this burgh, present and to cum, to the commoun milnes callit the Bridge and Borrow Milnes presentlie belongand thairto, and to sutche uther milnes as salhappin heirefter to belong to the said burgh in heretage, tack, or utherwayes be transaction, and to grind all the malt to be heirefter browin be thame or ony of thame within this burgh thairat and to pay multour thairfoir as followes, to witt,—for ilk boll, tuo heappit capfull; for ilk fyve firlothes, tuo heappit capfull and ane half; and for ilk sex firlothes, thrie heappit capfull; and so furthe proportionable according to the quantatie; whilk thrie heappit capfull is declairit heirby to be a full seall peck and is not to be alterit heirefter without consent of those who have gevin advyse as is before sett doune to this present thirle; and gif any nichtboure or inhabitant, thirlit as said is, failye to bring the malt that is heirefter to be browin be thame to be grund at the saidis milnes they sall pay thairfoir to the thesaurar of this burgh the sowme of fyve pundis Scottis money, *toties quoties*, as lykwayes to the tackismen of the saidis milnes, or sutche as salhave charge of the same frome the counsall, the double of the multour of the said malt quhilk salhappin to be abstracted, *toties quoties*. Farder, it is aggreit that the majestrates and counsall of this burght, present and to cum, salbe heirby oblidgeit to roupe the saidis milnes yeirlie with the rest of the commoun good of this burgh, at least at the expyreing of the yeires of sutche tackis as salhappin to be sett be thame of the same; and that they sall take the tackismen and thair cautioneris bund and obleist not onlye for payment of the yeirlie dewtie to be aggreit upoun to thame and thair thesaurar in thair name, bot also that they sall grund what malt cumes first to the milne first, without respect of persones, that the poore may not be wrongit nor frustrat of thair maskene; and that they sall pay for ilk maskene lost in thair default fourtie shilling Scottis money to the lossor thairof, and for ilk boll malt that beis spilt in the grinding in the millares default the thrid pairt of the pryce thairof to the awner by thair awine malt; and gif the defect be in the malt (quhilk the millare is to make knawin before he grind the same) the maltman if he be ane nichtbour and inhabitant salbe heirby oblidgeit to pay the thrid pairt of

Act of thirle  
to the tounes  
milnes.

Act of thirle  
to the tounes  
milnes.

the pryce thair of to the awner as said is, and if not nichtbour and inhabitant the presentare thair of to the milne being broware of the same salbe heirby liberat to reteane the lyke sowme aff the pryce of the malt from the sellare thair of to thame for thair awin use, at the sicht of the majestrates, conforme to the act of parliament maid anent the sufficiencie of malt and presenting thair of to the marcat; and als the said tackisman or millare salbe obleidgit to carie any malt maid within a myle of the mylnes alsweill without as within burgh, and to keipe the just quantatie of multure before appointed to be takin, quhilk if they doe in the contrair the same to be haldin as thift committit be thame and they punished accordinglie and obleidgit to restore foure fold what salbe fund to be takin be thame more then the dew before appoynted for thame. And the said deacone convinar and remanent deacones of craftis protestit that the whole articles of agriement maid and sett down in anno 1616<sup>1</sup> be observit and keipit conforme to the tennour thair of as they are sett doune, and that this present aggrement be nowayes prejudiciall to thame anent what priviledges can be had or obteanit heirefter in favouris of the craftismen of this burgh, sutche priviledges as Edinburgh, Dundie, Perth or Glasgow hes, and that they may have recourse to any judge or judges competent within this realme for that effect in tyme and place convenient.

Supplie of  
distressed  
persones.

Haveing hard the severall petitiounes gevin in to tham be the distressed persones underwritin, craveing some helpe and supplie for thair present necessaties, quhilk being considerit and tryell takin of thair severall conditiones, they have appoyntit the maisteris of the nether hospitall callit Spittallis hospitall to delyver to ilk ane of thame the particular sowme heirefter sett doune, to witt, to James Robertsons, merchand, £33 6 s. 8 d.; to Johne Robertsons, merchand, £33 6 s. 8 d.; to Allexander Bennie, weiver, £16; to William Hendrie, glover, £16; [other thirteen sums varying from £6 13s. 4d. to £33 6s. 8d.] Extending the saidis sowmes in the hail to £254 6 s. 8 d.

13 May 1654.

General Monk  
and utheris  
burgessis and  
gild brether.

The proveist, baillies, and counsall of this burgh, being convenit, they have ressavit and admittit the honorabill persones and utheris following to the libertie and fredome of burgessis and gild brether of the said burgh, gratis, wha and ilk ane of thame maid faithe as use is:—General Monk, commander in cheif

<sup>1</sup> *Antea*, pp. 143-4.

of the forces in Scotland; colonell Mathew Thomlisone; [and thirty-six others.] General Monk  
etc.

7 June 1654.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, having takin to consideratioun that they have now and of before borrowed frome Robert Burne and Duncane Allane, maisteris of the nether hospitall, [£4,200 Scots, and have to-day given security, and being desirous that this and all other sums belonging to the hospital should be constantly improven to the best advantage and according to the mortification, and considering that the magistrates and council, who have the patronage and government of the hospital, might happen to use their power adversely to the use of the securities now given:] Thairfoir the majestrates and counsall, for testefeing and making effectuell thair sincere and honest purpose in this whole mater, and to the effect that thair successouris may trade the same steppes and upoun no consideratioun whatsoever intervert that money or any pairt thair of or any proffeit or emolument arysing thairfra, to any uther use, private or publict, then that for whiche it was mortefyed, doe declair, statute, enact, and ordeane that it sall not be lawchfull for the majestrates and counsall of the burgh of Sterling, or thair successouris or any of thame, at any tyme heirefter, to dissuade, hinder, or obstruct Robert Burne and Duncane Allane, present maisteris of the said hospitall, or thair successouris, to make use of and improve the securaties gevin unto thame for the said moneyes, ayther by word, wreat, work, or any act whatsoever contrarie heirunto, and that when they find cause they may [take all necessary proceedings for uplifting the money]; and it is farther inacted and ordeaned that the majestrates and counsall at the tyme of thair being admitted to the office sall take thair oathe in ordour to the faithfull administratioun of the effaires of the said hospitall, and that at the same tyme they salbe consenting to this act and ingadge thameselfis not to ramverse or annull the same in ordour to any thing prejudiciall heirunto.

Money borrowed be the  
tounne from  
Spittales hospital.

28 June 1654.

Ordeanes publicatioun to be maid to the whole nichtbouris throw this burgh that fra this furthe non of thame suffer thair horse or kye to pasture in the kirk yaird.

Pastureing  
horse or kye  
in kirkyaird.



30 August 1654.

Building a  
weyhous.

Hes ordeanit John M'Nair, present thesaurer of this burgh, to build ane weyhouse of the tua eistmost laiche voltis under the tolbuthe, in the best forme can be devysit, and that be the advyse of Christopher Russall and Androw Baird, baillies, Duncane Nairne, deane of gild, and Robert Russall, convinar, which is to be takin bothe anent the building and agreing with the warkmen; as also the thesaurer is ordeanit to send ane commissioun to Holland for a steill bark and wechtis to the said weyhous not exceiding sex hundrithe wecht.

31 August 1654.

Anent elec-  
tioun of a  
comissionar  
to the parlia-  
ment.

Duncane Nairne, deane of gild, reportit that the haille gild brither did devolve the poware of electioun of the comissionar for this burgh to convene with the comissionaris to be directe from the burghis of Perth, Linlithgow, Queinsferrie, and Culros, to choyse a comissionar for the parliament, upoun the proveist, baillies and counsall. The convinar for the craftis and visitour for the maltmen reportit the lyke.

Commissioun  
to Colonell  
Read.

The proveist, baillies, and counsall of the burgh of Sterling, haveing the poware devolvit upoun thame be the remanent nichtboures and inhabitantis of the said burgh to the effect underwritin, being convenit in obedience to his heignes the Lord Protectour his ordour, hes nominat and electit the richt honorable Colonell Thomas Read, governour and burges of the said burgh, comissionar for the samyne burgh to convene withe the comissionaris to be direct frome the burghis of Perth, Linlithgow, Queinsferrie, and Culros, upoun Fryday nixt the first day of September, withe contnewatioun of dayes, for electing a comissionar to attend the parliament to be held at the citie of Westmaister in England, and to sitt doune the thrid day of the said monethe of September, thair to consult and advyse with the knyghtis, citizenes, and remanent burgessis of the said comounwealthe, conforme to the wrett direct furthe thairanent, intitulat the government of the comounwealthe of England, Scotland, and Ireland; withe poware to thair said comissionar to impoware the comissionar so to be elected as said is to reassone, voite, determine, and conclude in all thingis that salhappin to be proponit in the said parliament which may tend to the glorie of God, the weill of the churche, and good of the comounwealthe; the quhilk commissioun is ordeanit to be drawin up in the

foirsaid forme and subscrivit be Williame Barclay, [clerk] of the said burgh, in name of the proveist, baillies, and counsall, and seallit with the tounes seall. Comissoun  
to Colonell  
Read.

12 *September* 1654.

Hes nominat and electit [the convener and clerk] comissionaris to go to Dalkeithe and supplicat the lord generall Monck for ane localatie of coall and candell to the toun, and to doe what ellis salbe thocht convenient be thame for the good of the toun. Comission-  
aris sent to  
Dalkeithe.

29 *September* 1654.

Worthy freind,—I dowbt not bot ye have hard that ther is laitlie come frome above ane ordour for continuation of all the magistrattis in borrowis for this yeir, and it is expectit that ane ordour sall shortly come for ane frie election, so till that come we intend to continew as of befor and not to desert our charge, and this is the course that Edinburgh intendis to take. Let these present my love and best respectis to your provest, baillies, and deane of gild and convener, and withall shew them that Gillespies commissioun is blowne up and he is lyk to die for greiff and despair. Our commissioner Okie hes refused the oath, and Captane Brassie, your governour, hathe at last taken the oath. And so I rest, your affectionat freind, [Signed:] R. Stewart. Linlithgw, 29 Sepr. 1654. [Addressed:] To his much respected freind Williame Barclay, clerk of Stirling, these. Pay the post to the bearer, i s. Letter from  
Robert Stew-  
art, [provost,  
Linlithgow,  
to clerk of  
Stirling.

13 *November* 1654

Ordeanes Allexander Burne, baillie, and Thomas Downie, deacone of the hamermen, to go allongis to the castell withe sutche as the governour sall appoynt, and sicht sutche plenneshing as any nichtbouris of this burgh hes thair withe the officeris or souldiouris, and put ane pryce thairupoun particularlie, that course may be takin to give satisfacioun for the same. Sichting and  
pryceing  
pleinashing in  
the castell.

The proveist, baillies, and counsall of this burgh, have gevin thair oathes that they have not onlye bene secrett and keipit close what hes bene revilit in counsall concerning the comoun effaires of this burgh, or any other publict and particular bussines, bot that they sall keipe secrett what sall be revilit thair in all tyme heirefter. Oath of  
secrecie gevin  
be the coun-  
sall.

2 December 1654.

Act anent the  
litstaria.

Efter consideratioun takin upoun some complentis maid to thame, have dischairgit the litstares of this burgh to litt any yairne heirefter withe caprus gallis, blew birsall, or any uther unsufficient litt in tyme cuming, ilk ane of thame under the pane of tuentie pundis Scottis money, *toties quoties*; and farder it is dischairgit that any litstar sall at any tyme heirefter washe any yairne or cloathe abone the bridge steane at the eist end of Johne Smetounes warkhous, under the penaltie of fyve pundis money, *toties quoties*.

23 December 1654.

Anent the  
planting of  
the church.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, haveing some questiounes frome maister James Guthrie, to witt, 1st, whither or not they thocht fitting ane actuall minister or ane expectant sould be callit to supplie the place of the deceast maister David Bennet; 2nd, Whither or not they wald awine maister George Bennet and his associates now joynit in ane presbetrie, or the said maister James and his associates in thair presbetrie; 3rd, Whither or not they thocht it futting that a young man wer fund out to be ane helper to him in preitching dureing the vacancie of this church,—it is appoyntit that before any ansuer be maid to the foirsaidis questiones the proveist [and four others] sall go and speik withe maister James and aske him what he intendis to doe anent the electioun of ane eldership within this congregatioun and make report thairof.

29 January 1655.

Report fra  
maister James  
Guthrie.

The proveist, baillie Russall, baillie Baird, the deane of gild and convenar, reportit to the counsall that they haveing spokin withe maister James Guthrie according to the comissioun gevin to thame upoun the 23 of December anent the electioun of ane eldareship within this congregatioun, and that maister James hes declairit to thame that he and those wha serves as eldares with him for the present will take course for making up of ane eldareship in the congregatioun and will not acknawledge any utheris thairintill, notwithstanding quhairof it is ordeanit for peace cause that these wha did formarlie speik withe maister James, all except baillie Baird, sall againe speik withe him and tray gif he can be movit to lett a full eldareship be chosen in the congregatioun, and that some few may be considerit upoun of consent for choysing of thame peceable and amicable.

19 *February* 1655.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, considering the weichtie bussines they have on hand anent the planting of this church with a qualefeit able pastoure in place of the deceast maister David Bennet, and what deficulties are liklie to aryse thairintill, they have resolvit unanimouslie to send some of thair number and take the advyse and counsall of the reverent and worthie men of the church following in the mater of the said plantatioun, to witt, maister Robert Douglas, maister David Dickson, maister George Cuthbertson, and maister James Hamiltoun, ministeris at Edinburgh; maister Robert Baillie, maister James Durehame, maister Hew Blair, and maister George Young, ministeris at Glasgow; and to this effect they have nominat and appoyntit [the proveist and three others] to repaire to Edinburgh and Glasgow and meit with the foirsaidis ministeris to the intent abone sett doune.

Provest, etc.,  
to go to Edin-  
burgh and  
Glasgow.

29 *June* 1655.

Thair being a supplicatioun presentit to the majestates and counsall of this burgh be the most pairt of the nichtbouris and inhabitantis thair of, [referring to acts by their predecessors providing for a conjunct minister,<sup>1</sup>] never expecting any few number of the burgh, far les that maister James Guthrie, under the name of ane eldership, quhilk he hes not, and some few of the congregatioun, sould stryve to thrust in a man upoun thame whome they know not nor hes not condiscendit to, as is aimed at now, [and desiring that the former acts should be annulled. The council by a majority] ordeanit that all former actis of counsall, and uther obleismentis maid and gevin in favouris of a conjunct minister within this burgh, salbe fra this furthe voyde and null, and sall make no faithe in tyme cuming as a band or tay upoun any of the incorporatioun for payment of a stipend, or any pairt thair of, to any conjunct minister wha is or sall not be lawchfullie callit be the greatest pairt of the incorporatioun and conforme to the ordour of the church of this land and former customes of this place.

Annulling  
formar  
actis in  
favouris of  
conjunct  
ministeris.

24 *September* 1655.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, being convenit upoun some intelligence come to thame anent ane libertie and poware granted be his heighnes the

Letteres to be  
direct to  
William  
Thomsone.

<sup>1</sup> *Antea*, p. 185.

Lettres to be  
direct to  
Willame  
Thomsone  
anent elec-  
tion.

Anent the  
houssis pullit  
doun be the  
last Kings  
armie in  
annis 1650  
and 1651.

Lord Protectour for a new electioun of counsellouris and majestrates within this burgh, they have appoyntit ane particular lettere to be directit to Willame Thomsone, toun clerk of Edinburgh, for advyse and counsall in the said mater.

Thair being productit to the magistrates and counsall of this burgh ane ordour gevin furthe be Generall Monck, mentioning that thair is great devastatioun in this burgh be the late Scottis Kingis armie thair pulling doun of divers houssis thairin in the yeir 165[0-1],<sup>1</sup> authorizing and requyreing Colonell Read, governour, to cause give notice unto the owneris of all sutch houssis as are so dimolished that they repair and re-edefie the same within the space of thrie monthes efter such notice gevin, and in cais of failie authorizing him or sutch of the inhabitantis or utheris in the toun of Sterling and pairtis adjacent to rebuild the saidis houssis and to enjoye the same in consideration of thair chairgis, daittit the 22 of August 1655; it is ordeanit be the haill counsall that the majestrates sall take tryall of any sutch houssis and make up ane list of the names of the awneris thair of that advertisement may be gevin to thame of the foirsaid ordour gevin furthe be the generall.

27 September 1655.

Act anent the  
baxteris lite.

The majestrates and counsall, for shunning of any disturbance or truble that may aryse, have in the intaking of the lites of the deacones of craft dispensit withe foure baxteris for the lite of that craft for this yeir, bot ordeanes that in all tyme heirefter they give up aucht of thair craft in lite as hes bene the use and custome in formar tymes, utherwayes it is not to be receavit of thair handis.

1 October 1655.

Election of  
the new  
counsall.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, being convenit, and taking to thair consideratioun a declaratioun emitted be his heighnes the Lord Protectouris counsall for Scotland, declairing that for the reasones thairin conteanit all prohibitiounes as to electiounes of majestrates are takin aff, and that all cities, burghes, and tounes corporat in Scotland, to whome the priviledge of choysing thair majestrates belongis, may frome hencefurthe meit and convene for that end within thair respective burghes, cities, and tounes, and thair to proceed to

<sup>1</sup>The date had originally been left blank both here and on the margin, but on the latter

the years 1650 and 1651 have subsequently been written.

thair dew and lawchfull nominatioun and electioun of thair respective majestates, etc., as it beares; they have according to the formar use and custome of this burgh electit and choysit the persones following as the new counsall thair of for this yeir to cum, they are to say . . .

Election of  
the new  
counsall.

5 October 1655.

Haveing receavit advertisment that the excyse of this countie quhairin the burgh is comprehendit is to be takin upoun Monday nixt<sup>1</sup> . . . appoyntit commissionares to go to Leithe againe Monday nixt for taking the excyse of this burgh, and are appoyntit to take the same at the best avall, and to have a cair that all excysable goodis ventit and sold within burgh, alsweill be Inglish as Scottis, be includit within the tack.

Commissionares  
anent  
the excyse.

13 October 1655.

Robert Russall and Androw Buchannan maid report of thair commissioun for taking of the excyse, viz., that James Sterling and the said Robert Russall had takin the excyse of the countie and tounes equallie betuixt thame, and had ingadgit to pay fourescoir ane pund starling monethlie for the same, quhilk the counsall approves of and condiscendis unto; and seing Robert Russallis half is for the tounes use, it is thocht expedient that some be appoyntit to speik withe James Sterling and saddle with him for the tounes pairt.

Report anent  
taking of the  
excys.

The counsall hes ordeanit that a lettere be writtin frome thame and the sessioun to the ministeris of Edinburgh, desyreing thame to supplie this incorporatioun with some of thair britherine to preatche some few Sabothes to thame.

Lettere to the  
ministeris of  
Edinburgh.

<sup>1</sup> In connection with the introduction, in 1655, of the system of farming the excise and customs, one of the commissioners, Thomas Tucker, who had been despatched from London to assist in the work, issued a report containing a curious and interesting account of some parts of Scotland at that time. In the course of his inspection of the Forth ports, Tucker arrives at "Sterling, a pretty burgh, famous for the strength of the castle and bridge, which is layd over the Firth at that place, this being

the head of it, and the tyde flowing not a mile above it. Here live some merchants, but the shallownesse of the river, with the windeings thereof, makeing the way long, and not permitting a boat of burthen to passe up soe high, all goods are entred first and cleered belowe at Burrostone, and thence afterward carryed up in small boates as the merchant hath occasion for them."—*Miscellany of Scottish Burgh Records Society*, 1881, p. 20.

22 October 1655.

Uplifting of  
the excise.

It is appoyntit that diligence be usit be the majestates, thesaurer, and sutche uther of the counsall as may convenientlie attend, for receaving in of the first monethes excyse, withe sua meikle of the excyse of this weik as may convenientlie be had, that the equall half of the sowme may be maid reddie which is to be payit for the foure monethes.

27 October 1655.

Advyse to be  
cravit anent  
Mr. Matthias  
Sympsone.

The proveist, baillies, and counsall of Sterling, laying to heart the sad conditioun that the burgh is in for the present throw the want of a minister to preatche the gossell and administrat the sacramentis to tham, and how that they have bene dealling heirtofoir to have had a minister planted amongst thame to that end, bot had not prevailed, and withall considering how the Lord hes bene pleased be all appeirance to grant ane opportunitie for the congregatioun to have thameselfis planted be ane maister Matthias Sympsone, whome ane great pairt of thame have hard and all of thame are to heare the Lordis day inshewing, and wha hes ane verie ample approbatioun from severall reverend and eable pastouris in this church, and is not wanting of ane approbatioun frome sindrie amongst thameselfis, they have thairfoir appoyntit that upoun Monday nixt, at seavin houres in the morning, the deane of gild convene his britherine, the deacone convinar and remanent deacones thair severall trades, the visitour of the maltmen the maltmen, James Rind, meassone, and James Chrystiesone, wricht, the mechanicks, Johnne Thomsone and Robert Mitchell the rest of the omnigatherum; and that they make knawine to thame this opportunitie, and to desyre thame eftir they have socht Godis directioun in the mater to give thair advyse to the majestates and counsall how to carie thameselfis in relatioun to the giving of a call to the said maister Matthias Sympsone to be minister of this toune; that if it be the Lordis will to direct it so that all aggrie togither and be of one mynd the work may be gone about cheirfullie be the directioun of Him whois work it is, and it may tend to His glorie, the edificatioun of the soules of His people, and the comfort of all [those] he moves to go on in His work. And the deane of gild and utheris abone sett doune are appoyntit to report thair ansuer heirto upoun Monday nixt at ten houris in the fairnoone.

3 November 1655.

The provesit and utheris who wer comissionat at the last meiting to speik  
 withe the presbetrie, and to meit withe maister Matthias Sympsone and aggrie  
 withe him, and to cause draw a call to be subscrivit and delyverit to him,  
 maid report of what they had done bothe in relatioun to the aggreiment withe  
 him, being for one thowsand pundis Scottis money in satisfacioun of all he  
 can ask or crave yeirlie, at Witsonday and Mertimes, dureing his service of  
 the cure in this place, upoun no termes to be maid furthcumand to any who  
 sall succeid or cum in efter him, and in relatioun to his call, which they causit  
 draw and is now subscrivit and delyverat to him; all which the majestrates  
 and counsall ratifies and approves of.

Report anent  
 the aggrei-  
 ment with  
 maister  
 Mathias  
 Sympsone.

21 November 1655.

The proveist, baillies, and counsall, have for thameselfis, and in name of  
 the most pairt of the nichtbouris and inhabitantis of the said burgh, nominat  
 and electit Johne Buchanan, [and two others, their commissioners] to appeir  
 before the honorable lordis and utheris of his heighnes the Lord Protectouris  
 counsall of esteate, the comissionares for the churche effaires, and honorable  
 memberis of all uther judicatories necessar within this natioun, and thair to  
 hold out and represent to thame the sad and lamentable conditioun that this  
 citie and congregatioun have bene into throw the want of a pastoure amongst  
 thame this long tyme bygone, and to supplicat thair honouris that they wald  
 be pleisit to take the interruptioun maid in the present plantatioun to thair  
 serious consideratioun and grant to the said burgh the libertie and fredome  
 dew to thame for establishing thair pasture whome they have callit and  
 transactit withe for instructing thame in the way of salvatioun and directing  
 thame, be Godis assistance, to lead ane honest, godlie, and quyet lyfe, under  
 the powares that by His providence doe presentlie ringe over thame.

Comissioun,  
 pastour.

2 February 1656.

Robert Russall maid report to the majestrates and counsall that, conforme  
 to thair ordour, he had takin the excyse of this toune and schyre, with James  
 Sterling, for ane yeiris time, and that they wer to pay thairfoir, monethlie,  
 fourescoir fyve pund starling money. [The magistrates and council approved,  
 and bound themselves to relieve Robert Russall of his share] seing that it is  
 for the tounes use.

Report anent  
 taking of the  
 excyse.



21 *April* 1656.

Comissionoun  
anent the  
planting of  
the church.

Nominat and comissionat Johne Buchannan, baillie, and Robert Russall, convinar, comissionares for this burgh to repaire to Edinburgh and tray what may be done for obteaning ansuer to the tounes last supplicatioun anent the planting of the churche, craveing approbatioun thairto, and als to take advyse what salbe done for obteaning of the churche, and if neid beis to supplicat for bothe or any of thame as they sall ressave advyse and find opportunatie, and ordeanes the thesaurar to pay thair chairgis, quhilk salbe allowit in his accomptis.

12 *May* 1656.

Constables.

Taking to consideratioun the ordinance direct furthe be his heighnes counsall at Edinburgh anent the nominating and appoynting constables and visitouris within burgh, they have ordeanit that the majestrates, the dean of gild and convinar, the old deane of gild, and William Starrat, deacone of the hamermen, sall meit and make up a list of some honest men within the burgh fitt for the fairsaid chairge and give it in to the counsall at thair nixt meiting, that the majestrates may make electioun of sutch as they sall think fitt, conforme to the ordour direct to thame.

26 *May* 1656.

Comission,  
churche.

Nominat and comissionat Robert Russall, deacone convinar, and James Stevinsone, merchand, to go to Edinburgh withe maister Matthias Sympson, minister, and withe him to supplicat his beighnes counsall for libertie of the churche to preatche into, or at least for the libertie of the utter churche.

Act Mr.  
James Ed-  
mondstoune  
maister of the  
grammer  
schole.

The proveist, baillies and counsall have concludit and aggreit withe maister James Edmondstoune, lait minister at St. Ninians, that he sall instruct and teatche the haill youthe of this burgh, and utheris who salhappin to be presentit to him in the grammer schole, in all pairtis of grammer and authoris, both Greik and Latine, dureing the whole space and tyme that it salhappin him to be uncalled to some publict place of the ministrie and setlit thairintill, and that as principall maister of the said grammer schole; and that he sall give and imploye himself haillalie to the teatching of the said grammer schole and not withdraw himself thairfra at ony tyme dureing the said space, but licence socht and obteanit thairto of the majestrates and counsall; and sall enter to the teatching of the said schole at the dait heirof, and sall not leave

the same except he be callit to the work of the ministrie and setlit thairintill Act, etc. as said is, or utherwayis that he give lawchfull adverteisement to the majestrates and counsall the space of half a yeir before his removall, in quhilk cais it salbe lysum to the said maister James to leave the schole at his pleasour. For the quhilk cause, the saidis proveist, baillies and counsall [shall pay to him £140 Scots yearly, besides the annual rent of 500 merks mortified by John Cowane;<sup>1</sup>] and for ilk tounes bairne the said maister James is and salbe heirby licenciati to take in schollage ilk quarter of the yeir 6 s. 8 d., and to take of geintilmenes bairnes according to the discretioun of the giveris and as they and he can agrie.

16 August 1656.

In obedience to his heighnes the Lord Protectouris ordour anent the nominating and appoynting ane of thair number to convene and meit withe the comissionares of the burghis of Perth, Linlithgow, Queinsferrie, and Culrose, at Sterling, the tuentie day of August instant, to the intent underwritin, have nominat and electit Johne Buchannan, baillie, burges of the said burgh, thair verie lawchfull comissionar to convene and meit withe the severall comissionares of the saidis severall burrowes the foirsaid day and place, be ten houres, to make electioun of and impoware ane comissionare for the saidis fyve burghes, sufficientlie qualefied according to his heighnes my Lord Protectouris ordour, to meit and convene withe the remanent comissionares of his Heighnes parliament to be haldin at Westmaister in England, upoun the sextene day of September nixtocum, thair then to reasone, voyce, determine, and conclude in all thingis that salhappin to be proponit in the foirsaid parliament, and to doe and consent unto these thingis which then and thair by comoun counsall of the comounwealthe in parliament, by Godis blissing, salbe ordeanit upoun the weightie effaires which concerne the glorie of God, the weill of the church, and good of the comounwealthe of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

25 August 1656.

[The commissioner appointed on 16th August reported] that the burrowes Commissioner for the parliament. convened, conforme to the ordour direct to thame, and had maid electioun of Colonell Hendrie Markhame.

<sup>1</sup> *Antea*, p. 173.

1 *September* 1656.

Church to be  
built up in the  
middle.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, having heard a report from sutch of their number as they had appoyntit to go allongis withe maister Matthias Symsons to maister James Guthrie for requyreing of him thair awine libertie for preitching in the churche, conforme to the ordour of the honorable lordis of his heighnes counsall, that the said maister James hes refusit any acces for the said maister Matthias to preatche in the churche, they have thairfor resolvit and concludit that according to the ordour of his heighnes counsall, whairby thair lordships hes gevin warrand to cause build up a partitioun in the churche, to go on for shunning of farder controversie, and in the meane-tyme till it please the Lord to grant the toun that libertie whiche they are confident is dew to thame as wilbe efterwards fund, and to cause make up the devisioun at als easie reate as can be, and ease thameselfis withe sutch seattes as they may cause carie out and in withe thame upoun preatching dayes and sutch lyk, trusting that God will in his awine appoyntit tyme grant thame who are the suffereris that whiche is thair awine dew right.

8 *September* 1656.

Aggrement  
betuixt the  
toun and  
maister  
Matthias  
Sympsone.

The proveist, baillies, and counsall, taking in consideratioun how that thair predicesouris, for the advancement of the glorie of God and furtherance of the work of the gospell in this place, whiche they conceived could not be servit withe one single pastoure without ane helper, and that they had concludit amongst thame to call one, in place of the deceast maister David Bennet, whome they and the greatest pairt of the congregatioun sould think upoun, aggrie, and saddle withe, as thair predicesouris did withe the deceast maister Johne Allane and the said deceast maister David Bennet, without any command frome churche or state, but upoun thair awine accord, for the endis foirsaid, out of thair frie will and liberalatie, never conceaving that what they actit for soe good ane end sould have bene maid so evill ane use of, as hes bene maid be maister James Guthrie, sumtyme a minister in this congregatioun (bot now deposed be the churche), and a few persones of the incorporatioun (quhairof some pretend thameselfis to be eldares) in giveing a call to maister Robert Rule who wilfullie harkned to thame and ansuered thair call, contrarie to the allowed ordour of the churche of this land, though he was informed of the evill he wald bring to himself and truble to this congregatioun by so doing;

and seing, efter long debate and controversie before the honorable comissionares for church effaires, and before the honorable lordis of his heighnes counsell in Scotland, anent maister Matthias Symsons, sumtyme minister at Kirkandrowes, his being minister of Sterling as lawchfullie called and ordourlie admittit thairto in place of the said deceast maister David Bennet, it is fund be the saidis honorable lordis of counsell that the said maister Matthias hes a good call to be minister of Sterling, and thair lordships have ordoured him to enjoye the haille legal beneficies and stipendis belongand to that place (to the whiche he is called) fra the secund day of Februarij last and so for the future without lett or interruption; and the saidis proveist, baillies and counsell, knowing certainlie that what was formarie actit and done be thair predicessouris in relation to the payment of a stipend to any of the predicessouris of the said maister Matthias (which wer onlie the foirsaid tuo in number) wer bot for thair satisfactioun duriing thair service of the cure at the said church, and not for any successouris but sutche as sould be called be the proveist, baillies, counsell, and greatest pairt of the congregatioun, as the said maister Matthias hes bene, they have, notwithstanding of thair present great povertie and inabilitie, concludit to settle a competent stipend for the said maister Matthias Symsons duriing his chairge as minister of Sterling, and not for any successouris except they be called as is before sett doune and ane new transaction maid with the thame for thair stipend, whither it be the same or les, as they sall aggrie upoun; and thairfor they doe willingly inact and obleidge thameselfis and thair successouris, and thair thesauraris, present and to cum, in thair names, to content and pay to the said maister Matthias Symsons, yeirlie, duriing his service of the cure as minister of the church at Sterling [1200 merks Scots for his stipend, and 200 merks Scots for his manse and glebe. For relief of these payments the treasurer was appointed to receive the annualrent of mortified money, £220 13s. 4d.; from the common good, £217 6s. 8d.; guildry, £180; crafts, £180; maltmen, £60; mechanics, £36; "the rest of the omnegathrum," £48.]

Agreement  
betuixt the  
toun and  
maister  
Matthias  
Sympsone.

20 October 1656.

Nominates and commissionates Robert Stevinsone, proveist of the said burgh, and Duncane Nairne, old deane of gild, thair commissionares to meit with the sutche commissionares as salbe commissionat be the burgh of Lin-

Commissioun,  
coal on south  
syde of  
Forthe.

Commission, coal on south syde of Forthe.

lithgow and Queinsferrie for making electioun of tua amicable compositouris and arbitratouris for the severall burghis bewest the Quenisferrie, on the southe syde of Forthe, to Sterling, in the matter submittit betuixt the maisteris of the coalles and coalwarkis within the saidis boundis and the magistrates and counsellouris of the saidis burghis anent the constant keiping of mettes and measures upoun the severall coalhillis within the saidis boundis for metting and messouring of the hail coallis, great and small, that salhappin to be sold be the saidis coalmaisteris, thair coalgrives, servantis or utheris under thame, or deryving poware from thame, for the space sett doune in the said submissioun, and anent what salbe the quantatie thair of in lenthe, breid, and deipnes, and the pryce to be payit for ewerie ane of the saidis mettis and measouris dureing the said space. . . .

23 October 1656.

Letter from General Monck anent Mr. Robert Rule's supplicatioun.

For the right honorable the Commissioners for administratione of Justice, these, att Edinburgh.

I make bold to send you the inclosed petition from maister Robert Rule, and to acquaint you that the councill, from the time that hee served, did intend hee should receive his stipend; and that which was ordered for Mrs. Bennett I am confident it was nott the councills resolution that itt should bee takin out of his pay. I thought fitt to give you this notice of itt being, I understand, the businesse will bee before you on Thursday next, that you may doe in itt as you shall think fitt in your owne discretion, and I thought fitt to give you this notice that this gentleman may not receive any injury in this businesse for want of information. I remayne your very loving friend and servant, [Subscribed:] GEORGE MONCK.—Dalkeith, 23<sup>o</sup> 10<sup>u</sup>. 1656.

Supplication inclosed.

To the ryght honorabill the lord generall Monke, the supplicatioun of maister Robert Rule humblie sheweth,—That wheras I had an order from the ryght honorabill the court for ecckliasticke materis for the stipend belonging to the secund minister of Stirling for three quarters of a yeare, and that for serving of the cure ther for the tyme, it is alledged that the forsaid order is takine away by a posterior order of the ryght honorabill the counsell of his highnes my lord Protector in Scotland given to Mrs. Bennet, and I understand it was not the mind of the counsell to invalidat or disanull that former order of inquiry, especially since Mrs. Bennet hath noe right to that pairt of the

stipend allotted to me. May it therfor please your lordshipp to signifie so much of the counsils mind to the court of justice least I should suffer therby. And your lordships ansuer humbly expectis, [Subscribed:] Ro<sup>r</sup>. RULE.

Supplication  
inclosed.

27 October 1656.

Nominat and commissionat Duncane Nairne, leat deane of gild, to meit with the commissionares nominat or to be nominat for the burghis of Perth, Dumfermeling, or Culrose, anent the electioun of arbitratouris in what concernes the coal bussines in that divisioun.

Commissioun,  
coal benorth  
Forth.

7 March 1657.

Theas are for the right honorabill the provest, baillies, and counsell of the burgh of Striveling. Right honorabill,—Haiffing formarlie representit to your honouris (by our supplicatioune) the sad estate this our burgh is now redactit unto throw the loas of our schipping and means, and the rewinat conditione of our bulwarkis aud hearbarie, by the storme in December 1655; and finding, by our commissionar we then sent, that your honouris wer pleased to take notice of the same and to look with a compassionat ey on our deplorable conditione (for which we cannot bot render you hartie thanks) we wer bold thairefter to wreat to your honouris to understand how soon we might expect quhat ye wold be pleased to bestow towards our present help and supplie; and now the season of the year cuming in, fitt for putting ws awork to goe on to the compleiting of theas works we have necessarlie intendit for the saiftie and subsistance of this burgh, and we being unable to proceid any forder thairin without help (all we could do being exhaustit) we have maid forder bold to send the bearer, Walter Airth, one of our number, to know quhat help we may expect from your honouris, and to quhom, we have given and heirby gives our full power to ressave quhat ye salbe pleased to bestow towards our present help and supplie. We doubt not bot ye will extend the bowles of compassion to this poor incorporatione quhich stands in so great neid of help, and we hope quhat salbe so bestowit sall not be fund lost, it being given for the help and releiff of a distressed burgh quhois inhabitantis sall nevir be unmyndfull of ony kyndnes schawin to us. This desyreing from our harts that God wold blisse your honouris and your labouris, and wischeing the floorischeing and prosperous condition of your good citie, we doe subscribe

Letter from  
burgh of  
Pettenwem.

Letter from burgh of Pettenwem. our selfis to be your verrie obledget freindis and servantis, the baillies and counsell of Pettenwem. Pettenwem, 7 March 1657.

4 July 1657.

Building ane horse milne. The majestrates and counsall hes comissionat the proveist [and four others] to meit withe George Logane and heir what he will take for building of ane horse milne within this burgh, and if they find it a matter feisable to aggrie withe him for building thairof at als easie a rait as they can, and ather to furnishe tymber himself withe all uther materialles or to aggrie withe him for his paines and the toune to furnishe all; and ordeanes thame to report the nixt counsall day, and to adverteise George Logane to be then present in toune.

11 July 1657.

Report as to aggrement for building ane horse milne. The proveist [and others] maid report of the commissioun gevin to thame to speik and aggrie withe George Logane for building of ane horse milne to the toune as followes, to witt, that they had aggreit withe him and he hes undertakin to build ane sufficient ganging horse milne for tuelf pund starling money, ane boll malt, and ane boll meale, the toune furnishing him tymber and all uther materiallis necessar for the work and building the house upoun thair awine chairgis; withe the quhilk aggrement the counsall declaires thame-selfis to be weill pleasit and heirby ratefies and approves thairof; and ordeanes George Hendersone, thesaurare, to indent withe the said George Logane for building of the said milne upoun the conditiounes foirsaid at the sicht of the majestrates.

29 August 1657.

The church bell to be castin and helpit. The majestrates and counsall haveing considerit the necessatie that thair is for causeing renew that bell in the churche whiche is now riven and unprofitable, they have ordeanit that it be sent over to Holland to David Stevinsone, merchand, burges of this burgh, wha is thair for the present, to cause cast the same of new againe, and make it fyve hunderithe weight or thairby, for whiche effect James Stevinsone is heirby authorized to wrett to his brother, and to desyre him to cause put about the bell in lettres: A bell for the burgh of Sterling; and the yeir of God in figures; and George Hendersone, thesaurare, is ordeanit to send over money to satisfie for the same.

10 *November* 1657.

The brig and borrowmilnes, with the horsemilne and thirle belongand to thame, sett to Walter Naper, at Parkmilne, for this yeir to cum, for payment weiklie of foure bollis thrie firlothes multour malt, for the which space it is aggreit that no malt salbe takin out without the portis of the toune to grund except speciall licence be obteanit frome the majestrates upoun considerable occatioun for that effect, and that the horsemilne, as also the uther tua milnes sall all be keipit up and reddie for service in good ordour (the thesaurer furnishing steanes and wheillis thairto allanerlie); and that good, thankfull, leall, and reddie service salbe maid at the saidis milnes bothe in careing the malt to and fra the milnes and grunding the same reddelie thairat.

Set of brig  
and milnes.

20 *January* 1658.

The proveist, baillies and counsall, haveing hard and considerit ane supplicatioun gevin in to thame be certane misterfull and distressed nichtbouris and inhabitantis of this burgh, they have recomendit to the auditouris of the accomptis of the nether hospitall of this burgh to take tryall of the whole misterfull people within this burgh, and, according as they find thair necessaties, ordeanes thame to give thame ane proportionable allowance for thair helpe and supplie; and to cause insert thair names, withe the proportioun of the allowance gevin tham, in the accomptis of the said hospitall.

Nether  
hospitall  
accomptis,  
misterfull  
people.

20 *March* 1658.

Ordeaned that the haill obits and ground annuallis perteaning to the toune and sett doune in the end of this booke be charged upon the thesaurer after the terme of Whitsunday nextcome for all yeirs comeing.

Obits and  
ground  
annuallis.

Roll off the grund annuallis of auld dew to St. James and St. Thomas altares within the kirk of Sterling and now perteaning to the said burgh yeirlie to be upliftit: [twenty-two ground annuals in sums varying from 1s. 6d. to £2 18s., and amounting together to £14 7s.]

3 *January* 1659.<sup>1</sup>

The proveist, baillies, and counsell of the said burgh, for themselves and

Commis-  
siouner for  
choyseing  
commis-  
siouner to  
parliament.

<sup>1</sup> At the top of the first page of the council record beginning 3rd January, 1659, and ending 18th September, 1703, the following memorandum occurs:—"Thomas Andersons,

thesaurer, hes payed for this booke the soume of ellevine pound fourteen shilling Scotts." The book is a large folio, and contains 370 leaves.



Commis-  
sioner, etc.

representing the communitie thair of, in obedience to his highnes the Lord Protectouris ordour annent the nominating and appointing ane of their number to convene and meet with the commissioneris of the burghis of Perth, Linlithgow, Queinsferrie, and Culros, at Sterling, the sixt of this instant, to the intent underwrittin, have nominat and elected, and be the tenour hereof nominats and elects Robert Burne, deane of gild of the said burgh, their verie lauchfull commissioner to convene and meet with the severall commissioneris of the saidis severall burrowes the foresaid day and place, be ten houers, to make electione of and impower one commissioner for the saidis fyve burghs, sufficientlie qualified according to his highnes the Lord Protectouris order, to convene and meet with the remanent commissioneris of his highnes parliament to be held at Westminster in England upon the twenty seven day of Januar instant, there then to reasone, voice, determine and conclude in all things which then and there, by comon counsell of the comonwealth in parliament, by God's blessing, shalbe ordeanit upon the weightie affares which then and there concerne the glorie of God, the weill of the church, and good of the commonwealth.

Great seale to  
Meiklewoods  
borebreive.

The said thesaurer hes receavit fra Johne Grahame of Meiklewood ten merkis Scottis for affixing the towns great seale to a borebreive subscrivit be the saidis magistrats and counsell to him.

26 September 1659.

The thrie  
baillies kept  
in place this  
yeare.

The counsell, takeing to consideratione the grievance maid be John Buchannan, James Stevinson, and Andrew Buchannan, baillies, that quhair they have been in the said charge these twa years bygone and that (contrair to the acts of counsell maid of before) they being now chosen againe to the said office for this yeare to come, and at the counsellis serious desire hes accepted the same, therefore the counsell for thair encouragement does hereby promise and engadge to them that they salbe kept free of the charge of magistracie the next ensueing yeare, and this thair act abonewrittin, with the saids former acts maid in favouris of the magistrats, are ordeaned to be read publictly in counsell everie yeare in tyme comeing the counsell day immediatly preceeding the election that none may pretend ignorance thereof.

22 October 1659.

The magistrats and counsell of the said burgh, takeing to consideratione the great charge and expences susteained by the inhabitants of this towne and shire throw transporting and carrieing of tach and tallow furth of the same, before candle be made thereof for the use of the said towne and shire, therefore they enact and ordeane that noe maner of persone from this furth presume to transport or carrie any tach or tallow furth of the said burgh without licence of the saidis magistrats and counsell, except what salbe for the use of coal hughes and uther publict workes.

Act against  
the trans-  
portares of  
tach and  
tallow.

16 June 1660.

There being a debait in counsell concerning the rowping and exacting of the towns calsey meales, conforme to the tennour of their new chartour, James Howstone, deacone of the cordinars, protested against the same and immediatlie rose upe and deserted the counsell without licence. The counsell, notwithstanding, continowes the said debait till this day fourteen dayes the threttieth of June instant.

Anent the  
calsey meales.

30 June 1660.

The proveist, baillies and counsell, takeing to their consideration that they have good and undowted right to the haill calsey meales of the said burgh be vertew of their new chartour granted be the late King Charles the first, of blissed memorie, and that throw neglect and oversight the saids meales hes not been rowped nor exacted ever since the granting of the said chartour, to the great hurt and prejudice of the yearlie common good of the said burgh, therefore the saids proveist, baillies, and most pairt of the counsell, did unanimslye condiscend that the saids calsey meales should be in all tyme comeing rowped and exacted yearlie with the rest of the comon good of the said burgh, conforme to the tenour of the foirsaid chartour; but Thomas Downie, deacone of the hammermen, and conveener for the present, [and the deacons of the baxters, tailors, fleshers and weavers,] declared (as it was writtin verbatim from their mouthes) that they would have nothing to doe with the towns chartour in reference to any thing prejudiciall to the tradsemen of the said burgh as they were in use and custome heretofore, and that nather they nor their crafts will consent to the rowping or exacting of the saidis meales; upon the which declaration of theirs the provest took instrumentis.

Exactng of  
the calsey  
meales.

James Howstone discharged off the counsell.

The counsell considering that the last counsell day, upon debait maid in counsell in ordour to the rowping and exacting of the towns calsey meales, James Howstone, deacone of the cordinars, had risen and deserted the counsell, and protested against their procedour therein, he is therefore, by pluralitie of voices, declared noe member of the counsell and discharged to be warnit to any meeting of the counsell hereafter till they be furder advysed; and becaus he hes this day intruded himself again in counsell, and vented seditious and mutunous wordis tending to the division of this counsell and incorporation, the provest, for preservatioun of the Kings peace, and preventing of such disorder and confusion, hes in his Majesties name discharged the said James to make any conventions of the brethreen of his calling or of any uthers without speciall licence of the counsell, as he will ansuer to the contrair on his perrill.

18 August 1660.

Meetings of the committee of estates.

The proveist, baillies, and counsell of the said burgh, being conveened, Duncan Nairn, proveist, presented to the counsell the Kings Majesties proclamatioune authorizeing and appointeing the committee of estates that sat at this burgh in anno 1651 to meet together upon the 23 of this instant, in order to the affaires of this kingdome, and the said provest being a member of the said committee thought it fitt to acquent the counsell with the said proclamatioun and to crave their advyce whether or not he should keep the meetings of the said committee; wha being advysed therewith, thought it most expedient that he sould keep the said meetings, and appoints the thesaurer to pay his charges.

22 September 1660.

The chancelouris lettre.

The said proveist communicated to the counsell the lord chancellouris lettre to the last particulare convention of burrowes, with the said convention their act maid thereanent, in order to the election of magistrats, counsellors, deacons, and other officers within burgh, in the next ensueing electione; which act (bearing ingrossed thairin the said lettre) being of the date the 15 of September instant<sup>1</sup> was publictlie read in counsell that none might pretend ignorance thereof.

20 October 1660.

Act annent the main gaird.

The magistrats and counsell, considering that the main guaird built upon

<sup>1</sup> Convention Records, iii., pp. 522-3.

the hie street of this burgh is now become ruinous and decayed, have therefore ordered their thesaurer to demolish and take downe all that is remayning and standing thereof, except two daill lenth of the west end of the same which they ordeane to stand till further ordour; and appoints the said thesaurer to cause make wind ticht and watter ticht that which is appointed to stand with the timber of that which is to be demoleshed, and to secure the rest of the said demoleshed timber for the towns use.

Act anent  
the main  
gaird.

29 October 1660.

The proveist, baillies and counsell being conveened, have nominat and appointed Robert Russell, baillie, presentlie to ryde to the countesse of Mar, eldare, and procure the lend of a foot mantle from her ladyship (if shoe hes ane) for the towns commissioner to ryde the next parliament thairwith; and in caise thair cannot be ane had from her ladyship the magistrats are appointed to provyde a new one upon the towns charges, and the thesaurer to pay for the same.

Anent a foot  
mantle for  
this burgh.

5 November 1660.

The counsell appoints the thesaurer to delyver up to Captain Hales, governour of the castell, the whole old daillis and trees that he was ordeaned to take downe of the mayn gaird.

Timber of the  
mayn gaird,  
governour of  
the castell.

24 November 1660.

The baillies and counsell nominats Duncan Nairne, present proveist, to be their commissioner for the next ensueing parliament, appointed by his Majestie to be holdin at Edinburgh the 12 of December next, and ordains the thesaurer to pay his charges.

Duncan  
Nairn, com-  
missioner to  
the parlia-  
ment.

The said proveist, baillies and counsell, gives hereby power and commission to (*blank*) Lowrie, at Drip coble, to collect and receave the custome of all bestiall and other goods passing at the Drip coble, or any other foord of Forth neir thereto, who is to be comptable for intromission monethlie to John Thomson and George Wright, tacksmen of the customes of our bridge.

Customs of  
the Drip.

17 December 1660.

The magistrats and counsell being conveened have nominat and appointed John M'Nair, baillie, the deane of gild, conveener Andrew Russell, and the

Anent the  
towns char-  
touris.

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clerk, to seeke out the towns old and new chartouris that they may be taken eist to Edinburgh be the proveist, for instructing the towns prerogative and antiquitie before the burgh of Glasgow, which is intended by the said burgh (as is informed) to be questioned in the ryding of the next ensueing parliament; and the saids persons are likewayes ordered to bunch the hail papers in order that are in the chartour hous and boill.

22 December 1660.

Anent the  
burgh of  
Glasgow.

The councill, being enformed that the burgh of Glasgow, and the commissioner sent therefra to serve in the next parliament, intends to have the place of this burgh and the commissioner sent from hence in ryding the said parliament, and that much moyan and means are useing for that effect, therefore the councill recommends to the present proveist their commissioner to advert by all means against the usurpation of the said place be the said burgh of Glasgow and their said commissioner; and appoints Robert Burn and Robert Russell, baillies, James Stevinsone, deane of gild, Thomas Downie, conveyener, and Robert Kidstone, deacone of the baxters, to ryde eist to Edinburgh upon Saturday next and concurr and be assisting with the said proveist in man-teaning this burghis ancient priviledge; and the thesaurer to pay their charges.

Burgessis to  
bring armes  
at their ad-  
mission.

The councill statuts and ordanis that from hence furth there salbe noe burgessis, neighbouris, nor gild brether admitted be the councill, except they bring with them a stand of arms as use was of old and be readie to make faith that they doe reallie perteane to themselves.

14 January 1661.

Charges of  
printing the  
ministers ser-  
mon.

Ordains James Russell, thesaurer, to satisfie to maister Mathias Simsone, minister of this burgh, the soume of fyftie two pounds Scotts for the charges bestowed be him in the printing of his sermon which he preached upon the thanksgivinge day kept here for the Kings Majesties happie restauration.

23 March 1661.

Commission  
anent  
maister Harie  
Guthrie,  
minister.

Being conveyened and takeing to their serious consideration the blessed and happy estate of this burgh enjoyed under the dispensation of the precious ordinances of God by maister Hary Guthrie, their minister, all the time he served the cure here, whose paines and labour being accompanied by the blessing of God, increase of knowledge in the ignorant, reciprocally love between

him and his flock, and union and peace in the whole incorporation, did mightilie appeare as blessed fruits of his ministrie; and being confident that through the Lords blessing the like good effect may be expected as yet of his said ministrie if he should return and be re-established in the same charge, and for that effect having upon the 18th instant impowered Duncan Nairn, present proveist, to speake to the said maister Harie thairannent, and having this day receavit his report that he could not meet with him at Edinburgh to doe the same, therefore the magistrats and counsell have of new nominat and appointed Robert Stevinsone, late proveist, and Robert Russell, baillie, to ryde to Kilspindie on Munday next to the said maister Harie, and in their name to acquaint him of the earnest desire that they unanimouslie have to injoy him againe for thair minister, and earnestlie to perswad him to a condiscention, and to assure him that upon his willingnes to condescend to return and imbrace his former charge the counsell sall with all possible and convenient speed goe about and make use of the ordinarie means to effectuat his re-establishment.

Commission  
anent  
maister Harie  
Guthrie,  
minister.

9 April 1661.

The councill hes receavit a lettre from maister Harie Guthrie shewing that, in regaird of his weaknes of bodie to doe service in the ministrie at this burgh, therefore he is forced to decline the councillis invitatione.

Maister Harie  
Guthrie  
ansuer.

13 April 1661.

The proveist, baillies and councill, have written an letter to maister Harie Guthrie earnestlie againe inviteing him to returne to his former charge of the ministrie here, and appoints Robert Russell and James Stevinsone to ryde to him to Kilspindie on Munday next with the said letter and bring his possitive ansuer thairunto.

Other com-  
missioneris  
sent to maister  
Harie with a  
lettre.

18 April 1661.

Robert Russell and James Stevinsone maid report that, notwithstanding of all the perswasions they could use with Mr. Harie Guthrie in fortificatioune of the councillis letter, yet he does absolutlie refuse to returne to the ministrie here in respect of his infirmitie and weaknes of bodie, which he desired them to signifie to the councill as his possitive ansuer, that soe they may not delay time in seekeing an other.

Report of the  
preceeding  
commission.

The councill appoints the present masters of Cowans Hospitall, with all expedition, to caus level the yaird of the said hospitall and make a walking yaird, &c.

Anent the  
levelling the  
over hospitall  
yaird, &c.

Anent the  
levelling, etc.

green thereof and plant it about with plain trees and the like, and to pavement the close and out walke with hewin stones.

Ministeris  
gleib to be  
sett.

The counsell appoints George Lapslie, merchand, and Andrew Thomson, flesheour, to sett the ministers gleib for this yeare to the best availe, that the duetie thairof may be furthcumand to the minister that sall succeed thairto.

6 May 1661.

Proclama-  
tioune against  
pastureing of  
cattell on  
other mens  
ground.

The counsell appoints a proclamatioune to be published throw this burgh, by tuck of drumm, discharging all persons within the same that hes any horses or kye, or other bestiall, to put them furth to pasture on other mens ground or on the towns milne dammes, but that they be kept be a heard upon thair owine bownds, and in case they have noe out pasture of thair owine that they keepe them within their houses; certifieing such as sall transgrese they salbe fyned in an unlaw of ten pounds for the towns use and the price of the skaith to the persons damnified.

27 May 1661.

Anent  
maister  
Matthias  
Simpsons pre-  
sentatioune.

The counsell haveing receavit a lettre from Duncan Nairne, proveist, sent out of Edinburgh, shewing that his Majesties commissioner is displeased that the towne hes not as yett desired a presentatioune for maister Matthias Simpson, minister here, to be minister in the place of maister Harie Guthrie which now vaikes, and thairfore desireing the counsell to meett and send eist one of thair number to him with the counsellis resolution thairin; in order quhairunto the counsell hes thought fitt that a lettre be drawin and subscrivit be the magistrats, deane of gild, and conveener, present, to the proveist showeing that its their desire that maister Matthias may forbear to accept of a presentatioun to the foresaid place till there be an able colleague called, but incase he will not forbear that he may accept thairof and the counsell will give all respect thairunto, and they appoint Robert Burn, baillie, to goe eist with the said letter.

30 May 1661.

Consent  
to maister  
Matthias  
Simpsons pre-  
sentatioune.

The counsell haveing receavit other two lettres from Duncan Nairne, proveist, concerning Matthias Simpson, writtin from Edinburgh on the 28th instant, showing that the Kings Majesties commissioner hes desired a possitive ansuer to be given him betwixt and Sunday next whither or not the towne

will assent to the said maister Matthias his presentation; whereupon the counsell called for the said maister Matthias and shewed him that seing the said matter could not admitt of furdre delay they were content that he should accept of the said presentatioun whenever he pleased, and for that end desired him ather to goe or send for it, with the which he was weel satisfied and told the counsell that he would write the lord commissioner thairanent.

Consent  
to maister  
Matthias  
Simpsons pre-  
sentatioun.

27 July 1661.

The haill members of the counsell who were present, viz., . . . and James Norie, clerk, tooke the oath of alleadgeance prescryved be the parliament, being administred to them by Duncan Nairne, proveist, who had taken the same himself before in parliament.

The oath of  
alleadgeance  
administred  
to the mem-  
bers of coun-  
cill present.

10 August 1661.

The counsell has unanimously consented that maister Matthias Symson, their minister, goe presentlie to London for performing of some weightie and urgent affaires and busines of his owin that he hes there to doe, provyding he supply his place in preaching every Sabboth by ministers till his retorne, which he hes undertaken to doe.

Counsell con-  
sent with  
their mini-  
sters going  
for London.

28 September 1661.

Robert Stevinsone, present proveist, protested that he may be frie of all hazard that may ensue upon the electing and choysing of him proveist at this tyme in place of Duncan Nairne, lait proveist, and for all coast, skaith, and expences that he may susteane thair throw, and thairupon asked and tooke instrumentis.

Protestatioun  
Robert  
Stevinsone,  
proveist.

2 November 1661.

The counsell ordeanes the calsey meale dew for the haill timber worke and piggs, and such lyke, brought to the weeklie mercat of this burgh, to be in all tyme comeing roupd and sett with the fish shambles yearlie.

Calseymeallis  
to be roupd  
yearlie.

9 December 1661.

The counsell appoynts the present magistrats, the deane of gild, Andrew Russell, Robert Kidston, and Andrew Thomson, flesheour, to settle with Captane Wardsley annent what bedding and other necessaris are needful to be furnished be the towne for the use of his company that is shortlie to remove out of the towne to the castle, and whatever engadgement salbe given be the

Act annent  
the bedding  
etc. furnished  
to the castle.



Act, etc.

magistrats thairannent the counsell obleidges them be thir presentis to releve them of the same.

15 *January* 1662.

Maister  
James Ed-  
monstones  
dimissione.

Robert Stevinsone, proveist, signified to the counsell that maister James Edmonstone, present schoolmaister of the grammer schoole of the said burgh, being desireous to speake with him, did upon Saturday last send for him and shewed him that, in regaird of his infirmitie and age, he is not able to undergoe his charge of serveing the cure of the said schoole any longer, and therefore declaired to the proveist that he did dimitt the same and desired that his dimission might be accepted of be the counsell and that they would speedilie goe about the provyding of the said schoole with an able schoolmaister; which dimission the counsell hes accepted, [and remitted to the provost and others to secure a successor.]

22 *February* 1662.

Admission,  
schoolmaster  
of the  
grammer  
schoole.

Conduces and aggries with maister Thomas Ronnald, present schoolmaster of the grammer schoole of Linlithgow, to serve the cure of the grammer schoole of this burgh as principall master thairof, for the space of nyne yeares next and immeditalie following his entrie thairto; which charge the said maister Thomas be thir presentis accepts in and upon him, and binds and obleisses him to teach and instruct the whole youthes of this burgh, and others who sall happen to frequent the said schoole and be presented thairto, in all the pairts of grammer and authouris usuall to be taught in uther grammer schooles of this kingdome, and sall give and imploy himself whollie to the teaching of the said schoole, and sall not withdraw himself thairfra dureing the said space of nyne yeares without licence of the magistratis and counsell specialie sought and obteanit; lykeas the said maister Thomas salbe obleist and astricted, be thir presentis, not to leave the cure of the said grammer schoole for the space of twa yeares after the expyreing of the said nyne yeares except he give lawchfull warning [half a year previously. The council to pay him 400 merks yearly;] and it salbe be lawchfull for the said maister Thomas to take for ilk townes bairne in schooleage, each quarter of the yeare, six shilling eight pennyes Scotts money, and from gentlemen or outtin towne bairnes according to the discretione of the givers and as he and they sall aggrie.

23 *June* 1662.

Annent the  
staple port to  
be removed to  
Rottardam.

Appoynts the proveist and baillies to write a lettre to the old proveist,

Act anent  
the playds to  
be maid with-  
in this burgh.

thair playds sufficientlie, and discharges them and every ane of them from buying any insufficient worsett, such as Peebles worset or the like, to be wrought in playds to themselves or others, and from litting any plaid yairn, and from worping and working any that shall not be of the lenth and breidth abone writtin. And als the saids proveist, baillies and counsell, ordeans the hail common litstars within the said burgh and territories thair of to give readdie and thankfull service to the said playd makers as they salbe employed, and to litt thair said yairn in sufficient red, blue, and yellow cullouris, and not to excede the soume of fyve shilling Scotts money for litting ilk pound thair of ouer head. Quhilk act abone writtin the saids proveist, baillies and counsell, ordeans to be strictlie observed and obeyed in the hail heads thair of, under the paine of fyve pounds Scotts money to be payed by ilk person contraveining the same to the townes thesaurer for the townes use; and these presentis to be published throw the towne by tuck of drum that none may pretend ignorance thair of.

8 September 1662.

Act for pro-  
vyding armes.

The proveist, baillies and counsell, considering the necessitie of haveing the towne sufficientlie furnished with armes, as was usuall of old, have thairfore statute and ordained be thir presentis that the whole neigbouris and inhabitantis within the same provyde sufficient armes betwixt and Candlemes nixt, under the pain of twentie pounds ilk person, unforgiven.

20 November 1662.

William  
Meiklejohns  
place declared  
vaccand.

Being conveyened and takeing to thair consideratione the innabilitie of William Meiklejohn, throw sicknes of bodie and dimnes of sight, to discharge the cure of reading and precenting at this kirk, have therefore thought fitt to declare, lykeas by thir presentis they declare the said cure vacant since Mertimes last, and that they have power and intendes (God willing) to call an other thereto in place of the said Williame with all possible diligence, and they appoynt an of the baillies, the dean of gild, and conveener, to go to the said Williame and signifie the same unto him and to desire him to fill upe his registres and make them readdie to be delyvered upe with the hail papers belonging to the sessione whensoever he salbe requyred.

Lettre to the  
Earle of  
Callander.

Appoynts James Norie, their clerke, to write a lettre in their name to the Earle of Callander showing his lordship that the whole members of this

councill (except one privat counsellor who hes not yet accepted) have sub-  
scryvit the declaratiōne of the parliament annent the two late covenantis.

*Lettre to the  
Earle of  
Callander.*

22 November 1662.

The forenamed persons appoynted to goe to William Meiklejohn maid  
report that they had done as was appoynted them, and that the said Williame  
was satisfied with the counsellis pleasour thairannent.

*Report annent  
William  
Meiklejohn.*

The counsell hes conduced and aggried with maister Alexander Murray,  
late precentor at St. Ninians, that dureing the counsellis pleasour he sall serve  
the towne in the offices of a readder in the kirk, clerk of the session thairrof,  
teacher of the musike, and uptaker of the psalmes; [which offices he accepted  
and the council agreed to pay him a salary of £80 per annum;] with power  
to him, during the counsellis will allenarlie, to take schollage of towns bairns  
for teaching them in the musike at his owne discretion, and to take of outten-  
townes bairns as he and thair parentis can aggrie; and allowes to him for  
every mariage twenty foure shilling Scottis, and for everie baptisme ten  
shilling, and the ordinare comoditie of the registres and of the clerkship of  
the kirk.

*Admission,  
Maister  
Alexander  
Murray, pre-  
centor, etc.*

17 December 1662.

Report was made be Robert Stevenson, proveist, that he and maister  
Matthias Symsons, minister, conforme to the preceeding commissione, went to  
Quarrell, and not finding maister Andrew Kynnier there, they went the lenth  
of Falkirk where they mett with him; and having communicated to him the  
counsellis desire whither or not he would accept of a presentatione to the  
vacand ministrie at this burgh, his ansuer was that he thanked them for their  
respects to him in that particulare, but as for a possitive ansuer he could not  
then give one till he saw the presentatione, and soe soone as he should see it  
they might expect such a respective ansuer as became him to give to soe  
eminent a burgh; upon the which report the magistratis and councill hes  
purposed and resolved to call the said maister Andrew to the foresaid vacand  
ministrie, and that a presentatione may be drawne, subscryvit, and delyverit  
to him, they appoynt this their purpose and resolution to be signified to the  
members of the gildrie and trades and remanent incorporations, be the deane  
of gild to his brethreen, the deacone conveener and remanent deacones of  
crafts to their brethreen, and be the representatives of the rest of the incorpor-

*Report of  
commission  
annent a  
minister.*

Report of  
commission  
annent a  
minister.

ationes to their brethren, and to make report thair of the next counsell day.

10 *January* 1663.

Report annent  
Maister  
Andrew  
Kynnier.

Robert Stevinsone, [and others,] made report that maister Andrew Kynnier had accepted of the counsellis presentatione, and that the Bishop of Edinburgh was weill satisfied thairwith and hes given them an edict to be served at the kirk the next Sabboath, and upon the returne thair of hes promised collatione, and that maister Andrew hes engadged himself, God willing, to come here and preach upon Sunday cum a fourteen dayes, the 25 of this instant.

23 *May* 1663.

Annent peeres  
at the Ship-  
haugh.

The masters of Cowanes Hospitall are ordeaned to repair the peeres at the Shiphaugh, and to build twa or three new peers more, and to repair the gavill of William Andersones barn in the Shiphaugh that is fallin down.

Annent the  
knock bell.

Alexander Allane, thesaurer, is appoynted to take downe the knock bell that was riven in anno 1660 and send her to Holland to be casten of new and to enlarge her one hundred weight more then shee now is, and to put up the counsell bell in her stead till she be brought home.

15 *June* 1663.

A fourteen  
dayes vaccan-  
ce granted to  
the schollers  
of the gram-  
mer schoole.

A supplicatione, written in latine, was presented from the schollers of the grammer schoole craveing the vaccance for such tyme as the counsell should think fitt, which being considered be the counsell they for the encouragement of the saids schollers, and according to the ancient custome of this burgh, have impowered the proveist and baillies to goe presentlie to the schoole and grant the supplicantis fourteen dayes vaccance.

17 *August* 1663.

Annent the  
ryding of the  
fair.

The counsell appoynts the next ensueing fair on the 8th of September to be ridden in the old maner, all with launces, except the twa baillies, dean of gild, and conveener; and ordeanes the dean of gild to caus make a new standart, according to the pattern of the old one, upon the charges of the gildrie.

Thesaurer to  
send for 20  
halbartis.

The thesaurer is appoynted to send to Holland for twentie new halbartis for the townes use.

10 September 1663.

Alexander Allane, thesaurer, made report to the magistratis and counsell that he hes receavit in their name, and for their use and behove, from Robert Russell, collectour of the twa moneths mantinance appoynted for the Kings majestie, conforme to a precept drawne upon him be the Lord Bellenden, thesaurer depute, the sowme of twa thowsand and five hundred merks Scotts in full contentatione and satisfaction of the twa thowsand foure hundred pounds of principall and haill bygane annualrentis thair of conteaned in the band granted be the commissioneris of his Majesties thesaurie in anno 1651.

The thesaur-  
ers report  
annent the  
receipt of the  
Kings money.

21 September 1663.

Annent a lettre sent to the magistratis and counsell from Duncan Nairne, commissioner at parliament for this burgh, showing that the laird of Clakmanan, and uthers, hes gotten an act of parliament for a collection to be gathered throw severall presbetries for reparation of the bridge of Tullibodie, which act cannot be gotten extracted till first cautione be found be the said laird and the rest of the supplicantis for reparatione and uphalding of the said bridge, and that the laird had spoken to him desireing him to be caution for him for that effect, and therefore craveing the counsellis advys and an act for his relieff in case they advyse him thairto; which being considered be the saids magistrats and counsell, they judge it fitt and neidfull that the said Duncan Nairne engage cautioner, and thairfore does hereby impower him to be cautioner in thair name for the said laird and the rest that they sall repaire and uphold the said bridge dureing the tyme that the custome which is granted be the said act sall last; and they obleidge themselves for the said Duncans relieff, provyded that the said laird and the rest of those gentlemen accept of the magistratis and counsell in joynt pairtners with them for collecting the said contributione throw the presbetries and depursing the same on the reparatione of the bridge; and if the controbutioun be not sufficient to finish the reparatione of the bridge, that these gentlemen advance one half of what salbe laikeing and the saids magistratis and counsell an other half, and that they uphold the said bridge after it is repaired equallie, and that the custome be collected and distributed also equallie; and this they ordeane to be communicated to the said Duncane Nairn by James Noire, town clerke, whome they ordeane to ryd to Edinburgh the morrow to him and doe the same.

Comission  
annent the  
bridge of  
Tullibodie.

9 November 1663.

The fishing of  
the watter not  
to be roupd  
this yeare.

The magistratis and counsell have unanimouslie aggried and concluded, for the good of the common good of this burgh, that the fishing of the watter of Forth be not roupd at Mertimes next with the rest of the setts of the townes common good, but that the same remayn in the thesaurers hand to be sett be him to the fisheris with consent of the magistratis at the best availl.

Townes char-  
tour to be  
Englishe.

The towns great chartour is given out to James Norie, clerke, to be transcribed into Englishe, wha is to be satisfied for his paines when the same is finished.

19 December 1663.

Annent  
vessels and  
goodis come-  
ing from  
Holland.

The magistratis and counsell, being informed of an ordour emitted by the lords of his Majesties privie counsell, ordeaning that any vessell comeing from Holland with goods sall ly in the road thrie weekis, and afterward to be livered and touched by the owners thairof and put into a sellare, and the goods and the owneris of the same to be kept in a convenient place for six weekis thairafter, in respect of the pestilence presentlie rageing in Holland; and the saids magistratis and counsell considering the great hazard and danger that may follow upon their not adverting to a strict obedience of the said order, have thairfore appoynted a lettre to be writtin to the office at Borrowstownes desireing the collectouris there that whatever goods comeing from Holland to that road or harbour may not be suffered to come to this towne till they abyde a tryall there, as is appoynted be the act of the said privie counsell, and that those goods latelie imported be Christopher Russell which are yet unlivered be kept in the ship, or put ashore at Borrowstownnes and put upe in some convenient place there till the foresaid tyme expyre; and that for better observance of the said ordour there is another lettre to be writtin to the clerke of the privie counsell for the extract of the same.

11 July 1664.

Voluntare  
controbution  
for Brunt  
iland.

Upon the supplication given in be the towne of Bruntiland, the magistratis and counsell ordeans a voluntare controbution to be collected at the kirk door for reparatione of the harbourie of the said burgh of Bruntiland, which collection is to be on Sunday cum a fourtnight, and the magistratis who are to be at the session, Tuisday next, are to desire the minister to intimat the same the next Lordis day.

Comission to  
the bishops  
annent  
maister  
Matthias  
Symson.

Russell, baillie, and James Norie, towne clerke, to ryde to Edinburgh once this weeke, and deall with the twa archbishops and bishop of Edinburgh, or any of them haveing power to lowse and transport the said maister Matthias, that they may be entreated to continow him in the ministrie at this burgh and forbear the transportation of him to any uther place, becaus it is the earnest requeist and desire of the counsell that he should continow thair minister, and his transportation will prove very sad to this burgh.

6 August 1664.

Report of  
those nominat  
to meet with  
the bishopes.

The persons nominat be the counsell the foresaid 25th of July last . . . made report that the said maister Matthias and they went together to the archbishop of Glasgow, who hes the onelie power of transporting the said master Matthias, and communicated to his grace the desire of the counsell that their minister might continow with them, who at the first granted the same and declared that albeit he might have been very useful to his lordship, yet for the respect he hes to soe eminent a burgh as Sterling he would not transport thairfrome.

Report of  
those com-  
missionat to  
Earle of  
Argyll.

The saids persones made report that they had spoken with the Earle of Argyll and informed his lordship of the trewth anent the removall of the partition out of its old place; and annent the yaird contraverted, his lordship and they hes aggried that maister George Norvell cognosce upon both parties rightis and determine the difference.

7 September 1664.

Earle of Cal-  
landers lettre  
annent the  
shirreff  
gloves.

The magistrats and counsell haveing receaved a lettre from the Earle of Callander, craveing that the towne may give him a staig at this fair which he alledges was wont to be given to the shirreff of the shire for that which was called the shirreff gloves, yearlie, at the said fair; and the counsell haveing considered the said lettre, and thairupon searched their registres, and spoken with the oldest men in towne who hes born charge for informatione whither their predicessoris was in use to give a staig yearly to the shirreff for his shirreff gloves or not, and finding by the informatioun they have gotten that there was never such a custome, therefore they appoynt the magistratis, deane of gild, and conveener, to write an ansuer to the said earle his lettre showing that the towne was never in use to pay that which is demanded and they

hope his lordship will not make a novation but keep mutuall concord and correspondence, as was wont to be betwixt the shirreff and the town. Earle of Calender, etc.

The magistratis and councill, out of the love and respect which they caried to umquhile maister Andrew Kynnier, their latelie deceast minister, and which they beare to his relict and fyve young children, have concluded to give her the next Mertimes stipend, and appoynts the same to be advanced and payed to her soe soon as the magistratis sall think and give order to the thesaurer for that effect, and at the said terme of Mertimes next preceislie it is to be collected from the severall incorporations and repayed to the said thesaurer. Maister Andrew Kynniers relict.

1 October 1664.

The magistratis and councill grantis libertie to John Ferguson, wright, and maker of tobacco pyps in Shillbrae, to come and reside in this burgh with his familie and exercise his calling of wright craft and makeing tobacco pypes and cards, for an yeare to come and langer whill he be discharged be the magistratis and councill. Licence for John Ferguson, tobacco pyp<sup>rs</sup>.

5 November 1664.

The councill remittis it to the baillies to caus the whole neighbouris and inhabitantis of the burgh within their respective quarteris provyde themselves with armes with all conveniencie. Act anent armes.

5 December 1664.

The magistratis and councill, considering that the vaccancie of the ministrie at this kirk is now fallen in our Soverane lordis hands as patron thair of, through the deceas of umquhile maister Matthias Symson, last minister there, and that his grace the archbishop of St. Androis hes now the power of presentatione thairto from his Majestie, have thought fitt to write to his grace a lettre acquainting him with the death of the said maister Matthias and to desire that he may not present any to the said charge without their consent. Commission to the archbishop of St. Androis with a lettre.

The magistratis and councill have discharged and hereby discharges and prohibittis the Raploch coble to be fished within the bounds of the Winshellis untill the Earle of Marrs chartour be seen whither or not it bears right to fish there. Raploch coble discharged to fishe in the winschellis.

30 January 1665.

The deacon of the fleshouris is appoynted to make choys of a sufficient Anent the breakeing of the flesh.



Anent the  
breakeing of  
the flesh.

honest man of their owin number to breake the flesh in the Bakraw, and to keep a clean stock for breakeing the same.

11 *February* 1665.

Comission  
annent Mr.  
James For-  
sith.

The proveist, baillies and counsell, being desired be his grace the lord archbishop of St. Andrews to pitch upon an able and weel qualified minister to succeed in place of the deceast maister Matthias Symson, and haveing had their serious thoughtis thairon, and craved Gods direction thairintill, have now at last pitched upon Mr. James Forsyth, minister at Airth, as a person sufficientlie qualified to undergoe that charge, and hes aggried and condiscended that he be recommended to the archbishop of St. Andrews for a presentation thairto.

23 *February* 1665.

Hors race.

Appoyntis the horse race of this burgh to be ridden, and recommendis to the magistratis to caus make a silver cup like that which was the last year.

13 *March* 1665.

Raplochcoble.

The counsell, at the desire of the Earle of Mar be his lettre, grantis libertie for the said earle his coble in the Raploch to fish and draw on the Winshellis for this yeare.

Chirmerland  
coble.

Grantis libertie to the tennentis of Chirmerland to set their coble to quhom they please for this yeare.

Maister  
Archibald  
Finnie, latin  
doctour, given  
over.

The counsell considering that maister Archibald Finnie, latten doctour of the grammer schoole, is soe deseased with the kings evil in his foot that he is not able to attend upon his charge, therefore the thesaurer is appoynted to show him that the counsell resolves to seeke for an other against Whitsonday next, and desire him to provyde for himself in tyme.

Unfree  
traders in  
Downe and  
Dunblane.

The counsell recommendis to the magistratis and dean of gild to write a lettre to the proveist of Perth annent those unfree persons in Downe and Dunblane who useth merchandizeing, that he may put the lawes to executioun against them that soe they may forbear.

8 *May* 1665.

Comission  
anent the  
ministeris  
mans and  
plenneshing.

The counsell nominatis the magistratis, dean of gild, conveener, the thesaurer, clerk, and kirk master, to receave from Margaret Elphingston, relict

of umquhile maister Matthias Symson, the keyes of the mans with the haill papers concerning the first ministers stipend, and to inventar the plenneshing and books thairin belonging to the towne, and delyver the same with the keyes to maister James Forsith upon subscriyveing the inventare.

Comission  
anent the  
ministeris  
mans and  
plenneshing.

5 June 1665.

The counsell recomendis it to the twa provests, twa of the baillies, dean of gild and convener, to advyse annent some how to get intelligence weeklie from Edinburgh of all publict newes dureing the tyme of the war with the King of the Dutch for information of the people.

Commission,  
weekly intel-  
ligence.

19 June 1665.

Duncan Nairn, provest, and utheris nominat to advyse the best way for getting intelligence weeklie of publict newes, made report that they had com-missionated James Norie, clerke, to goe to Edinburgh and doe the same, who has settled with Robert Mean, postmaster, thairannent, for twa shilling sterling weeklie, as Glasgow and utheris burghs payes, and this weeke begins the same; which was approvin.

Report of  
settling for  
for publict in-  
telligence  
weeklie.

The counsell nominatis the provest and dean of gild to meet with such of the justices of peace of this shire and magistratis of the burgh of Glasgow as are appoynted to be at Carron foord to visite the place quhair a new bridge is to be built upon the said water in stead of the last new bridge built thairon, now demolished with the impetuousnes of the water, and to confer with them thairanent.

Comission  
anent a new  
bridge built  
upon Carron.

The counsell considering the decay of the bridge of Tullibody and the necessitie of repairing the same, which is soe usefull for this burgh and cuntrie, doe commissionat Robert Stevinson, late provest, and James Russell, baillie, to ryde to the laird of Clakmannan, who purchast an act of parliament for repareing the same, and to desire him that he would doe some quhat towardis the reparatioun thairof conforme to the said act.

Comission  
anent the  
bridge of  
Tullibody.

25 July 1665.

The counsell, considering the encrease of the plague in London and other places in England, and the danger this kingdome is in through the daylie commerce and trade betwixt the kingdomes, for the good and saifety of this burgh, under God, they recommend it to the magistratis to take care that noe

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goods, English nor Dutch, be permitted to come into the towne without good certificatis that the same are free of suspicion; and for that effect that they ordean the customeris of the bridge and borrowsyet to stop all such goods comeing in till the baillies be acquainted thairwith, and that they wait diligetlie thairon and close the yettis in dew tyme of night, and ordeans the proclamatioun against lodgeing of beggeris and vagabonds to be published throw the town by tuck of drum.

12 August 1665.

Act for a  
daylie watch  
at the portis.

The counsell, finding that the portis are not carefullie enough kept by the customers, recomendis to the magistratis to put a watche daylie thereto of honest neighbouris for keeping out suspected persons and goodis, and to set downe orders for them, and to begin on Munday next.

11 September 1665.

Aggriement  
betuixt the  
Earle Argyll  
and the  
hospitall.

Gilbert Robertson being appoynted be the magistratis as an of the maisteris of the nether hospitall to goe to Edinburgh and setle with maister George Norvell annent the difference betwixt the Earle of Argyll and the said hospitall, made report that all that my lord can be persuaded to give for Charles Alexanderis hous, adjudged be the hospitall, is onelie one thousand pounds payable in 4 years tyme, and bearing annualrent from Whitsonday last, for the which my lord is to give his owin band, and is to have a right fra the maisteris with the counsellis consent of the said hous and utheris landis conteanit in the adjudicatioune taken in my Lord Lorns name, which he hes caused draw at Edinburgh, and the hospitall is to get all the plennishing the maisteris made and put in the hous for the accomodatioune of the poore, and the said hous is to be red at the delyverie of the band; wherewith the counsell declares themselves satisfied and approves of the aggriement.

Bishop of  
Edinburgh  
and utheris  
burges and  
gild.

George, bishope of Edinburgh, George Barclay, his servant, and Colin May, servitour to Alexander Monro, commissar of Sterling, are admitted burghessis and gild gratis; and David Allan, servitour to the said bishop, is admitted burges and neighbour gratis; and ilk an of them maid faith as use is.

6 November 1665.

Maister  
Archibald  
Muschett  
refused to be  
minister.

The provest and utheris nominat of before to receave maister Archibald Muschettis possitive ansuer, made report that he hes absolutlie refused to be minister in place of umquhile maister Andrew Kynnier.

The magistratis and councill takeing to consideration the condition of <sup>Annent</sup> Abigall Kinloch, relict of umquhile maister Andrew Kynnier, and her fyve <sup>Widow Kynnier.</sup> young fatherles bairnes, and that nothing is yet done be the incorporations for collecting and paying their proportions of the quarters stipend appoynted to be given her by a former act of councill, have of new recomended to the conveener and deacons to pas fra their protestatioun and to deale with their crafts to condiscend to the grant of the said quarters stipend, and appoyntis the baillies to speake to the maltmen, mechanikis, and omnigatherum thair-annent, and to report the next day.

26 *March* 1666.

The councill nominatis Duncan Nairn, present provest, Robert Stevin- <sup>The twa</sup> sone, late provest, Robert Russell, baillie, and James Norie, clerke, to meet <sup>provests, &c.,</sup> with Sir John Drummond of Burnbank, when and where he sall appoynt, and <sup>to meet with</sup> see what right he hes to fish with an nett in the towns water, and to report. <sup>Sir John Drummond.</sup>

25 *April* 1666.

The haill freemen of the baxter craft of the said burgh, being conveyed <sup>Baxters dis-</sup> in obedience to the citation given them, and being challenged and accused <sup>charged of</sup> for makeing an act amongst themselves that non sall have libertie to bake <sup>that custome</sup> wheat bread for service of the town and cuntrey but one at once, and exacting <sup>which they</sup> money from widowes of the said craft for a libertie to bake after their <sup>had restrain-</sup> husbands deceas, the saidis haill freemen present declared there was no such <sup>ing all to bake</sup> act amongst them restraining any moe to bake than one at once, but onelie <sup>at once.</sup> they have observed it as a custome among themselves for a like proffit to all, that some of them may not have the whole imployment and the rest want; which being considered be the saids magistratis and councill they find the said custome not only hurtfull to themselves but also disgraceful to the towne, in soe far as therethrow there is not such sufficient bread baken to furnish the town and shire as ought to be, and as is baken in other burghs, whereof many complaintis is daylie made to the magistratis, and many of the inhabitantis and gentlemen of the shire are forced to send to Edinburgh for wheat bread to their houses; and therefore the saids magistratis and councill discharges the foresaid custome in all tyme comeing, and ordeans the haill freemen and widowes, every an of them, to bake at their pleasour as they may be imployed,

Baxters, etc. and to bake sufficient leven bread; and als discharges any money to be taken from widowes for a libertie to bake after their husbandis deceas, as they will be ansuerable on their perrill.

29 May 1666.

John Murray of Levylands, John Baptiste Quarantin, and utheris, burgessis and gild gratis. The provest, baillies and counsell, being conveyned, receaves and admittis the persons following to the libertie and freedome of burgesses and gild brether of the said burgh, gratis, viz., John Murray of Levylands, John Baptiste Quarantin, Italian phisician, maister Thomas Cosbie, servant to the Kings majestie, John Hall, chyrurgion in Aplebie in the countie of Westmorland in England, John Hall, younger, his son, William Fowler, William Heartlie, William Robertson and Andrew Yos, servitouris to the said John Baptiste, and also admittis David Lachand, also his servitour, burges and neighbour gratis, and ilk an of the saidis persons made faith *more solito*.

21 July 1666.

John Straton chosen the towns post. The magistratis and counsell hes chosen John Straton to be thair common post for carieing and bringing thair intelligence from Edinburgh for a quarter of an yeare to come, and langer whill he be discharged be the counsell, and for his sellarie he is to have fyfteen pound quarterlie to be payed him be the thesaurer.

24 November 1666.

The town to be put in a posture of defence. The magistratis and counsell, considering the rebellion in the West is daylie encreasing, for saiftie of themselves and the burgh from supryseing, ordeans the whole town to be put in a posture of defence, and to be divyded in four quarteris, and ilk baillie to command his owin quarter and to nominat assistantis to them, and to goe throwgh thair quarter this day and requyre every fencible neighbour to have armes, and upon Twesday next to muster them that it may be knawn who wantis and who hes.

## APPENDIX.



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### I.—ABSTRACTS OF SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS RECORDED IN FRAGMENTS OF PROTOCOL BOOKS.

1.—1470-1. Hugh Makfersane of Suanleye said that the lands of Auchintole, with the pertinents, were held *in capite* of the earl of Mar as lord superior, and not of the lord of Forbes; and thereon George lord le Forbes alleged that if it were so it would generate great prejudice to him and his heirs, and might disinherit him and them.

2.—8th January, 1470-1. A venerable man, Sir Thomas Bully, canon of the cathedral church of Glasgow, having consideration of the very many gifts, gratuities, and good deeds, done and to be done to him by a venerable man, Henry, by the permission of God, abbot of Dunfermlyn, gave and granted to master Duncan Bully, canon of Aberdeen, all his vessels and goods, utensils and domicils, for serving the said lord abbot and lodging and receiving him in his lodging within the burgh of Strivelin, on the north side of the High Street.

3.—4th February, 1470-1. In the eleventh year of the reign of the most illustrious King James the Third, King of Scots, in presence of the said most serene lord, the notary and witnesses, a provident man, Malcolm of Kynbuk, by his procurators, resigned and quitclaimed for ever for him and his heirs, by staff and baton, in the King's hands, all and sundry his lands of Estir Glassingal and Westir Glassingal lying in the earldom of Strathern and sheriffdom of Perth; which resignation being made, the King gave and bestowed the said lands to Alexander Broys, son of Alexander Broys of Stanhuis, according to the tenor of his charter to be made thereon by the King under his great Seal. Witnesses: William Murreff of Kyncardyn, John of Colquhane of that ilk, knights, James Schaw of Salchy, comptroller to the King, and others.

4.—9th November, 1475. John Patonsone, younger, bailie in that part, of a noble matron, Christine Cunyngaham, relict of the deceased William Murra of Tulchadam and baron of the barony of Buquhadrok, by reason of conjunct fee thereof, and lady superior of the lands of Chapelton of Buquhadrok, at command of the said Christine past to the said lands of Chapelton and principal messuage thereof and gave sasine of four merks of land of one bovat of the lands of Chapel-



toun of Buquhadrok, occupied at the date of these presents by Gilcrist Angusson (Angusii) to Thomas Narne, burgess of the burgh of Strivelin, and Maurice Drummond of Bordland, attorney, and in name of his daughter Jonet Drummond, spouse of the said Thomas, in conjunct fee.

5.—14th November, 1475. In presence of the notary and witnesses, compeared Duncan Aquhonam and Agnes Makcalpyn, daughter of Robert Makcalpyn of Camquhil, and were affianced together, *per verba de futuro*, according to the laws of the church, and for marriage to be contracted between them, giving their oaths on the holy Gospels that they had not formerly made any contract with any other persons, but that they might lawfully be joined in marriage. Done in the chamber of the notary the eighth hour before noon or thereby.

6.—15th November, 1475. Marriage was solemnized in face of the kirk between Duncan Aquhonam and Agnes Makcalpyn, by Sir Nicholas Franch, curate of the parish church of Strivelin, within the parish church of the Holy Rood of the burgh, the parties giving oath as above; whereupon an honorable man, William Stewart of Baldoran, and Malcolm M'Clery of Garten, gave their corporal oaths that the said Duncan was of lawful age to contract marriage with the foresaid Agnes M'Calpin. Done in the said church the fifth hour before noon or thereby.

7.—18th November, 1475. Compeared an honourable man, Duncan Makcawys, son and heir of the late Duncan Makcawis, and presented to the notary a charter of an honourable man, John Menzies of Weym, made to the said late Duncan and Marion, his spouse, his assignees and heirs under tailzie, of the five merk land of Blarekeregane and five merk land of Thomcroth, and five merk land of Ardequhylg in the barony of Weym and sherifdom of Perth; and asked the same to be transumed.

8.—26th January, 1475-6. Before honourable men, James Crychtoun of Rowain and Alexander Speir of Pettincrefe, deputes in the office of great chamberlainry of a noble and potent lord, James earl of Buchan lord of Ochtirhous, warden of the west marches towards England, and great chamberlain of the kingdom of Scotland, sitting in judgment in the chamberlain eyre held by the said deputes at Strivelin, in the tolbooth thereof, personally compeared a noble matron, Agnes Menteith, spouse of an honourable man, John Haldane of Rusky, and presented two letters of obligation, sealed with the seals of the said Agnes and John, made by them to a noble and potent lord, Andrew lord Avandale, chancellor of Scotland, anent the gift and grant to be made by them to him of the quarter and fourth part of the earldom of Levenax and lands thereof, with the pertinents, for the whole lifetime of the said Andrew; which letters being read in a loud and intelligible voice, in the presence of the audience, the said Agnes Menteith, outwith the presence of her husband, touching the holy Gospels,

gave her bodily oath that she was not coerced or compelled to grant the said letters, but had done so freely and spontaneously, and for the weal of her and her heirs, and engaged never to revoke or contravene the same, under the pain of perjury, etc. Witnesses: Alexander Cunyngaham of Polmas, Andrew Galbrath of Culcruch, John Muir, bailie of the burgh of Strivelin, and others.

9.—23rd March, 1475-6. William Levingstoun, burgess of the burgh of Strivelin, granted and sold to Thomas Taillyfeir, burgess of the said burgh, and his assignees, all his goods, being in the lands of Kepan Davy, which he had in feufarm from William Strivelin of Kere, viz., sixteen cows, six oxen, seventy sheep, a horse price xx s., v chalders of oats sown in the lands, and half a chaldar of barley, for the sum of xl li. iij s. and iiij d., good and legal money of Scotland, paid to him by the said Thomas in his urgent necessity.

10.—8th May, 1476. Sir Thomas Holbourne, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Fossochquhy, of Dunblane diocese, presented to the notary to be read and transumed a letter of assedation of the half of the lands of the west part of Thomcarne and ninth part of the east half of the said lands in the barony of Glasclune, made to the said Sir Thomas and Patrick Holbourne by David Hering of Glasclune and James Hering, his son and heir-apparent.

11.—10th May, 1476. David Drummond of Crannok presented to the notary a charter made by him to Robert Drummond, his son and apparent heir, of the lands of Erthbeg, to be copied and transumed.

12.—15th May, 1476. David Drummond of Crannok gave sasine to Alexander Cunyngaham of Auchinbowy of the 42 s. land of Crannok, in the barony of Plane and shire of Strivelin, according to the tenor of the charter thereupon made.

13.—Alexander Cunyngaham of Auchinbowy, with his own hands, gave sasine to Mariota Cunyngaham, as his assignee, of the 42 s. lands of Crannok for her lifetime.

14.—Robert Drummond of Ermore protested that the sasine, or rather, as he asserted, the intrusion given that day by David Drummond, his father, of the 42 s. land of Crannok to the said Alexander and Mariota, his mother, should not prejudice him or his heirs.

15.—18th May, 1476. Malcolm Forester of Torwood compromitted his faith to a noble matron, Elizabeth Erth, to exchange with her, by way of excambion, the lands of Smithis quarter with the lands of Quylt quarter, and the said Elizabeth should enjoy the lands of Quylt quarter peaceably and freely. Witnesses: Friar John Brown, prior of the Friars Predicants of the burgh of Strivelin, and others. Farther promising that the said Elizabeth should have the services of the tenants of

the lands of Durysal, Cragmad, and the 28 s. lands of Plane, and of the lands of Tulchhil and Smythis [quarter].

16.—16th May, 1476. Jonet Maxwale, spouse of Alexander Cunyngahame of Auchinbowy, outwith the presence of her husband, gave her oath that she gave her consent, for the weal of herself and her heirs, to her said spouse for leasing and letting to farm to William Burne and Margaret, his spouse, of their lands of Erthbeg for 19 years, and two-parts of the lands of Balcascale and Holhous for 10 years, declaring this to be done of her own free will, and ratified and confirmed the said leases, etc.; and because the said Jonet was with child, and could not go to the judge ecclesiastic, she admitted the notary for judge ecclesiastic, and gave her oath to him.

17.—22nd May, 1476. Sasine was given to the altar of St. Salvator and Sir Thomas Hyl, chaplain of the same, of 18 s. 8 d. from the tenement of the abbot of Cambuskenneth, till he should be lawfully relaxed for 20 halves [dimidiis] of gold, now extending to the value of 20 merks; and he appointed the provost and bailies and community of the said burgh patrons of the same.

18.—14th June, 1476. Elizabeth Erth of Plane, spouse of the deceased Thomas Summervale of Batlaw, passing personally to the lands of Tulchhil, in the sheriffdom of Strivelin, broke and annulled a pretended sasine, or, as she asserted, an intrusion, taken by William Summervale, her son, and Mariota Brous, his spouse, given to them by John Brous, pretended bailie in that part, of the lands of Tulchhil, Crannok, Smithis quarter, Quylt quarter, Law quarter, Cragmad, Durisale, Gart Cabyr, Garbrok, and Fordale, in the sheriffdom of Strivelin and Fyfe, by breaking of a dish, and made interruption by a schedule of paper delivered to the notary. Done on the ground of the lands of Tulchhil, in presence of Malcolm Forester of Torwood, David Forester, his son and apparent heir, and others.

19.—15th June, 1476. William Summervale, son and heir of the late Thomas Summervale of Batlaw, and Marion Brous, his spouse, passing to the principal messuage of the lands of Smithis quarter, Tarbrok, Gart Cabyr, and Durisale, pertaining, as they alleged, to them by reason of conjunct fee, broke the pretended sasine, or, as they asserted, rather intrusion, taken of the said lands by Malcolm Forester of Torwood, and given to him by Elizabeth Erth of Plane, their mother, by breaking of dishes and throwing them forth with earth and stone from the ground thereof; protesting that the said pretended sasine should not fall to their hurt or damage in time to come.

20.—27th June, 1476. Arthur Hamilton, procurator and in name of David Drummond of Crannok, past to the principal messuage of Erthbeg, pertaining to the said David by reason of the decease of the late Elizabeth Erth, the said David's

mother, and, by breaking of a dish, broke, cassed, and annulled a sasine, or, as he asserted, an intrusion, of the said lands, with the pertinents, taken by Robert Drummond, son and heir of the said David, and made interruption, etc., in presence of Alexander Forester of Erthbeg and others.

21.—Robert Drummond of Ermore protested that the said pretended breaking of sasine by the said Arthur should not have any lawful power on the said lands of Erthbeg, because the said David was not in possession of the same, but he, the said Robert, had been lawfully seised in the same by the bailie of the said David, lawfully constituted to that effect; and that the same should not prejudice him or his heirs in time to come.

22.—18th July, 1476. In presence of the notary and witnesses, Nycholas Franch, curate of the parish church of Strivelin, sundry times, with a loud voice, inquired of Alexander Cosour, burgess of the burgh, lying on sick-bed *in extremis*, his eyes shut, if he were obliged in any debts of sums of money or goods to Robert Colly or Alexander Legat, for contracts of marriage between them and his daughters; who responded in a low voice (*bassa voce*): No. Present: Sir Robert Aldcorne, chaplain, John Aldcorne, Robert Cosour, and Dugal Cosour.

The same day, the said Alexander Cosour appointed John Cosour tutor testamantar to William Cosour, his grandson [*nepoti*].

23.—4th August, 1476. Sir William Ingleram, chaplain, presented letters of collation of John, bishop of Dunblane, under his round seal, etc., directed to Mr. John Drummond, dean of the cathedral church of Dunblane, which, being received by the said dean with due reverence, he past to the choir and chapterhouse of the said cathedral church, with the said William and witnesses, and assigned the said William to a stall in the choir and place in the chapterhouse called the canonry and prebend of Cummery, and gave him real and corporal possession of the said canonry and prebend.

24.—13th August, 1476. In presence of the notary and witnesses, in a court of justice held on the ground of Daldres in the sheriffdom of Strivelin, by Herbert Murray, justiciar of the King in that part, for certain meiths to be put and perambulated between the said lands and certain other lands of the King, personally compeared John Ros of Grenane, commissioner of the King, and, on behalf of the King, inhibited all lords, barons, vassals, sub-vassals, tenants, and free tenants, within the said sheiffdom, from usurping or making purpresture on any property or commonty on any lands pertaining to the King within the said shire, under pain of law. Present: Thomas lord le Erskine, James Schaw of Sawchy, William Menteth of West Kers, and others.

25.—26th August, 1476. Before John Fresare, official of Dunblane, within the cathedral church of the same, sitting in judgment in the usual consistorial place, compeared John Stewart lord Dernly, on the one part, and John Haldane of Rusky, in name and behalf of Agnes Menteth, his spouse, on the other part, which John lord Dernly presented certain citatorial letters against the said Agnes in a cause of bastardy, who being thrice called and not compearing, John Haldane, her spouse, craved to be admitted in the cause, the other party excepting that it was a personal cause, and therefore she should compear personally, etc.; the judge, with counsel of his assessors, admitted the said John Haldane as pledge procurator for the said Agnes, his spouse, who bound himself to stand in law for her under caution of 1000 merks. Present: Vmfrid Cunyngaham of Glengernok, Mr. Martin Wan, chancellor of the cathedral church of Glasgow, William Elphinstoun, official of the same, John Drummond, dean of Dunblane; Patrick Sandelandia, rector of Calder; and others.

26.—16th October, 1476. William Scheves, archdeacon of St. Andrews and vicar-general of the see by authority of Apostolic letters directed to him thereupon, dispensed with Gilbert Home for defect of birth to possess a benefice with cura. Done in the royal chamber, within the castle of Strivelin. Present: James Schaw of Salchy, William Edmonstone of Duntreth, and others.

27.—17th October, 1476. John Crag, then one of the bailies of the burgh of Strivelin, by exhibition of a penny as the use of burghs is, gave sasine to Sir John Kokburn of Dalgynch, knight, as son and heir of Sir John Kokburn, his father, of the half of a pound of pepper from the tenement of John Colquhone of Lus, knight, on the north side of the High Street, and of half a pound of pepper from the tenement of John Kyrkoud, and 13 s. 4 d. annual rent from the tenement of the late Alexander Cosour, in presence of Adam Bully, then provost of the burgh, and others.

28.—23rd October, 1476. Malize earl of Menteth, sound in mind and body, out of natural affection, and considering the manifold services and most tender good deeds done to him in youth and age by his dearest spouse, Lady Jonet countess of Menteith, in the realms of England and Scotland, gave and bestowed to her for her lifetime a silver-gilt horn gilded on the surface with gold, a dish called *le Masar*, a silver cup, a missal book, with other things suitable for celebrating mass; nine silver spoons and a silver salt-fat, gilt on the top, having a beryl stone (*lapidem birraneum*) set in the middle, acquired by his own conquest and industry, from him and his heirs to the said Lady Jonet, and that by placing a gold ring on her finger. Done in the chamber of the said earl, in the isle of Inchtolloch, the second hour after noon.

The same day, the said earl bestowed all and sundry the foresaid jewels on John Graham, his son natural, for his good deeds and services, also giving him sasine of a carucate of land called *le Akyr*, in the burgh in barony of Port and shire of Perth.

29.—11th January, 1476-7. Before Mr. Gavin Rath, commissary of Mr. William Schevys, archdeacon of St. Andrews and vicar-general of the see, elected generally by the chapter, in consistorial court, sitting in judgment in the monastery of Holyrood, of the burgh of Edinburgh, in the usual place, compeared, Agnes Menteth, spouse of John Haldane of Glennegas, and gave her corporal oath on the gospels to give her free consent to the grant and sale made by her husband of the lands of Kypdory, Carbeth, Ballewoul, in the shire of Strivelin, and in warrandice of the same of 10 pound lands of Glennegas, to Thomas Buchquhanan of Gartcabyr, and never to come in the contrary of the same, etc.

30.—18th January, 1476-7. In presence of Henry, abbot of Cambuskenneth, and convent of the same, and notary and witnesses, compeared Sir Thomas Masterton, canon regular of the said monastery, before the abbot and convent chapterly assembled, and surrendered to them for ever the parish church of Tullybody, with all rights, fruits, etc., thereof, as well granted to him by the apostolic see as by the abbot and convent, etc.

31.—1st March, 1476-7. Gilbert lord Kennedy, presented to be examined and transumed by the notary, a charter by the late James earl of Douglas, Wygtoun, and Avandale, lord of Galloway and of the barony of Traboyath, on the lands of Glengennet and le Bannane, in the barony of Troboyath and earldom of Caryk and sheriffdom of Are, to the late Marc of Halyburtoun. Done in the hall of the lodging of the said Gilbert lord Kennedy, within the burgh of Strivelin, in presence of Sir David Robisone, prebendary of the collegiate church of Menybole (Maybole), and others.

32.—3rd March, 1476-7. In presence of the provost, bailies, councillors, and community of the burgh of Striveline, sitting in judgment in the tolbooth, and of the notary and witnesses, compeared Thomas lord le Erskine, procurator for Sir Richard Brady, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Lautheroc (*Lotherisk deleted*), and perpetual chaplain of the altar of the Holy Rood, founded within the parish church of the said burgh, and surrendered the said altar and chaplainry, with all fruits, lands, crofts, etc., thereof, in the hands of Adam Bully, then provost, and John Crag, one of the bailies, in name of the provost, bailies, councillors, and community of the said burgh, patrons of the said altar, which altar and chaplainry Master Andrew Craguorth, chaplain, craved of the provost, etc., for his services done and to be done to them in many ways, whereupon the said provost, bailies, etc.,

all assembled together, to the number of 120 burgesses, unanimously conferred the said altar and chaplainry on the said Mr. Andrew Craggorth for his lifetime, according to the tenor of the charter of donation to be made thereupon under their common seal; on which the said John Crag, bailie, at command of the provost, bailies, councillors, and community of the said burgh, past with the said Master Andrew to the said altar of the Holy Rood, and by touching and delivering to him of the book, chalice, ornaments, and horns of the said altar, invested him in the said chaplainry, with the fruits, lands, &c., thereof.

33.—5th May, 1477. The provost and bailies of the burgh of Striveline past to the tenement of the late Thomas Carmichell, vicar of Striveline, in the said burgh, and charged the inhabitants and farmers thereof to answer and obey to William Mane, keeper of the guard (*architenens garde*) of the King, anent their maills, according to the tenor of the King's letters directed to the provost and bailies thereupon; and also, according to the said letters, ordered Sir Nicholas Franche, curate of Striveline, to remove himself and his goods from the fore chamber of the said tenement, and deliver the keys to the said William.

34.—16th May, 1477. William lord le Grame, in the 14th year of his age, touching the holy gospels, compromitted him to stand, for his profit and honour, to the counsel and ordinance of Thomas lord le Erskin, his uncle; Alexander Erskine, son and heir-apparent of the said Lord Erskine; John Drummond of Cargill, and Mr. John Lyon of Curtastone, in all his actions and rules touching his person and lordship till the twenty-first year of his age complete; that they should cause make a seal for the said William for his actions and defences, to be in the keeping of Thomas lord le Erskin and John Drummond, under closure of two keys, one to be kept by each and to be opened only with advice of the said persons who compromitted them to give good and salutary counsel to the said Lord Grahame.

35.—9th June, 1477. Before the provost, bailies, councillors and community, of the burgh of Striveline, it was solemnly protested that the ward made by them in their court anent payment of custom of wood and timber going out at the port of the burgh should not prejudice them as to their liberties.

36.—20th June, 1477. Before Thomas lord le Erskin, sheriff of Striveline, sitting in judgment in the hall of the monastery of Holyrood of Edinburgh, appeared John Ros of Montgrinan, as procurator for the King, and showed that the King was informed that in the said court a brief of inquest was to be served on the lands, etc., of the earldom of Levenax, purchased by Agnes Menteith, spouse of John Haldane of Rusky, which lands, offices, etc., were in the hands of the King's grandfather and father and himself, not by ward and relief but in property and fee and

heritage for ever; therefore protesting that whatever was done in serving such brief should not prejudice the King or his successors as to their property of the said lands. Present: Robert lord Lyle, George lord Huntlie, Sir Robert Sympill, knight, James Schaw of Salchy, Michael Balfour of Burly, David Graham of Gergunnok, Malcom M'Clery of Garten, Walter Steuart of Morphy, and others.

37.—30th July, 1477. In presence of Thomas lord le Erskin sheriff of Strivelin, James Schaw of Salchi, and John Ros of Montgrennan, commissioners in that part of the King, namely, to perambulate and put marches between the King's lands of Buthkennar and the lands of Daldres pertaining to William lord of Abbyrnethy in Rothimaye by assise of the country, unsuspected, compeared the said William lord of Abbyrnethy, and when the commissioners elected certain tenants, farmers, and husbandmen of the said lands of Buthkennar for assise, he alleged that they were suspect and partial because they were farmers of the lands perambulated, and craved they be removed and other persons put on the assise instead, which the commissioners refused to do; whereupon lord Abbyrnethy protested that whatever the commissioners should do in the perambulation should not fall to his prejudice. Witnesses: Sir John Levingstone, knight, William of Menteth of West Kerss, Malcom Forester of Torwoud, John Levingston of Kyppan, Alexander Setoun of Tulibody, and others.

38.—31st July, 1477. In the sheriff court of Strivelin, held in the tolbooth thereof by Thomas lord le Erskin, sheriff of Strivelin, sitting in judgment, compeared Walter Buquhanan of that ilk and presented in judgment Ewen Campbell, John Smale and Gilfulan M'Alan, to underlie the law, as he was pledge for them, for the slaughter of the late Gillaspy Makclery, and presented the King's letters under his signet and subscription to that effect, ordaining the Sheriff to try them by an assize. The letters are ingrossed, dated at Edinburgh 5 July, 17th year of the King's reign. On the said Ewen Campbell, etc., pleading not guilty, an assize was appointed, being Alexander of Tulybody, David Grame of Gargunnok, David Drummond of Crannok, John Brows of Stanhous, and others, who found the accused quit and free from the charge. Present: Malcolm Makclery of Garden, Robert Dowglas of Lochleven, and others.

39.—21st April, 1478. In presence of Colin earl of Argyle, lord Campbell and Lorne, Gilbert lord Kennedy, and the notary and witnesses, Hugh lord of Montgumre, on the one part, and Elen Campbell, one of the daughters of the said earl, on the other part, passing to the door of the parish church of Dolar, Sir Patrick MakClery, chaplain, asked them if they wished to be joined in marriage, who answered they did. Then the said Patrick asked them if they knew any



impediment, or if either had made a contract before with any other person, or if they were constrained by force or fear thereto, who answered that there was no impediment but it was done of their own free will, and gave their corporal oaths thereupon. Whereupon the said Sir Patrick placed the said Hugh's hand in the said Elen's, and *per verba matrimonio de presenti* united them in marriage. And Hugh and Elen kissed each other in name of matrimony. Done in the church of Dolar the tenth hour before noon or thereby.

40.—8th June, 1478. James lord Hammiltoun took instruments, in presence of the lords of the King's council, in the sheriff court of Striveline, held by Thomas lord Erskyn, sheriff of Striveline, in the tolbooth of the burgh of Edinburgh, that in serving of a certain brief of inquest of the King's chancery, purchased by Agnes Menteth, spouse of John Haldyn of Glennegas, on the lands of Levenax, that John Ros of Montgrenane, advocate as he asserted in that part of the King, alleged that all officers and ministers of justice were sworn faithfully to execute their offices. Witnesses: John, Thomas, and William, bishops of Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Moray, Andrew lord Avandale, chancellor of Scotland, Laurence lord of Abyrnethy, Robert lord Lyle, William Sympil, sheriff of Renfrew, Mr. Archibald Quhitelaw, secretary, Mr. John Lyon of Curtastoun, etc.

41.—1st July, 1478. The provost, bailies, and community of the burgh of Striveline, conferred the altar of the Holy Rood on Sir James Darow for his lifetime, vacant by the death of the late Mr. Andrew Craggorth, last possessor thereof; the said James having first resigned the altar of St. Katharine, which they conferred on Robert Redehuch for his lifetime; and David Murray then gave sasine to them of the same by delivery of the books and ornaments thereof.

42.—29th April, 1479. Mr. John Ruth, vicar of Garreoch, and Sir David Ruth, monk of Dunfermyne, procurators for Sir Alexander Ruth, prior of the Isle of St. Colmoe (Inchmahome), of Dunblane diocese, confessed them paid by James Ogilby of Ernby, knight, of the sum of £30 Scots for lease of the teind sheaves of the parish church of Luchris for two terms bypast and one term to come.

43.—9th July, 1479. Edward Levyngstoun of Balcastel, John Broys of Stanehous, and John Flemyng, burgess of the burgh of Dumbartane, bailies appointed by Robert lord Flemyng to hold a court of the barony of Lenzie in the sheriffdom of Dumbartane, gave their oaths for due execution of their office, in presence of the notary and witnesses; and appointed Symon Makclery clerk of the said court, John Merschel serjeant, and James Greneyardis dempstar: which bailies affirmed the court of the said barony of Lenzie, held at Cummyrnald, on the part of the King and Robert lord Flemyng, baron of the said barony. In which court the said John

Merschell, serjeant, obtained 12 cows, 10 oxen, 4 bolls of oatmeal, 3 chalders and 8 bolls of oatmeal, 7 s. and 26 s. Scots, pertaining to Robert Flemyng, son of Robert lord le Flemyng, arrested before by the said serjeant at the instance of Robert lord le Flemyng for 4 chalders of oatmeal of the teind sheaves of the church of Kyrk-intulloch, and five bolls of oatmeal of multure of the mill of Achtyrmony, and 20 merks Scots for a pair of arms paid by lord Flemyng to Patrick Bar, burgess of Edinburgh, for the said Robert his son, and for 3 pounds Scots for the maills of the lands of Wester Bar, due as he asserted by the said Robert Flemyng his son to him.

44.—25th September, 1479. John Crag, bailie, gave sasine of the lands called The Dow Well Croft, in the territory of the burgh of Striveline; lands of the Borow rudis, between John Gourlay's and Thomas Narne's lands, etc., to Gilbert Brady, grandson of John Brady, burgess of the burgh.

45.—25th November, 1479. In presence of John bishop of Dunblane, Thomas lord le Erskene, the notary and witnesses, William lord le Grahame on the one part, and Annabella Drummond, one of the daughters of John Drummond of Cargill, on the other part, for marriage to be contracted between them, past to the door of the parish church of Muthyll of the diocese of Dunblane, where Sir Alexander Hyrdman, chaplain, asked the said William and Annabella if they wished to be contracted in marriage, who answered they did; asked if they knew any impediment except consanguinity, which had been dispensed with by the said bishop with authority of the Apostolic see, or if either had made any contract with any other person or were coacted thereto, who answered that they knew of no impediment nor had made contract before, but said they wished spontaneously to complete the said marriage, and gave their corporal oaths thereon on the Holy Gospels. The said Sir Alexander put the right hand of the said William in the said Annabella's hand and, *per verba matrimonii de presenti*, as use is, fully conjoined the said William and Annabella in nuptial covenant and contract of marriage, who in name of matrimony kissed each other. Whereon all and sundry John Drummond of Gargill, father of the said Annabella, in her name craved instruments. Done in the parish church of Mothill at ten hours before noon or thereabout. Present, the said lord himself, Thomas lord le Erskyne, Robert Douglas of Lochlevyn, David Grahame of Gargunnok, Master Walter Drummond, Sir Andrew Drummond vicar of Muthill, Robert Drummond of Ermor, Robert Grahame, Thomas Grahame, Matthew Forestar, Duncan Forestar, Walter Symson, William Chalmers, and others.

46.—15th March, 1529. Robert, rector of Gilbervy and perpetual commendator of the Priory of the Isle of St. Colmoc (Inchmahome) of Dunblane diocese,

holding in his hands certain Apostolic letters or bulls [of Clement the Seventh] past to the presence of Mr. Robert Graham, vicar of Drummond, and required him to put the said letters to due execution, who receiving them with the reverence that became them, past to the high altar of the church of the said priory and gave institution and investiture of the said priory and monastery thereof, with fruits, rents, provents, and emoluments, lands, baronies, etc., by delivery of a silver chalice, gilt missal, book, and sacred ornaments of the said high altar, as use is, to the said Robert Erskin, rector of Gilbervy, and invested him in possession thereof; in presence of Alexander earl of Menteth, — Fullartoun of Kinnaber, George Yester, familiar servitor of the illustrious Margaret, Queen of Scotland, etc.

47.—3rd July, 1530. William Broun, burgess of Striveling, for the weal of his soul, increase of divine worship, and support of the faculty of the brethren of the altar of the Holy Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the parish church of the burgh, in wax candles and other necessities, gave an annual rent of 4s. from his tenement of land and garden lying in the Bakraw of the said burgh, in perpetual alms; resigning the same in the hands of the bailie, who gave sasine thereof to Sir John Aitkin, chaplain of the said altar.

48.—18th May, 1531, the day of the Ascension of our Lord. In presence of the notary and witnesses, Mr. Alexander Kyd, canon of the Chapel Royal of Striveling, being required by Sir John Clerk, canon regular of the monastery of Cambuskenneth, in name and behalf of the abbot and convent of the same, to execute certain apostolic letters (referred to, but not engrossed), as an obedient son of the church denounced Sir Robert Wemys, formerly admonished and not obedient, in the time of high mass in the parish church of Strivelin on Ascension day, as excommunicated. And on the Thursday the penult of the said month, which was in the third week of Pentecost, the foresaid Mr. Alexander, being so required, openly and publicly denounced the foresaid Sir Robert, vicar in the said parish church, at the time of the greater and high mass as excommunicated with aggravation. And on the Lord's day the 11th of June the said Mr. Alexander Kyd denounced the said Sir Robert so excommunicated and with aggravation, with use of candles, as the manner is, cast down to the ground, and bells rung, to be under double aggravation.

49.—31st May, 1531. Robert Thomson, officer of James Cunyngham of Polmais, past to his lands of Bochaldy in the barony of Polmais Cunyngham and sheriffdom of Perth, and, in presence of the notary and witnesses, cast forth Cristophor Portare, Robert Gentilman, John Carnis, and Thomas Carnis, tenants of the same, with their goods and chattels, in virtue of a precept from the said James, as at the present term of Whitsunday, they all confessing they were formerly lawfully

warned beyond the bounds and limits thereof; and from every principal house of each of them took forth a stool or chair and threw it down in token of the execution of his office, the tenants obeying in all things as became them. Whereupon the officer asked of them if they wished to hold the foresaid lands of the said James in tack for the terms to come, and to answer him yearly and termly for the fermes and other annual rents, who all with one voice answered: We do wish; and so he again put in or reponed the same with their goods.

50.—The Lord's day, 30th July, 1531. Sir Adam Sym, priest, procurator of John Makcaw, clerk and familiar servitor of James the Fifth, King of Scots, in the presence of Dermit Makhecardych, vicar or curate of the cathedral church of Lesmore, at the high altar thereof, the dean and other canons of the church not being then present, presented to him a letter of provision with the round seal of Henry the bishop and one of the judges and executors of the Apostolic brief of Clement the Seventh, on certain benefices specially granted to the King; which Dermit received and gave to the notary to read, and then asked it back; and after, by delivery of a silver chalice, gilt missal book, key of the door, and ornaments of the high altar, gave investiture of the archdiaconate of the said cathedral church of Lesmore, with fruits, rents, etc., to the said Sir Adam Sym, priest, as procurator for the said John Makcaw, and assigned him a stall in the choir and place in the chapter, receiving the oath from the said Adam for obeying the statutes of the said church, etc. And thereafter the said vicar warned the parishioners assembled in time of divine service, in their mother tongue, the Irish speech, and all others having interest, to answer and obey the said John Makcaw in fruits, rents, etc.

51.—23rd October, 1531. Alexander Watson, one of the bailies of the burgh of Strivelin, showed that, pending the decision by the court of Rome in the plea between Alexander, abbot of Cambuskenneth, and a venerable man, Sir Robert Wemis, vicar of Strivelin, anent the teinds of salmon of the Water of Forth, the said venerable man licenced and allowed him, the said Alexander, farmer, to levy the said teind in the same way as the said vicar was in use to levy it without disturbance on his part till the decision of the plea; which being determined, the said Alexander binds him and his heirs to restore all the teind received by him to the said abbot and place, etc.

52.—7th January, 1531-2. Gilbert Graham of Knokdolyane, bending on his right knee, resigned to William earl of Montros lord Graham, his lands of Walastoun and Ardochmore, extending to a five pound land of old extent, for infeftment to be given to Walter Colquhone of Kylmerdonyng, in presence of James Suthirland rector of Killerne, and others.

53.—5th April, 1533. The King's letter was proclaimed for the noblemen of the sheriffdom of Strivelin to repair to the borders of the kingdom for defence of the same against the old enemies of England; in which was an exception for Robert Callender subscribed with the King's hand, the said Robert furnishing his son there as effeirs.

54.—16th and 17th July, 1533. Donald Smyth, attorney of William master of Menteth and Margaret Mowbra, his spouse, assignees of Alexander earl of Menteth, his father, to the reversion of the lands underwritten, past to the two merk lands of Myltoun of Aberfull, 20 s. 4 d. lands of Kirkton of Aberfull and mill thereof, 4 merk lands of Inchin, 23 s. 4 d. lands of Bofreslie, etc., lake and isles of Lochcon in the earldom of Menteth and sheriffdom of Perth, which formerly in virtue of the foresaid assignation were lawfully redeemed from Walter Graham; and received sasine of the same, to the said William and Margaret in conjunct fee and life rent and the heirs male begotten or to be begotten between them, whom failing the nearest heirs or assignees of the said William whomsoever, in virtue of a precept of sasine by the said earl, dated at Inchmaquhomok, 5th May, 1533, before Walter Graham, the earl's son, John Hutoun, canon professed of the said monastery of Inchmaquhomok, and others.

55.—19th February, 1547. Robert Admowty past to the personal presence of Sir John Crag, vicar pensionary of the parish church of the Holy Rood of the burgh of Strivelin, clad with the missal ornaments for singing high mass at the high altar, and presented to him letters of collation to the vicarage of the said church; who received and read the same, and by delivery of the missal book, ornaments of the high altar, silver chalice, and keys of the church, gave investiture of the said vicarage to the foresaid Robert, with all fruits, etc., belonging thereto. Done in the said church at time of access to high mass at the high altar thereof, the 10th hour before noon or thereby.

56.—12th July, 1549. Protest by the prior and convent of the monastery of Cambuskenneth, wherein they state that they were sharply menaced and charged by letters of the Queen's grace, the governor and lords of secret council, coacting them to give two conventual portions of the abbey to a son of William Bell's "within innocent yeris and nocht to auld failyeit and decrepit folkis," and provide him thereof, under their common seal and subscriptions manual, for his lifetime, which was great prejudice to them and contrary to the will of their "maist noble fundatour;" and because it was contrary to justice to give portions to rich men's sons and so many poor in the country, and that they dreaded hurt to them and their place if they disobeyed the charge and command, protesting therefore that whatever was

done by them, compelled and coacted in the said matter, should be of no force nor effect to the said William Bell's son "and for ws and our successouris that wants now ane ourman and prelat," all in one voice revoke and annul the said gift; protesting that it shall be no hurt nor damage to the prelate and abbot entering to the said place; and crave instruments thereupon of the notaries. Done in the chapter-house of the said abbey the ninth hour before noon or thereby.

57.—26th July, 1550. Robert lord Elphinstoun, with Robert Drummond of Crannok and James Kinros of Kippenros, his curators, past to the personal presence of James duke of Chatellaraucht earl of Arran lord Hamiltoun, tutor of the Queen and protector and governor of Scotland, and on his bended right knee, with consent of his curators, resigned his lands of Corgarf, Scellater, Invernes, Fynnelosk, Boquhain, New, etc., in the lordship of Kildrummy and shire of Aberdeen, from him and his heirs, by staff and baton, in the hands of the said governor, as in the hands of the Queen lady superior thereof, in favour of himself and Margaret Drummond his spouse, for new infeftment to be made to them in conjunct fee and liferent, and the heirs of their bodies, whom failing, the nearest heirs of the said Robert, under the great seal; reserving the third thereof to Cristian Erskin, mother of the said Robert lord Elphinstoun, for his lifetime. After which resignation the governor gave sasine of the lands to the said Robert and Henry Drummond of Richartoun, as attorney for Margaret Drummond his spouse aforesaid, in conjunct fee, etc. Done in the chamber of the Queen, situated in the castle of Striveling, in presence of John, archbishop of St. Andrews.

58.—9th October, 1593. Sasine of Lady Mary Stewart, spouse of John earl of Mar lord Erskine and Garioch, etc., in the lordship of Brechin, with fishings and cruives upon the West Esk in liferent, reserving to Lady Annabel Murray, his mother, all lands belonging to her by reason of a contract made between them; and in the lordship of Alloway, in warrandice of the same, on precept from the earl, dated at Brechin, 8th October, 1593, before Ludovic duke of Lennox, and others.

59.—23rd May, 1595. David Forrester of Logie, one of the bailies of the burgh of Stirling, at command of the provost, remanent bailies and council of the burgh, past to a little "chalmer" pertaining to Christopher Lambe "maister cuik to his Maiestie," on the Castell hill of the burgh, "biggit be him on the craige on the south syde of his duelling hous adiacent therto," and gave sasine thereof; the said Christopher paying therefor yearly to the provost and bailies the sum of 2 s. Scots conform to the act of council made thereupon: also after resignation he receives sasine of his tenement or house with the yard upon the Castellhill to himself and Jonet Rudderfurd, his spouse, in conjunct fee, etc.

60.—29th May, 1596. Thomas Ewing, procurator for the earl of Mar, delivered to Harie Grahame of Meklewood four score pounds, within the Ruid Kirk of Stirling, for redemption of the lands of Meklewood of Gargunnok. Witnesses: John Bruce of Auchinbowye, Alexander Bruce, his son, and others.

II.—LIST OF PROVOSTS, BAILIES, AND OTHER OFFICE-BEARERS AND OFFICERS OF THE BURGH OF STIRLING.

1296.—Richard Brice, Burges and Alderman;

Laurence of Dunblane, William Servatur, Renaud de Maleville, Richard Prestre, Robert le Taillur, Morris le Rus, Gilbert Teket, Adam le fiz Richard, Rauf le Wrighte, William le Lardynere, and John of Drylowe, *Burgesses*.

The above names of burgesses and of an alderman are appended to a document, dated at Berwick-on-Tweed, 28 August, 1296, and now preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record office, London, wherein it is recorded that they "and all the community of the burgh" swore fealty to King Edward I. of England "The very fine common seal<sup>1</sup> in green wax, 3½ inches in diameter, is appended by four stout strings. *Obv.* The bridge of Stirling with 7 arches, and the Forth below. On the centre of the bridge, the Crucifixion; the Saviour with the nimbus. On dexter side 3 figures with bows, the foremost bending his bow and barbed arrow towards the Cross. On sinister, 3 figures with lances, the foremost darting his lance towards the Cross. A star and crescent above the limbs of the Cross: 'HIC ARMIS BRVTI SCOTTI: STANT: HIC CRUCE: TVTIL.' *Rev.* The front of a castle with triple entral, and double corner, towers; masonry distinctly shown. Gateway with rounded arch, double-leaved gate and hinges, clearly shown. Trees and foliage on either side '✠ CONTINET: HOC: IN: SE: NEMVS: ET: CASTRVM: STRIVELINSE.'" *Calendar of Documents relating to Scotland, edited by Joseph Bain, Vol. ii., No. 813.*

1327-8.—Maurice Hunter and Finlai Sutor, *prepositi*.

Exchequer Rolls of Scotland, vol. i., p. 67.

1328-9.—Andrew Auwynson, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 86.

1329-30.—William of Hall and Richard of Rutherford, *prepositi*. *Ib.*, p. 266.

1330-1.—Accounts of the Bailies given up by Richard son of Lachlan. *Ib.*, p. 302.

1358-9.—Nicholas Masoun, and Richard Chepman, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, p. 622.

1359-60.—John Kerr, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, vol. ii., p. 27.

1360-1.—Nicholas Mason, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 60.

1360-1.—Richard Chepman and Robert Forester, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, p. 100.

1361-2.—Robert Forester and Richard Chepman, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, p. 145.

1362-3.—Thomas Swerdsleper and James Reed, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, p. 146.

1363-4.—Mathew Ferroure and Thomas Yung, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, p. 147.

1364-5.—Thomas of Marr and Thomas of Ireland, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, p. 206.

<sup>1</sup> A representation of the seal is given as a frontispiece to "Charters and Documents."

1365-6.—Hugh Urry, Robert Raa, Richard Tector, Adam Sissor, Robert Foster, William Ker, William Weniys, John of Erskin, Roger Merchant and Henry Merchant, his brother; Gilbert Faber, Thomas Potator, John Gollane, John Skinner, Thomas of Ireland, Robert Harrow, John Brume, Adam Gamilsone, John Witste, Thomas of Brigerakis, Patrick Merchant, Robert the executioner, Thomas the brazier; also, the fishers, viz., John, son of Hugh; John of Callenter; John son of Michael; John Tennand and Philip his son; Mure of Corntone and William his brother; John son of Heruot; “and many others,” *Burgesses*.

Charters and Documents relating to the Burgh of Stirling, p. 20.

1366-7.—Robert Forester, *Bailie*.

Exchequer Rolls of Scotland, vol. ii., p. 277.

1371-2.—Thomas Eruginator, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 387.

1372-3.—George Chepman and John Wyth, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, p. 415.

1375-6.—William of Hall, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 538.

1376-7.—John Lange, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 572.

1378-9.—Thomas Swerdslepar and Adam Clerk, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, p. 17.

1379-80.—Arthour Johnson and John Taylour, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, 57.

1380-1.—Bricius de Camera, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 72.

1385-6.—Thomas Rubiginator, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 140.

1386-7.—Hugh Chaypman and Robert Johnson, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, p. 159.

1387-8.—Hugh Merchant and Michael de Camera, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, p. 196.

1388-9.—Donald Tailor, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 218.

1389-90.—Robert Gardener, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 232.

1390-1.—Thomas Swerdsleper and Richard Jonson, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, p. 262.

1391-2.—Richard Johnson and Nicholas of Hall, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, p. 305.

1392-3.—Hugh Merchant, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 333.

1394-5.—Thomas Smyth, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 366.

1395-6.—John Palmer, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 392.

1396-7.—Duncan Walas. *Ib.*, p. 421.

1397-8.—Thomas Brown, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 448.

1399-1400.—Thomas Michelsoun and John Robertsoun, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, p. 505.

1402-3.—John of Tyntow, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 579.

1403-4.—John Palmar, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 604.

1404-5.—John Gourlay, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 637.

1405-6.—John Darach, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, vol. iv., p. 26.

1406-7.—Adam Legate, renders account of Bailies. *Ib.*, p. 59.

1408-9.—John Darach, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 93.



1409-10.—William of Etale, *Bailie*.

Exchequer Rolls of Scotland, vol. iv., p. 125.

1411-2.—William Forster, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 157.

1412-3.—William Forstare, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 181.

1413-4.—Maurice Chepman, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 207.

1414-5.—Thomas Legate, renders account of Bailies. *Ib.*, p. 233.

1417-8.—Thomas Forsithsoun, renders account of Bailies. *Ib.*, p. 304.

1419-21.—Robert Malcolm, renders account of Bailies. *Ib.*, pp. 327, 350.

1421-5.—Alexander Gulde, renders account of Bailies. *Ib.*, pp. 370, 398.

1425-6.—John Darrach, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 420.

1427-8.—William Symson and John Whityne, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, p. 454.

1428-9.—Andrew of Inchsera, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 486.

1433-4.—William Simson, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 585.

1445-6.—John Levingstoun, renders accounts of Bailies. *Ib.*, vol. v., p. 242.

1446-7.—Robert Malcolm, renders accounts of Bailies. *Ib.*, p. 285.

1447-9.—Adam Cosour, renders accounts of Bailies. *Ib.*, pp. 424, 351.

1449-50.—John Darach, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 398.

1450-1.—George of Creichton, renders accounts of Bailies. *Ib.*, p. 443.

1451-2.—John Darach and Richard Mure, *Bailies*. *Ib.*, p. 514.

1452-3.—John Darrach, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 565.

1453-4.—William of Pordewyn, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 636.

1454-5.—Robert of Narne, renders account of Bailies. *Ib.*, vol. vi., p. 30.

1455-6.—William Duncan, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 139.

1456-7.—William Duncan, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 316.

1457-8.—Robert Narne, *Provost*. *Ib.*, p. 399.

1458-9.—Robert Narne, *Provost*. *Ib.*, p. 503.

1459-60.—John Brady, *Provost*. *Ib.*, p. 599.

1461-2.—John Ballac, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, vol. vii., p. 168.

1464-5.—Mathew Forestare, renders account of Bailies. *Ib.*, p. 374.

1465-6.—Thomas Gulde, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 434.

1468-9.—William Duncanson, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 669.

1470-1.—Matthew Forrester, *Provost*; Alexander Cosour, *Bailie*.

Protocol Book in the possession of the burgh.

Robert Forsith, *Bailie*.

Exchequer Rolls of Scotland, vol. viii., p. 114.

1472-7.—Duncan Forester, renders account of Bailies. *Ib.*, pp. 203, 471, 553.

- 1475-6.—John Muir, David Murray, *Bailies*.  
Alexander Mortoun, *Treasurer*.  
Protocol Book in the possession of the Burgh.
- 1476-7.—Adam Bully, *Provost*; John Crag, *Bailie*. Ib.
- 1477-8.—Duncan Forester, *Provost*.  
David Murray, Charles Rede, Robert Forsyth, *Bailies*. Ib.
- 1478-9.—Matthew Forester, *Provost*; John Crag, Charles Rede, *Bailies*. Ib.
- 1479-80.—Duncan Forestar, *Provost*; Thomas Cragingelt, *Bailie*. Ib.
- 1480-1.—Duncan Forester, *Provost*.  
Charles Rede, Thomas Cragingelt, John Aisone, *Bailies*.  
Charters and Documents relating to Stirling, p. 187.
- 1487-8.—Duncan Forestar, *Provost*.  
MS. Exchequer Rolls of Scotland.
- 1489-90.—Duncan Forester, in name of the Bailies. Ib.
- 1489-90.—David Murray, John Crag, John Aysone, *Bailies*.  
Charters and Documents, p. 187.
- 1490-1.—Robert Lyelle, in name of the Bailies.  
MS. Exchequer Rolls of Scotland.
- 1491-2.—Patrick Redheuch, *Bailie*. Ib.
- 1492-3.—James Spittall, *Bailie*. Ib.
- 1493-4.—Patrick Reidheuch, in name of the Bailies. Ib.
- 1494-5.—James Spittale, *Bailie*. Ib.
- 1495-6.—Patrick Redeuch, *Bailie*. Ib.
- 1496-7.—James Spittall, *Bailie*. Ib.
- 1497-8.—John Crag, *Bailie*. Ib.
- 1498-9.—James Spittale, *Bailie*. Ib.
- 1499-1500.—James Menteth, *Provost*. Ib.
- 1500-1.—James Spittale, *Bailie*. Ib.
- 1501-2.—James Spittale, *Bailie*.  
Charters and Documents, p. 188.
- 1502-3.—Thomas Cragingelt, *Bailie*. Ib.
- 1503-4.—Alexander Ewisone, *Bailie*.  
MS. Exchequer Rolls of Scotland.
- 1505-6.—James Menteth, in name of bailies. Ib.
- 1506-7.—David Crag, *Bailie*. Ib.
- 1507-8.—James Menteth, *Provost*. Ib.
- 1508-9.—Robert Bruce, *Provost*. Ib.
- 1509-10.—James Spetall, *Bailie*.

- 1509-10.—John Broune, *Dean of Guild*.  
Charters and Documents, p. 189.
- 1510-1.—John Bully, *Bailie*.  
Charters and Documents, p. 190.
- 1515-6.—John Bully, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 190.
- 1516-7.—Alexander Forester, *Provost*.  
MS. Exchequer Rolls of Scotland.
- 1517-8.—Alexander Forrester, *Provost*. *Ib.*  
John Aitkin, *Bailie*.  
Charters and Documents, p. 191.
- 1518-9.—Richard Narne, *Bailie*. *Ib.*, p. 191.
- 1519-20.<sup>1</sup>—*Provost*: George of Crichtoun.  
*Bailies*: Alexander Watsoun, Richard Naerne, Robert Arnot.
- 1520-1.—*Provost*: Alexander Forester.  
*Bailies*: John Ackyne, Richard Naerne, Alexander Crag.  
*Dean of Guild*: John Brown. *Treasurer*: David Crag. *Master of Work*: Robert Arnot.
- 1521-2.—*Provost*: Sir Duncan Forester.  
*Bailies*: Robert Arnot, Alexander Watson, Walter Grame.  
*Dean of Guild*: Duncan Patonsoun. *Treasurer*: David Crag.  
*Council*: Alexander Forester, John Ackyn, Ritschart Narne, Alexander Crag, Sir Walter Forester, Robert the Brus, Alexander Drummond, Robert Calentar, James Reducht, Alexander Levinstoun, Robert Ferny, James Spettal, William Dausoun, John Bully, Henry Abhircrummy, Alexander Murra.  
*Deacons of Crafts*: Thom Smyth, John Alexander, Thom Mitschal, Alexander Robisoun, John Allane, Alexander Benne, Patric Lilitjohen, Thom Foullar.
- 1522-3.—*Provost*: Alexander Forester.  
*Bailies*: John Ackyne, Walter Grame, Alexander Crag.  
*Dean of Guild*: John Broun. *Treasurer*: David Crag. *Master of Work*: Robert Arnot.  
*Council*: Sir Duncan Forester, Robert Arnot, Alexander Watsoun, Walter Grame, Allan Steuart, Alexander Levinstoun, James Spettal, Robert Ferny, Ritschart Narne, William Dausoun, David Crag, Duncan Patonsoun, John Broun, James Merschal, Gilbert

<sup>1</sup> From 1519, when the council records commence, all the names are taken from that source unless the contrary is stated.

- 1522-3. M'Lellan, Alexander Murra, David Greg, George Symson, William Wyeis, John Offeris, Adam Adamsoun.  
*Deacons of Crafts*: George Thomsoun, Duncan Darow, William Duncansoun, Alexander Smyth, John of Yair, Patric Duncan, Symon Broun, John Moffat.
- 1523-4.—*Provost*: Alexander Forster.  
*Bailies*: Ritschart Narne, Robert Arnot, Alexander Watsoun.  
*Deacons of Crafts*: Duncan Bow, Nycoll Duncansoun, John Offeris, Thom Watsoun, Robe Grhame, Patric Duncan, Alexander Wricht, John Allan.
- 1524-5.—*Provost*: Alexander Forester.  
*Bailies*: Richard Narne, John Atkyn, Walter Grahame.  
*Dean of Guild*: Duncan Patonsoun. *Treasurer*: David Crag. *Master of Kirk-work*: David Crag.
- 1525-6.—*Provost*: Alexander Forester.  
*Bailies*: Richard Narne, Walter Grame, Alexander Watsoun.  
*Dean of Guild*: David Greig. *Treasurer*: David Crag. *Master of Work*: Robert Arnot.
- 1526-7.—*Provost*: Alexander Forester.  
*Bailies*: John Ackyne, Robert Arnot, Alexander Crag.
- 1527-8.—*Provost*: Alexander Forester.  
*Bailies*: Walter Grame, Walter Ewinsoun, John Forester.  
*Dean of Guild*: David Greg.  
*Council*: John Ackyne, Robert Arnot, Alexander Crag, Sir Walter Forester, Alexander Levinstoun, Robert the Brus, John Montecht, Patric Montecht, Robert Ferny, Robert Arnot, Gilbert M'Lellan, Alexander Murra, David Greg, James Spettal, Richard Narne, John Bully, Walter Cousland, James Ferny, William Robisoun, William Cosour, William Brown, Andro Kar; "with the dekinis."
- 1528-9.—*Provost*: Alexander Forester.  
*Bailies*: Walter Grame, Walter Ewinsoun, John Forester.  
*Dean of Guild*: James Ferne.  
*Council*: Schir James Forester of Garden knyght, Alexander Levinston of Dunypece, Robert the Brus of Carnok, John of Mentecht, Robert Ferne, Alexander Watsoun, John Gryme, Ritschart Narne, Alexander Crag, Gilbert Fergusoun, Walter Cousland,

- 1528-9. Johen M'Nair, James Murra, Allexander Duncan, Henry Abhir-crummy, Robyn Hendersoun, Patric Lawsoun, William Muncrefe, Thom M'Calpy, Symon Broun, Robart Paule, Duncan Patonsoun, Johen Bully, William Robesoun, Andro Kar, David Greg, Johen Ackyn, Robart Arnot, George Symssoun, William Broun, Allexander Murra; "with the dekinis."  
*Common clerk*: Robyne Cunnynggham (9 October 1528).  
 Sir William Litstar, chaplain (13 November, 1528).
- 1529-30.—*Provost*: Sir James Forester of Garden, Knight.  
*Bailies*: Alexander Watsoun, Robert Pawle, John Ackyne.  
*Dean of Guild*: Duncan Patonsoun. *Treasurer*: Robert Arnot.  
*Master of Work*: John Aickin.  
*Council*: Alexander Forester, Walter Grame, Walter Ewinsoun, John Forester, Allexander Levinstoun, Duncan Patonsoun, Ritschart Narne, Robart Arnot, David Greg, Gilbert M'Clellan, Alexander Murra.  
*Deacons of Crafts*: Thom Andro for the maltmen, Thom Ruderfourd, Jame Murra, Andro Lokart, Thome Litoljhon, Allexander Wricht.  
*Common clerk*: John Grame.
- 1531-2.—*Bailie*: Walter Cosland.  
 Charters and Documents, p. 197.
- 1536-7.—*Provost*: Alexander Forestare.  
*Bailies*: Robert Arnot, John Forestare.  
 Charters and Documents, p. 199.
- 1541-2.—*Provost*: John Cragingelt.  
 MS. Exchequer Rolls.  
*Bailie*: John Forester.  
 Charters and Documents, p. 199.
- 1544-5.—*Treasurer*: Walter Cousland.
- 1545-6.—*Provost*: John Cragingelt of that ilk.  
*Bailies*: William Bell, James Robesoun, James Duncansoun, Archibald Spittale.<sup>1</sup>  
*Dean of Guild*: James Ferny.  
*Council*: John Graheme, merchand, William Forester, "ald bailies;" Robert Cousland, "ald dene of gild." For the Craftis:—David

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<sup>1</sup> See as to fourth bailie, act of council 16 Oct. 1545, p. 41.

- 1545-6. Graheme, dekin of smythis; Thomas Lokert, dekin of skynneris; Andro Neleson dekin of baxteris; John Lawson dekin of cordenaris. "The remanent dekinnis chosin be the counsall, and haldin able to serve the touin, deprivand the ingnorantis chosin be the craftis thairto:—Alexander Benne, elder, for wobstaris, Robert Lowdean for tailyouris, Thomas Michell for maltmen, Bris Duncansoun for fleschouris."
- 1546-7.—*Provost*: David Forester of Garden.  
*Bailies*: Archibald Spittale, William Smart, Alexander Patersoun, James Duncansoun.  
*Dean of Guild*: Robert Cousland. *Treasurer*: John Forester.  
*Council*: Merchants, William Bell, James Robesoun, Archibald Spittale, John Graheme, Gilbert M'Lellane, James Ferny, Walter Cousland, Richard Naerne, James Watsoun; Craftsmen, David Graheme, Andro Nelesoun, Thom Michell, Robert Geichane.
- 1547-8.—*Provost*: John Cragingelt of that ilk.  
*Bailies*: William Bell, Archibald Spittale, William Smart, Alexander Watsone.  
*Dean of Guild*: James Fairny.
- 1548-9.—*Provost*: Robert Forester of Kilyemuck.  
*Bailies*: John Forester, James Watsoun, James Robesoun, Walter Cousland.
- 1549-50.—*Provost*: Robert Forester of Kilyemuck.  
*Bailies*: Archibald Spittale, William Smart, Alexander Watsoun, John Forester.  
*Council*: John Cragingelt, William Bell, Walter Cosland, James Watsoun, James Robesoun, Robert Arnot, Duncan Patersoun, Archibald Spittale, Alexander Christeson, James Farny, Thomas Mechell, Andro Neilsoun, John Cowan.  
*Deacons of Crafts*: John Cowan, hammerman; Andro Neleson, baxter; Thomas Ker, skynner; Andro Neleson, maltman; George Gardner, tailor; Walter Watsoun, cordiner; David Wrycht, webster; Robert Irrewin, flesher.
- 1551-2.—*Provost*: John Cragingelt of that ilk.  
 Convention Records, vol. i., p. 1.

1553-4.—*Provost*: Henry Levingston.

*Bailies*: James Watsoun, Robert Forester, William Norvell, William Smart.

1554-5.—*Provost*: Henry Levingston.

*Bailies*: Robert Forester, junior, William Smart, Alexander Watsoun, Alexander Aleschunder.

*Dean of Guild*: William Noruell. *Treasurer*: James Watstone.

*Council*: Walter Cowsland, Johne Cragingelt of that ilk, Robert Forester of Calyemuk, William Bell of Spittall, John Forester of Logy, Duncan Patersone, Duncan Dawsoun, William Lowry, James Robesoun, Alexander Patersoun, Gilbert Anderson, Alexander Galloway, James Farny, Alexander Ray.

*Deacons of Crafts*: John Makalexander, smith; William Dorrocht, baxter; Andro Nylson, maltman; Robert Anderson, tailor; Robert Schort, cordiner; Andro Kay, flesher; David Wrycht, webster; Thomas Kar, skinner; Thomas Wallace.

*Clerk*: John Graheme. *Depute*: Robert Ramsay.

1555-6.—*Provost*: Robert Bruce of Auchinbowy.

*Bailies*: James Robesoun, Alexander Aleschunder, William Smart.

*Dean of Guild*: Walter Cousland. *Treasurer*: Alexander Watsoun.

*Council*: Robert Forester of Calyemuk, Robert Forester, younger, Johne Forester of Logy, Duncan Patonsoun, Johne Schaw of Broicht, James Watsoun, William Norvell, Gilbert Andirsoun, William Dorrocht, Thomas Kar.

*Visitors of Crafts*:<sup>1</sup> John Cowane, smith; William Dorrocht, baxter; William Striveling, cordiner; Johne Haste, talyour; William Niddisdall, Thomas Kar, skynnar; David Wrycht, wobstar; James Layng, maltman.

*Masters of the Kirk-work*: William Dorrocht and Gilbert Andersoun.

1556-7.—*Provost*: Robert Forester of Calyemwk.

*Bailies*: James Robesoun, Robert Forester, younger, William Smart.

*Dean of Guild*: James Watsoun.

*Council*: Alexander Forester of Garden; Robert Bruce of Auchinbowy, "auld provest;" John Cragingelt of that ilk, Johne Schaw of Broicht, Johne Foroster of Logy, Alexander Forestar, James Callendar, Nile Hog, Thomas Hart, William Lowry, Walter

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<sup>1</sup> See foot-note, p. 66.

- 1556-7.      Cousland, William Noruell, Alexander Galloway, Alexander Ray, Alexander Patersone, Gilbert Andirson, Alexander Watsoun.
- 1556-7.—*Deacons of Crafts*: John Makalexander, smith; William Dorrocht, baxter; Thomas Mychell, maltman; William Finlawson, tailor; Andro Ray, flesher; Alexander Gurlay, skinner; Walter Watsoun, cordiner; Alexander Brown, webster.
- 1559-60.—*Provost*: James Striveling of Keir.  
*Bailies*: Robert Forester, younger; John Lecheman, Alexander Watsoun, William Derrocht. *Treasurer*: John Forester.
- 1560-1.—*Provost*: James Striveling of the Keir.  
*Bailies*: John Leischeman, Gawin Drummond, Robert Forester, William Bell.  
*Dean of Guild*: Robert Alexander.  
*Council*: James Watsoun, William Norwell, William Lowry, Alexander Patersoun, Alexander Duncansoun, John Wallace, notary, Thom Arnot, John Wallace, merchant, Alexander Schort, Robert Forester of Boquhan, John Cragingelt of that ilk, Henry Livingston of Falkirk, William Menteth of Randefurde, Alexander Forester of Arnegibbon, John Forester of Logy, James Robertsoun, Alexander Watsoun, William Darrocht, Robert Ramsay.  
*Deacons of Crafts*: William Malice, hammerman; John Allane, baxter; Archibald Smyth, maltman; John Haistie, tailor; Robert Schort, cordiner; John Thomson, flesher; Alexander Brouin, webster; John Benny, skinner.
- 1561-2.—*Provost*: James Striveling of Keir.  
*Bailies*: Gawin Drummond, Alexander Watsoun, William Derrocht.  
*Council*:<sup>1</sup>
- 1562-3.—*Provost*: Alexander Forester of Garden.  
*Bailies*: Robert Forester, younger, James Watsone, William Derrocht  
*Dean of Guild*: John Lecheman. *Treasurer*: William Norwell.  
*Council*:<sup>1</sup>
- 1563-4.—*Provost*: James Striveling of Keir.  
*Bailies*: Robert Forester, Gawan Drummond, John Leschman.  
*Dean of Guild*: Alexander Ray.

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<sup>1</sup> See names printed in Charters and Documents, p. 210.



1563-4.—*Council*.<sup>2</sup>

*Procurator-Fiscal*: Alexander Paterson.

1564-5.—*Provost*: John Cragingelt of that ilk.

*Bailies*: John Leachman, Duncan Forester of Arnegibbon, Gawin Drummond, Robert Forester.

*Dean of Guild*: Andro Cowan.

*Council*: James Striveling of Keir, Alexander Forester of Garden, Robert Forester of Boquhan, William Menteth of Randefurd, William Derroche. Merchants: Alexander Ray, John Paterson, Robert Alexander, James Watsoun, John Admowtie, William Norwell, John Wallace.

*Deacons of Crafts*: John M'Alexander, John Millar, baxter; Alexander Kincaid, maltman; John Benny, skinner; Robert Gun, cordiner.

1566-7.—*Provost*: John Cragingelt of that ilk.

*Bailie*: William Forester.

Convention Records, vol. i., p. 15.

1570-1.—William Norvell, commissioner to convention (21 October, 1570).

Robert Forester, younger, *bailie*, Robert Alexander, merchant, commissioners (6 Jany., 1570).

Convention Records, vol. i., pp. 16, 17.

1573-4.—John Williesoun, commissioner to convention (15 July, 1574).

Convention Records, vol. i., p. 25.

1575-6.—Commissioners to convention: Robert Forester, *provost*; John Auchmowty; William Norowell, *bailie*; Andrew Cowan.

Convention Records, vol. i., pp. 37, 41, 46.

1576-7.—Commissioners to convention: Robert Forester, *provost*; William Norwell.

Convention Records, vol. i., p. 50.

1578-9.—Commissioners to convention: William Norowell, Thomas Murray.

Convention Records, vol. i., pp. 66, 79.

1579-80.—Commissioners to convention: Thomas Murray, *bailie*; Robert Alexander, *dean of guild*.

Convention Records, vol. i., p. 80.

1580-1.—Commissioners to convention: William Noruell, Duncan Leicheman.

Convention Records, vol. i., pp. 110, 127.

1582-3.—Commissioner to convention: William Norowell.

Convention Records, vol. i., p. 146.

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<sup>2</sup> See names printed in Charters and Documents, p. 213.

- 1583-4.—Commissioner to convention: William Norowell.  
Convention Records, vol. i., p. 182.
- 1585-6.—Commissioners to convention: Anthonye Bruce, John Muschett,  
William Norowell.  
Convention Records, vol. i., pp. 200, 207.
- 1587-8.—Commissioners to convention: William Norvell, Walter Cowane.  
Convention Records, vol. i., p. 244.
- 1588-9.—Commissioner to convention: Walter Cowane.  
Convention Records, vol. i., p. 294.
- 1589-90.—Commissioner to convention: Walter Cowan.  
Convention Records, vol. i., p. 310.
- 1590-1.—Commissioner to convention: Walter Cowan.  
Convention Records, vol. i., p. 352.
- 1591-2.—Commissioner to convention: Walter Cowan.  
Convention Records, vol. i., p. 369.
- 1592-3.—Commissioners to convention: Anthone Bruce, Walter Cowane.  
Convention Records, vol. i., pp. 392, 393.
- 1593-4.—Commissioners to convention: Anthone Bruce, David Forester.  
Convention Records, vol. i., p. 428.
- 1595-6.—*Provost*: John Murray of Touchadame.  
*Bailies*: Archibald Alexschunder, Walter Cowane, James Schorte,  
John Miller.  
*Dean of Guild*: Duncane Paterson. *Deacon convener*: Robert  
Robertson *alias* Tennent.  
*Council*:<sup>1</sup>  
*Clerk*: John Muschett.
- 1596-7.—*Provost*: John Murray of Touchadame.  
*Bailies*: Walter Cowane, Archibald Alexschunder, James Schorte,  
John Miller.  
*Dean of guild*: John Donaldsoun. *Deacon convener*: Robert Robert-  
sone. *Treasurer*: Duncan Patersone.  
*Council*:<sup>2</sup>
- 1597-8.—*Provost*: John Murray of Tuchadame.  
*Bailies*: Walter Neische of Dubbettis, Archibald Alexshunder,  
James Schorte, Jhon Miller. (Miller being "seiklie" Duncan  
Patersone to supply his place "the time of his infirmitie").

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<sup>1</sup> See names printed in *Charters and Documents*, p. 217.

<sup>2</sup> See names printed in *Charters and Documents*, p. 222.

1597-8.—*Council*: Merchants—Walter Cowane, *dean of guild*; Robert Alexschunder, Andro Cowane, Jhone Donaldsone, Jhone Scherare, George Norvell, Williame Aysoun, Normand Blakwood. Craftsmen—Robert Robertsoun, *alias* Tennant, *convener*; Duncane Patersone, maltman; Andro Fergusoun, cordiner; Jhone Hendersone, baxter; Alexander Hutoun, skinner; Moreis Ewyn, webster; James Allane, flescher; Andro Thomsone, tailor.

*Clerk*: John Muschet.

1598-9.—*Provost*: John Murray of Tuchadame.

*Bailies*: Walter Neishe of Dubbettis, Archibald Alschunder, James Shoirt, Johne Millar.

*Council*: Merchants—Walter Cowane, *dean of guild*; Robert Alexshunder, Andro Cowane, Duncane Patersone, Johne Sherar, James Gardner, George Norwell, Williame Aissoun. Craftsmen—Robert Robeson, *alias* Tennant, *convener*; Andro Andirsoun, baxter; James Stevinsoun, maltman; Alexander Robesoun, flesher; John Cuthbert, skinner; Robert Houston, cordiner; James M'Lellane, tailor; Moreis Ewing, webster.

For the *omne gadderum*: Johne Marshall, litster; Archibald Smithe, notar.

*Clerk*: Andro Buchanan.

1599-1600.—*Provost*: "The richt honorabill Johne Murray of Touchadame."

*Bailies*: Walter Neishe of Westir Dubheittis, John Patirsone, James Castellaw, William Edmond.

*Council*: Merchants—Archibald Alschunder, *dean of guild*; Walter Cowane, Duncan Paterson, George Noruall, John Donaldson, Williame Aisson, Archibald Allan, younger, Johne Gawie. Craftsmen—Johnn Hendirsone, *convener*; Alexander Robieson, flescher; Alexander Browne, webster; James M'Lellan, tailor; Thomas Downy, smith; Henry Gourlay, skinner; Robert Houston, cordiner.

*Ald baillies*: James Schort, Johnn Millar.

*Omne gaddrum*: Johnn Merschell, litstar; Robert Forrestar of Boquhan, Thomas Mitschell.

*Clerk*: Andro Buchanan, who appointed Johne Adamson his depute.

*Treasurer*: George Norvall.

1600-1.—*Provost*: John Murray of Touchadame.

*Bailies*: Walter Neische, Archibald Alschunder, Johnn Donaldson, William Edmond.

*Council*: Merchants—James Schort, *dean of guild*; Johnn Sinclair, Archibald Allan, yongar; William Broig, George Noruall, Arthoure Houstoun, Thomas Yong, Eduard Hall. Craftsmen—Johnn Hendirson, *deacon convener*; Thomas Reid, Thomas Downie, Andro Fergusson, Alexander Benny, David Airthe, James M'Lellane, James Stevinsoun, visitour for the maltmen.

*Clerk*: John Williamson. *Clerk depute*: John Adamson.

*Treasurer*: George Norwall.

1601-2.—*Provost*: "The rycht honorabill Johnne Murray of Touchadame."

*Bailies*: Cuthbert Cunynghame, Archibald Alschunder, James Castellaw, William Edmond.

*Council*: Merchants—James Schort, *dean of guild*; Mr. Robert Murray, Johnne Sinclare, Walter Cowane, William Broge, Archibald Allane, notare, Johnne Gawie, Thomas Young. Craftsmen—Johnne Henryson, deacon of the baxters; Thomas Downy, deacon of the hammermen; Thomas Coupere, deacon of the tailors; Alexander Robertsoun, deacon of the fleshers; Johnne Cuthbert, deacon of the skimmers; Johnne Hall, deacon of the cordiners; Alexander Benny, deacon of the websters; Archibald Smith, visitour of the maltmen.

*Clerk*: Johnne Williamson.

*Treasurer*: Walter Cowane.

*Master of Works*: James Shorte.

1602-3.—*Provost*: John Murray of Touchadame.

*Bailies*: Cuthbert Cuninghame, Archibald Alschunder, James Castellaw, Williame Edmond.

*Council*: Merchants—James Schorte, *dean of guild*; Walter Nesche of Wester Dubheidis; Mr. Robert Murray, commissar of Stirling; George Norwell, merchand; John Donaldsoun, merchand; Williame Broge, chirurgian; Archibald Allane, younger; Eduard Hall, merchand. Craftsmen—Robert Robertson *alias* Tennent, peuderar, *convener*; Christopher Carnes, baxter; Thomas Couper, tailor; Alexander Benny, webster; Johnne

1602-3. Halle, cordiner; James Gib, skinner, Thomas Reid, flesher; Archibald Smyth, visitor of maltmen.

*Treasurer*: Walter Cowane.

1603-4.—*Provost*: Adame, commendatere of the abbacie of Cambuskenneth.

*Bailies*: Cuthbert Cunynghame, James Schorte, James Castellaw, Williame Edmond.

*Council*: Merchants—Duncan Paterson, *dean of guild*; Johnne Donaldson, Walter Cowane, George Norwell, Mr. Robert Murray, Walter Neshe, Archibald Allane, writer; Johnne Gay; [this name deleted, and “depairtit” written opposite], Robert Seytoun [added in same writing]. Craftsmen—Robert Robert-soun *alias* Tennent, convener and deacon of the hammermen; Christopher Carnes, baxter; Thomas Reid, flesher; Thomas Scott, tailor; Andro Fergusson, cordiner; Johnne Cuthbert, skinner; Alexander Benny, wobster; Archibald Smith, visitour of the maltmen.

*Clerk*: Johnne Williamson.

*Treasurer*: Archibald Allane.

1604-5.—*Provost*: Johnne Murray of Touchadame.

*Bailies*: Cuthbert Cunynghame, James Schort, James Castellaw, Williame Edmond.

*Council*: Merchants—Duncane Paterson, *dean of guild*; Archibald Alexander, Walter Cowane, Robert Seytoun, Mr. Robert Murray, Walter Neshe, George Norwell, Archibald Allane, elder. Craftsmen—John Cuthbert, *convener*; Robert Robertson *alias* Tennant, smythe; Christopher Carnes, baxter; Johnne Layng, under the porte, maltman; Thomas Reid, flesher; Andro Fergusson, cordiner; Andro Thomeson, tailor; Walter Blaikburne, webster.

*Omnigadrum*: Johnne Cunynghame, Andro Kilbowie.

*Old Bailies*: Andro Cowane, Johnne Donaldsoun.<sup>1</sup>

1605-6.—*Provost*: Johnne Murray of Touchadame.

*Bailies*: Cuthbert Cunynghame, James Castellaw, Walter Neische, Williame Edmond.

*Council*: Merchants—Duncane Patersone, *dean of guild*; Robert Seytoun, Archibald Alsunder, Mr. Robert Murray, Walter

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<sup>1</sup> See Act of Council, 17 December 1604, p. 112.

- 1605-6. Cowane, George Norwell, Johne Russell, Arthour Houstoun. Craftsmen—Johne Cuthbert, *convener*; Johne Layng, visitor of the maltmen; Alexander Broun, webster; Alexander Robesone, flesher; Robert Bruce, hammerman; Andro Andersone, baxter; Robert Houstoun, cordiner; Thomas Coupare, tailor.  
*Old bailies*: James Schoirte, Johne Donaldsoun.  
*Omnigadrum*: Johne Cunynghame, Andro Kilbowy.
- 1606-7.—*Provost*: John Murray of Touchadam.  
*Bailies*: James Schort, John Scherar, Johne Cunyngham, Archibald Smyth.  
*Council*: Merchants—Duncan Patersoun, *dean of guild*; Walter Cowane, merchant; Mr. Robert Murray, George Norwell, merchant; Christopher Alexander, Archibald Allane, elder, Alexander Allane, merchant, Edward Hutton. Craftsmen—John Henryson, baxter, *convener*; Thomas Coupare, tailor; Thomas Downie, smith; Walter Blaikburne, webster; Alexander Huttoun, skinner; William Burne, cordiner; Johne Layng, maltman; Alexander Robertson, flesher.  
*Clerk depute*: Johne Adam.
- 1607-8.—*Provost*: Johnne Murray of Touchadame.  
*Bailies*: Johnne Sherare, Archibald Smyth, Johnne Cunynghame, Christopher Alexander.  
*Council*: Merchants—Duncane Paterson, *dean of guild*; Robert Seytoun, Mr. Robert Murray, Walter Cowane, George Norwall, James Short, Alexander Bachope, James Robertsonsone. Craftsmen—John Henrysoun, *convener*; Alexander Robertsoun, flesher; Thomas Downie, smith; Williame Burne, cordiner; Williame Buntene, tailor; Alexander Udene, skinner; Alexander Benny, webster; Alexander Thomsoun, maltman.  
*Clerk*: Johne Williamsoun.
- 1608-9.—*Provost*: John Murray of Touchadam.  
*Bailies*: Christopher Alexander, John Scherare, Archibald Smythe, John Cunynghame.  
*Dean of guild*: James Short.  
*Council*: Merchants—Duncane Patersoun, George Norwell, Alexander Bachope, James Robertsoun, Walter Cowane, Robert Erskine, Archibald Allane, younger. Crafts—James M'Clellane, tailor, *convener*;

- 1608-9. Alexander Robertsoun, flesher; Johne Andersone, baxter; William Burne, cordiner; John Bruce, hammerman; Alexander Benny, webster; George Drummond, skinner; George Fogo, maltman.  
*Clerk*: John Williamsone.
- 1609-10.—*Provost*: James Shorte, merchant.  
*Bailies*: Johnne Sherer, Johnne Cunynghame, Walter Cowane, Johnne Henrison.  
*Council*: Merchants—Duncane Patersoun, *dean of guild*; Archibald Allane, younger; George Norwall, James Robertsoun, Archibald Allane, elder; Alexander Allane, Johnne Johnestoun, Andro Sandis. Craftsmen — James M'Clellane, tailor, *convener*; Christopher Cairnes, baxter; Johne Bruce, saddler; George Drummond, skinner; Andro Fergusson, cordiner; Johnne Hog, flesher; Walter Blakburne, webster; George Fogo, maltman.  
*Treasurer*: James Robertsoun, merchant.  
*Clerk*: Johne Williamsone. *Clerk depute*: Alexander Barclay.
- 1610-1.<sup>1</sup>—*Provost*: James Shorte.  
*Bailies*: Walter Cowane, Johne Sherare, Christopher Alexander, Archibald Allane, younger.  
*Dean of Guild*: Duncan Patersone.  
*Treasurer*: George Crawford.  
*Clerk*: Johne Williamsoun.
- 1611-2.—*Provost*: James Short.  
*Bailies*: Walter Cowane, Johne Sherer, Johnne Cunynghame, Johnne Cowane.  
*Dean of Guild*: Duncan Paterson.  
*Treasurer*: Archibald Allane, younger.
- 1612-3.—*Provost*: Duncan Patersone.  
*Bailies*: Christopher Alexander, Johne Cunynghame, Archibald Allane, younger, George Norwell.  
*Dean of Guild*: Johnne Sherer.  
*Treasurer and Master of Work*: Alexander Allane.  
*Clerk*: John Williamson.
- 1613-4.—*Provost*: Duncane Patersoun.  
*Bailies*: Christopher Alexander, Archibald Allane, Johnne Cunynghame, Alexander Allan.

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<sup>1</sup> Subsequent to 1610 names of the "council" are omitted in this list.

- 1613-4.—*Dean of Guild*: John Sherer.  
*Treasurer*: Thomas Bachope.  
*Clerk*: Johnne Williamsone.
- 1614-5.—*Provost*: Duncane Patersone.  
*Bailies*: Christopher Alexander, Archibald Allane, Johnne Cunyng-  
hame, Alexander Allane.  
*Dean of Guild*: Johnne Sherare.  
*Treasurer*: Thomas Bachop.  
*Clerk*: Johnne Williamsone.
- 1615-6.—*Provost*: James Short.  
*Bailies*: Johnne Sherer, Archibald Allane, Walter Cowane, James  
Robertsoun.  
*Dean of Guild*: Christopher Alexander.  
*Treasurer*: William Fothringhame.  
*Clerk*: Johnne Williamsone. *Clerk depute*: Johnne Robein.
- 1616-7.—*Provost*: James Short.  
*Bailies*: Johnne Sherer, Christopher Alexander, James Forester,  
Alexander Allan.  
*Dean of Guild*: Walter Cowane.  
*Treasurer and Master of Works*: Williame Fothringhame.  
*Clerk*: Johnne Williamson. *Clerk depute*: Johnne Robene.
- 1617-8.—*Provost*: James Short.  
*Bailies*: John Sherer, James Forester, Johnne Johnnestoun, Duncan  
Watsoun.  
*Dean of Guild*: Walter Cowane.  
*Treasurer and Master of Work*: Andro Sandis.  
*Clerk*: Johnne Williamsone. *Depute*: John Robene.
- 1618-9.—*Provost*: James Short.  
*Bailies*: Johnne Sherer, James Forester, Johnne Johnnestoun,  
Duncan Watsoun.  
*Dean of Guild*: Walter Cowane.  
*Treasurer*: Andro Sandis.  
*Clerk*: Johnne Williamson.
- 1619-20.—*Provost*: James Schorte.  
*Baillies*: Johnne Sherer, Christopher Alexander, Johnne Johnne-  
stoun, Duncane Watsoun.  
*Dean of Guild*: Walter Cowane.



- 1619-20.—*Treasurer* : William Muirheid.  
*Clerk* : John Williamson.
- 1620-1.—*Provost* : Duncane Paterson.  
*Bailies* : Christopher Alexander, David Stevinsoun, James Robertsoun, Alexander Allane.  
*Dean of Guild* : Johnne Sherer.  
*Treasurer* : Williame Mureheid.  
*Clerk* : Johnne Williamsone. *Depute* : Johnne Robeine.
- 1621-2.—*Provost* : Johnne Scherer.  
*Bailies* : Johnne Johnnestoun, Andro Sandis, David Stevinsone, James Forester.  
*Dean of Guild* : Christopher Alexander.  
*Treasurer* : Thomas Bachope.
- 1622-3.—*Provost* : Johnne Scherare.  
*Bailies* : Johnne Johnnestoun, David Stevinsoun, Andro Sandis, James Robertsoun.  
*Dean of Guild* : Christopher Alexander.  
*Treasurer and Master of Work* : Robert Broun.  
*Clerk* : Johnne Williamsone. *Depute* : David Williamsone.
- 1623-4.—*Provost* : Johnne Sherar.  
*Bailies* : Johnne Johnnestoun, James Robertsoun, David Stevinsoun, Andro Sandis.  
*Dean of Guild* : Alexander Allane.  
*Treasurer* : Robert Broun.  
*Clerk* : Johnne Williamsone. *Depute* : Johnne Williamsone (his son).
- 1624-5.—*Provost* : John Sherar.  
*Bailies* : James Robesoun, Johnne Johnnestoun, David Stevinsoun, Andro Sandis.  
*Dean of Guild and Master of Work* : Johnne Cowane.  
*Treasurer* : Andro Young.
- 1625-6.—*Provost* : Johnne Sherer.  
*Bailies* : James Robertsoun, Johnne Johnnestoun, David Stevinsoun, Andro Sandis.  
*Dean of Guild* : Johnne Cowane.  
*Treasurer* : Andro Young.  
*Clerk* : Johnne Williamson.

1626-7.—*Provost*: James Short.

*Bailies*: James Robiesoun, Thomas Bruce, John Squyer, Andro Sandis.

*Dean of Guild*: Johnne Cowane.

*Treasurer and Master of Work*: Johnne M'Nair.

*Clerk*: Johnne Williamsoun. *Depute*: David Williamson.

1627-8.—*Provost*: Thomas Bruce.

*Bailies*: James Robesoun, Johnne Johnnesoun, David Stevinsoun,  
Johnne Squyre.

*Dean of Guild*: Johnne Cowane.

*Treasurer and Master of Work*: John M'Nair.

*Clerk*: Johnne Robein.

*Procurator-Fiscal*: John Adamson, notary.

1628-9.—*Provost*: Thomas Bruce.

*Bailies*: Johnne Johnnstoun, David Stevinsoun, Johnne Squyar,  
William Muirhead.

*Dean of Guild*: Johnne Cowane.

*Treasurer and Master of Work*: James Fotheringhame.

*Clerk*: Johnne Robein.

1629-30.—*Provost*: Thomas Bruce.

*Bailies*: Johnne Johnnstoun, David Stevinsoun, Johnne Squyar,  
William Muirhead.

*Dean of Guild*: Johnne Cowane.

*Treasurer and Master of Work*: James Fotheringhame.

*Clerk*: Johnne Robene.

1630-1.—*Provost*: Johnne Scherar.

*Bailies*: James Robesoun, Walter Cowan, James Fotheringhame,  
Andro Young.

*Dean of Guild*: David Stevinsoun.

*Treasurer and Master of Work*: Patrick Sword.

*Clerk*: Johnne Robene.

1631-2.—*Provost*: Johnne Scherar.

*Bailies*: David Stevinsoun, Johnne Johnstoun, James Fothering-  
hame, Andro Young.

*Dean of Guild*: Johnne Cowane.

*Treasurer and Master of Work*: Patrick Sword.

*Clerk*: John Robene.

*Procurator-Fiscal*: Johnne Adamson.

- 1632-3.—*Provost* : Thomas Bruce.  
*Bailies* : David Stevinsone, Walter Cowane, James Fotheringhame,  
Johnne Squyar.  
*Dean of Guild* : Johnne Cowane.  
*Treasurer and Master of Work* : Thomas Andirsone.  
*Clerk* : Johnne Robene.  
*Procurator-Fiscal* : John Adamson.
- 1633-4.—*Provost* : Thomas Bruce.  
*Bailies* : David Stevinsone, Walter Cowane, Johnne Squyer, James  
Fotheringhame.  
*Dean of Guild* : Johnne Cowane.  
*Treasurer and Master of Work* : Thomas Andersonsone.  
*Clerk* : Johnne Williamsone.  
*Procurator-Fiscal* : John Adamson.
- 1634-5.—*Provost* : Thomas Bruce.  
*Bailies* : Walter Cowane, Andro Sandis, Johnne Johnnestoun, James  
Fotheringhame.  
*Dean of Guild* : David Stevinson.  
*Treasurer* : James Robertsoun, younger.  
*Clerk* : Johnne Williamson.  
*Procurator-Fiscal* : John Adamson.
- 1635-6.—*Provost* : Thomas Bruce.  
*Bailies* : Walter Cowane, Johnne Johnstoun, James Fotheringhame,  
Johnne Squyer.  
*Dean of Guild* : David Stevinson.  
*Treasurer and Master of Work* : James Robertson.  
*Clerk* : John Williamson.  
*Procurator-Fiscal* : John Adamson.
- 1636-7.—*Provost* : Thomas Bruce of Weltoun.  
*Bailies* : Johnne Johnnestoun, Johnne Squyar, James Fotheringhame,  
James Robertsoun, younger.  
*Dean of Guild* : David Stevinsoun.  
*Treasurer* : Johnne Russall.  
*Clerk* : Johnne Williamson.  
*Procurator-Fiscal* : John Adamson.
- 1637-8.—*Provost* : Thomas Bruce of Weltoun.  
*Bailies* : Johnne Johnnstoun, Johnne Squyar, James Fotheringhame,  
James Robesoun.

- 1637-8.—*Dean of Guild*: David Stevinsoun.  
*Treasurer*: Johnne Russell.  
*Procurator-Fiscal*: John Adamson.
- 1638-9.—*Provost*: Thomas Bruce of Weltoun.  
*Bailies*: Johnne Johnnstoun, Johnne Squyare, Walter Cowane, James Robertsoun.  
*Dean of Guild*: James Fothringhame.  
*Treasurer and Master of Work*: Williame Broun.  
*Procurator-Fiscal*: John Adamson.
- 1639-40.—*Provost*: Thomas Bruce of Weltoun.  
*Bailies*: Johnne Johnnstoun, Walter Cowane, Johnne Squyare, James Robertsoun.  
*Dean of Guild*: James Fotheringhame.  
*Treasurer and Master of Work*: Williame Browne.  
*Procurator-Fiscal*: John Adamson.
- 1640-1.—*Provost*: Thomas Bruce of Weltoun.  
*Bailies*: Johnne Johnnstoun, Walter Cowane, Johnne Squyare, James Robertsoun.  
*Dean of Guild*: James Fothringhame.  
*Treasurer*: Johnne Stevinsoun.  
*Procurator-Fiscal*: John Adamson.
- 1641-2.—*Provost*: Thomas Bruce of Weltoun.  
*Bailies*: Walter Cowane, Johnne Squyer, James Robertsoun, younger Johnne Russell.  
*Dean of Guild*: James Fothringhame.  
*Treasurer*: Johnne Stevinsoun.  
*Procurator-Fiscal*: John Adamson.
- 1642-3.—*Provost*: Thomas Bruce of Weltoun.  
*Bailies*: Walter Cowane, James Robertsoun, Johnne Russell, William Broun.  
*Dean of Guild*: James Fothringham.  
*Treasurer and Master of Work*: Colene Lapslie.  
*Procurator-Fiscal*: John Gawie.
- 1643-4.—*Provost*: Thomas Bruce of Waltoun.  
*Bailies*: Walter Cowane, James Robertsone, Johnne Russell, Williame Broun.  
*Dean of Guild*: James Fothringhame.

- 1643-4.—*Treasurer* : Coline Lapalie.  
*Clerk* : David Forrester.  
*Procurator-Fiscal* : John Gawie.
- 1644-5.—*Provost* : Capitane Johnne Short.  
*Bailies* : Johnne Johnnsoun, Williame Broun, Johnne Stevinsone,  
Johnne Liddell.  
*Dean of Guild* : James Fothringhame.  
*Treasurer and Master of Work* : Thomas Bachope.  
*Clerk* : David Williamsoun.
- 1645-6.—*Provost* : Johnne Schort.  
*Bailies* : Walter Cowane, Johnne Russell, Duncane Nairne, Robert  
Young.  
*Dean of Guild* : James Fothringhame.  
*Treasurer* : Thomas Bachop.  
*Clerk* : Johnne Robene.  
*Procurator-Fiscal* : James Keir.
- 1646-7.—*Provost* : Johnne Schort.  
*Bailies* : Johnne Cowan, Thomas Bachop, Duncan Nairne, Robert  
Young.  
*Dean of Guild* : James Fothringhame.  
*Treasurer* : Andro Baird.  
*Clerk* : Johnne Robene.  
*Procurator-Fiscal* : James Keir.
- 1647-8.—*Provost* : Johnne Schort.  
*Bailies* : Duncan Nairne, Robert Young, Thomas Bachop, Christopher  
Russall.  
*Dean of Guild* : John Cowan.  
*Treasurer* : Andro Baird.  
*Clerk* : Johnne Robene.  
*Procurator-Fiscal* : James Keir.
- 1648-9.—*Provost* : Thomas Bruce.  
*Bailies* : Duncane Nairne, Thomas Bachop, Christopher Russall,  
Robert Stevinsoun.  
*Dean of Guild* : Johnne Cowan.  
*Treasurer* : Johnne Robertsone.  
*Clerk* : Johnne Robene.  
*Procurator-Fiscal* : James Keir.

1649-50.—*Provost*: Johnne Schort.

*Bailies*: Duncane Nairne, Thomas Bachop, Robert Stevinsoun, Andro Baird.

*Dean of Guild*: Robert Young.

*Treasurer*: Johnne Robertsoun.

*Clerk*: Johnne Robene.

*Procurator-Fiscal*: James Keir.

1650-1.—*Provost*: Johnne Schort.

*Bailies*: Robert Young, Thomas Bachop, Robert Stevinsoun, Johnne Crawford.

*Dean of Guild*: Duncane Nairne.

*Treasurer*: Alexander Fergusoun.

*Clerk*: Johnne Robene.

1651-2 (30 September).—*Provost*: Johne Schort.

*Bailies*: Robert Stevinsone, Androw Baird, Johne Robertstone, Alexander Burne.

*Dean of Guild*: Duncane Nairne.

*Treasurer*: Alexander Fergusone.

(20 April).—*Provost*: Johne Schort.

*Bailies*: Christopher Russall, Androw Baird, Johne Robertstone, Alexander Burne.

*Dean of Guild*: Thomas Bachop.

*Treasurer*: Alexander Fergusone.

"All which persones . . . were sworne be Lieutennant Colonell Pick, conforme to the tennour of his commissioun."<sup>1</sup>

1652-3.—*Provost*: Johne Schort.

*Bailies*: Christopher Russell, Allexander Burne, James Stevinsone, Allexander Fergusone.

*Dean of Guild*: Thomas Bachop.

*Treasurer*: Johne M'Nair.

*Clerk*: Williame Barclay.

1653-4.—*Provost*: David Forrester of Denovan.

*Bailies*: Christopher Russall, Androw Baird, Johne Robertstone, Allexander Burne.

*Dean of Guild*: Duncane Nairne.

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<sup>1</sup> See also act of council 21 April 1652, p. 202.

- 1653-4.—*Treasurer* : Johne M'Nair.  
*Clerk* : Williame Barclay.
- 1654-5.—No election.
- 1655-6.—*Provost* : Robert Stevinsone.  
*Bailies* : Alexander Burne, Johne Buchannan, Robert Burne, Johne M'Nair.  
*Dean of Guild* : Robert Young.  
*Treasurer* : Androw Buchannan.  
*Clerk* : Williame Barclay.
- 1656-7.—*Provost* : Robert Stevinsone.  
*Bailies* : Allexander Burne, Johne Buchannan, Robert Burne, Johne M'Nair.  
*Dean of Guild* : Robert Young.  
*Treasurer* : George Hendersone.  
*Clerk* : Williame Barclay.
- 1657-8.—*Provost* : Robert Stevinsone.  
*Bailies* : Robert Burne, Johne M'Nair, James Stevinsone, Androw Buchannan.  
*Dean of Guild* : Duncan Nairne.  
*Treasurer* : George Henderson.  
*Clerk* : Williame Barclay.
- 1658-9.—*Provost* : Duncane Nairne.  
*Bailies* : John Buchanan, James Stevinsone, Androw Buchanan, Robert Russell.  
*Dean of Guild* : Robert Burne.  
*Treasurer* : Thomas Andersone.  
*Clerk* : James Norie.
- 1659-60.—*Provost* : Duncan Nairne.  
*Bailies* : John Buchannane, James Stevinsone, Andrew Buchannan, Robert Russell.  
*Dean of Guild* : Robert Burne.  
*Treasurer* : Thomas Andersone.  
*Clerk* : James Norie.
- 1660-1.—*Provost* : Duncan Nairne.  
*Bailies* : Robert Burne, John M'Nair, Robert Russall, Thomas Andersone.  
*Dean of Guild* : James Stevinsone.

- 1660-1.—*Treasurer* : James Russell.  
*Clerk* : James Norie.
- 1661-2.—*Provost* : Robert Stevinsone.  
*Bailies* : Robert Burne, John M'Nair, Robert Russell, Thomas Anderson.  
*Dean of Guild* : James Stevinsone.  
*Treasurer* : James Russell.  
*Clerk* : James Norie.
- 1662-3.—*Provost* : Robert Stevinsone.  
*Bailies* : Robert Burne, John Macknair, Robert Russell, Thomas Anderson.  
*Dean of Guild* : James Stevinsone.  
*Treasurer* : Alexander Allane.  
*Clerk* : James Norie.
- 1663-4.—*Provost* : Robert Stevinsone.  
*Bailies* : Robert Burne, John Macknair, Robert Russell.  
*Dean of Guild* : James Stevinsone.  
*Treasurer* : Alexander Allane.  
*Clerk* : James Norie.
- 1664-5.—*Provost* : Duncan Nairne.  
*Bailies* : Robert Russell, James Russell, Robert Johnstone, John Duncane.  
*Dean of Guild* : James Stevinsone.  
*Treasurer* : Duncan Watson, eldar.  
*Clerk* : James Norie.
- 1665-6.—*Provost* : Duncane Nairn.  
*Bailies* : Robert Russell, Robert Johnstone, John Duncane.  
*Dean of Guild* : James Stevinsone.  
*Treasurer* : Duncan Watstone.  
*Clerk* : James Norie.
- 1666-7.—*Provost* : Robert Stevinsone.  
*Bailies* : John Macknair, James Stevinson, Thomas Anderson, James Keir.  
*Dean of Guild* : James Russell.  
*Treasurer* : James Brown.  
*Clerk* : James Norie.



III.—RENTALL OF THE COMMOUN LANDIS PERTEANING TO THE BURGHE OF STERLING,  
SETT DOUNE IN MAY 1652.

*Auld Mure.*

The aires of umquhile Mr. Johne Cowane for ten aikeris of land quhilk perteanit of before to umquhile Walter Cowane, his father, and of auld to Johne Schaw of Broitche, - - - -	£5	0	0
Mair, the saidis aires of John Cowane for twa aikeris and ane half of land quhilk perteanit of before to Johne Adamesone, notare, -	1	5	0
Johne Schort for aucht aikeris of land quhilk perteanit of auld to Robert Forrester, - - - - -	4	0	0
Mair, the said Johne Schort for tua aikeris and ane half of land quhilk perteanit of auld to Hendrie Milne, - - -	1	5	10
Mair, the said Johne Schort for tua aikeris of land quhilk perteanit of auld to John Cowane, - - - - -	1	0	0
Francis Durehame of Duntarvie for thrie aikeris of land quhilk perteanit of auld to Alexander Kinked, - - - -	1	10	0
Mair, the said Francis Durhame for fyftene aikeris of land callit the Braikinhouse, - - - - -	4	16	6
Thomas Nairne for tua aikeris and ane half of land, - - - -	1	5	0
Duncan Nairne for ane aiker of land, - - - - -	0	10	0
James Robertstone, cordinar, for foure aiker of land quhilk perteanit of before to James Robertstone, fleshour, - - - -	2	0	0
The aires of James Millar for tua aikeris of land quhilk perteanit of before to William Grahame of Panhollis, - - - -	1	1	0
The aires of Duncane Patersone for seavin aikeris of land, - - -	3	10	0
The aires of Walter Neische for tua aikeris of land, - - - -	1	0	0
James Lawrie for thrie aikeris of land, - - - - -	1	10	0
Summa totalis yeirlie, - - -	£29	13	4

*New Mure.*

The aires of Walter Neische for thrie aikeris of land, - - -	£1	1	0
John Schort for aucht aikeris of land, - - - -	2	16	0
The aires of James Millar for aucht aikeris of land quhilk perteanit of before to Robert Grahame of Panholles, - - - -	2	19	0
James Lawrie for seavin aikeris of land quhilk perteanit sumtyme to Androw Lawrie, merchand, - - - - -	2	9	0

Duncan Muresone for ane aiker of land	-	-	-	-	£0	7	0	
James Buchannan, father brother sone and aire to Robert Buchannan, litstar, for thrie aikeris of land quhilk perteanit of before to Thomas Bennie,	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	0
The landis of Unelandis quhilk perteanit sumtyme to William Alex- ander and now to Allexander Schaw,	-	-	-	-	3	0	0	
Summa totalis yeirlie,	-	-	-	-	£14	2	0	

*The Park Aikeris.*

The aires of Johne Allane wha was sone aire of Archibald Allane, merchand, for foure aikeris of land,	-	-	-	-	£2	0	0
The aires of Johne Stewart, merchand, for thrie aikeris and ane half of land with ane perte wast land quhilk perteanit of before to the laird of Auchinbowie,	-	-	-	-	4	0	0
The over hospitall of Sterling, callit Cowanes hospitall, for tua aikeris of land, callit Justinflattes, perteaning of before to the laird of Auchinbowie,	-	-	-	-	1	0	0
The aires of James Watsons, maltman, for thrie aikeris and ane half of land,	-	-	-	-	2	0	0
The Nether Hospitall of Sterling for seavin aikeris of land,	-	-	-	-	3	10	0
The aires of Johne Cowane for tua aikeris of land,	-	-	-	-	2	0	0
The aires of Patrik Justice for tua aikeris of land callit Justinflattes,	-	-	-	-	2	0	0
Summa totalis yeirlie,	-	-	-	-	£16	10	0

David Forrester of Denovane for the landis of Borrowmedow, -	-	£10	0	0
The laird of Urquhill for the landis of Spittall, -	-	13	6	8
The aires of Patrik Justice for the landis of Spittall myre, -	-	2	0	0
The over Hospitall, callit Cowanes hospitall, for the Ladye land and Ladye rig, -	-	2	0	0
The said over Hospital for the croftis and uther landis disponit be umquhile Mr. David Forrester, -	-	10	5	0
The aires of William Lamb for the Rude Croft quhilk perteanit of auld to James Wallace, notare, -	-	8	4	4
Summa totalis yeirlie, -	-	£45	16	0

The annuelles of the rude altar, - - - - -	£5	3	4
The hous and yaird perteaning to Robert Matisone, travellour,-	3	8	4
The hous nixt to the churche now perteaning to the Erle of Mar and of auld to Walter Geagie, - - - - -	4	0	0
The hous of umquhile Allexander Stevinsone at the head of the Freer Wynd, - - - - -	2	0	0
Foure voltis under the tolbuthe, - - - - -	32	0	0
Ane uther volt under the tolbuthe presentlie possest be David Nicoll,	12	6	8
The voltis of the New Port, - - - - -	4	0	0
The hous at the entrie of Bellis Close on the nether syde thair of now perteaning to David Fergusone, fleshour in Touche, - -	0	6	8
The hous in Bellis Close new perteaning to the aires of Johne Murray,	5	0	0
The houssis in Bellis Close perteaning to Robert Young, merchand, -	2	10	0
The foir hous perteaning to Christopher Russall, baxter, - -	1	13	4
The hous at the entrie of Bellis Close, on the upper syde thair of, per- teanng to Robert Young and of before to Allexander Huttoune, skinner, - - - - -	0	16	8
The hous callit Lawries turnepyk, now perteaning to Johne Hendrie, tailyeour, and of before to Androw Lawrie, merchand, -	0	9	0
Summa totalis yeirlie, - - -	£73	14	0

*St. Lawrance Altar.*

The aires of Patrik Justice for St. Lawrance croft, - - -	£4	2	0
The aires of Duncane Patersone for the nedmest buithe under the laird of Keires ludgeing, - - - - -	3	0	0
John Schort for the buithe sumtyme perteaning to Johne Cowane, lyand on the north syde of the entrie of Keire's ludgeing, -	2	0	0
The said John Schort for ane uther buithe under the said ludgeing, -	1	16	0
The baxteris for the clos and houssis whair the baikhous standis, -	0	5	0
The aires of Williame Esplene for the house nixt adjacent to Lawries turnepyk, - - - - -	0	5	0
The aires of James Hendersone, baxter, [for property] lying at the foot of the bakraw, - - - - -	0	5	0
Johne Schort for tua pieces of waistis in the Eister Craiges, - -	0	3	0
James Easson for his hous and yaird in the Quhinnes, - - -	0	10	0

The laird of Polmais for ane aiker of land perteaning of before to Christopher Cairnes, - - - - -	£0 10 0
St. Marnokes Chappell and yaird at the brig, - - - - -	2 0 0
The aires of Androw Jalfray for the hous and yaird at the foote of the Freer Wynd, - - - - -	2 0 0
For ane aiker of land in Guscroft, pertenyng to Androw Steinson, maltman, - - - - -	0 10 0
Summa totalis yeirlie, - - - - -	<u>£17 6 0</u>

ROLL OF THE GRUND ANNUELLES OF AULD DEW TO ST. JAMES' AND ST. THOMAS' ALTARES WITHIN THE KIRK OF STERLING AND NOW PERTEANING TO THE SAID BURGHE, YEIRLIE TO BE UPLIFTED.

Furthe of these landis at the brig of Sterling sumtyme perteaning to Williame Monteathe of Randiford, thairefter to Mr. Johne Rollo, commissar of Dumblane, - - - - -	£2 18 0
Furthe of that tenement of land lyand at the head of the Marie Wynd of the said burghe sumtyme perteaning to Duncane Forrester of Queinshauch, - - - - -	0 5 6
Furthe of that tenement of land, bak and foir, with the yaird and pertinentis, lyand at Craiges Clos, sumtyme perteaning to the aires of Johne Russall and William Stevinsone, thairefter to Johne Williamsone, shereff and toun clerk of Sterling, and now to John Williamsone his oye, ane obeit or grund annuell of, -	1 14 0
Furthe of that bak tenement of land sumetyme perteaning to Androw Fergusone, - - - - -	0 10 0
Furthe of that land doune from the Dall wall, sumtyme perteaning to the laird of Kippenros, - - - - -	0 6 8
Furthe of that tenement of land sumtyme pertaining to Allexander Broune, - - - - -	0 6 0
Furthe of that tenement of land sumtyme perteaning to David Grahame, - - - - -	0 10 0
Furthe of that tenement of land sumtyme perteaning to Duncane Mairschell, - - - - -	0 9 0
Furthe of that tenement of land sumtyme perteaning to Michell Donaldsone, - - - - -	0 5 0

Furthe of that croft of land on the southe syde of the borrow mylne perteaning to umquhile Elizabethe Allexander, - - -	£0	1	6
Furthe of that uther croft of land lyand on the northe syde of the said borrow milne, - - - - -	0	10	8
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to Androw Forsythe, lorimer,-	0	13	4
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to umquhile Johne Gib <i>alias</i> Whyte Johne - - - - -	0	6	8
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to Duncane Kirkwood, -	0	2	0
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to Robert Gray, - -	0	2	0
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to Robert Ritchardsone, -	0	8	0
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to Patrik M'Dickone, -	0	8	0
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to William Esplene, cultellar,	0	5	0
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to Thomas Lawsons, - -	0	16	0
Furthe of that land doune the Baxter Wynd sumtyme perteaning to James Henryesone, - - - - -	0	14	0
Furthe of that land sumtyme perteaning to Allexander Patersone lyand at Brandiswell, - - - - -	0	10	0
Furthe of that tenement of land sumtyme perteaning to Johne Grahame,	2	6	8
Summa totalis yeirlie, - - -	£14	8	0

IV.—TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF DUES LEVIABLE  
FROM FAIRS AND STAIGS.<sup>1</sup>

PART I.—1520-62.

DATE.	"Staigs and revenues of the fair."	DATE.	"Staigs and revenues of the fair."
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1520, September 3,	10 3 4	1528, September 4,	8 10 0
1521, „ 5,	10 10 0	1529, „ 7,	9 6 8
1522, „ 5,	7 13 4	1554, „ 7,	6 13 4
1523, „ 7,	8 13 4	1555, „ 7,	6 13 4
1524, „ 5,	11 16 8	1556, „ 7,	10 0 0
1525, „ 4,	11 0 0	1561, „ 6,	9 6 8
1526, August 27,	9 0 0	1562. <sup>2</sup>	
1527, September 6,	9 6 8		

<sup>1</sup> Stirling Fair for the sale of "staigs" or horses appears to have been of some repute from very early times. In the public record office, London, there is preserved a document dated 14 August, 1276, narrating that the King's (Edward I. of England) valet William fitz Glayo is sending his servants to the fair of Stirling, to buy horses and other animals for his use.—*Calendar of Documents relating to Scotland*, vol. II., No. 79.

<sup>2</sup> 27 Sept. 1562.—The baillies and counsell hes condiscendit that tua s. be gaderit of every staig, conforme to use and wont thir xxty yeris bigan, to be dellverit to the thesaurare to mak compt to the toun.—*Charters and Documents*, p. 209.

## TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF DUES LEVIABLE FROM FAIRS AND STAIGS.

PART II.—1595-1648.

DATE.	First Fair.	Staigs.	DATE.	Latter Fair.	Staigs.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1595, Sept. 6,	10 0 0	12 0 0	1595, Oct. 21,	9 0 0	...
1596, „ 7,	10 0 0	12 0 0	1596, „ „	8 0 0	...
1598, „ „	10 0 0	12 0 0	1598, „ „	8 0 0	...
1599, „ „	12 3 4	12 6 8	1599, „ 20,	8 0 0	...
1600, „ 5,	11 0 0	12 0 0	1600, „ 21,	8 0 0	...
1601, „ 7,	8 0 0	12 0 0	1601, „ „	6 13 4	...
1602, „ „	8 0 0	12 0 0	1602, „ „	5 6 8	...
1603, „ 9,	7 13 4	11 0 0	1603, „ „	6 0 0	...
1604, „ 7,	5 6 8	...	1604, „ 19,	5 6 8	...
1605, „ „	5 6 8	8 0 0	1605, „ 21,	6 13 4	...
1607, „ „	5 0 0	6 0 0	1607, „ 22,	5 6 8	...
1609, „ 7,	5 6 8	8 0 0	1609, „ 20,	6 13 4	...
1610, „ „	6 13 4	8 0 0	1610, „ „	6 13 4	...
1611, „ 6,	6 13 4	8 0 0	1611, „ 21,	5 13 4	..
1612, „ 7,	6 0 0	8 0 0	1612, „ „	6 0 0	...
1613, „ „	6 13 4	8 13 4	1613, „ „	6 0 0	...
1614, „ „	6 0 0	8 0 0	1614, „ „	6 0 0	..
1615, „ 6,	6 13 4	8 0 0	1615, „ „	6 13 4	...
1616, „ 7,	6 13 4	8 0 0	1616, „ „	6 0 0	...
1617, „ 5,	7 6 8	9 0 0	1617, „ „	6 0 0	...
1618, „ 7,	6 13 4	8 0 0	1618, „ „	6 6 8	...
1619, „ „	6 13 4	9 0 0	1619, „ 20,	6 6 8	...
1620, „ „	8 0 0	10 0 0	1620, „ „	6 13 4	...
1621, „ „	20 0 0	13 6 8	1621, „ 19,	10 13 4	...
1622, „ „	...	13 6 8	1622, „ 21,	11 6 8	...
1623, „ 6,	20 0 0	13 6 8	1623, „ „	11 6 8	...

TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF DUES LEVIABLE FROM  
FAIRS AND STAIGS—*Continued.*

PART II.—1624-1648.

DATE.	First Fair.	Staigs.	DATE.	Latter Fair.	Staiga.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1624, ,, 7,	20 0 0	13 6 8	1624, ,, 21,	10 13 4	...
1625, ,, ,,	22 0 0	15 0 0	1625, ,, ,,	16 0 0	...
1626, ,, 4,	22 0 0	15 0 0	1626, ,, 20,	16 0 0	...
1627, ,, 7,	22 0 0	15 0 0	1627, ,, ,,	16 0 0	...
1628, ,, 5,	24 0 0	16 0 0	1628, ,, 21,	16 13 4	3 0 0
1629, ,, 7,	24 0 0	16 0 0	1629, ,, ,,	16 13 4	3 0 0
1630, ,, ,,	...	16 0 0	1630, ,, ,,	33 0 0	3 6 8
1631, ,, ,,	25 0 0	19 0 0	1631, ,, ,,	25 0 0	3 6 8
1632, ,, ,,	26 0 0	19 0 0	1632, ,, 19,	27 6 8	4 0 0
1633, ,, 6,	35 0 0	20 0 0	1633, ,, 21,	26 6 8	3 0 0
1634, ,, ,,	35 0 0	20 0 0	1634, ,, ,,	29 0 0	4 0 0
1635, ,, 7,	42 <sup>1</sup> 0 0	22 0 0	1635, ,, 12,	36 0 0 <sup>2</sup>	5 0 0
1636, ,, ,,	48 0 0	22 0 0	1636, ,, 21,	36 0 0	4 0 0
1637, ,, ,,	48 0 0	22 0 0	1637, ,, ,,	36 0 0	3 0 0
1638, ,, ,,	52 0 0	24 0 0	1638, ,, 19,	38 0 0	3 6 8
1639, ,, 6,	46 0 0	22 0 0	1639, ,, 21,	36 0 0	3 6 8
1640, ,, 7,	32 0 0	18 0 0	1640, ,, ,,	36 0 0	3 6 8
1641, ,, 6,	48 0 0	24 0 0	1641, ,, ,,	34 0 0	3 6 8
1642, ,, 7,	48 0 0	24 0 0	1642, ,, ,,	39 0 0	4 0 0
1643, ,, ...	40 0 0	24 0 0	1643, ,, 20,	39 6 8	4 0 0
1644, ... ..	...	.	1644, ,, 17,	28 0 0	4 0 0
1645, ... ..	...	...	1645, ... ..	...	...
1646, ... ..	...	...	1646, ,, 21,	14 0 0	2 0 0
1647, ... ..	...	...	1647, ,, ,,	24 0 0	3 6 8
1648, ... ..	...	...	1648, ,, ,,	28 0 0	9 0 0

<sup>1</sup> At Barresyet or port, £21; at bridge, £21.<sup>2</sup> At Barresyet or port, £16; at bridge, £20.



## TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF DUES LEVIABLE FROM FAIRS AND STAIGS

## PART III.—1649-66.

DATE.	New or First Fair.	DATE.	Second Fair.	DATE.	Third Fair.	Staiga.	DATE.	Latter Fair.	Stal
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1649, May 2,	<sup>1</sup> ...	1649, July 19,	<sup>2</sup> ...	1649, Sept. 6,	48 0 0	26 13 4	1649, Sept. 20,	40 0 0	11 0
1650, „ 22,	10 0 0	1650,	...	1650,	...	...	1650, „ 21,	...	...
1651,	...	1651,	...	1651,	...	...	1651, „ „	8 <sup>3</sup> 0 0	2 13
1652,	...	1652,	...	1652,	31 6 8	13 6 8	1652, „ „	36 0 0	6 13
1653, „ 19,	11 10 0	1653, July 14,	13 13 4	1653, Sept. 7,	29 0 0	8 0 0	1653, „ 24,	48 0 0	6 13
1654, „ 3,	7 3 4	1654, „ 19,	12 18 0	1654, „ „	30 0 0	10 0 0	1654, „ 23,	80 0 0	14 0
1655, „ 23,	16 13 4	1655, „ 19,	22 0 0	1655, „ 10,	56 13 4	29 0 0	1655, „ 22,	75 0 0	16 0
1656,	...	...	...	1656, „ „	70 0 0	28 0 0	1656, „ 21,	88 0 0	16 0
1657, „ 16,	10 13 4	1657, July 20,	16 0 0	1657, „ 7,	56 0 0	20 0 0	1657, „ „	78 0 0	12 0
1658,	...	1658, „ 19,	22 0 0	1658, „ „	95 6 8	24 0 0	1658, „ „	87 0 0	17 0
1659, May 11,	13 0 0	1659, „ 19,	29 0 0	1659, „ „	89 0 0	30 13 4	1659, „ 24,	86 0 0	12 0
1660, June 2,	14 12 10	1660, July 30,	27 0 0	1660, „ 10,	92 0 0	30 0 0	1660, Oct. 22,	109 19 8	12 0
1661, May 22,	16 6 8	1661, Aug. 10,	26 0 0	1661, „ 9,	101 0 0	30 0 0	1661, „ 21,	119 0 0	12 0
1662, „ 7,	14 4 2	1662, July 21,	26 13 4	1662, „ 8,	118 13 4	40 0 0	1662, „ „	123 0 0	16 0
1663, „ 27,	15 0 0	1663, „ 20,	22 15 0	1663, „ 7,	104 0 0	26 13 4	1663, „ „	107 0 0	16 0
1664, „ 18,	15 10 0	1664, „ 19,	...	1664, „ „	118 0 0	30 13 4	1664, „ 24,	106 12 6	14 0
1665, „	...	1665, „ 19,	22 0 0	1665, „ „	85 0 0	30 0 0	1665, „ 23,	90 0 0	14 0
1666, „ 23,	20 0 0	1666, „ „	30 6 8	1666, „ 10,	89 0 0	27 6 8	1666, „ 22,	90 0 0	14 0

<sup>1</sup> Not set this year. See 2 May 1649; p. 196.<sup>2</sup> Not set, but £17 18s. 8d. collected. See 19 July, 1649; p. 196.<sup>3</sup> In 1635 and subsequent years the dues at the bridge and at the Barresyet or port are let separately. In this year, 1651, the dues at the latter only were<sup>4</sup> Dues of latter fair not let in 1660, but this sum collected, viz., at bridge, £61 3s. 4d.; and at Barresyet or port, £48 16s. 4d.

V.—TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF CUSTOMS, DUTIES, &c.,  
LEVIABLE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

## PART I.—1519-96.

DATE.	Small customs.	The pecks and firlots.	Galt sweep- ings or dichtings.	Fishings in Water of Forth.	Fish skem- mels or shambles.	Kings mail, grass mail, and stallage.	Haven silver.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1519-20, January 16,	...	...	...	10 0 0	...	...	...
1520, November	32 0 0	...	12 0 0	11 0 0	...	8 13 4	0 16 0
1521, Nov. & Dec.	32 13 4	...	10 0 0	11 0 0	...	8 6 8	0 19 0
1522, October 10,	32 0 0	...	10 0 0	...	...	9 3 4	1 0 0
1523, Nov. & Jan.	36 13 4	...	12 0 0	12 10 0	...	10 0 0	1 2 0
1524, November 12,	32 0 0	..	10 0 0	13 3 4	...	8 0 0	...
1525, „ 3,	32 0 0	...	13 0 0	14 13 4	...	9 0 0	1 3 0
1526, „ 8,	32 0 0	...	13 0 0	14 13 4	...	9 0 0	0 15 0
1527, Nov. & Dec.	32 0 0	...	14 6 8	17 6 8	...	9 6 8	1 1 0
1528, November 9,	32 0 0	...	13 6 8	15 6 8	...	9 6 8	1 0 0
1529, „ 5,	32 0 0	...	12 0 0	..	...	9 6 8	2 0 0
1546, „ 9,	69 <sup>1</sup> 0 0	...	...	23 6 8	...	4 13 4	2 4 0
1547, October 26,	69 0 0	...	...	18 <sup>2</sup> 0 0	...	...	...
1548, November 2,	53 6 8	...	...	18 0 0	...	...	1 16 0
1549, „ 10,	53 6 8	...	...	18 0 0	5 0 0	4 13 4	1 15 0
1554, „ „	60 0 0	...	...	26 0 0	4 0 0	5 10 0	...
1555, „	60 0 0	6 13 4	44 0 0	26 13 4	3 6 8	4 13 4	1 2 0
1556, „ 9,	80 0 0	8 0 0	50 0 0	24 0 0	3 13 4	4 13 4	0 16 0
1560, „ 11,	61 6 8	9 6 8	...	16 0 0	5 3 4	5 8 4	1 4 0
1561, „ 7,	67 0 0	16 0 0	30 13 4	16 13 4	8 10 0	5 0 0	...
1562, „ 10,	79 0 0	17 0 0	35 0 0	20 0 0	4 13 4	5 0 0	...
1563, „ „	61 6 8	14 0 0	34 13 4	22 6 8	...	5 6 8	...
1564, „ 3,	53 6 8	14 0 0	36 0 0	22 13 4	5 3 4	5 6 8	1 10 0
1595, „ 10,	84 0 0	29 6 8	109 6 8	32 0 0	4 3 4	8 10 0	...
1596, „ „	46 13 4	33 6 8	140 0 0	22 0 0	8 0 0	8 0 0	...

<sup>1</sup> Small customs set for five years for £69 yearly.<sup>2</sup> Water of Forth set for 3 years at £18 yearly.

TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF CUSTOMS, DUTIES, &c.,  
LEVIABLE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

PART II.—1597-1619.

DATE.	Small Customs.	New customs for repairing the bridge. <sup>5</sup>	Pecks and Firloths.	Galt dichtings.	Water of Forth.	Fish skem-mills or shambles.	Kings mall, grass mall, and stallage.	New Impost of malt. <sup>1</sup>	Shore mall and anchorage. <sup>2</sup>
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1597, Nov. 10,	93 6 8	...	33 6 8	133 6 8	25 0 0	4 0 0	7 6 8	...	...
1598-9, Jan. 12,	...	40 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1599, Nov. 10,	100 13 4	53 6 8	40 0 0	140 0 0	30 0 0	4 13 4	6 13 4	...	...
1600, ,, 1,	103 13 4	73 6 8	40 0 0	120 0 0	30 0 0	8 6 8	6 13 4	...	...
1601, ,, 10,	86 13 4	63 6 8	36 13 4	53 6 8	27 6 8	6 13 4	5 6 8	...	...
1602, ,, 10,	90 0 0	67 0 0	42 0 0	53 6 8	28 0 0	8 13 4	8 10 0	...	...
1603, <sup>3</sup> ,, 10,	46 13 4 <sup>6</sup>	67 0 0	42 0 0	53 6 8	24 0 0	10 13 4	9 10 0	...	...
1604, ,, 9,	100 0 0	70 0 0	45 0 0	100 0 0	30 13 4	9 6 8	7 3 4	...	...
1605, ,, 9,	120 0 0	80 0 0	45 0 0	93 6 8	26 13 4	6 0 0	7 10 0	...	...
1607, ,, 10,	100 0 0	64 0 0	40 0 0	80 0 0	47 6 8	6 13 4	6 0 0	...	60 0 0
1608, ,, 10,	102 0 0	62 0 0	33 6 8	80 0 0	40 0 0	8 0 0	5 6 8	...	...
1609, ,, 10,	102 0 0	62 0 0	53 6 8	80 0 0	42 0 0	9 10 0	5 6 8	...	40 0 0
1610, ,, 9,	123 6 8	74 13 4	46 0 0	93 6 8	44 0 0	8 10 0	5 6 8	...	50 0 0
1611, ,, 8,	123 6 8	73 6 8	54 0 0	86 13 4	...	8 0 0	6 0 0	...	60 0 0
1612, ,, 10,	93 6 8	80 0 0	66 13 4	134 13 4 <sup>4</sup>	...	8 0 0	6 0 0	...	73 6 8
1613, ,, 10,	136 0 0	80 0 0	88 13 4	135 6 8	80 0 0	7 0 0	6 0 0	...	74 0 0
1614, ,, 10,	137 6 8	80 0 0	94 0 0	133 6 8	90 0 0	6 13 4	6 0 0	...	66 13 4
1615, ,, 10,	138 0 0	80 13 4	96 0 0	134 0 0	56 0 0	6 0 0	...	...	60 0 0
1616, ,, 11,	140 0 0	82 13 4	114 13 4	146 13 4	56 0 0	6 0 0	10 0 0	146 13 4	40 0 0
1617, ,, 10,	146 13 4	86 13 4	116 13 4	170 0 0	...	6 0 0	5 0 0	168 0 0	40 0 0
1618, ,, 10,	160 0 0	90 0 0	140 0 0	180 0 0	26 13 4	6 0 0	5 6 8	182 0 0	42 13 4
1619, ,, 9,	160 0 0	90 0 0	120 0 0	133 6 8	26 13 4	6 0 0	5 6 8	160 0 0	30 0 0

<sup>1</sup> The impost of malt was levied in terms of agreement between the merchants and crafts, 4 November 1616. See pp. 143-4.

<sup>2</sup> See acts as to shore mall and anchorage, 19 April 1603, p. 104, and 4 February 1605, p. 112. There is no record of the let proposed in the latter act having been made.

<sup>3</sup> See acts as to the "lichter bolt," 24 October 1603, p. 107; 19 March 1604, p. 109; 21 January 1605, p. 112; and 5 December 1608, p. 121. 11 December 1607—"The lichter bolt sett to John Layng for xl. li., and serving the town at all tymes quhen he beis requyrit." In 1608 the boat was set for £53 6s. 8d.; 1609, £66 13s. 4d.; 1610, £80; and in 1611 for £80.

<sup>4</sup> In 1612 the "auld galt dichtings" are let for £88, and, in addition, what is apparently a new impost, "galt dichtings of outlands malt," for £46 13s. 4d. In subsequent years the dues let are described only as "galt dichtings," and latterly "galt dichtings and laidills."

<sup>5</sup> As to custom or impost granted for beitting and repairing the brig, see p. 91.

<sup>6</sup> 1603.—Small customs, "exceptand the customes of the tymmer of Murrayis wold and the nyn pundis of Falkirk custome." See 24 October, 1603; p. 107.

TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF CUSTOMS, DUTIES, &c., LEVIABLE  
BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

## PART III.—1620-1666.

DATE.	New and auld customs at the Brig, with the custom corn benorth the Water of Forth.	New and auld customs at the Port, with the custom corn besouth the Water of Forth.	Pecks and firlots.	Customs of the Tron.	Galt dichtings and Ladle duty.	Water of Forth.	Fish skemmills or shamblies.	King's mail and stallage.	Impost of malt.	Shore mail and anchorage.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
, Nov. 10,	95 0 0	95 0 0	120 0 0	120 0 0	93 0 0	33 6 8	6 0 0	5 6 8	160 0 0	20 0 0
, „ 9,	90 0 0	90 0 0	80 0 0	125 0 0	170 0 0	40 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	120 0 0	30 0 0
, „ 8,	93 6 8	93 6 8	93 6 8	140 0 0	180 0 0	40 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	120 0 0	40 0 0
, „ 10,	102 0 0	102 0 0	93 6 8	140 0 0	190 0 0	33 6 8	5 0 0	3 6 8	80 0 0	42 0 0
, „ „	120 0 0	104 0 0	100 0 0	166 0 0	160 0 0	50 0 0	5 13 4	3 6 8	92 0 0	33 6 8
, „ „	160 0 0	93 6 8	100 0 0	192 0 0	122 0 0	53 6 8	7 0 0	5 0 0	100 0 0	30 0 0
, „ „	160 0 0	93 6 8	106 13 4	214 0 0	110 13 4	40 0 0	6 0 0	5 0 0	106 13 4	31 0 0
, „ 9,	160 0 0	93 6 8	122 0 0	233 6 8	126 13 4	40 0 0	5 0 0	4 0 0	130 0 0	20 0 0
, „ 10,	140 0 0	93 6 8	120 0 0	204 0 0	116 13 4	54 13 4	4 0 0	4 0 0	120 0 0	20 0 0
, „ „	136 13 4	95 6 8	120 0 0	184 0 0	184 0 0	41 6 8	4 0 0	4 0 0	100 0 0	26 13 4
, „ „	136 13 4	100 0 0	120 0 0	186 0 0	221 6 8	46 13 4	...	4 0 0	100 0 0	40 0 0
, „ „	136 13 4	100 0 0	120 0 0	211 0 0	200 0 0	46 13 4	...	4 0 0	124 0 0	40 0 0
, „ 9,	140 0 0	100 0 0	120 0 0	226 0 0	200 0 0	50 13 4	...	4 0 0	126 0 0	40 0 0
, „ 8,	145 0 0	100 0 0	120 0 0	206 0 0	200 0 0	50 13 4	...	4 0 0	110 0 0	30 0 0
, „ 10,	180 18 0	105 0 0	140 15 0	206 0 0	206 0 0	51 11 8	...	4 8 8	120 0 0	26 13 4
, „ „	240 0 0	120 0 0	140 0 0	180 0 0	240 0 0	54 13 4	5 0 0	4 13 4	100 0 0	50 0 0
, „ „	266 13 4	133 6 8	165 0 0	160 0 0	302 0 0	60 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	110 0 0	60 0 0
, „ 9,	266 13 4	140 0 0	133 6 8	133 6 8	205 0 0	51 0 0	5 0 0	5 0 0	133 6 8	30 0 0
, „ 11,	274 0 0	140 0 0	133 6 8	133 6 8	200 0 0	63 6 8	5 0 0	5 0 0	140 0 0	30 0 0
, „ 10,	213 0 0	106 13 4	100 0 0	200 0 0	133 6 8	60 0 0	4 0 0	5 0 0	165 0 0	20 0 0
, „ „	240 0 0	120 0 0	134 13 4	200 0 0	164 0 0	66 13 4	4 0 0	5 0 0	133 6 8	34 0 0
, „ „	240 0 0	126 13 4	100 0 0	160 0 0	273 6 8	82 0 0	4 0 0	12 0 0	160 0 0	53 6 8
, „ „	220 0 0	153 6 8	166 13 4	166 13 4	220 0 0	81 6 8	4 0 0	8 0 0	166 13 4	33 6 8
, „ 29,	160 0 0	133 13 4	120 0 0	133 6 8	200 0 0	68 0 0	4 0 0	6 0 0	133 6 8	33 6 8
odified to	100 0 0	86 18 4	80 0 0	80 0 0	133 6 8	60 0 0	...	...	93 6 8	20 0 0

1 See 27th April, 1646, p. 191.

TABLE SHEWING REVENUE DERIVED FROM LET OF CUSTOMS, DUTIES, &c., LEVIABLE  
BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

PART III.—1620-1666, *Continued.*

DATE.	New and aid customs at the Brig, with the custom corn benorth the Water of Forth.	New and aid customs at the Port, with the custom corn besouth the Water of Forth.	Pecks and firlots.	Customs of the Tron.	Gait dichtings and Ladle duty.	Water of Forth.	Fish skemmills or shambles.	King's mall and stallage.	Impost of malt.	Shore r and anchor
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s.
1646, Feb. 2,	86 13 4	86 13 4	50 0 0	...	120 0 0	50 0 0	...	5 0 0	60 0 0	30 0
„ Nov. 10,	186 13 4	133 6 8	60 0 0	80 0 0	146 13 4	80 0 0	...	4 0 0	80 0 0	33 6
1647, „ „	255 6 8	120 0 0	60 0 0	110 0 0	120 0 0	133 6 8	...	5 0 0	145 15 0	66 13
1648, „ 9,	240 0 0	120 0 0	73 6 8	113 6 8	160 0 0	146 13 4	...	5 0 0	100 0 0	60 0
1649, „ 10,	266 13 4	160 0 0	90 0 0	120 0 0	226 13 4	270 0 0	...	12 13 4	106 13 4	46 13
1650, „ 9,	140 0 0	133 6 8	90 0 0	120 0 0	240 0 0	403 6 8	...	12 13 4	235 0 0	48 0
1651, „ 21,	200 0 0	133 6 8	100 0 0	120 0 0	246 13 4	440 0 0	...	12 13 4	213 0 0	48 0
1652, „ 20,	401 18 10	166 13 4	166 13 4	100 0 0	413 6 8	510 0 0	90 <sup>1</sup> 0 0	12 13 4	165 1 2	80 0
1653, „ 10,	360 0 0	213 6 8	213 6 8	106 13 4	266 13 4	236 0 0	120 0 0	10 <sup>2</sup> 0 0	170 0 0	26 13
1654, „ 11,	400 0 0	253 0 0	100 0 0	120 0 0	240 0 0	340 0 0	80 0 0	10 0 0	266 13 4	33 6
1655, „ 10,	400 0 0	280 0 0	106 13 4	133 6 8	320 0 0	333 6 8	80 0 0	10 0 0	...	56 13
1656, „ „	393 6 8	266 13 4	100 0 0	126 13 4	333 13 4	280 0 0	80 0 0	10 0 0	166 13 4	50 0
1657, <sup>3</sup> „ „	543 6 8	343 6 8	100 0 0	130 0 0	303 6 8	...	73 6 8	8 0 0	...	55 0
1658, „ „	606 13 4	410 0 0	176 13 4	130 0 0	266 13 4	266 13 4	60 0 0	8 0 0	213 6 8	56 0
1659, „ „	600 0 0	460 0 0	120 0 0	100 0 0	250 13 4	340 0 0	53 6 8	8 0 0	140 0 0	60 0
1660, „ 10,	700 0 0	466 13 4	140 0 0	133 6 8	253 6 8	433 6 8	90 0 0	8 0 0	100 0 0	33 6
1661, „ 9,	800 0 0	590 0 0	213 6 8	133 6 8	403 6 8	536 13 4	80 0 0	8 0 0	73 6 8	80 0
1662, „ 10,	890 0 0	600 0 0	166 13 4	186 13 4	213 6 8	406 13 4	103 6 8	8 0 0	136 13 4	50 0
1663, „ „	800 0 0	466 13 4	140 0 0	243 6 8	... <sup>4</sup>	... <sup>4</sup>	... <sup>4</sup>	8 0 0	140 0 0	50 0
1664, „ „	666 13 4	466 13 4	160 0 0	243 6 8	160 0 0	400 0 0	90 0 0	8 0 0	140 0 0	53 6
1665, „ „	533 6 8	570 0 0	156 13 4	200 0 0	170 0 0	333 6 8	113 6 8	8 0 0	140 0 0	33 6
1666, „ „	533 6 8	570 0 0	213 6 8	200 0 0	246 13 4	413 6 8	133 6 8	8 0 0	140 0 0	33 6

<sup>1</sup> "The fische skemmells, with the dunes belongand thairto." The custom of fish was reserved from let of "gait dichtings" in 1652 and subsequent years.

<sup>2</sup> In 1653 and subsequent years the designation "Reik mall and stallage" is substituted for "King's mall and stallage."

<sup>3</sup> "Brig and borrowmilnes, with the horsemilne, and thirle belongand to them," set in 1657 for 4 bolls 3 firlots multure malt, weekly (see p. 229), in 1664 bolls 6 pecks, in 1659 for 4 bolls 1 firlot, in 1660 for 3 bolls 2 firlots; in 1661, for 3 years, for 4 bolls malt weekly; and in 1664, for 3 years, for 4 bolls 3 malt weekly.

<sup>4</sup> 10th November, 1663.—The water of Forth, fish shambles, and gait dichtings not set, but a trusty person to be appointed to collect the same.

VI.—TABLE SHEWING PRICES FIXED BY, OR ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF, THE PROVOST,  
BAILIES, AND COUNCIL.

DATE.	Malt, the boll.	Ale, the gallon.	Wheat, the boll.	Weight of 3 d. bread.	Fine wheat oats, the peck.	Carse oats or corn, the peck.	Dryfield oats or corn, the peck.	Hay, the stone.	Tallow, the stone.	Candle, the lb.
	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	oz.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
1519-20, January 16,	1 0 0	...	0 18 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1520, April 16,	...	...	0 17 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1520, July 16,	0 16 0	1 4	0 17 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1520, October 1,	0 13 4	...	0 13 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1520-1, January 14,	0 13 4	...	0 18 6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1521, April 8,	0 13 4	...	0 16 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1521, September 30,	0 12 0	...	0 13 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1522, October 27,	0 12 0	1 0	0 16 0	...	...	...	...	...	0 4 0	0 4½
1523, „ 5,	...	1 4	0 18 0	...	...	...	...	...	0 4 0	...
1524, „ 31,	...	...	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1524-5, January 16,	0 16 0	...	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1525, October <sup>1</sup>	...	1 0	0 14 0	...	...	0 5	...	0 4	...	...
1526, „	0 16 0	...	0 16 0	20	...	...	...	...	...	0 4½
1527, September	0 16 0	1 8	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1528, October 5,	...	1 0	1 0 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1529, „ 4,	0 14 4	...	0 18 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1545, Oct. & Nov., <sup>2</sup>	1 10 0	2 0	1 18 0	11	...	0 8	0 6	...	...	...
1545-6, January 18,	1 14 0	...	2 6 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1546, October 6,	1 10 0	...	1 12 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1548, <sup>3</sup> „	1 4 0	2 0	1 6 0	16	...	...	...	...	...	...
1549-50, January 20,	2 4 0	...	2 10 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1554, October 1,	0 16 0	1 4	0 18 0	...	...	0 5	0 4	0 4	0 9 0	...
1554-5, January 14,	0 19 0	1 4	1 3 0	...	...	0 4	0 3	0 4	...	0 10
1555, October 14,	1 8 8	2 0	1 12 0	...	...	0 7	0 5	0 6	...	0 11
1556, „ 5,	1 16 0	2 8	1 16 0	...	...	0 8	0 6	0 6	...	0 7
1561-2, January 19,	2 0 0	2 8	...	...	...	1 0	0 9	...	...	..
1565-6, „ 4,	1 13 0	...	2 6 8	...	...	1 0	0 8	...	...	1 0
1567, April 26,	1 17 0	...	1 17 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

<sup>1</sup> Bear 10 s. the boll.<sup>2</sup> Bear 28 s. the boll.<sup>3</sup> Wine 1 s. the pint.

TABLE SHEWING PRICES FIXED BY, OR ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF, THE PROVOST, BAILIES, AND COUNCIL—*Continued.*

DATE.	Malt, the boll.	Ale, the pint.	Wheat, the boll.	Weight of 1 s. bread.	Fine wheat oats, the peck.	Carse oats or corn, the peck.	Dryfield oats or corn, the peck.	Straw and stable fee for 24 hours.	Tallow, the stone.	Candle, the lb.
	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	oz.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
1599, October 19,	7 6 8	1 2	8 0 0	...	...	4 0	2 8	2 8	2 4 0	2 10
1600, „ 6,	6 0 0	1 0	8 0 0	...	...	3 4	2 0	2 8	2 0 0	2 8
1601, November 9,	6 3 4	1 0	7 0 0	15	...	3 0	2 0	2 6	1 13 4	2 6
1602, „ 22,	7 13 4	1 2	9 6 8	13	6 8	4 0	2 6	2 0	1 16 0	2 8
1603, October 8,	6 13 4	1 0	8 0 0	16	5 0	3 0	2 0	2 0	1 13 4	2 6
1604, December 3,	...	...	...	...	5 0	...	2 6	2 0	1 15 0	2 8
1605, November 18,	6 6 8	1 0	8 13 4	15	...	5 0	3 0	2 6	2 0 0	3 0
1607, February 28,	6 0 0	1 0	8 0 0	15	6 0	4 0	3 4	2 6	2 4 0	3 4
1607, October 9,	5 6 8	1 0	8 0 0	15	5 0	4 0	2 8	2 0	2 0 0	3 4
1608, November 21,	5 6 8	1 0	10 0 0	13	5 6	4 0	3 0	3 0	2 0 0	3 4
1609, October 16,	5 13 4	1 0	7 0 0	16	5 0	3 4	2 6	2 6	1 16 0	3 0
1610, November 5,	6 6 8	1 0	7 0 0	16	5 0	3 4	2 6	2 6	2 0 0	3 4
1611, October 21,	5 16 8	1 0	8 13 4	14	5 0	3 4	2 6	2 6	2 0 0	3 4
1613, „ 4,	7 0 0	1 2	8 0 0	16	6 0	4 6	3 4	2 6	2 0 0	3 0
1614, „ 21,	6 0 0	1 0	8 0 0	15	6 0	4 6	2 6	2 6	2 0 0	3 0
1615, „ „	7 0 0	1 2	9 6 8	13	6 8	4 0	3 4	2 6	2 0 0	3 4
1616, „ 20,	6 0 0	1 0	9 6 8	12½	6 0	4 6	3 0	2 6	2 0 0	3 0
1617, „ 24,	6 0 0	1 0	8 0 0	14	6 0	5 0	3 4	2 8	2 6 8	3 4
1618, November 4,	6 10 0	1 2	8 10 0	13	6 0	5 0	3 4	2 8	2 2 0	3 4
1619, October 15,	5 13 4	1 0	8 6 8	13	5 0	4 0	2 0	2 6	2 0 0	3 4
1620, „ 30,	4 10 0	0 10	6 0 0	16	4 0	2 8	2 0	2 0	2 0 0	3 4
1621, November 21,	7 6 8	1 4	9 0 0	13	6 0	4 0	2 8	2 8	2 0 0	3 4
1622, October 25,	8 0 0	1 4	10 0 0	12	6 8	6 0	3 0	2 8	2 0 0	3 4
1623, December 19,	12 0 0	2 0	12 0 0	10	8 0	5 0	3 4	2 8	1 16 0	3 4
1624, October 20,	6 6 8	1 0	11 0 0	12	6 0	4 0	2 6	2 8	2 0 0	3 4
1625, „ 28,	6 0 0	1 0	8 0 0	14	5 0	3 4	2 6	2 8	2 0 0	3 4
1626, November 3,	5 13 4	1 0	7 0 0	15	4 2	3 4	2 0	2 8	2 5 0	3 4
1628, November 19,	6 0 0	1 2	8 10 0	13	5 0	3 4	2 0	2 8	2 6 8	3 8

TABLE SHEWING PRICES FIXED BY, OR ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF, THE PROVOST, BAILIES, AND COUNCIL—*Continued.*

DATE.	Malt, the boll.	Ale, the pint.	Wheat, the boll.	Weight of 1 a. bread.	Fine wheat or oats, the peck.	Carse oats or corn, the peck.	Dryfield oats or corn, the peck.	Straw and stable fee for 24 hours.	Tallow, the stone.	Candle, the lb.
	£ s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	oz.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
1629, October 9,	8 0 0	1 4	10 0 0	12	6 8	5 0	2 6	2 8	2 6 8	3 8
1630, November 12,	9 0 0	1 4	10 13 4	11	8 0	6 0	3 0	3 4	2 0 0	3 4
1631, October 26,	6 0 0	1 0	9 6 8	12	6 0	4 0	2 8	2 8	2 0 0	3 4
1632, November 16,	6 13 4	1 2	10 0 0	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 0	4 0	2 8	2 8	2 6 8	3 8
1633, „ 22,	7 0 0	1 2	9 6 8	12	6 8	4 2	2 8	2 8	2 6 8	3 8
1634, „ 26,	7 13 4	1 4	8 13 4	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 8	5 0	3 4	2 8	2 8 0	3 6
1636, „ 4,	8 13 4	1 6	12 0 0	9	10 0	8 0	2 8	3 4	2 6 8	3 4
1637, „ 11,	8 0 0	1 4	10 13 4	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 8	5 0	4 0	2 8	2 5 0	3 4
1638, „ 10,	6 6 8	1 0	8 13 4	13 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 0	5 0	3 4	2 8	2 6 8	3 4
1639, „ 19,	5 13 4	1 0	8 0 0	14	5 4	4 0	2 8	2 8	2 3 4	3 4
1640, „ 25,	5 13 4	1 0	7 0 0	16	5 0	4 0	2 8	3 4	2 5 0	3 4
1641, „ 15,	8 10 0	1 4	9 6 8	12	8 0	6 0	3 4	4 0	2 14 0	4 0
1642, „ 4,	9 16 8	1 8	12 0 0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 8	5 0	3 4	4 0	2 14 0	4 0
1643, „ 9,	7 6 8	1 2	9 6 8	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 8	5 0	3 4	3 4	2 6 8	3 4
1644, „ 28,	6 6 8	1 0	8 13 4	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 8	5 0	3 4	3 4	2 3 4	3 4
1647, „ 19,	7 13 4	1 4	10 0 0	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	7 6	6 3	4 0	3 6	4 0 0	5 6
1649, „ 29,	11 6 8	1 8	13 6 8	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 0	8 4	6 8	5 0	3 6 8	5 0
1653,	12 13 4	2 0	14 0 0	8	10 0	8 4	6 8	5 4	2 16 8	4 4
1663, December 31,	5 13 4	1 4	9 0 0	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 7	3 0	1 10	3 0	2 3 4	4 4
1664, „ 6,	4 13 4	1 0	8 0 0	14	4 2	3 4	1 10	3 0	3 0 0	4 6





## GLOSSARY AND INDEX.



# GLOSSARY.<sup>1</sup>

ABAY CROWNIS (75), obit crowns, coins.  
 ACCLAMIT (102), claimed.  
 ACTITAT (67), acted.  
 AICHT (2), AITH, oath.  
 AIEL (26), ale.  
 AILD (12), ALD, AULD, old.  
 AKARIS (4), acres.  
 ANCIENTE (198), ensign.  
 ARLING (30), money given for confirming a bargain.  
 ASSCHETIN (33), escheating, forfeiting.  
 ASSEDACION (6), lease.  
 ASSES (209), assessment, cess.  
 ASSIS (65), assize.  
 ATTEMPTATIS (83), attempts.  
 ATTENTTICE (3), authentic.  
 ATHORTE (101), athwart, across.  
 AUCHT, ought, owing, possessed.  
 AUCHT and WOUNT (2), appointed and customary.  
 AVALE (40), avail; "of avale," competent.  
 AVIDENTIS (15), evidents, writs, title deeds.  
 AWALE (36), value.  
 AWIS (1), advise.  
 BABEIS (73), half-pennies.  
 BAICHT (29), batch, quantity baked at one time.  
 BAICHT, BAITH, both.  
 BAIER (4), bear.  
 BAIK (149), bake; "baik salmond," prepare or cure salmon.  
 BALD (2), BAND (9), rope, tether; "wtwith bald," without tether, at large.

BALING (144), packing, pack-cloth.  
 BALLIES (17), landing-places for boats.  
 BANGASTRIE (175), violence, strength of hand.  
 BAPES (179), rolls or soft biscuits.  
 BARARIS (7), barriers, fences.  
 BARBOUR (40), barber, surgeon.  
 BARK (214), probably MS. error for BAUK, beam.  
 BARK PUILLIS (81), tanners' pools.  
 BARRESYET (81), name of gate or port forming principal entrance to Stirling from the south.  
 BARTANE CAMMES (31), Brittany canvas.  
 BEGAREIT (49), trimmed, decorated.  
 BEHAW (2), behalf.  
 BEIDMEN (122), persons supported in, or from funds of, an hospital.  
 BEIT (86), repair.  
 BEUCHE (107), bulk, body.  
 BIRLAMEN (122), ground officers.  
 BLAISNYNG (46), proclaiming, making public.  
 BLAWID (48), famed, noted, public.  
 BLOK (44), scheme, contrivance.  
 BLUE BIRSATT (216), a kind of dye.  
 BLUIDWITE (78), the fine for bloodshed.  
 BODIM (26), bottom.  
 BOISTAND (41), threatening.  
 BOREBREIVE (230), a birth-breive, a formal certificate of descent.  
 BORGH (13), a surety, pledge.  
 BORRACHE (58), a brace or drill stock.  
 BOUIS (6), booths.

<sup>1</sup> The definitions in this Glossary are necessarily brief. For fuller explanations, etymology &c., reference may be made to Jamieson's Scottish Dictionary, and to the Sup-

plement about to be published by Mr. Gardner, Paisley. The figures within brackets refer to one of the pages in which the word glossed occurs.

- BOWELL (167), recess, repository.  
 BOWETT (41, 136), lamp, lantern.  
 BOWNTAITH (36), bounty.  
 BOWROWIS (1), burghs.  
 BREID (1), breadth.  
 BREVE OF LYNING (55), warrant for building.  
 BRIG (7), bridge.  
 BROUSTAR (12), brewer.  
 BROWDINSTER (148), embroiderer.  
 BRUIK (10), BRUKE (131), enjoy, possess.  
 BRUTIT (80), rumoured.  
 BRYNT (41), burned.  
 BRYTHELLIS (121), bridals, wedding feasts.  
 BUFFAT STOUL (8), a square stool with sides.  
 BUKE (20), body.  
 BULISTER (26), a large sloe or wild plum.  
 BUCKESIE (144), buckram.  
 BUN (119), cask.  
 BUTTIS (78), ground set apart for practising archery.  
 BY (64, 68), without, without regard to; "by his consent," without his consent.  
 BYDDIN (1), bidden, offered.  
 BYNK (74), bench.  
 BYRUN (102), past due.  
 CALVILL (43), a rod or bar on which the "claspis" were fixed.  
 CAMBIS (144), combs.  
 CAMMES (64), canvas.  
 CAPRUS GALLIS (216), Cyprus gall-nuts.  
 CASCHETT (171), seal.  
 CHAELLIS (6), CHALLEIS (78), chalice.  
 CHANDELAR (8), chandelier.  
 CHEFTIS (48), jaws.  
 CHESIT (3), chose.  
 CHENYIE, CHENYEIS (49), chain, chains.  
 CHINNELL (136), channel, gravel.  
 CLASPIS (43), schackles.  
 CLOKIS (11), clogs.  
 CLOSOURIS (52), covers, cases.  
 COACIT (3), forced, constrained.  
 COALGRIVES (226), overseers at coalworks.  
 COD (72), pillow.  
 COFT (3), bought.  
 COILLIS (188), coals.  
 COMMOUNE STAMPT (171), common stamp or seal.  
 COMPERING (67), appearing.  
 COMPTER ALMERY (72), drawer or recess in a counter.  
 CONDING (34), condign.  
 CONDUCTET (106), hired.  
 COUPARIS, coopers.  
 COUPARIS (27), dealers.  
 CRAKKINGIS (197), cracklings, refuse of tallow.  
 CREILE (48), basket.  
 CREIRES (104), a kind of boats.  
 CROSAY DUKCATIS (75), cross-ducats, coins.  
 CROWN OF THE SONE (53), a coin, 14s. value.  
 CRUPPIN (179), crept.  
 CUMMIR (50, 68), hindrance, trouble, vexation.  
 CUNNERIS (54), testers, tasters.  
 CUNNIT (54), tested, tasted.  
 CUNTAS (3), countess.  
 CURCHRIE (13), covering for a woman's head.  
 DAKER OF HYDES (75), a quantity of hides numbering ten or twelve.  
 DECOIR (92), decorate.  
 DEDUCEAND (103), deducting.  
 DEFAKIT (11), defalcated, deducted, remitted.  
 DEFALKIS (115), remits, deducts, abates.  
 DEFAMACION (10), infamy.  
 DEIL (26), deal, divide.  
 DELATIT (5, 33), accused.  
 DEMPSTAR (24), an officer of court.  
 DESPESCHEIT (67), despatched.  
 DEVOTS (1), turf.  
 DEWORAR (61), DROWIARE (46), dowager.

DIK BREKARIS (17), fence breakers.  
 DING (26), drive, smash.  
 DIREGE (56), service for the dead.  
 DISJONE (35), breakfast.  
 DISOBAISSANCE (10), disobedience.  
 DOTTIT (185), given.  
 DOUELLAND (31), DOULLAND (3), dwelling.  
 DOISSON (52), dozen.  
 DOULL (6), dwell.  
 DOUNE (1), done.  
 DUNG (50), sent with despatch.  
  
 EFFERIS (33), becomes, is fit.  
 ELCRWK (72), toasting fork.  
 ELDING (118), fuel.  
 ELIEKWIS (3), likewise.  
 ELISTIS (175), jealousies, rivalries.  
 ENTRES (93), interest.  
 EQUIE (196), a balanced account.  
 ERDDIT (14), earthed, buried.  
 ESTLAND (45), eastward; "estland burde," board of Baltic timber.  
 EVACUING (87), evading, avoiding.  
 EWINSANG (5), evening song, vespers.  
 EWYNE (3), evening.  
 EXCRES (101), excess.  
 EXEMYNG (130), exempting.  
 EXPONIT (200), explained, characterised.  
 EXPREMYT (36), expressed.  
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 INHABILITIE (10), unfitness.  
 INLAIK (78), lack, want, shortcoming.  
 INSPRECHT (75), furniture of a house.  
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 KABORIS (52), rafters.  
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 KASER (156), KASMER, cashmere.  
 KENSE, KENSY (72), a kind of flannel or  
 Welsh cloth.  
 KITH (86), show.  
 KNAIFSHEP (157), dues in meal payable to  
 under miller.  
 KNAPPLE (104), oak for staves brought from  
 Dantzic, &c.  
 KNAPSCA (72), a head-piece of iron, a steel  
 bonnet.  
 KNOK (8), clock.  
 KNOP (49), a knob.  
 KYLL (149), kiln.

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 vessel for holding liquids like a large *stoup*.  
 LANGSADDILL (11), a long wooden seat.  
 LAVAND TUB (72), washing tub.  
 LAWBORGH (11), legal security against  
 doing injury.  
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 LEDDORONE (73), leathern.  
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 LEN (96), loan.  
 LESUM (46), LEVESUM (82), lawful.  
 LEVARIS (137), livers.  
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 LIAND (1), lying, situated.  
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 LIFE (81), living, means of living.  
 LIPIR (3), leper.  
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 LITHOUS (158), dyeing-house.  
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- LYEIR (14), learn, teach.  
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 LYNCHT (1), length.
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 MAIRTIS (152), MERTIS (7), winter provision of salted meat.  
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 MAUSCHIT (17), musty, beginning to be putrid.  
 MEANESCHOTTIS (163), finest or best produce.  
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 METTEGE (46), measurement; "mettege silver," dues payable for measurement.  
 MISTER (58), want, need.  
 MONE (45), the moon; works of clock showing changes of moon.  
 MONECHT (9), month.  
 MOYAN (234), help, assistance.  
 MULTURE (157), MULTOUR (211), dues payable for grinding grain.  
 MUTTOUN BUKE (20), body of a sheep.  
 MWKSLED (72), dung-cart.  
 MYNTIT (116), aimed, threatened to strike with.
- NAUGHTIE CULLOURIS (239), bad or unfit colours.  
 NEBOUR (2), neighbour.  
 NEDMEST (55), nethermost, lowest.  
 NEID (51, 52), necessity, emergency.  
 NICHT COURCHRE (13), nightcap.  
 NOWIN (200), NOWNE (9), (misprinted "ewine"), noon.  
 NYCHT AT EWYN (35), stop work at night.  
 NYEIRIS (27), kidneys.
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 OURGAIFF (82), over-gave.  
 OURMEN (74), oversmen, arbiters.  
 OURSEIN (88), overlooked, passed over.  
 OUTREIKIN (111), fitting out, equipping.  
 OUTTINTOUNIS (90), outside burgh bounds.  
 OWTTANE (36), taken out, excepted.  
 OYE (13), grandson or nephew.
- PAICE (1), paces.  
 PAISE (179), weight.  
 PAND (121), pawn, pledge.  
 PANTENES (144), slippers.  
 PASMENTIS (128), lace.  
 PASCHE (59), PEAX (25), Easter.  
 PERALUS (50), perilous, dangerous.  
 PEROCHINE (121), parish.  
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 PICKEDAILLIS (144), bands or ruffs for the collar of a doublet.  
 PIGMAKAR (10), maker of earthenware.  
 PILLIE (48), pulley.  
 PINSALLIS (143), small flags.  
 PLOUMIS (26), plums.  
 PLUIK (93), measure knob.  
 PODER PLATTIS (8), peuter plates.  
 POLDAVYE (144), a kind of canvas or sail-cloth.  
 POWPEIT (42), pulpit.  
 PREISSIT (116), attempted, tried.  
 PREVE (80), private, secret, out of observation.



- PRICKAT WICHE (86), a witch tested by pricking.  
 PRIKAT SANG (70), musical notation, music pricked or noted down.  
 PRISIT (2), appraised, valued.  
 PUNDLARIS (72), officers who execute poinds or distrains.  
 PUNT (2), point, part.  
 PURPRESTURE (259), encroachment on highways or commonities.  
 PYCARIS, PYKARIS (5), committers of petty theft.  
 PYKRY (5), petty theft.  
 PYNE (43), penalty.  
 PYPLOK (32), a lock requiring a piped or tubular key.  
  
 QUEAIER (5), choir.  
 QUHEITNAM (79), a whittle, a pocket knife.  
 QUHIET (1), QUHIT (4), QUHITE (4), wheat.  
 QUHINGER (123), a short sword.  
  
 RAGRATHIN (7), regrating. (See Ragra-touris.)  
 RAGRATOURIS (34), regraters; persons who buy goods coming to the market, or in the market to retail again.  
 RAISTIT (47), wrinkled, shrivelled.  
 RAMVERSE (213), to overturn.  
 RATIHABITIONE (99), confirmation.  
 RAXIS (74), andirons.  
 RAYIT CLAITH (13), striped cloth.  
 RECOURS (82), return.  
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 REDACTIT (227), reduced.  
 REIK (309), metaphorically a house or habitation; "reik mail," dues payable by possessors of houses.  
 REIKIS (72), reaches.  
 REILL (194), instrument for winding yarn or thread.  
 REMOIFING (103), removing.  
 RINGE (221), reign.  
  
 ROSNOBLE (74), an English gold coin, value about 36s.  
 ROUIM (50), place.  
 RYNAWAYIS (191), runaways, deserters.  
 RUD WARK (3), rood work; work at the rood church or rood altar.  
 RYD HAND (64), red hand, in the act.  
  
 SAIPBALLANDIS (74), scales for weighing soap.  
 SAKAR (8), treasurer, purser.  
 SALTFAT (72), a salt cellar.  
 SATHING (2), satin.  
 SAWSARIS (8), saucers.  
 SCALDINGIS (57), a species of dressed skins.  
 SCHAVES (73), sheaves.  
 SCHANKIS (118), stockings.  
 SCHAHAME (68), shame, disgrace.  
 SCHIER (37), shire.  
 SCHOIR ROWME (98), place at the shore.  
 SCHORLINGIS (57), skins of shorn sheep.  
 SCHRYNE (75), shrine, a small casket or cabinet.  
 SCKAIT (18), skaith.  
 SCLAVERAND (43), slaving, lubberly.  
 SCOLLAGE (101), school fees.  
 SCROWIS (190), scrolls.  
 SCYLLE PAN (52), the piece of timber laid on top of wall to *pan* or tie the couples.  
 SEARES (111), inspectors.  
 SEDOUSSIT (3), seduced.  
 SERES (113), St. Cyrus, a parish and village in Fyfe.  
 SERIAND (10), sergeant, officer.  
 SHIP-PUND (75), a weight containing 16½ stones troy.  
 SIC (1), such.  
 SKERLLAT (2), scarlet.  
 SKEMLIS (58), SKEMMILLIS (116), shambles; also the stands at which flesh and fish were sold.  
 SLAFFART (123), slaver, spittle.  
 SLAKTER (34), slaughter.  
 SLOPE (105), slap, gap.

- SLOTTING (193), slitting or cutting animals for the purpose of bleeding them before they were killed.  
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 SOBIRLY (52), moderately.  
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 SOWNIS (72), swine.  
 SOWSSIS (75), sous; French coins.  
 SPONS (6), SPOUNE (6), spoons, spoon.  
 SPORT STAFES (172), staves of light poles used in the game of quarter-staff.  
 STAG (4), STAGIS (19), horse, horses.  
 STAIK THEIFE (30), horse stealer.  
 STALLANCE (6) stall dues.  
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 STEMMYNG (118), taminy, a woollen stuff.  
 STEWTHE (134), STOUTH (134), theft.  
 STOND (20), a stand or stance.  
 STOUFE (3), stuff, commodity.  
 STRANGLON (64), a disease in horses.  
 STRAY (52), straw.  
 STUDY (60), an anvil, a smithy.  
 STURES (44), stivers, small Dutch coins.  
 SUFFERAGH (13), suffrage, service or prayer for the dead.  
 SYA (25), so.  
 SWESCHE (41), a drum, sound of drum.  
 SWYNGOUR (48), a drone, a sluggard.  
 SYEN (2), SYENE (9), swine.  
 SYENYE (5), synod.  
 SYEPPIN (6), sweeping. (See *Gait dichtung*).  
 SYLIT (20), provided with ceiling.  
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 TAY (217) tie, obligation.  
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 TESTANE (75) a Scottish silver coin.  
 THAGGUR (11), thatcher.  
 THACK (52), thatch.  
 THEIKIT (53), covered.  
 THORTOWRIT (84) thwarted, prevented.  
 THRUCHIS (36), flat gravestones.  
 TILSAL (2), TINSALL (189), tinsel, loss deprivation.  
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 TOFALL (86), building annexed to wall of a larger one.  
 TOICHT (72), probably a touch-box, tinder-box.  
 TOUDER (7), other.  
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 TROIS VECHE (90), troy weight.  
 TRYN (72), made of tree, wooden.  
 TUECHIN (7), touching, concerning.  
 TUILYE (40), brawl, fight.  
 TYMMERIT (52), timbered.  
 TYND (11), teind, tenth part.  
 UDER (1), other.  
 ULY (45), oil.  
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- WALK (47), watch.  
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WOBSTARIS (16), websters, weavers.  
WORCHT (6), worth.  
WOUCHT, WOUS (17), wash.  
WOUKE (16), week.  
WOUNT (2), wont, "ws and wount" according to former practice.  
WS (2), use. (See Wount).  
WSSCHA (12), issue, termination.  
WTWITH (2), outwith, without.  
YAILL (86), aisle.  
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