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A N  
HISTORICAL ACCOUNT  
OF THE  
BLUE BLANKET;  
OR,  
CRAFTSMENS BANNER:  
CONTAINING THE  
FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES  
OF THE  
G O O D - T O W N ;  
WITH THE  
Powers and Prerogatives of the CRAFTS  
of E D I N B U R G H , &c.

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The SECOND EDITION, Enlarged:  
And adorned with the Fourteen Incorporations' Arms.

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PSAL. lx. 4. *Thou hast given a Banner unto them that  
fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the Truth*

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To the R E A D E R.

**A**N introduction, although common, is not very necessary here, as the compiler of the following treatise, with unwearied diligence, searched the ancient records for the Historical account of the Blue Blanket, which is the Craftsmens Banner, containing the fundamental privileges of the good Town; as also, the powers and prerogatives of the Crafts of Edinburgh.

MR Alexander Pennecuik, who was a burges and guild brother in the Good Town, searched out records, which had been neglected by all other historians who had pretended to give authentic accounts of Edinburgh, &c. Upon the 7th of April, 1722, he gave in his manuscript of the Blue Blanket to the Convener of the Fourteen Incorporations, in order that they might judge of its authenticity, which, being very narrowly inspected by proper antiquarians, was found just, and the Fourteen Incorporations appointed two of their Craftsmen, to give a public testimony of their approbations; which they did, in a letter, recorded before the preface.

IN this Edition the publisher has taken care not to vary from the old original language of the charters belonging to the Crafts of Edinburgh, and likewise annexed the Set or Charter for the government of the City of Edinburgh, which clearly points out, both to the Magistrates and the Fourteen Incorporations, their powers of electing and being elected.

# To the R E A D E R.

As also, the Coats of Arms for each of the Fourteen Incorporations, with their dates when granted, &c.

*May the Worshipful the Deacons of Crafts, and all the members of the Fourteen Incorporations in the Good Town of Edinburgh, live in unity and love; and, in the worst of times, support and maintain the honours and freedom of the Blue Blanket, till the last trump rend the ætherial sky, is the ardent prayer of,*

*Worthy fellow-citizens,*

*Your devoted humble servant,*

The PUBLISHER.



To the **WORSHIPFUL**

**The DEACONS of CRAFTS,**

And the remanent **MEMBERS** of the

**Fourteen INCORPORATIONS** in the  
Good Town of *Edinburgh*.

**I** PRESENT you with an  
abridgment of the glorious  
actions of your predecessors;  
who, by a dutiful attachment  
to their Sovereign, suffering by impi-  
ous rebels, shewed their hearts inflam-

*The Epistle Dedicatory.*

ed with loyalty, their hands were thunder, and their deeds miracles. You enjoy the honours and privileges which they procured from the MONARCHS of SCOTLAND, as rewards for their heroic atchievements. You are, what the greatest Princes and warriors in Europe, triumphant in the field of battle, and pressed down to the grave with laurels, have aspired to KNIGHTS of the HOLY GHOST; your BANNER being called in original writs, *The Banner of the Holy Ghost*. Study then to imitate your worthy ancestors in their illustrious virtues, and inviolably maintain the privileges of your M A G N A C H A R T A: It is a sacred depositum, which you are bound in conscience, as well as through interest, to defend. If your enemies should dare to invade your prerogatives, granted by Kings, the



*The Epistle Dedicatory.*

fountains of law and honour, let the nation's motto be yours :

*Nemo me impune laceſſet.*

REMEMBER King David's ſaying, which is very ſnug to the purpoſe, Pfalm lx. 4. *He hath given a banner unto them that fear him ; that it may be diſplayed becauſe of the truth, Selah.*

I HAVE, with unwearied pains, collected the materials of the enſuing hiſtory, from original authentic manuſcripts, and hiſtorians of unqueſtionable veracity ; and I humbly dedicate it to you the CRAFTS of EDINBURGH ; wiſhing proſperity to you and the GOOD TOWN, whoſe pillars and chief corner-ſtones you have always proved. May the Pfalmiſt's prayer for Zion be granted unto her, *Peace be within her walls,*

## *The Epistle Dedicatory.*

*and prosperity within her palaces : May they prosper that love her, and seek her peace continually. May the inimitable poet's lines become a fulfilled prophecy, to be applied to our SOVEREIGN CITY :*

*Now, like a maiden Queen, she will  
behold*

*From her high turrets hourly suitors  
come :*

*The East with incense, and the West  
with gold,*

*Will stand like suppliants to receive her  
doom.*

*The silver Forth, her own domestic flood,  
Shall bear her vessels, like a sweeping  
train,*

*And often wish, as of her mistress proud,  
With longing eyes to meet her face again.*

*The vent'rous merchant who design'd more  
far,*

*And touches on our hospitable shore,*

*The Epistle Dedicatory.*

*Chaim'd with the splendor of this Nor-  
thern Star,  
Shall here unload him, and depart no  
more.*

DRYD. ANN. MIRR.

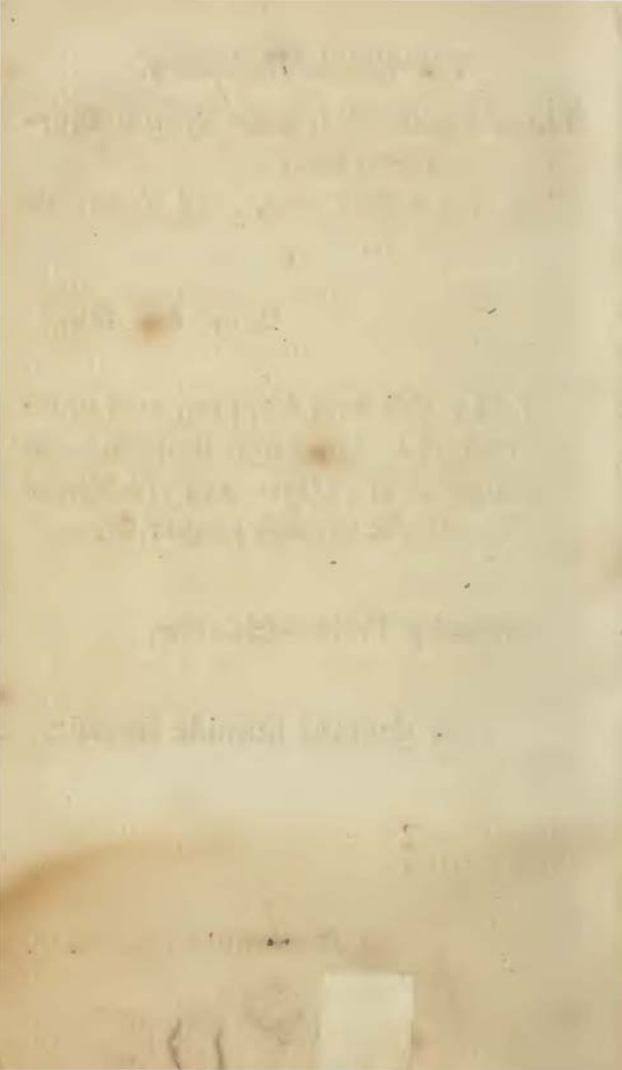
THAT this may happen, and your  
INCORPORATIONS may flourish with  
blessings of the *Upper and the Nether  
Springs*, is the earnest prayer of,

Worthy Fellow-Citizens,

Your devoted humble servant,

*Edinburgh,* }  
*August 1. 1722.* }

ALEXANDER PENNECUIK.



*Copy of an Epistle from two CRAFTSMEN in Edinburgh to the Author.*

“ S I R,

“ S I N C E you have put an high  
“ respect upon us, to commu-  
“ nicate in manuscript your histori-  
“ cal account of the *Blue Blanket*, and  
“ to ask our advice about its publica-  
“ tion; having carefully and with  
“ pleasure perused it, we return you  
“ our sincere thanks for your elabo-  
“ rate enquiry into the concealed  
“ honours of the trades: But being  
“ diffident of our sufficiency to  
“ judge of an historian, we laid it  
“ before the ablest of our brethren,  
“ who earnestly sollicitate you may

“ send it abroad, You have troden  
“ in unbeaten paths, the subject hav-  
“ ing been over-looked by all Scottish  
“ historians. As we question not  
“ but you will oblige the world by  
“ publishing the honours of the  
“ BLANKET, so assure yourself of  
“ a tribute of praise from all *Crafts-*  
“ *men*, especially from,

“ S I R,

“ Your humble servants,

G. H.

Edinburgh,  
1st September, 1722.

W. D.”



A

## General Preface.

Touching CRAFTSMEN, and the Honorary Offices they have enjoyed in Church and State.

WHEN the Omnipotent Architect had built the glorious fabrick of this world; upon a review of his works, he pronounced, they were all very good, and rested from his labours: The Almighty could have spoke the world into being in a moment; but out of the depth of infinite wisdom, spent six days in its creation, that man might learn still to be usefully employed, copying after the example of his Lord and Lawgiver. Though his deputy Adam was the first and greatest of monarchs, whose dominions extended from pole to pole, in a state of innocence, before sin had blasted the beauty of Eden, and nature spontaneously yielded her fruits; yet was he not to eat the bread of idleness, having his task



daily assigned him, as is inimitably expressed by the matchless Milton, in his beautiful description of Adam awaking his charming Eve.

*Awake, the morning shines, and the fresh field  
Calls us ; we lose the prime, to mark how spring  
Our tended plants, how blows the Citron groves :  
What drops the myrrh, and what the balmy reed,  
How nature paints her colours, how the bee  
Sits on the bloom, extracting liquid sweets.*

HIS eldest son, by right of primogeniture, heir of a fair inheritance, was educate a plowman, and his brother a grazier. The fall of man introduced those liberal sciences, divinity, law and physick ; but though we had continued pure, as when we dropt from the fingers of our Maker, mechanic arts had been necessary. In the infancy of the world, before the wrangling of lawyers, the sophistry of philosophers, and turbulent factions of divines had debauched mankind, artists were in the highest repute. Adah bare Jabal, the father of all such as dwell in tents, and his brother's name was Jubal, the father of all such as handle the harp and organ, *Gen. iv. 20. and verse 22.* Tubal Cain was an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron.

It is much to the honour of Craftsmen, that holy Joseph, husband to the blessed Virgin Mary,



mother of the Son of GOD, was a carpenter, though it lessened our Lord's esteem amongst the populace, who tauntingly cried (Matth. xiii. 35.) *Is not this the carpenter's son?* And if we credit the earliest ecclesiastic historians, the glorious Redeemer of mankind, before his public entrance upon the ministerial office, laboured with his hands in the shop: Though he called St. Matth. from the customs, to evidence the extent and conquering power of his grace; yet the most of his apostles and disciples, who spread the everlasting gospel, and supplanted the government of Satan, purchased food with the sweat of their brows.

GOD seems to have put a distinguishing honour upon tradesmen, that in all ages, men of the greatest learning, and the noblest heroes, have sprung from their loins; Porus, monarch of the Indies, was the son of a barber, and wrought himself as a tinker. Braydillus, prince of the Slavonians, son of a collier. Artagorus, Governor of the Cyconians, son of a cook. Agathocles, King of Sicily, son of a potter. The good Archbishop Villagesius, son of a carter; for which reason he took wheels for his armorial-bearing. Cardinal Woolsey, Chancellor of England, was begot by a butcher. One of the greatest statesmen of any age, Cardinal Julius Alberoni, by a gar-

dener : And our famous countryman Mr. Law, by a goldsmith of Edinburgh.

As the seed of mechanics have risen to the highest dignities, so mechanics themselves have swayed sceptres, proven the bravest generals, the wisest statesmen, and the greatest monarchs ; tho' the unthinking mass of mankind may despise a person for low birth . The first circumstance of life ought to have no influence in our judgment of a great man ; because we cannot pretend to be the children of whom we please ; and that a man may owe his birth to a prince, whose natural temper and inclinations discover more meanness of birth than if he were the son of a weaver : whereas nothing is more glorious than, when notwithstanding of the defect of education, a man knows how to rectify and elevate the inclinations which an obscure birth naturally inclines to be servile.

QUINTUS CINCINNATUS, when called to the Government of Rome, was found hard at Plow ; being saluted by the name of Dictator, invested with purple, honoured with the faces, and other ensigns of magistracy, was desired to take journey ; after a little pause, he answered with tears in his eyes, *Then, for this year, my poor farm must be unsown.* Taking leave of his family, he performed his office with that prudence and justice, that he proved the admiration of the world : And having finished his dictatorship, returned again

to his plow. Arfaces, from being a private mechanic, was called to found the Parthian empire: and such an one was Tamberlane, the vanquisher of Asia. Peter du Brosse Chirurgion, was high chamberlain of France, and secretary to King Philip III. Massianello, a Neapolitan fisherman, raised an army of 50000, 7th of July, 1647, and trampled on the government of Naples, till they were obliged to yield to the demands of the people groaning under the burthen of exorbitant taxes. The Anabaptists in Munster, chused John of Leyden, a taylor, for their King, A. D. 1535. Zeno, the famous bishop of Constantia, was a weaver, who lived till he was past an hundred years of age; and though he was the most eminent bishop, and had the largest diocese in that country, kept a weaver's shop, and wrought himself daily at the loom to clothe the naked. When the peasants of Upper Austria rose up against P. Maximilian, Elector of Bavaria, A. D. 1627, their army consisted of 60,000; it was commanded by Stephen Tudiner, a hatter; and after his death by Walmer, a shoemaker, killed by Count Papenheim. And I cannot omit to hint at the beautiful story of Mr. Edmond, a Baxter, and son of a baxter in Stirling, who shewed such unparalleled valour in the Swedish wars, under the command of that immortal thunderbolt of war, Gustavus

Adolphus, that he became a general; his swimming the Danube and, by an artful stratagem, carrying off the General of the Imperialists, and other marvellous actions of his life, are recorded in the chronicles of Sweden. In his old age he returned to his native country, Scotland, and built a stately manse at Stirling, which he doned to the Church.

HISTORIANS, ancient and modern, not only record the martial achievements, but the singular sanctity of mechanics, not to mention the faith of a shoemaker, under the reign of a King of Persia, who removed a mountain by a holy harangue, related by Paulus Venetus de Rebus Orientalibus, and Nazianzen Caufen, in his holy court, as favouring too much of a monkish fable; nor the known story of Crispianus, who suffered by the cruelty of Maximilian. The Church records a noble army of martyrs, who died for the Protestant faith in the reign of Henry VIII. and Mary, Sovereigns of England.

John Mace, surgeon	
Richard Ferus, goldsmith	
Mr. Gilles, cutler	
Robert Hackets	} shoemakers
Arthur	
Thomas Bond	
John Hart	
John Curd	
John Hloys	}

John Cooksbury	}	tanners
John Hammond		
John Bennet	}	taylors
Andrew Heuet		
John Warner		
William Corberley	}	
George Eagles, minister		
William Picket	}	butchers
Thomas Cob		
Stephen Knight, barber		
George Tankerfield, cook		
Thomas Hudson, glover		
Thomas Thomkins	}	weavers
William Bamford		
Nicolas Chamberland		
John Cavell		
John Spence		
Richard Nicolas	}	
John Careless		
John Leaf, candlemaker		
Nicolas Hall	}	mafons
John Spicers		
John Tudfon	}	smiths
John Went		
John Clement	}	joiners
Thomas Avington		
Thomas Harland		
Thomas Ravendell, currier.		

*Sanctitatis radiis, in orbe refulsit.*

*Behold the martyrs who for truth have dy'd,  
Heaven's glory now, and Britain's greatest pride.*



*No Popish flames to them a period give,  
Their memoirs eternally shall live.*

WISER Princes and States have always had mechanics in highest estimation. The Grand Seignior, though one of the greatest Princes in Europe, is always educate in some handy craft. The Dutch, and the Czar of Muscovy, by encouraging Craftsmen, have made their countries flourish, and are become the terror and envy of their neighbours. King Charles II. was an excellent worker in ivory: neither the affairs of state, nor pleasures of his court, could divert him from his task at the Turner's loom. Lewis the XIV. of France, was so exquisitely good at making of watches, that he was equalled by few in his reign.

WHAT respect the Kings of Scotland have put upon tradesmen, the following history of the *Blue Blanket*, or, *Craftsmens Banner*, will declare. They have had the happiness to taste the bounty of our Princes in the highest honours: For this order of the *Blanket*, originally of ecclesiastic institution, is confirmed by the royal sanction. It had its rise about the 1200 year of GOD, when the Croisade was carried on by Pope Urban the Second; and so is older than any of the orders of knighthood in Europe, save that of St. Andrew, or the Thistle, which had

its original about the 800, when the King of Scots and Picts made war against Athelston King of the West Saxons; and that of the Star, or blessed Virgin, which, as Selden, in his titles of honour, remarks, had its rise in the year 1022: for that order of St. George, or the Garter, was not institute till the year 1345, that of St. Michael, not till 1448, and that of the Golden Fleece 1429. So that I may say the words of Doctor Helen in his preface to his History of the English nobility, *Kings have so much of God in them, whose deputies they are on earth, as many times, where they find merit and desert, they raise the poor out of the dust, that they may set them with Princes, even the Princes of the people.*







A N  
HISTORICAL ACCOUNT  
OF THE  
BLUE BLANKET;  
OR,  
CRAFTSMENS BANNER.

C O N T A I N I N G

The fundamental Principles of the Government of the Good Town, Powers, and Prerogatives of the CRAFTS of EDINBURGH.

**T**HE metropolitan city of Scotland, by some historians, (as Buchanan observes) either through ignorance or ill-will, called Valla Dolorosa, the Doleful Valley; by the Pictish records, Castrum Puellarum, the Maiden

Castle, from its royal and impregnable castle, built by Cruthenus Camelon, King of the Picts, where the daughters of the Pictish Kings were kept working at their needies, till married ; which, for strength, and command of prospect, may challenge precedency of the best in Britain. Some of the ancient Scots called it *Castrum Allatum*, others, *Dunedinum* ; and the latter *Edinum*, which we render *Edinburgh* ; it is situated on the declining of an hill, from whence she views her tributary river Forth, encompassed about with fertile fields, spacious pastures, and goodly gardens, grown by degrees, in such magnificence of buildings, as to stand in competition, almost, with any in Europe ; and justly merits the encomium Dr. Arthur Johnston bestowed upon her :

*That Edinburgh may view the heavens at will,  
'Tis built upon a lofty rising hill,  
The fields and rivers, which her hand maids be,  
She thence views, and the tributary sea :  
And when the sun displays his morning light,  
The palace doth present itself to sight.  
That princely dwelling under Arthur Seat,  
Adorn'd by most ingenious art of late ;  
Towards the west the glorious castle stands ;  
Which with its thunder giveth loud commands.  
Each citizen hath such a house, that it  
May Peers of greatest quality well fit.*

*The threats of foes do not make them dismay'd,  
Nor need they be by their assaults afraid.  
Sure, for a Kingly city, none can wish  
A seat that's more convenient than this.*

IT is not only beautiful, but ancient, though the time when it was founded is not easily discovered. The magistrates of Edinburgh, in their congratulatory harangue to King James the VI. of Scotland, and I. of England, recorded in the *Muses Welcome to that Prince*, assert, it was builded by Fergusius, the first builder of this kingdom, three hundred and thirty years before the Incarnation of Christ.

IN our fierce and frequent wars with the Picts, Danes, Romans and English, this city was so often destroyed, her monuments and charters lost, that her original cannot be well documented. The first Charter I find in her favours is granted by King Alexander I. surnamed *the Good*, and the second by his successor St. David. It is generally agreed upon, that it was made a Burgh Royal by King William I. in whose reign a fervour of devotion, encouraged by Pope Urban II. seized the spirits of the princes and cavaliers of Europe, under the command of Godfrey of Bulloign, to rescue Palestine, and the city of Jerusalem out of the hands of Saladine, and to pluck the sepulchre

of Jesus from the possession of Infidels. The zealous Pontiff was afflicted that the Holy Land, the city of God, the inheritance of Jesus, should be sullied by Infidels, Saracens and Turks; who, in some measure, might be said to have driven our Lord from his capital, that the cross, the glory and ornament of crowned heads, should be trampled upon by the vilest of Adam's posterity. Therefore he inculcated the necessity of taking arms, and united all the powers of Christendom; and to whet their courage, promised to those that would join in this holy service, a plenary indulgence, that is, a remission of all penances imposed by confessors.

VAST numbers of Scots mechanics having followed this holy war, taking with them a *Banner*, bearing this inscription out of the li, Psalm, *In bona voluntate tua edificenter muri Jerusalem*. Upon their returning home, and glorying that they were amongst the fortunate who placed the Christian standard of the cross in the place that Jesus Christ had consecrated with his blood, they dedicated this *Banner*, which they stiled *The Banner of the Holy Ghost*, to St. Eloi's altar in St. Giles's church in Edinburgh; which, from its colour, was called *The Blue Blanket*.

THOUGH none of our historians mention the original institution of the *Blue Blanket*, nor is

there any vouchers for it, saving old imperfect manuscripts; yet, it is highly probable, it had its rise from the Croisade, or Holy War: for Monsieur Cheverau in his History of the World, tells us that Scotland was engaged in that war, and sold or mortgaged their estates for that expedition; and that she was amongst the forward nations in it. Pere Maimbourg, *Histoire des Croisades*, informs us, that the knights of St. Lazarus, an order of men educate to the holy war, were numerous every where, but especially in Scotland and France; as appears by the charters and grants of princes in their favours; and the distinctive crosses they wore, evince, that the Scots were as forward, gallant, and zealous in the service, as any of their neighbours.

OUR histories bear, that a great many of the Scots went to that war, under the command of Allan, Lord great Steward of Scotland; and they, with their confederates, got possession of Jerusalem in 1099.

WHEN Saladine prevailed against the Christian arms, William, King of Scotland, assisted the war with money, and sent supplies of men to the meritorious action, under the command of David his brother, and that five thousand Scots had their share in the Misfortunes and successes of



that unfortunate enterprize. And if we may believe Boethius in *Vita Gull.* the renowned city Ptolemais was taken by the good conduct of Earl David, brother to the King of Scots, Anno 1091, and that the Christian intelligencer was one Oliver, a Scotsman.

THIS *Blue Blanket*, whose original I have endeavoured to discover, was, in the dark times of Popery, held in such religious veneration, that whenever mechanics were artfully wrought upon by the clergy, to display their holy colours, it served for many uses, and they never failed of success in their attempts; which is not to be wondered at: For as the learned and judicious Doctor Abercromby observes in the *Life of St. David*, King of Scotland, speaking of the battle of the Standard, ‘ So good a use have churchmen in  
 ‘ all ages known to make of religious pageantries,  
 ‘ and so much have the vulgar been misled into the  
 ‘ belief of heavenly protection, by the Legerde-  
 ‘ main tricks of spiritual guides, who, while they  
 ‘ have no other view but to gratify their private  
 ‘ passions, muster the deluded people into rebel-  
 ‘ lion.

HAVING thus accounted for the original of the order of the *Blue Blanket*, I may fairly infer, that it is as ancient, and more honourable than the

English order of the Garter, the institution whereof, some ascribe to a garter falling occasionally from the Countess of Salisbury; though others affirm, the Garter was given in testimony of that bond of love whereof the knights and fellows of it were to be tied to one another, and all of them to the King. And others make it still more ancient, giving it the same original with the Blue Blanket, relating, that when King Richard I. of England was at war against the Turks and Saracens in the Holy Land, the tediousness whereof began to discourage his soldiers, he, to quicken their courage, tied about the legs of several choice knights a garter, or small thong of leather, the only stuff he had at hand, that as the Romans used to bestow crowns and garlands for encouragement, so this might provoke them to stand together, and fight valiantly for their king.

THE Crafts of Edinburgh, having this order of the *Blanket* to glory in, may justly take upon them the title of *Knights of the Blanket*, or, *Chevaliers of arms*: For, as the learned Skene, *De Verborum Significatione*, in his title, *Banrents* observes, that Banrents are called *Chevaliers of Arms*, or *Knights*, who, obtaining great honours and dignities, have power and privileges granted to them by the King, to raise and lift up a banner,

with a company of men of weir, either horse or foot; which cannot be done by any save baronets, without the King's special licence, as Pasquiers, lib. 2. *Des recherches de la France*, ch. 9. fol. 100. by sundry arguments proves, and Dr. Smith, in his Treatise of the Commonwealth of England, lib. 1. chap. 17. informs us, that Knights Banners are allowed to display their arms on a banner in the King's host.

As the Knights of St. George have their meeting at Windsor castle, and these of the Thistle in the royal palace of Holyrood-house, so the Knights of the *Blanket* have theirs at St. Eloi, who was a French bishop and their guardian, his altar, to which they mortify considerable sums for the maintenance of a chaplain, and reparation of the ornaments of the chapel; as appears from the Craftsmen's seal of cause, the tenor of which runs thus:

SEAL of CAUSE for the Hammermen  
of Edinburgh.

‘ TILL all and syndry quham it effiers,  
 ‘ quhais knowlege thir present letters shall to cum,  
 ‘ Andrew Bartrem Provost of Edinburgh, George  
 ‘ Edwardson, John of Livingston, Alexander  
 ‘ Crawford, James Aikman, and John Bisset,



‘ baillziets of the said burgh, greeting; for sae  
‘ meikle as, the hedismen and maisters of the  
‘ hamerman, and maisters of the hammerman-  
‘ craft, baith black-smythes, gold-smythes, lori-  
‘ mers, sadlars, cutlars, bucklar-makers, armour-  
‘ ars, peudrars, and all uthers within the said  
‘ burgh, has humyly menyt and shawin, baith to  
‘ our Soveraine Lord the King, and to us, the  
‘ the great skaith, lak and dangire done to thaim,  
‘ and the great dampnage, hurt and prejudife  
‘ done to our Soveraine Lord’s realme and lieges  
‘ in thir points that efter folows, throw the  
‘ quhilks the saids Craftsmen are heryit and put to  
‘ povertie, besekand our Lord’s gud grace, and  
‘ us in his name, of remed and reformacioun  
‘ thair of, and to sett sic statuts and ways thair up-  
‘ on that the saids dampnages, lak and dangirs may  
‘ be iscewit, and the said craft of hamyrmen ex-  
‘ ercit in time cumying, to the honour of our  
‘ Soverane Lord and his realme, and to the wele-  
‘ and profit of the saids Craftismen, and all uthers  
‘ his lieges; that is to say in the first, that the  
‘ said Craft is abusit, and the maisters and hedis-  
‘ men thei of gretly skaithit by the daily markat  
‘ maid in Cremys, and be vile persons throw the  
‘ hie street, and on the bak half of the town, in  
‘ bachlying of the hammyrmenis work and thair  
‘ craft in lak and dishonouring of our said burgh,

‘ and in breking of the gud rule, lovable and old  
‘ statuts, maid diverse tymes thairupon of before :  
‘ We herefor understanding the reasonable suppli-  
‘ cacioune, and just petitioune of the said Craf-  
‘ tismen, desyring to sett remed, and doe justice  
‘ thairuntill, to the honour of the said burgh, and  
‘ commone wele of the said Craftismen and this  
‘ hale realme, has, according to our Soverane  
‘ Lord writinis and charges gevan to us thairup-  
‘ on, the common profit byng always considerit,  
‘ statut, devisit and ordain, and be thir our present  
‘ letters statuts, devisis and ordainis, that in time  
‘ cumyng, thair be na opyn market maid, or usit  
‘ be quhatsumevir personis, of any wark perteny-  
‘ ing to the said hammyrmen of thair craft, in  
‘ schewing theirow in hands upone the hie streeit,  
‘ nor in the Cremys, nay in Burds, nor utherways  
‘ within the said burgh, nor in thir buthis, ex-  
‘ cept alanarly the markat day. *Item*, That na  
‘ personis of the hammyrman craft sett up both  
‘ to wyrk within the said burgh quhill he be maid  
‘ an freeman thairof, and be examinit be thrie of  
‘ the best maisters of the said craft, gif he be  
‘ sufficient, and wyrkand goood and sovir wark,  
‘ syne fluff, and habill to serve our Soverane Lord  
‘ and his lieges, and then to be admittit to sett  
‘ up both, he payant therefor to the said uphald  
‘ of divyne so be done at St. Eloi’s altar, and re-  
‘ paracioune of the ornaments thairof fourtey

' shillings. *Item*, That every Craftisman that  
 ' takis ane prentise to tech him the said craft with-  
 ' in the said burgh, sal pay for his entry to the up-  
 ' hald of the said altar, and the ornaments thair-  
 ' of, twenty shillings. *Item*. That non of the  
 ' saids craftismen tak any uther feit man to wyrk  
 ' on the said craft quhill his prentischip be fulfil-  
 ' lit and completit under the pain of twenety  
 ' shillings, *Item*. that nane of the saids Craftif-  
 ' men ressiave nor lat wark within his buthe ony  
 ' man, without he be uther his prentise or feir  
 ' servand, sa that the maister of the buthe sal an-  
 ' swer for his wark and fynenes thair of. *Item*,  
 ' That nane of the said craftismen resett, tak, nor  
 ' fee an uther manis prentis or servand, nor give  
 ' him wark, without it be clearly understaund  
 ' that he be free of uther manis servis. *Item*,  
 ' Upon ilk Satirday afternoon, that twa or thrie  
 ' of the worthyest maisters and of maist know-  
 ' ledge of the said craft, chosine thairto be the baill  
 ' fallowship, pass with thair officiar, and serch  
 ' and se all menys wark in the said craft, gif it be  
 ' sufficient in stuff and warkmanship, gud and  
 ' habill wark to serve our Soverane Lord's lieges  
 ' with: And quahair it beis fundyn faltive, to  
 ' forbid the samyne, under the pain of escheating  
 ' thair of als aft as he beis fundyne faltive. *Item*,  
 ' That all thir craftismen above writen sal convene  
 ' tyme and place to be thocht expedyent als aft as

‘ thay plaife, to common upon the breaking of  
‘ thir statuts above expremitt, and to certifie the  
‘ prouost and bailzies thair of that shal be for the  
‘ tyme, that reformatioun and punition may be  
‘ done thair upon as effiers. *Item*, That every  
‘ man breker of thir forwrittine statuts, pay for  
‘ ilk ane of thaim als aft as thay happen to be bro-  
‘ kin in his default, aught shillings to be taken but  
‘ favoure, to the reparatioun of the said altar  
‘ and ornamentis thair of, and that all men of the  
‘ said craft doe and fulfil her ald usand consuetud  
‘ in all thyngs to the uphold of divyne servace at  
‘ the said altar oukly and dayly, and ane honour-  
‘ abill chaplin thair of to thair craft as effiers ;  
‘ and gif the maisters and hedismen of the said  
‘ craft dois nocht thair dilligence, to cause all  
‘ thir statuts above writtine to be observit and  
‘ kepit, ans saits thair of to be serchit and punysht,  
‘ that thay sall be correct and punysht thair for  
‘ be the provest and baillzies, as sall be sene con-  
‘ sonant to reasone. And this to all quham it ef-  
‘ fiers, or may effier, we mak knawn saytsellie be  
‘ thir our present lettirs, and in witneffing thair-  
‘ of we have, at the command of our Soverane  
‘ Lord, and desyre and request of the sayds Craf-  
‘ tismen, maid our common sele of cause to be  
‘ hyngin to thir presents, at Edinburgh the 12th  
‘ day of April, the zier of God a thousand and  
‘ four hundred ninety and six ziers.

RATIFICATION in Favours of the  
Hammermen of Edinburgh.

‘ A T T Edinburgh the sixt day of September  
‘ 1681 years, our Sovereign Lord, with advice  
‘ and consent of his estats of parliament present-  
‘ ly conveened by his Majesties speciall authority,  
‘ hes ratified and approven, and hereby ratifies  
‘ and approves the haill rights, privileges, immu-  
‘ nities and caufualties, granted to, and in favores  
‘ of the deacon, boxmasters, masters, patrons,  
‘ and remanent members of the Magdalane cha-  
‘ ple, consisting of smiths, cutlers, saidlers, lori-  
‘ mers, armorers, peuthereis, shear-smiths, and  
‘ all others incorporat, or to be incorporate with  
‘ them, by our Sovereigne Lord, or any on  
‘ other of his Majesties royall predecessors, or by  
‘ the provost, baillies, and Toun Council of the  
‘ said burgh of Edinburgh, and mortifications  
‘ granted to them, by whatsomever person or per-  
‘ sons, of whatsomever date, tenor, or contents  
‘ the samin be of, and bear; and particularly,  
‘ but prejudice of the said generality, an seal of  
‘ cause granted to them by the magistrats and  
‘ common Council of the said burgh of Edin-  
‘ burgh, upon the twelvth day of April, 1496,  
‘ as the samin in itself more fully bears, in the  
‘ haill heads, clauses, and articles therein con-



‘ tained, after the form and tenor thereof, in all  
‘ points, and wills, and grants, and for his Ma-  
‘ jesty, and his Highness successors, with advice  
‘ and consent foresaid, decerns, declares, and or-  
‘ dains this present general confirmation to be als  
‘ sufficient, valid and effectual in all respects, as if  
‘ the saids haill rights, grants and privileges;  
‘ and particularly but prejudice of the foresaid ge-  
‘ nerality, the seall of cause, and gifts of mortu-  
‘ fication above mentioned, were *de verbo in ver-*  
‘ *bum* herein expressly sett down, ingrossed and  
‘ repeated. Likeas, his Majesty, with advice and  
‘ consent forsaid, hes ratified, and hereby ratifies,  
‘ approves, and confirms to the said incorporation  
‘ of hammermen, all and sundry their rights and  
‘ privileges, whereof they have been in use and  
‘ possession; and particularly, of seising and ap-  
‘ prehending of all and whatsomever work belong-  
‘ ing to, or that can be made, furnished and com-  
‘ pleted by them, that shall happen to be import-  
‘ ed within the said burgh, any time hereafter,  
‘ (except upon the mercat day) and there escheat-  
‘ and confiscating the one half thereof to his Ma-  
‘ jesties use, and the other half of the samen to the  
‘ use of the poor of the said incorporation. And  
‘ further, discharges and inhibits all, and what-  
‘ somever work belonging to, or can be made,  
‘ furnished and completed by them, to be in-  
‘ brought, sold, vented or retailed within the said

‘ burgh, by any person or persons, except within  
 ‘ the booths and shops of the freemen of the  
 ‘ said incorporation, but what shall happen to be  
 ‘ inbrought on the mercat day, and vented, sold,  
 ‘ and ratiled on the mercat day, at the ordinary  
 ‘ mercat place, between ten hours in the morning  
 ‘ and two in the afternoon, and that under the  
 ‘ pain of confiscation thereof to the uses foresaid:  
 ‘ Extracted forth of the records of Parliament,  
 ‘ by me Sir Tho. Murray of Glendoick, Knight  
 ‘ and Baronet, clerk to his Majesty’s council, re-  
 ‘ gister and rols.

‘ THO. MURRAY, *Clerk Register.*’

THE trades being thus confirmed in their privileges by the royal sanction, gave such extraordinary proofs of loyalty, that they established themselves in the grace and favour of their Princes; and their loyal actions I shall trace, beginning with the reign of

## King ROBERT BRUCE.

FOR many eminent services performed by the crafts, and other citizens of Edinburgh, contained in an charter granted by the said King Robert, dated at Cardross, in the 24th year of his reign: He disposes to the Provost, baillies, council, and communities of the said burgh, and their succes-



fors, the haven of Leith, mills, and other pertinents thereof, to be holden of his Majesty, and successors, als freely, and with the same liberties and commodities, as the same were enjoyed in the time of King Alexander his predecessor, of happy memory, for payment of 52 merks. Nor was Edinburgh, by her loyal deportment, less in favour with his successor,

## King ROBERT the II.

In the beginning of his reign, Edinburgh, to speak properly, was not the capital city of Scotland, being only a small burgh (which made Walsingham, and other historians of these times, call it a village) the houses of which, because they were so often exposed to incursions from England, being thatched, for the most part, with straw and turf; and then burnt, or demolished, were with no great difficulty repaired: for in ancient times, the Highlands was properly the Scots Kings territories, till the Picts were expelled, who had Edinburgh, and the Lothians in possession, in the reign of King Kenneth II. Anno 839: But the loyalty of the citizens, impregnable strength of the castle, and the conveniency of the abbey of Holyroodhouse, in the royal chapel whereof his corpse is interred, invited the King to dwell, and hold his parliament there. From this proceeded a great

concourse of people, who were of course obliged to resort to it, and occasioned these magnificent, but too costly structures, with which it is since crowded. But the loyalty of this city of Edinburgh, was more remarkable In the reign of

### King JAMES III.

who having offended his nobles, for advancing Robert Cochran, a mason, to the dignity of secretary of State, and creating him Earl of Mar, James Hommel, a taylor, and one Leonard, a smith, to extraordinary favour, and places of trust, so incensed the ancient Peerage, for enobling these mushrooms, sprung from the dreg of the people, quarrelling the King's arbitrary power, in dispensing these honours, and marshalling those persons whom he had advanced to these high dignities, that in an impetus of passion, they hanged Cochran Earl of Mar over the bridge of Lauder, and raised such violent emotions in the state, that his Majesty, for security of his royal person, was forced to shelter himself in Edinburgh castle. During his confinement there, the English, with whom he was at war, having marched to Edinburgh; and there being a treaty betwixt the Scots and them, of the 2d August 1482; the next day after this cessation, Alexander, Duke of Albany, the King's brother, importuned by the prayers

and tears of the Queen, for the King's liberty, by the assistance of William Bartrem, provost of Edinburgh \*, and with him the whole community, and incorporations of Craftsmen, intirely loving their King, and devoted to his service, loyally, and generously obliged themselves to repay to the King the sums of money debursed by him in view of the marriage betwixt the Duke of Rothsay and his daughter the Lady Cecil: or, if the King did yet incline that the marriage should be compleated, they undertook for their Sovereign Lord the King of Scotland, that he should concur, conform to his former obligation, providing that their said Sovereign Lord, or the Lords of his council, or the saids provost and burghers were informed of the King of England's pleasure and election upon the matter, by the first of *All Saints* next to come. And the saids citizens surprized and stormed the castle of Edinburgh; and to the great dissatisfation of the rebellious nobles, set their Sovereign at liberty. These surprising instances of loyalty and valour, for which they shall be had in everlasting remembrance, procured from the King a grant of many new privileges, contained in a patent, which they call their *Golden Charter*, dated 1482; particularly, the magistrates

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\* *Fœd. Ang. Tom. 12. P. 161.* God'craft's History of the *Douglasses*. *Abecromby's Martial Achievements*, *Hauthernden's History*.

are made heritable sheriffs within the said burgh, and liberties of the same. And another charter from their said Sovereign Lord, in favours of the said provost, baillies, council and communities of the said burgh, and their successors for ever, of all the customs of the haven of Leith, and road of the same, dated 16th November, 1482, and a confirmation of a charter and infeoffment granted by Sir Robert Logan of Restalrig, to them, of all the passages and ways leading to the haven and harbour of Leith, and from the same; containing divers liberties and immunities.

INDEED they very well deserved the favours bestowed on them; for it is certain, that upon the King of England's sending his servant the Garter King at arms, to let them know, that for several great causes and considerations, he had entirely refused to comply with the marriage betwixt the Duke of Rothsay and his daughter; they repaid all the money, amounting to 6000 merks, which he debursed on that account.

HAVING traced the *Blue Blanket* to the origin of the Croisade, from whence it undoubtedly had its rise, I cannot pass over in silence the honour put upon it by this monarch, who was the first that gave it the civil sanction, not thinking the above donatives

a sufficient reward to the loyal crafts, confirmed to them all the privileges of the *Blue Blanket*, which they claimed by prescription, or an immemorial possession, and ordained it to be called in all time coming, *The standard of the crafts within burgh* : For that King, full of the spirit that warms the blood of absolute monarchs, highly resented the treatment Robert Cochran, mason, by him created Earl of Mar, had met with by his factious nobles, would needs confer this dignity upon the trades, in whom he placed his special confidence. The trades thus honoured, renewed their *banner*; or, to speak in the language of heralds, their *ensign*, by way of Pennon, and the Queen, with her own hands, painted upon it a Saltire, or St. Andrew's Cross, a Thistle, an Imperial Crown, and an Hammer, with the following inscription :

*Fear God, and honour the King,  
With a long life and prosperous reign,  
And we the trades shall ever pray.*

THE crafts having now not only the cross, but the crown on their ensign, were as firmly persuaded of success in all their public actions, as Constantine the Great, the first Christian Emperor, in the year 306, of defeating the tyrant Maxen-



tius, when at noon-day he saw a luminous cross in the air, with these words in Greek,

*In hoc Signo vinces.*

THE old nobility and gentry were exceedingly nettled at the proceedings of the King, to re-establish his authority; but in the judgment of wise and loyal men, very unjustly; for, the foundation of all obedience to superiors, are rewards and punishments, and royalty is an invention of Divine Wisdom, for the happiness of subjects; and Kings, being common fathers to their people, are to reward virtue wherever they find it; it is their duty to do it, and the promise of the KING of Kings, that they shall do it: *He will take their daughters, and make hem apothecaries, cooks and bakers; and he will take their sons, and appoint them to his chariots, and to be his horsemen, and he will make them captains over thousands. As the wrath of a King is like the roaring of a lion, so in the light of his countenance is life, and his favour as the latter rain.*

As the crafts of Edinburgh, in the reign of his successors, made a very grateful and prudent use of the *Blue Blanket*, with respect to government, so they never failed, with this standard, to

chastise all, who in the least infringed their rights and privileges, which King James VI. takes notice of in his *Basilicon Doron*, or, Advice to his Son and apparent successor Henry Prince of Wales, page 164. *The craftsmen think we should be content with their work, how bad soever it be ; and if in any thing they be controled, up goes the Blue Blanket.*

As they flourished in the favours of their Sovereign King James III. so did they in the reign of that courageous and pious Prince his successor,

### King JAMES IV.

crowned at Edinburgh, 1489 ; who, for singular acts of loyalty performed by the city of Edinburgh, by his charter of confirmation under the Great Seal, to the said provost, baillies, council, and communities of the said burgh, ratified and confirmed the two above charters granted by King James III. and charter granted by Sir Robert Logan of Restalrig ; which charter of confirmation is dated, at Stirling, the 9th day of March, 1510. And, by another charter, disposed to them the lands and haven of Newhaven, with the haven, silver, and all other profits, duties, liberties and immunities pertaining thereto, dated at Stirling the said 9th of March, 1510. Thus far



was the city of Edinburgh honoured and privileged in the reign of King James IV. and were no less so during the government of his son and successor,

### KING JAMES the V.

For during the wars betwixt him and the Earl of Northumberland, John Armstrong, chief of a gang of thieves, was enticed by the Kings officers, to have recourse to the King, who had written a letter to him with his royal hand, to attend him at his palace of Holyrood-house: The King hearing a distinct account. of the crimes he was guilty of, ordained him to be committed to gaol, and suffer, with his accomplices, according to law. This notorious highwayman, with the assistance of his followers, drew upon the King in his chamber of audience, who was with much difficulty, rescued by the courtiers and their attendants, and continued in their hostilities, designing to have murdered every soul in the royal palace, till it was noised in the city of Edinburgh, that the King was in eminent danger of being cut off by the hands of bloody ruffians: The crafts of the city rose, and slew every one of the assassins. The story is preserved in memory, not so much by our historians, who give but a faint account of it, as a ballad compiled by one of the greatest poets of that age.

*There dwelt a man in fair Westmorland,  
John Armstrong men did him call ;  
He had neither lands nor rents coming in,  
Yet he kept eightscore men in his hall, &c.  
The King he wrote an a letter then,  
A letter which was large and long ;  
He sign'd it with his own hand,  
And he promis'd to do him no wrong.  
When this letter came John him till,  
His heart was as blyth as birds on a tree ;  
Never was I sent for before any King,  
My father, my grandfather, nor none but me, &c.  
By the morrow morning at ten of the clock,  
Toward Edinburgh gone was he ;  
And with him all his eightscore of men,  
Good Lord, an it was a goodly sight to see.  
When John came before the King,  
He fell down low upon his knee ;  
O pardon, my Sovereign liege, he said,  
O pardon my eightscore men and me.  
Thou shalt have no pardon thou traitor Strong,  
Nae for thy eightscore men and thee ;  
For tomorrow marning by ten of the clock,  
Both thou and them shall hang on the gallow tree.  
Then John looked over his left shoulder ;  
Good Lord what a grievous look looked he !  
Said, I have asked grace at a graceless face,  
Why, there is nane for ye nor me.  
But John had a bright sword by his side*

*And it was made of metal so free ;  
 That had not the King slept his foot aside,  
 He had smitten his head from his fair bodie ;  
 Saying, Fight on, my merry men all,  
 And see that none of you be tane ;  
 For rather than men should say we were hang'd,  
 Let them report that we were slain.  
 God wot the trades of Edinburgh rose,  
 And sore beset poor John round,  
 That fourscore and ten of John's best men,  
 Lay gasping all upon the ground, &c.*

HAVING traced the loyal actions of the citizens, especially the crafts of Edinburgh, through the reigns of several Sovereigns, before I proceed to the reign of Queen Mary, I must take notice of the pious donations of an eminent citizen of Edinburgh, Michael Maquhan, and his spouse, in favours of the Hammermen, (who dedicated and consecrated the *Blue Blanket* to St. Eloi's altar, in St. Gile's church) for founding of the Magdalen Chapel, where they now meet, which is contained in the following charter :

‘ TO all and fundry, to whois knowledge thir  
 ‘ presents fall come, and be seen, I Jonet Ryne,  
 ‘ relict, executrix, and only intromissatrix with the  
 ‘ goods and gear of umquhil Michael M'Quhan,  
 ‘ burgess of Edinburg, within peace in our Lord,

• makes known by thir presents, That when the  
• said Michael was greatly troubled with an heavy  
• deafe, and oppressed with age, zet mindful of  
• eternal life, he esteemed it ane good way to  
• obtain eternal life, to erect some Christian work,  
• for ever to remain and endure, he left seven  
• hundered pound, to be employed for the supple-  
• ment of the edifice of the Magdalen chapell, and  
• to the other edifices for foundation of the chapel,  
• and sustentation of seven poor men, who should  
• continually there put furth their prayers to God  
• Almighty ; for there was many others that had  
• promised to mortifye some portion of their goods  
• for perseiting and absolveing of the said wark,  
• but they failzied, and withdrew from such ane  
• holly and religious work, and altogether refused  
• thereupon to confer the samen. Quhilk thing I  
• taking heavly, and pondering it in my heart,  
• what in such ane deficle business sould be done ;  
• at last, I thought night and day upon the fulfill-  
• ing of my husband's will, and took upon me the  
• burden of the haill wark, and added two thou-  
• sand pound to the 700 l. left be my husband :  
• And I did put furth these sournes wholly, after  
• his death, upon the edification of that chapel,  
• ornaments thereof, and building of the edifice  
• for the habitation of the chaplane, and seven  
• poor men, and for buying of land, as well field  
• land, as burgh land, and yearly annualrents, for

‘ the nourishment, sustentation, and clothing of  
‘ them, as hereafter mair largely set down *There-*  
‘ *fore wit ye me,* To the praise and honour of Al-  
‘ mighty God, and of his mother the blisfed Vir-  
‘ gine Mary, and of Mary Magdallen, and of the  
‘ haill celestial court, to have erected and edified  
‘ ane certain chapell and hospital house, lyeing in  
‘ the burgh of Edinburgh, upon the south side of  
‘ the King’s high street, called the Cowgate, for  
‘ habitation of the foresaid chaplain and poor, and  
‘ that from the foundation thereof; and has dedi-  
‘ cate the samen to the name of Mary Magdallen,  
‘ and has foundit the said chaplain, and seven  
‘ poor, for to give furth their continual prayers un-  
‘ to God for the salvation of the soul of our most  
‘ illustrious Mary Queen of Scots, and for the sal-  
‘ vation of my said umquhil husband’s soul and  
‘ mine: And also, for the salvation of the souls of  
‘ those that shall put to their helping hand, or shall  
‘ give any thing to this work: As also, for the  
‘ patrons of the said chapel: And also, for the  
‘ souls of all those of whom we have had any  
‘ thing whilk we have not restored, and for the  
‘ whilk we have not given satisfaction; to have  
‘ given and granted, and by this my present char-  
‘ ter in poor and perpetual alms, and to have con-  
‘ firmed in mortification: As also, to give and  
‘ grant, and by this present charter, gives in poor  
‘ alms and mortification, to confirm to Almighty



God, with the blessed Virgin Mary, the said chapell and chapell house, for the sustentation of ane secular chaplain, and seven poor men, and for the chaplain, and four poor brethren, to have their yearly food, and perpetual sustentation within the said hospital, and for buying of their habits every twa year once, I mortify these annualrents under-written ; to wit, ane yearly annualrent of aughtscore and aught merks money of Scotland, out of that annualrent of threescore pounds yearly, to be uplifted and tane at twa terms yearly, Whitsunday and Martinmas in Winter, be equall portions, out of all and haill the barony of Carnwath miln, and pertinents thereof, and the other two merks of the said annualrent of threescore pound, to be applyed and used for my use, during my lifetime ; and after my decease, to the poor brethren under-written : As also, for the dyet and sustentation of other three poor ones, and buying of their habites ilk twa year, after the decease of me the said Jonet, reserving to me my liferent, during my lifetime, viz The forsaid annualrent of twa merks of the threescore pounds yearly, to be uplifted out of the lands of Carnwath : as also, another yearly annualrent of twenty merks money of Scotland, yearly to be uplifted, as said is, out of all and haill the lands pertaining to Kathrine Gillespie and John Cockburn, her spouse, lyand in the burgh of Edin-

burgh, upon the south-side of the high street  
thereof, betwixt the trans of the vennel called  
Hair's clofs, and the trans of the vennel called  
Borthwick's clofs: As also, ane other yearly an-  
nualrent of ten merks, out of the tenement of  
umquhile Andrew Harly, lying upon the north  
part of the King's high street: And also, ane  
other annualrent of twelve merks, out of the  
tenement of land pertaining to umquhile James  
Young: And also, another annualrent of thir-  
teen shillings and fourpence, out of the tene-  
ment of land pertaining to Edward Thomson,  
baxter, lying in the said burgh in Peebles-wynd.  
Whilk chaplain and his successors, shall have for  
their yearly sustentation twenty four merks  
money of Scotland, out of the foresaid yearly  
annualrent of aughtscore and aught merks, dure-  
ing Jonet Rynd's lifetime, and after her decease,  
out of all the foresaid yearly annualrents, to be  
taken up be himself at Whitsunday, and Martin-  
mas in Winter, every year in all time comeing,  
be equall portions. Whilk chaplain shall have  
the care, government and administration of the  
foresaid hospital, and of the foresaid poor bre-  
thren and all other poor brethren that shall, in  
any time thereafter, be put thereintill, and shall,  
three times in the year, provide to them the ec-  
clesiastical sacrament, providing they be found meet  
and apt for receaveing thereof; to wit, the feast



‘ of Pasch, Pentecost, and Nativity of our Lord Je-  
‘ sus Christ. Whilk chaplane alſe ſhall ſee, that in  
‘ the foreſaids feaſts, and other convenient times,  
‘ chiefly when they ſhall be ſick of any heavie infir-  
‘ mity, how the foreſaid poor ſhall be worthyly diſ-  
‘ poſed for receaveing of the ſacrament; and for  
‘ that effect, he ſhall exhort them, and ſhall chari-  
‘ tably move them, and ſhall hear their confeſſions.  
‘ And the ſaid chaplain ſhall be obliged every fe-  
‘ riat time of the week, if it be not ane feaſt day,  
‘ to make ane meſs of reſt. with ane pſalm direct  
‘ to the LORD, for the foreſaid ſouls. Neither  
‘ ſhall it be leiſome to the ſaid chaplain to have  
‘ any ſubſtitute under him, to ſerve in the ſaid  
‘ hoſpital for him, except in the time of infirmity  
‘ and weakneſs allenerly; to the whilk meſs the  
‘ foreſaid ſeven poor, and any others to be found  
‘ thereintil to be preſent, and to interceed at GOD  
‘ for the foreſaid ſouls, and he ſhall have ane care,  
‘ that the foreſaid poor ſhall dilligently obſerve the  
‘ whole foundation and articles as is herein ſett  
‘ down And farther, We will and ordain, That  
‘ the ſaid chaplane and his ſucceſſors for the time,  
‘ at the firſt term of their entry and admiſſion in  
‘ the ſaid hoſpittall, ſhall find ſufficient caution to  
‘ the patrons of the ſaid hoſpital, for the well pre-  
‘ ſervation of all the jewells, ornaments, and o-  
‘ thers whatſomever, whilk ſhall belong to the ſaid  
‘ hoſpital, to be delivered be them to the patrons

‘ under an inventar; and that he shall not sell,  
‘ nor put away any of the said ornaments, neither  
‘ shall it be leifume to the said chaplane to embrace  
‘ any other chaplanrie or ecclesiastick office; whilk  
‘ if he doe, his chaplanrie shall vaik without any  
‘ declarator of any judge, and it shall be leifume  
‘ to the patrons to confer the samen upon ane o-  
‘ ther. And if he be found incontinent of his bo-  
‘ dy, either be lunary, adultery, incest, drunken-  
‘ ness, dissentions, or of any other nottor or mani-  
‘ fest crimes, and found culpable by the patrones,  
‘ or most pairt of them, before ane nottor and  
‘ faithful witnesses, shall be three times admonisht  
‘ to desist frae them, and after ane full year out-  
‘ run, he be found incorrigible, it shall be con-  
‘ firmed be the patrons upon ane able chaplane.  
‘ And farder, the said chaplane, every year, once  
‘ in the year, for the said Michael and Jonet, shall  
‘ make suffrages, which is, I am pleased, and di-  
‘ rect me, O LORD, with ane mess of rest, be-  
‘ ing naked, he cloathed me; with two wax can-  
‘ dles burning on the altar. To the whilk suffra-  
‘ ges and mess, he shall cause ring the chapel bell  
‘ the space of ane quarter of an hour, and that all  
‘ the foresaid poor, and others that shall be there-  
‘ intill, shall be present at the foresaid mess with  
‘ their habites, requesting all these that shall come  
‘ in to hear the said mess to pray for the said souls.

‘ And farder, every day of the blessed Mary Mag-  
‘ dallen, patron of the foresaid hospital, and the day  
‘ of the indulgence of the said hospital, and every  
‘ other day of the year, the said chaplaine shall  
‘ offer up all the oblations, and for every oblation  
‘ shall have twa wax candleds upon the altar, and  
‘ twa at the foot of the image of the patron in  
‘ twa bræzen candlesticks, and twa wax torches  
‘ on the feast of the nativity of our Saviour, Pasch,  
‘ and Whitsunday, of the days of Mary Magdal-  
‘ len, and of the days of the indulgences granted  
‘ to the said hospital, and doubleing at other graet  
‘ feasts, with twa wax candles alenerly. And  
‘ likeways, he shall preserve the altar in the orna-  
‘ ments thereof, and he shall preserve the jewells  
‘ and ornaments of the said altar clean and tight,  
‘ and he shall be obliged and restricted to furnish  
‘ bread, wine and wax to the said hospital, for the  
‘ haill year. As also, the said chaplain shall be  
‘ obliged, at his entry, before he be admitted to  
‘ the said hospital, to give his great oath, by touch-  
‘ ing the sacred Evangile, that he shall neither  
‘ directly nor indirecily, by whatsomever pretence  
‘ or coller, seek the derogation of this foundation,  
‘ in haill or in part, neither be himself nor be  
‘ any other party; neither shall he have any dis-  
‘ pensation or derogation from ony other the time  
‘ of his admission; neither shall he be put into  
‘ the said chaplany be any other, but shall only

‘ have his admission from the saids patrons to  
‘ the effect, that if he derogate any thing from  
‘ the said hospital, and shall not fulfil the hail ar-  
‘ ticles and clauses thereof, he shall be the same pa-  
‘ trons be removed, and another able chaplain put  
‘ in his place. And also, We will and declare,  
‘ that the foresaid seven poor men, and likewise  
‘ any other of that kind that shall be found it or  
‘ put thereintil be any others, that they shall give  
‘ obedience to the said chaplain, in all honest and  
‘ leifome things, as their undoubted and lawful  
‘ master of the said hospital; and that none be  
‘ admitted amongst the said poor brethren of the  
‘ said hospital, but such as are not married, and  
‘ not stained with an concubine, or with any other  
‘ notorious crime, and that none be admit-  
‘ ted except he be past, before his admission, three-  
‘ score years, except they be impotent and mi-  
‘ serable persons, who otherways are not able to  
‘ get their daily bread. And that no woman,  
‘ howsoever miserable or impotent, be any ways re-  
‘ ceived or admitted in the said hospital; and that  
‘ no woman shall frequent this house of hospital  
‘ at any time, and chiefly in the night time; and  
‘ that one of the seven poor men, weekly, in his own  
‘ turn, shall be janitor, who shall open and steik  
‘ the gates thereof, and shall make clean the said  
‘ chapel and common house thereof every day,

‘ and keep it honest from all filth. And if it  
‘ chance that the said janitor be sick for the time,  
‘ that he cannot do it, then ane other of the said  
‘ poor brethren, in his turn most able and meet,  
‘ by the discretion of the said chaplain, shall be  
‘ appointed. And the said janitor, every day  
‘ from Pasch to the feast of St. Jude, from half  
‘ six in the morning, he shall open the gates, and  
‘ close them again at aught hours at night ; and  
‘ the rest of the year he shall open at seven hours  
‘ in the morning, and close them again at seven  
‘ at night, and shall ring the bell of the said cha-  
‘ pel for the space of a quarter of an hour, im-  
‘ mediately after the opening, and a little before  
‘ the closing : And that the seven poor, and every  
‘ one of them, shall immediately after ringing of  
‘ the bell, repeat the Lord’s Prayer five times  
‘ and the Angelical Salutation fifty times, and  
‘ the Belief of the apostles once in the day ; and  
‘ they shall repeat the twa psalms that are  
‘ called the *blest Virgin’s*, before compleating of  
‘ their dinner, and refection at twelve hours.  
‘ And the dinner being done, the foresaid haill  
‘ poor, within the said hospital for the time, shall  
‘ convene before the great altar, and there, with  
‘ their bowed knees, give five *Pater Nosters*, fifty  
‘ *Ave Maria’s*, and ane *Creed*, &c.’



THE hospital was founded by Michel M<sup>c</sup>Quban, Anno 1503; but the charter by the relief Anno 1545.

THIS chapel is adorned with the arms of the good town of Edinburgh, being argent, a castle triple towered sable, marshalled of the 1st, surmounted with thanes gules, supported on the dexter by a virgin lady, on the sinister with a deer, and accolée : Behind the shield the sword of honour, and mace ensigned with an Imperial Crown ; below in a compartment, *Nisi Dominus Frustra*. Round this atchievement are the armorial ensigns of the following incorporations, according to their precedencey.

In the first Oval.

## I. CHIRURGEONS.

Az. on a fess. ar. a naked man fessways proper, betwixt a dexter hand palmed, and in its palm an eye proper, issuing from the chief. In the dexter canton a saltire ar. under an Imperial Crown or, or proper, surmounted of a thistle proper or vert. and in base a castle ar. masoned sab. all within a border or, charged with the several instruments suitable to the society.

## II. GOLDSMITHS.

Quarterly gu. and az. on the 1. a leopard's head or, 2d, a covered cup, and in chief 2 annulets or, 3 as 2, and 4 as 1.

## III. SKINNERS.

Ermine on a chief gu. 3 Imperial Crowns or.

## IV. FURRIERS.

Parted per fess, gu. and ar. a pale counter-charged of the same on the 1st 3 goats of the 2d.

## V. HAMMERMEN.

Az. a hammer proper, ensigned with an Imperial Crown.

## VI. WRIGHTS.

Az. a square and compass or.

## VII. MASONS.

Ar. on a cheveron betwixt 3 towers embattelled sab. a compass or.

## VIII. TAYLORS.

Az. Scissars expanded or.



## IX. BAXTERS.

Az. 3 Garbs or, from the chief waved, a hand issuing, holding a pair of ballances extending to the base.

## X. FLESHERS.

Ar. 2 slaughter axes proper saltire-ways, accompanied with 3 Cows heads coupèd sab. 2 in flank and 1 in base, and on a chief az. a boar's head coupèd betwixt 2 garbs or.

## XI. CORDINERS.

Az. their cutting knife in pale, and in chief, a ducal crown or.

## XII. WEBSTERS.

Ar. on a chev. az. betwixt 3 leopards heads of the same, holding in their mouths a spool or shuttle of yarn or, as many roses gu.

## XIII. HATTERS and WAULKERS.

Parted per pale gu. and ar. on the 1st a chev. of the last, betwixt two hatstring bands in chief, and in base a thistle or, on the second, a sinister hand palmed proper, erected in pale betwixt 2 hatstrings sab. and in chief a hat of the last.

## XIV. BONNETMAKERS and LITSTERS.

Ar. a fess betwixt 2 bonnets az. or proper, tufted gu. impaled with or, a chev. gu. betwixt 3 cushions az.

*And round the hammermens arms, in a second oval, the ensigns of the following art :*

## XV. BLACKSMITHS.

Az. a chev. betwixt 3 hammers, each ensigned with ducal crowns or.

## XVI. CUTLERS.

Gu. 6 daggers placed saltire ways, 2 and 2, proper, handled or.

## XVII. SADDLERS.

Az. a chev. betwixt 3 saddles or.

## XVIII. LOCKSMITHS.

Az. a key impaled or.

## XIX. LORIMERS.

Az. a cheveron betwixt 3 horse-bridle bits ar.

## XX. ARMORERS.

Arg. on a chev. gu. 4 swords saltire-ways, pro-

per, handled or, and on a chief of the second, 2 helmets of the same.

## XXI. PEUTHERERS.

Az. on a chev. ar. betwixt 3 portulices or, as many thistles vert. and flowered gules.

## XXII. SHEARSMITHS.

Gu. woolshears impaled az.

*Placed above these arms are the imperial arms of Scotland, thus blazoned, viz.*

Or, a lion ramp. gu. armed and languid az. within a double tressure, flowered and counter-flowered, with Flower de Lisses of the 2d, encircled with the order of Scotland, the same being composed of rue and thistles, having the image of St Andrew, with his cross on his breast, above the shield a helmet, answerable to his Majesty's high quality and jurisdiction, with a mantle or, doubled ermine, adorned with an imperial crown, beautified with crosses pattee, and Flower de Lisses, surmounted on the top, for his Majesty's crest, with a lion sejeant, full faced, gu. crowned or, holding in his dexter paw a naked sword proper, and in the sinister, a scepter, both erected pale ways, supported by two unicorns argent, crowned with

imperial, and gorged with open crowns, to the last chains affixed, passing betwixt their fore legs, and reflexed over their backs or, he on the dexter embracing and bearing up a banner of cloth of gold, charged with the royal arms of Scotland; on the sinister, another banner azure, charged with the St. Andrew's cross argent, both standing on a compartment placed underneath, from which issues two thistles, one towards each side of the escutcheon and for motto in an escrol above all, in defence; under the table of the compartment, *Nemo me impune laceffet.*

THE hammermen's seal, is the effigies of St. Eloi in his apostolical vestments proper, standing in a church porch, a porch adorned with five pyramid steeples engraven, each surmounted with a plain cross, holding in his dexter a hammer barways, and in the sinister a key bend-ways. Round the effigies, are these words, *Sigillum commune Artis Tudiatorum.*

THE above fundamental charter, in favours of the Magdalen hospital, is swelled with the popish doctrine of merit, and gives us a true representation of the chicanery of Romish priests, who, to fill their coffers, and make their kitchen smook, set heaven itself to sale. The avarice of churchmen, in these dark times, as the learned sir George

M'Kenzie in his printed pleadings observes, was so extravagant, that the legislature in Germany, Denmark, and other countries, taxed the Quoras of pious donations, lest the people, decoyed by their priests to purchase heaven, should have starved themselves upon earth.

As the hammermen have St. Eloi and St. Mary Magdalen for their guardians; so the Chirurgeons have St. Mungo, which appears by their seal of cause, a copy of which follows:

‘ T I L L all and sundry whas knowledge thir  
‘ present letters shall com, the provost, bailies,  
‘ and council of the burgh of Edinburgh, greeting  
‘ in God everlasting, wit your universitys that  
‘ the day of the date of these presents, compeired  
‘ before Us sittaind in judgement in the Tolbuith  
‘ of the said burgh, the kirk master \*, and brether  
‘ of the surgeons and barbaris within the same,  
‘ and presented to us their bill and supplication,  
‘ desiring us, for the loving of God, honor of our  
‘ soveraign lord, and all his leidges, and for wor-  
‘ shipe and policy of this burgh, all for the guid  
‘ rule and order to be had and made amongst the  
‘ saids crafts in tyme to come, that we wauld grant,  
‘ and consent to them the priviledges, ruls and

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\* Deacon, or chief master of the incorporation.

‘ statuts contained in the said bill and supplication,  
‘ qlk after follows:

‘ TO you my lord provost, baillies, and worthy  
‘ council of this guid toune, right humblie means  
‘ and shaws. your dayly servitors the kirk master  
‘ and brether of the furgeons and barbars within  
‘ this brughe, that where we believe it is weall  
‘ knawne till all yor wisdoms, how that we uphold  
‘ an altar situate within the colledge kirk of St.  
‘ Giles, in the honour of God and St. Mungo our  
‘ patrone, and has nae importance to uphould the  
‘ same, but our sober oukleye penny and upsets,  
‘ qulks are small in effect till sustance and uphold  
‘ our said altar in all necessary things convenient  
‘ thereto. And because we ar, and ever wes of  
‘ guid mynd to do this guid toune all the stede  
‘ pleasure and service that we cane or may, baith  
‘ in walking, warding, stenting, and bearing of  
‘ all portable charges within this brugh at all tymes,  
‘ as other nightbours and crafts does within the  
‘ same. We desire at your lordships and wisdoms,  
‘ till give and grant till us, and our succeffors, the  
‘ rules, statuts and priviledges underwritten, qhilk  
‘ ar consonant to reason, honor to our soveraign  
‘ lord, and all his leidges profit, and love to this  
‘ guid town.

‘ IN the first, That we might haue yearly chofne



‘ amongst us, our kirk master and over man, to  
‘ whom the haill brethren of the crafts foresaids  
‘ shall obey for that year.

‘ *2do. Item,* That nae maner of person occupy  
‘ nor use any poynts of our said crafts of surgerie,  
‘ or barber craft, within this brugh, but gif he  
‘ be first frie man and burges of the samen, and  
‘ that he be worthy and expert in all the poynts  
‘ belongand to the saids crafts, diligently and a-  
‘ visedly examined, and admitted by the masters  
‘ of the said crafte, for the honorable serving of  
‘ our said soveraign lord, his lieges, and night-  
‘ bours of this brugh : And also, that every man  
‘ that is to be made frie man among us, be exa-  
‘ mined and provit in thir points following ; that  
‘ is to say, that

‘ He know anatomia, natur and complexion of  
‘ every member of humans body ; and lykwise  
‘ that he know all the veins of the samen, that he  
‘ may maik phlebothomia in due tyme, and also  
‘ that. And also, That he know in quhilk mem-  
‘ ber the sign hes domination for the tyme ; for e-  
‘ ver ilk man aught to know the natur and sub-  
‘ stance of every thing he wirks, or else he’s ne-  
‘ gligent ; and that we may haue anes in the year  
‘ ane condempait man after he be dead, to maik

‘ anatamia of wherthrow we may haue experience  
‘ ilk ane to instruct others, and we shall do suffer-  
‘ age for the faul.

‘ 3to, And that nae barbar master nor servant  
‘ within this burgh, hant, use nor exerce the craft  
‘ of surgery, without he be expert, and knaw per-  
‘ fectly the things aboue written; and quhat per-  
‘ sons that shall happen to be admitted frie men or  
‘ masters to the saids crafts, or occupys any part of  
‘ the same shall pay at his entrie for his upset, five  
‘ pounds usual money of Scotland, to the repara-  
‘ tion and uphalding of our said altar of St.  
‘ Mungo, for divyne service to be done thereat,  
‘ with a dinner to the masters of the saids crafts  
‘ at his admission and entres amangst us; except  
‘ and that every frie man master of the said crafts  
‘ one of his lawful gottne sons to be frie of any  
‘ money plying, except the dinner to be made to  
‘ the masters, after he be examined and admitted  
‘ by them, as said is.

‘ 4to, Item That nae master of the saids crafts  
‘ shall taik any apprentice or sied man in tyme  
‘ coming, till use the surgeon craft, without he  
‘ can baith writt and reader.

‘ AND the said master of any of the saids crafts  
‘ that taiks any printice shall pay at his entrie to

‘ the reparation of the said altar, twenty shillings,  
 ‘ and that nae master of the saids crafts, recept or  
 ‘ receive any other masters prentice, or servant,  
 ‘ quhillst the issue of his tearms be runne, and  
 ‘ wha that does in the contrair thereof, as aftan as  
 ‘ he faills, shall pay twenty shillings to the repa-  
 ‘ ration of the said altar, but favours.

‘ 5<sup>to</sup>, *Item*, Every master that is received frie  
 ‘ man to the saids crafts, shall pay his oukly pen-  
 ‘ ny with the priests myte, as he shall happen to  
 ‘ come about, and every servand that is a fied man,  
 ‘ to the masters of the saids crafts, shall pay ilk  
 ‘ ouk ane half penny to the said altar, and repara-  
 ‘ tions thereof; and that we haue power till choyse  
 ‘ a chaplaine till do divyn service dayly at our said  
 ‘ altar at all tymes, when the same should wawyik  
 ‘ [*be vacant*], and till choyce an officer till pass  
 ‘ with us for the engathering of our quarter pay-  
 ‘ ments, and oukly pennys, and to pass before us  
 ‘ on *corpus [Christi]* XI day, and the otteus [*octa-*  
 ‘ *ves*] thereof, and all other general processions  
 ‘ and gatherings, siklyk, as other crafts hes with-  
 ‘ in this brugh, and that ane of the masters of the  
 ‘ foresaids crafts, with the chaplain and officer of  
 ‘ the same, pass at all tymes needful list and raise  
 ‘ the said quarter payments frae every person that  
 ‘ awe the same; and gif any disobeys, that we

‘ may poynd and distrenzie therefor all tymes,  
‘ hauing an officer of the town with us.

‘ *6to, Item,* That nae person nor frie man of  
‘ the saids crafts, purchace any lordships in con-  
‘ trair the rules and statutes above-written, in  
‘ hendring or skaithing of the crafts forsaid, or  
‘ common weall thereof, under the pain of tinsel  
‘ [*losing*] of their freedoms.

‘ *7mo, Item,* That all the masters, frie men and  
‘ brether of the saids crafts readily obey, and  
‘ come to their kirk master, or deacon, at all tymes,  
‘ quhen they shall be required thereto by the said  
‘ officer, for till hear quarter compts, or till avise  
‘ for any thing concerning the common weall of  
‘ the saids crafts; and wha that disobeyes, shall pay  
‘ 20 s. to the reparation of the said altar; and that  
‘ nae persons, man nor woman within this brugh,  
‘ maik nor sell any aquavitæ within the samen, ex-  
‘ cept the said maisters, brether, and frie men  
‘ of the said crafts, under the pain of escheat of  
‘ the samen, but favours. Beseeking

‘ Heirfor your lordships and wisdoms, at the  
‘ reverence of God, that ye will avyze with thir  
‘ our simple desyrs, ruls, statuts and priviledges  
‘ above-writtne, and grant us the same ratifyd and  
‘ approven by yow, under yor comon seall of cause;

‘ and with the grace, we shall do sik service and  
 ‘ pleasur to the king’s grace, and the good, that  
 ‘ ye shall be contentit thereof; and yor deliver-  
 ‘ ance heiruntil humbly I beseeck.

‘ THE quhilk bill of supplication, with the  
 ‘ rul, statuts and priviledges contind therintill,  
 ‘ beand read before us in judgment; and we  
 ‘ therewith beand riplie and distinctly adysed,  
 ‘ thinks the same consonant to reason, and nae  
 ‘ hurt to our sovereign lord’s hynes, us, nor nan  
 ‘ other of his leidges, therintill; And therefor  
 ‘ we consent and grant the samen to the forsaid  
 ‘ crafts of surgenary and barbars, and to their suc-  
 ‘ cessors. And in suae far as we may, and hes  
 ‘ pouer, confirms, ratifys and approves the saids  
 ‘ statuts, ruls, and priviledges in all poynts and  
 ‘ artikls contind in the said supplication above-  
 ‘ writtne. And this to all and fundry quhom it  
 ‘ effeirs, or may effeir, we maik knawne by thir  
 ‘ our letters; and for the mair verification and  
 ‘ streanth of the samen, we haw too hungen our  
 ‘ comon seall of cause.’ At Edinburgh 1st July,  
 the zear of God, 1505.

THE seal of the good town is appended with  
 this inscription round it.

*Sigilum burgi de Edr. ad causus.*



THE crafts, who behaved so loyally before they were incorporate, and formed into societies, continued to flourish in their sovereign's favours, and were warmed with beams from the throne; a signal instance of their fidelity to King James V. I cannot miss to relate. The crown being debtor to the town of Edinburgh in vast sums, for which she had not only the security of the government, but the personal obligations of the monarch; wearied with disappointments, and the merchants murmuring for want of payment from the town, to whom they had given considerable loans, for the behoof of the publick; the magistrates, and merchants in concert, raised a mob, and gave directions to the ring-leaders, what, and how far to act, to insult the King as he was passing the streets to the parliament house; who, after a scuffle with his guards, violently seized upon his sacred Majesty, and thrust him within the walls of their common gaol: Some of his Majesty's retinue having alarmed the deacons of crafts with what had happened, the trades instantly convened, and unanimously agreed, that their ensign should be displayed, for convoking the lieges, to rescue their captive monarch; which was accordingly done, and soon procured him to be liberated, and safely conveyed to his royal palace of Holyrood-house. The magistrates, who had hounded out the mob, dreading the consequence of their traiterous actings, and



knowing the weak side of Cuthbert the deacon conveener, who headed the trades, bribed him by a lusty purse of Gold, to betray his trust.

THE King next morning sent for Cuthbert, (whom he called his faithful general) and told him, he had a grateful remembrance of the loyalty and valour of his faithful subjects the trades of Edinburgh, and was resolved to confer some remarkable token of favour upon them.

CUTHBERT, well instructed by the magistracy and merchant council how to behave, answered,

*MAY it please your excellent majesty, we your obliged and devoted servants the trades of Edinburgh, did nothing but what was our bounden duty: But since your Majesty is graciously pleased not only to remember, but reward our dutiful behaviour, I presume, in name of my brethren, to beseech your sacred majesty, to make your most faithful and loyal servants the trades of Edinburgh, in all time coming, free of that toilsome affair of being magistrates of the burgh, and let the disloyal merchants be henceforth loaded with the office.*

THE King surprized with the supplication, gave a smile, and said, Cuthbert, It shall be done.

THE man's treachery was soon blown about, to the amazement of the incorporations, who found, that their loyalty, which they justly expected would have advanced their interest, as it did their honour, had turned to their real detriment: And therefore they applied to the courtiers, to represent to his majesty, how villaniously they had had been betrayed. As soon as the King was informed, he commanded the crafts to lay their demands before him, which they accordingly did in a short memorial, craving his majesty would be pleased to confirm all their ancient privileges of the *Blue Blanket*. His Majesty graciously received their petition; and not only granted their request, corroborating all former grants, and privileges by immemorial possession; but considerably enlarged its authority, declaring, that whenever they displayed their ensign of the *Blue Blanket*, either in defence of the crown, or crafts, all craftsmen in Scotland, and soldiers in the King's pay, who had been educate in a trade, should repair to that standard, and fight under the command of their general. Thus did that excellent monarch reward loyalty, and the treacherous conveener was murdered at the North Loch, near a well, yet known by the name of Cuthbert's well.

THIS was certainly the highest honour the King could put upon the crafts: for a standard hath been esteemed so in all ages. Hence the scripture ex-

presses the strength and power of the Church by a standard, *Cant. vi. 4. Thou art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army with banners, and the love and favour of God. Cant ii. 4. He brought me into the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. Cant. v. 10. According to the Hebrew text, My beloved is the standard-bearer among ten thousand; which our translators very defectively render, The chief among't ten thousand. And the antiquity and honour of the standard is more plainly expressed in the book of numbers, ii. 2, &c. Every man of the tribe of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house, far off, about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch, and on the east side, toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies, and Niasbon, the son of Amminadab, shall be captain of the children of Judah. On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim, according to their armies, and the captain of the sons of Ephraim shall be Elisbama, the son of Ammihud. The standard of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side, by their armies, &c.*

As the Almighty has compared the power of his Church to, and honoured his saints with, a standard; so hath it been the custom in all ages

of the world, for generous princes, in rewarding valour and noble achievements, to confer a standard, as Guillim in his display of heraldry observes, Hungus, King of Piets, gave to his warriors an ensign, bearing the figure of a cross, in the fashion of a saltire. Philip King of France (or as Favin would have it) Baldwin the first, King of Jerusalem, gave to his followers an ensign, with two red crosses united unto one; and to the Christian merchants of Naples, who fought against the Saracens for the Christian religion, whom he made knights of Rhodes, now of Malta, a white cross, to be worn on their left shoulder. Reme duke of Anjou, King of Jerusalem and Sicily, gave to his warriors an ensign of crimson velvet, with a golden crescent, and enamelled red, because they had been long dyed in blood. Arthur King of the Britains (as Seger remarks) founder of the order of the round table, institute the fraternity of the knights of the table, in token of brotherly love, gave them a round table, which yet hangs in their castle: And to give no more instances, Sir John Smith got from King Charles I. the royal standard which he carried off at the battle of Edgehill, and was knighted under it.

SINCE Kings in all ages have bestowed the ensign upon well-deserving persons, we need not wonder that the Kings of Scotland, to whose blood

generosity is congenial, bestowed this standard of the *Blue Blanket* upon tradesmen, who rendered themselves noble by their actions, As Diogenes says, ‘ Nobleness of blood is a cloak of sloth, and a vizard of cowardice; but immortal is their fame upon whom princes confer honours, according to their deserts, for defending the holy Church, King or country.’ And what reason can be assigned why tradesmen should not be advanced as well as others, since the greatest princes on earth have been artists. Henry Peocham tells, that Solymán the Magnificent, his trade was making of arrows. In Venice every artificer is a magnifico. In the low countries, mechanicks are declared gentlemen, by a grant from King Charles V. in consideration of their services, during his wars. And to all those who contemn mechanicks, who raise themselves by their valour, I must give the memorable answer of Verduge a Spaniard, and a general in Friezland, to some persons of quality, who resented his taking the head of the table at a publick entertainment. ‘ Gentlemen, question not my birth, (though I be the son of a hangman) for I am the son of my own desert and fortune. If any man do as much as I have done, let him take the table head with all my heart.’

THUS far have I traced the loyalty of the crafts of Edinburgh, and shall now proceed to the reign of



## MARY Queen of SCOTS,

during whose minority, a controversy being betwixt the magistrates of Edinburgh and the deacons of crafts, for breaking in upon the legal privileges of the incorporations; which so inflamed the deacons of the trades with a keen resentment, that in the tolbooth of Edinburgh, where the courts of justice then sat, they drew their swords, demanding justice; and if they had not been restrained by the King's forces then in the city, whom the magistrates called to their assistance, they had been killed on the bench.

BEING thus relieved, they committed the assassins, as they termed them. prisoners to the castle of Edinburgh, where they remained in close confinement, till the several incorporations having met in the absence of their deacons, and concluded to relieve them, after the never-failing method of displaying the *Blue Blanket*, which they did, and thereby convoked thousands of the King's lieges in a very few hours.

THE extraordinary concourse of people alarmed the government so, that the King's privy council met upon the extraordinary emergent, and resolved, that the earl of Arran should interpose his royal



authority, and stop procedure of the lords of justiciary, before whom was a criminal process intended at the instance of the saids magistrates of Edinburgh, against the deacons of crafts, and to importune the differences betwixt them to be submitted to him. The wise regent complied with the advice, and published the following edict.

# G U B E R N A T O R,

‘ JUSTICE and justice clerk, and zour deputis, We greit zow weille, FORSAEMEIKLES, William Smeberd, Robert Hutchiesone, James Forret, Thomas Schort, Archbald Dewar, Andro Edgar, George Ritchardsone, Thomas Ramsay, James Downwieke, William Purdie, William Quhite, being in warde, within the castle of Edinburgh, for alleaged drawing of quhinzearis in the tolbuith of Edinburgh, in presence of the provost and baillies thair of, the xi day of August instant, and furth-bringing of the *Blew Banner* of the *Blew Blankett* in our presence, callit, The *Hally Guist*, has foundin suretie to underlye the law for the samyne, and for all otheris crymes that can be impute to them the x. day of October nixt to cum, as the act of adjournal maid thairupon beirs: Howbeit, as we are informit, the saidis personis are innocent of the saids alleagit crimis. OUR WILL IS

' HEIRFORE, and for certain uthiris reasonable  
 ' causes and considerationis moveing us, we charge  
 ' zow strictly and commandis, that incontinent,  
 ' efter the sicht hereof, ze desist and seifs frae all  
 ' preceeding agains the saids persons, or ony o-  
 ' thiris craftismen of the saids burgh, for the  
 ' saidis allegett crymes, till the day above written;  
 ' or for ony otheris crimes, actionis, transgressio-  
 ' onis, crymis, or offenceis quhatsoever, comit-  
 ' it or done be thame, or ony of thame in ony  
 ' time bygane unto the day of the date hereof;  
 ' but continowe the samyn to the third day of the  
 ' air. Dischargeing zow othirwayes theirow, and  
 ' of zour offices in that parte in the mene tyme be  
 ' thir presentis, notwithstanding ony writtingis  
 ' gevin, or to be givene in the contraire, or ony  
 ' pains contenit therein, as ze will answer to us  
 ' theirupon. Subscrivit with our hand, and ge-  
 ' vine under our signet at Haly-rude house, the  
 ' first day of September, the zeir of God one  
 ' thousand five hundred and forty three zeirs.

JAMIS G.

' THUS, the crafts defended the rights and liber-  
 ' ties of the *Blanket* to the exposing of their lives;  
 ' for they could not bruik the unjust proceedings of  
 ' the magistrates, and therefore determined to keep  
 ' them intire, which they had obtained by an infi-  
 ' nite multitude of great actions.

I must here take occasion to remove a common objection against the authority of the *Blue Blanket*, that it never had any legal privileges: For, had not the regent known, that the crafts were warranted to display their colours when the privileges of their incorporations were violate, he would surely have done justice to the magistrates, in punishing these crafts as a seditious rabble, and with the power of the Queen's forces, reduced them to obedience, especially the deacons, by whose authority the lieges were convocate, who were prisoners within the King's garrison: But it is remarkable, though the banner was displayed in his own presence, as his edict relates, he did not punish them for a trespass against law, but was forced to have a recourse to policy, to stop the effusion of Christian blood, by interPELLING the judges of judiciary from proceeding against them for their riot, in assaulting the magistracy in their court of justice with weapons; for doing of which they were certainly culpable, and therefore he obliged them to find bail as to that. We must undoubtedly conclude, they justified their actions in displaying the *Blanket*, otherwise there had certainly been a law enacted, prohibiting them from that practice, for the future, under the pain of high treason.

THOUGH the crafts and other citizens of Edin-

burgh made a bold stand for the glorious reformation, (which was carried on in the reign of this beautiful, learned, but unfortunate lady, Queen Mary, who tenaciously adhered to the interest of the Romish church) in a more tumultuary way than in England, and other reformed countries: Yet had they a just sense of their obedience to Cæsar, and acted under the influence of that Christian maxim \*,

‘ That it is the duty of the people to pray for magistrates, to honour their persons, pay them tribute, obey their lawful commands, to be subject to their authority for conscience sake; and that infidelity and difference in religion doth not make void the magistrates just and legal right, nor free the people from due obedience to them.’ So that their actions, during this reign, when turbulent factions were bandying one another, showed a venerable *decorum*. And the Queen was sensible of their loyalty, as is evident from the preamble of a charter granted by her, and Henry her husband, under her great seal, to the provost, council, and communities of the said burgh, and their successors, ‘ Of all and haill the superiority of the vil-

‘ lage of Leith, with the pertinents and superiority of the inhabitants and indwellers of the samen, as of the houses, tenements, annualrents, links, orchards, profits, duties, services, tenants, ten-

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\* Westminster Confession of Faith, chap. 23. sect. 4.

andries, services of free tenants, &c.' As is at more length expressed in the said infeoffment, dated the 4th day of October 1565, and the 1st and 23d years of their reign. Which superiority of Leith, the magistrates of Edinburgh, by a letter of reversion, disposed back to the said Queen Mary, under reversion of ten thousand merks usual money of Scotland. This superiority of Leith was thereafter, by her son and successor King James VI. assigned to his beloved counsellor Sir John Maitland of Thirleston his chancellor and secretary, his heirs and assignies, dated the 7th of July 1587, ratified and approved by the states of parliament the 29th day of the month and year foresaid; which reversion, is renounced by John Lord Thirleston, son and heir to the said Sir John Maitland, with advice and consent of Sir John Cockburn of Clarkingtoun his tutor testamentor, in favours of the provost, bailies, council, deacons of crafts, and community of the said burgh of Edinburgh, as is at length contained in the saids letters of renunciation, of the date the 28th of December 1627, and ratified by the said John Lord Thirlestoun, to the saids provost, bailies, council, deacons of crafts, and community of the said burgh, the 24th of November 1614.

THE loyal crafts of Edinburgh gave surprising evidences of their loyalty to their King, and grati-



tude for the privileges of the *Blue Blanket*, during the long and peaceful reign of the first protestant King of Scotland, (who with learning and eloquence defended the reformation against cardinal Robert Bellarmine, one of the stoutest pillars of the Romish hierarchy, and showed how well he merited the royal title, defender of the faith.)

BUT before I proceed to this reign, I must relate two remarkable passages relating to the crafts, which I had almost omitted.

WHEN faction and tumult possessed an absolute and unlimited sway, during this Queen's reign, the loyalty of the crafts was not at all diminished: for when the Queen had recourse to arms, to oppose the Earl of Murray and his associates, who, under pretence of bringing the Earl of Bothwell, her husband, to a fair trial, as necessary to the late King Henry's murder, had, Anno 1567, raised an army against her, and made her prisoner at Carberry-hill; she was brought to Edinburgh; where, in stead of allowing her the use of her palace, she was shut up in the provost's house. As she entered the city, covered with tears and dust, and in a garb far below her birth and merit, and insulted by the mob, who cried, *Burn the whore: \* burn the parricide.* This she bore with

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\* Crawford's Memoirs, p. 38. and Melvill's Memoirs, p. 84.



fortitude of mind becoming a Christian, and a Queen; but next morning, when she opened the windows, and beheld not only strong guards placed before the entry to the house, but a banner displayed on the street, on which was painted her dead husband, King Henry, beneath the shade of a tree, with the young prince by his side, and the motto, *Judge and revenge my cause, O LORD*, she burst into tears, and complained against the affronts she received, begging the people to compassionate her, now become a captive. The honest crafts, joined with other loyal citizens, pierced with pity to see their sovereign thus used, and their ensign displayed, where the ensign of the *Blue Blanket* used to be erected in the cause of loyalty, crowded to the place, and compelled the conspirators to restore her to the palace of Holy-rood-house.

I MUST indeed, as a faithful historiographer, relate that, Anno 1571, when the associators against the Queen held a parliament in the Canongate, the city of Edinburgh being possessed by the loyalist troops, the crafts, who believed their religion to be in eminent danger, displayed the *Blue Blanket* (which, in ancient times, they were in use to do for the defence of religion) at the town of Leith, as Mr Crawford, Historiographer to Queen Anne, relates it, in his memoirs of the affairs of

Scotland, during the reign of Queen Mary, p. 210. ‘ The citizens, who either liked not the Queen, or the new magistrates, went off in an intire body to Leith, and set up their own standard; upon which was written, in golden letters, *For God and the King*; and vanquished the loyalists.’

I NOW proceed to the reign of King JAMES VI. of Scotland, and I. of England.

THE city of Edinburgh gave the highest testimonies of their love and loyalty to their infant sovereign that they were capable of, and opposed the earl of Morton regent, who ruled the roast, and overawed the young King’s inclinations to mercy. Morton, to gain the affections of the citizens of Edinburgh, Anno 1579, caused summon a parliament to meet at Edinburgh, and the King to leave Stirling, where formerly parliaments were held. When his Majesty, upon his journey to the capital city, came near the West port, he alighted from his horse, and a stately canopy of purple coloured velvet being held over his head, he received the magistrates of the city, who came bare headed all the way without the gate; within the gate stood Solomon, with a numerous train in Jewish habits, with the two women contending for the child, as is recorded, 1 Kings iii.

As his Majesty ascended the West-bow, there hung down from the arch of the old port a large globe of polished brass, out of which a little boy, cloathed like a Cupid, descended in a machine, and presented him with the keys of the city all made of massy silver, and very artificially wrought; an excellent concert of music all the while accompanying the action.

WHEN he came down the high street as far as the tolbooth, Peace, Plenty, and Justice met him, and harangued him in Greek, Latin, and Scottish languages. Opposite to the great Church stood Religion, who addressed him in the Hebrew tongue: upon which he was pleased to enter the Church, where Mr. Lawson, a Presbyterian divine, made a learned discourse in behalf of these of the reformed religion.

WHEN his Majesty came out, Bacchus sat mounted on a gilded hog'shead at the market cross, distributing wine in large bumpers, the trumpets all the while sounding, and the people crying, *God save the King*. At the east gate was erected his Majesty's nativity, and above that, the genealogies of all the Scots Kings, from Fergus I. All the windows were hung with pictures and rich tapestry, the streets strowed with flowers, and the

cannon firing from the castle, till his Majesty reached his palace.

NOTWITHSTANDING all this pomp and ceremony, which expressed the love and reverence both clergy and laity bore to his sacred Majesty, there was a sudden change of affairs. For,

PREBYTERIAN government was established in the church of Scotland, Anno, 1592, † which, it is probable, the wise King would not have altered, had not the English clergy influenced him to admit thoughts of restoring Episcopacy; which the Scots clergy perceiving, strove to oppose his purpose, and strengthen their own intrest. New debates arising grew to that height, that in the year 1596, some noblemen, barons, and ministers being assembled at Edinburgh, and perceiving, that the process laid against Mr. David Black, who was prosecuted before the privy council for seditious sermons, as then termed, and stirring up the people against their Sovereign, wronged the privileges of their ecclesiastic discipline; and withal, being displeased at the clemency shown to the Popish Lords, were filled with resentment.

THE King having dissolved the commission of

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† Bishop Guthry's Memoirs.

the General Assembly by his royal proclamation \*, declaring it an unlawful convocation. The commission resolved, ' That since they were convened ' by CHRIST's warrant to see into the good of the ' church, *Et ne quid Ecclesia detrimenti caperet*, ' they should continue;' and sent some of their number to the Octavians, (that was the title commonly given to the eight counsellors that were trusted with the King's affairs) to advertise them of the church's troubles, proceeding from their counsels, and thereafter petitioned the King himself, which was rejected, and a protestation entered against the refusal; but some noblemen, with Mr. Robert Bruce, having procured access to his Majesty, Mr. Robert said, They were sent by the noblemen and barons to bemoan the dangers threatened to religion, by the King's dealings against the true professors. What dangers do you discover? said the King. Under communing, said the other, our best affected people. that tender religion, are discharged the town. The King asked, who they were that durst convene against his proclamation? The Lord Lindsay replied, they durst do more than so, and that they would not suffer religion to be overthrown. Numbers of people were, by this time, thronging unmannerly into the room; whereupon the King not making any answer, arose, and went where the judges sat com-

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\* Spotiswood's Church History.



manding the doors to be shut. They that were sent to the King returning to the church, told, that that they were not heard ; and that therefore they were to think of some other course. No course, said the Lord Lindsay, but let us stay together who are here, to stand fast to one another, and advertise our friends and favourers of religion to come in to us : For it shall be either theirs or ours. In consequence of this concert, they pitched upon the Lord Claud Hamilton to be their head, and dispatched a letter to him signed by Mr. Robert Bruce, and Mr. Walter Balcanqual, to come with diligence and accept the charge : but the fury of the multitude who attended that meeting, heated by the Lord Lindsay's unhappy expression, did not suffer them to wait upon the General's coming, but presently leapt to arms. Some cried, *Bring out Haman* ; others cried, *The sword of the Lord and of Gideon* ; *the day shall be theirs or ours*. And so great was the zeal of the unwary populace, that taking their march, they went straight towards the tolbooth of Edinburgh, where the King and his council were then sitting, and would have forced open the doors, which, upon the noise of the tumult, were shut, had not his Majesty's standard bearer, John Wat, deacon conveener of the trades, drawn up, his lads, the soldiers of the *Blue Blanket*, and kept the rabble back till their fever cooled, and the Earl of Mar, from the castle,



sent a company of musqueteers to guard the King, which his lieutenant quickly brought down the Castle-bank to the Grass-market, and from thence marched to the foot of Forrester's-wynd, and entering by the back stairs, came, where the King was; then the King commanded to open the doors, and advanced to the street. Upon notice whereof, Sir Alexander Home of North-berwick, provost of Edinburgh, with the crafts, convoyed the King to his royal palace at Holy-rood-house; from whence, next morning, he went to Linlithgow, where he swore, ' Had it not been for the loyalty of the ' crafts, he would have burnt the town of Edin- ' burgh, and salted it with salt.

By the stedfast adherence of the crafts to their Sovereign, even when they did not approve of, but were sorry for his actings, our capital city was preserved from destruction, as by their behaviour afterwards, it flourished in his favours.

ON the last of that month of December, the King came to Leith, and staid there all night, giving orders for his entry into the town of Edinburgh next morning, which he did, and called for the magistrates, to hear what they had to say for the late tumult; who, in obedience to his Majesty's commands, compeared before him and his courti-

ers, and cleared themselves to his Majesty's conviction. For Spotiswood tells us, That,

SIR Alexander Home, provost, Rodger M'Math, George Todrick, Patrick Cochran, and Alexander Hunter, bailies, with a number of the town-council, falling down on their knees before the King, presented the following offers

‘ THAT for pacifying his Majesty's wrath, and  
 ‘ satisfying the Lords of council, they should, up-  
 ‘ on their oath, purge themselves of all know-  
 ‘ ledge, or partaking in the said tumult; and as  
 ‘ they had already made a diligent search to find  
 ‘ out the authors; so they should not cease, until  
 ‘ they had brought the trial to the utmost point;  
 ‘ or, if his Majesty and council should think fit to  
 ‘ take the examination, they should willingly re-  
 ‘ sign their places to such as his Highness would ap-  
 ‘ point, and assist him according to their power;  
 ‘ And, because his Majesty had taken that tumult  
 ‘ to proceed from certain sermons preached by  
 ‘ their ministers, they should be expelled the city,  
 ‘ never to return, without his Majesty's warrant.’  
 Upon which, the King was reconciled to them.

THUS the crafts behaved as loyally at this juncture, as they did during the troubles occasioned by the Earl of Bothwell, when the King was assaulted

in his palace of Holy-rood-house, which obliged him to cry aloud from the windows, Treason, Treason,

THE report of the accident going to the city of Edinburgh, the citizens went to arms, and made towards the palace to give the King relief, who showed himself from a window to the people, gave them thanks for their readiness, and desired them to return to their dwellings. As the citizens gave repeated instances of their valour and loyalty to the King, while he resided amongst us, so after his accession to the throne of England, and when he returned to his native country, Scotland, and made his entry into Edinburgh, 16 of May 1617, joy appeared in every one of their countenances; they were ready to cry out in the words of Ben-Johnston's magnetick lady.

*Now let our longing eyes enjoy their feast,  
And fill of thee, our fair shap'd God-like man.  
Thou art a banquet unto all our senses;  
Thy form doth feast our ees, thy voice our ears,  
As if we felt it ductile thro' our blood.*

THIS passionate love is gracefully express'd by the famous poet and orator, William Drummond of

Hathornden, in his speech to the King, in name of the town of Edinburgh.

‘ SIR, If nature could suffer rocks to move  
‘ and abandon their natural places, this town,  
‘ founded on the strength of rocks, (now by the  
‘ clearing rays of your Majesty’s presence, taking  
‘ not only motion but life) had, with her castle,  
‘ temples, and houses, moved towards you, and  
‘ beseeched you to have acknowledged her your’s,  
‘ and her indwellers your most humble and affectionate subjects ; and to believe how many souls  
‘ are within her circuits, so many lives are devoted  
‘ to your sacred person and crown. And here,  
‘ SIR, she offers, by me, to the altar of your glory, whole hecatombs of most hearty desires,  
‘ praying all things may prove prosperous to you,  
‘ that every virtue and heroic grace which make  
‘ a prince eminent, may, with a long and blessed  
‘ government, attend you; your kingdoms flourishing abroad with bays, at home with olives.  
‘ Presenting you, SIR, who art the strong key of  
‘ this little world of Britain, with these keys,  
‘ which cast up the gates of her affection, and design you power to open all the springs of the  
‘ hearts of those her most loyal citizens : Yet this  
‘ almost were not necessary : For as the rose, at  
‘ the fair approach of the morning sun, displays  
‘ and spreads her purples ; so, at the very noise o



‘ your happy return to this your native country,  
‘ their hearts, if they could have shined through  
‘ their breasts, were with joy and fair hopes,  
‘ made spacious, nor did they ever, in all parts,  
‘ feel a more comfortable heat, than the glory of  
‘ your presence at this time darts upon them.

‘ THE old forget their age, and look fresh and  
‘ young, at the appearance of so gracious a prince;  
‘ the young bear a part in your welcome, desiring  
‘ many years of life, that they may serve you long.  
‘ All have more joys than tongues: For as the  
‘ words of other nations go far beyond, and sur-  
‘ pass the affections of their heart; so, in this na-  
‘ tion, the affection of their hearts is far above all  
‘ they can express by words. Deign then, SIR,  
‘ from the highest of Majesty, to look down on  
‘ their lowness, and embrace it, accept the hom-  
‘ age of their humble minds, accept their great  
‘ good will, which they have ever carried to the  
‘ high deserts of your ancestors, and shall ever to  
‘ your own, and your royal race whilst these  
‘ rocks shall be overshadowed with buildings,  
‘ buildings inhabited by men; and while men  
‘ be indued either with counsel or courage, or en-  
‘ joy any piece of reason, sense, or life.

THIS speech was followed by another, deliver-

ed at the West port of Edinburgh, when his Majesty entered, by Mr. John Hay, town-clerk depute.

‘ HOW joyful your Majesty’s return (gracious  
 ‘ and dread Sovereign) is to this your native town,  
 ‘ from that kingdom, due to your sacred person,  
 ‘ by royal descent, the countenances and eyes of  
 ‘ your Majesty’s loyal subjects speak for their  
 ‘ hearts. This is that happy day of our new birth,  
 ‘ ever to be retained in fresh memory, with con-  
 ‘ sideration of the goodness of Almighty G O D  
 ‘ considered, with the acknowledgment of the  
 ‘ same, acknowledged with admiration, admired  
 ‘ with love, and loved with joy; wherein our  
 ‘ eyes behold the greatest humane felicity our  
 ‘ hearts could wish, which is to feed upon the  
 ‘ royal countenance of our true Phoenix, the  
 ‘ bright star of our Northern firmament, the or-  
 ‘ nament of our age, wherein we are refreshed  
 ‘ and revived with the heat, and bright beams of  
 ‘ our sun, (the powerful adamant of our wealth)  
 ‘ by whose removing from our hemisphere, we  
 ‘ were darkned, deep sorrow and fear possessing  
 ‘ our hearts, (without envying of your Majesty’s  
 ‘ happiness and felicity) our places of solace ever  
 ‘ giving a new heat to the fever of the languishi-  
 ‘ ing remembrance of our happiness; the very  
 ‘ hills and groves, accustomed of before to be re-



‘ freshed with the dew of your Majesty’s presence,  
‘ not putting on their wonted apparel, but with  
‘ pale looks representing their misery for the de-  
‘ parture of their royal King.

‘ I MOST humbly beg pardon of your most sa-  
‘ cred Majesty, who, most unworthy, and ungar-  
‘ nished by art or nature with rhetorical colours,  
‘ have presumed to deliver your sacred Majesty,  
‘ formed by nature, and framed by art and educa-  
‘ tion to the perfection of all eloquence, the pub-  
‘ lic message of your Majesty’s loyal subjects here  
‘ conveyed, on the knees of my heart, beseech-  
‘ ing your sacred Majesty, that my obedience to  
‘ my superior’s commands, may be a sacrifice ac-  
‘ ceptable to expiate my presumption, your Ma-  
‘ jesty’s wonted clemency may give strength and  
‘ vigour to my distrustful spirits, in gracious ac-  
‘ ceptance of that which shall be delivered, and  
‘ pardon my escapes. Receive then, dread Sove-  
‘ reign, from your Majesty’s faithful and loy-  
‘ al subjects the magistrates and citizens of your  
‘ highness’s good town of Edinburgh, such wel-  
‘ come as is due from these, who, with thankful  
‘ hearts, do acknowledge the infinite blessings  
‘ plenteously flowing to them from the paradise of  
‘ your Majesty’s unspotted goodness and virtue,  
‘ wishing your Majesty’s eyes might pierce into  
‘ their very hearts, to behold the excessive joy in-

wardly conceived of the first messenger. Your Majesty's princely resolution to visit your Majesty's good town, encreased by your Majesty's countenance, in prosecuting what was so happily intended, and now accomplished by your Majesty's fortunate and safe return, which no tongue, how liberal soever, is capable to express. Who shall consider with an impartial eye, the continual carefulness your Majesty had over us from your tender years, the settled temper of your Majesty's government, wherein the nicest eye could find no spot; yourself, as the life of the country, the father of the people, instructing not so much by precept, as example; your Majesty's court the marriage place of wisdom and godliness without impiety, cannot refuse to avouch: But as your prudence has won the prize from all Kings and Emperors, that stand in the degree of comparison; so hath your Majesty's government been such, that every man's eye may be a messenger to his mind, that your Majesty stands the quintessence of ruling skill of all prosperous and peaceable government, much wished by our forefathers, but most abundantly enjoyed by us, praised be God, under your sacred Majesty. For if we shall, in a view, lay before us the times bypast, even since the first foundation of the kingdom, and therein consider your Majesty's most noble progenitors, they were indeed all

‘ princes renowned for their virtues, not inferior  
‘ to any Kings or Emperors of their time, they  
‘ maintained and delivered their virgin scepters  
‘ unconquered, from age to age, from the foun-  
‘ dation of the most violent floods of conquering  
‘ swords, which overwhelmed the rest of the whole  
‘ earth, and carried the crowns of all other Kings  
‘ of this terrestrial ball unto thralldom; but far  
‘ short of your Majesty’s nature, having placed in  
‘ your sacred person alone, what in every one of  
‘ them was excellent, the senate-house of the pla-  
‘ nets being, as it were convened at your Majes-  
‘ ty’s birth, for decreeing of all perfections in your  
‘ royal person, the heavens and earth witnessing  
‘ your heroical frame, no influence whatsoever  
‘ being able to bring the same to a higher degree.  
‘ If we shall bring to mind the tumultuous days  
‘ of your Majesty’s more tender years, and there-  
‘ in your Majesty’s prudence, wisdom and con-  
‘ stancy, in uniting the disjointed members of the  
‘ common wealth, who will not, with the Queen  
‘ of Sheba, confess he has seen more wisdom in  
‘ your royal person, than report hath brought to  
‘ foreign ears; and there is not of any estate or  
‘ age within this kingdom, who has not had parti-  
‘ cular experience of the same, and sensibly felt  
‘ the fruits thereof, the fire of civil discord, which,  
‘ as a flame, devoured us, was thereby quenched,  
‘ every man possessed his own in peace, reaping

' that which he had sown, and enjoying the fruits  
 ' of his own labours, your Majesty's great vigi-  
 ' lance and godly zeal in propagating the gospel,  
 ' and defacing the monuments of idolatry, banish-  
 ' ing that Roman antichristian hierarchy, and  
 ' establishing our church, repairing the ruins  
 ' thereof, protecting us from foreign invasions,  
 ' the rich trophies of your Majesty's victories  
 ' more powerfully atchieved by your sacred wis-  
 ' dom, deserves more worthily than those of the  
 ' Cæsars, so much extolled by the ancients. All  
 ' ages shall record, and posterity bless Almighty  
 ' God, for giving us their fore-fathers a King, in  
 ' heart upright as David, wise as Solomon, and  
 ' godly as Josias.

' AND who can better witness your Majesty's  
 ' royal favour and beneficence, than this your  
 ' good town of Edinburgh, which being founded  
 ' in the days of that worthy King Fergus I. the  
 ' first builder of the kingdom, and famous for her  
 ' unspotted fidelity to your Majesty's most noble  
 ' progenitors, was by them enriched with many  
 ' freedoms, priviledges and dignities; all which  
 ' your Majesty not only confirmed, but also, with  
 ' accession of many more enlarged; beautified her  
 ' with a new erected college, famous for profes-  
 ' sion of all liberal sciences, so that she justly  
 ' doth acknowledge your Maje<sup>n</sup>y the author and



‘ conserver of her peace, her sacred physician,  
‘ who binds up the wounds of her distracted com-  
‘ mon wealth, the only *magnes* of her prosperity,  
‘ and the true fountain, from whence under GOD;  
‘ all her happiness and felicity floweth, and doth  
‘ in all humility record your Majesty’s royal favour  
‘ extended to her at all times.

‘ NEITHER hath the ocean of your Majesty’s  
‘ virtues contained itself within the precinct of this  
‘ isle; What ear is so barbarous, that hath not  
‘ heard of the fame of your Majesty? What fo-  
‘ reign prince is not indebted to your sacred wis-  
‘ dom? What reformed church doth not bless  
‘ your Majesty’s birth day, is it not protected un-  
‘ der the wings of your sacred authority, from anti-  
‘ christian locusts, whose walls, by the sacred wis-  
‘ dom wherewith your sacred person is endowed,  
‘ hath been battered and shaken more, than did  
‘ the Goths and Vandals the old frame of the  
‘ same, by the sword: And for your sacred virtue,  
‘ your Majesty deserves to be Monarch of the  
‘ world: So for your piety and unfeigned zeal, in  
‘ propagating and maintaining the gospel, does,  
‘ of due, appertain to your Majesty, the titles of  
‘ most Christian and Catholic King.

‘ FOR all which, your Majesty’s most royal fa-  
‘ vours, having nothing to render, but that which



‘ is due, we your Majesty’s most humble subjects,  
‘ prostrate at your sacred feet, lay down our lives,  
‘ goods, liberties, and every thing that is dear to  
‘ us, vowing to keep to your sacred Majesty, un-  
‘ spotted loyalty and subjection, and ever to be  
‘ ready to consecrate and sacrifice ourselves for  
‘ maintainance of your royal person and estate,  
‘ praying to the eternal, our GOD, that peace  
‘ may be within your Majesty’s walls, and prospe-  
‘ rity within your palaces, length of days to your  
‘ sacred person; that from your Majesty’s loins  
‘ may never be wanting one to sway the scepter of  
‘ these your kingdoms, and that mercy may be to  
‘ yourself and your seed for ever.

AFTER the delivery of this speech, his Majesty went to the great church; and there having heard sermon from the archbishop of St. Andrews, primate of all Scotland, proceeded on his march to his palace of Holy-rood-house; at the gate of the inner court was presented to his royal hands, a book in manuscript, of curious and learned verses in Greek and Latin, entitled, *Academia Edinburgensis Congratulatio*, and a speech made in name of that university by Mr. Patrick Nisbet. Next day, his Majesty was pleased to honour the university with his presence at a philosophical disputation in the oriental languages, by the professors of philosophy, Mr. John Adamson, Mr. James Fairly,

Mr. Patrick Sands, Mr. Andrew Young, Mr. James Reid, and Mr. William King. When the exercise was over, his Majesty was pleased to compliment the disputants in the following poem, which by them was variously pain Latin.

*As Adam was the first of men, whence all beginning take ;*

*So Adam-son was president, an l first man of this act.  
The Thesis Fair-lie did defend, which tho' they lies contain ;*

*Yet were fair Lies, and he the same right fairly did maintain.*

*The field first entered Mr. Sands, and there he made me see,*

*That not all Sands are barren Sands, but that some fertile be.*

*Then Mr. Young most subtly the Thesis did impugn.  
And kythed old in Aristotle, altho' his name be Young.*

*To him succeeded Mr. Reid, who tho' Red be his name,*

*Need neither for his dispute blush, nor of his speech think shame.*

*Last enter'd Mr. King the lists, and dispute like a King,*

*How reason reigning like a Queen, should anger under-bring.*

*To their deserved praise have I thus play'd upon  
their names,  
And wills this College hence be call'd the College of  
King JAMES.*

MANIFOLD honours the King put upon this his good town of Edinburgh, in the castle whereof he was born; as appears by the inscription yet remaining in the room, where his mother queen Mary was delivered of him, which runs thus.

*O JESU LORD, who crownit was with thorn,  
Preserve the birth whais badgie here is born,  
And grant, O LORD, that whatever of her  
proceed,  
May be unto th, honor and Glory. Soe beid.*

HIS Majesty by a charter under his great seal disposes to the provost, bailies, town council, and community of the burgh of Edinburgh, the jurisdiction, haven and harbour of Leith, and makes and constitutes them judges amongst the skippers, masters and mariners in Leith, and all other skippers, masters and sailors, as well his subjects, as foreigners, being for the time with their ships, boats, or barks within the same village of Leith, and harbour of the same, in all sea fareing actions and causes whatsoever, with power to them, to make acts and statutes, for the increase of sailing.

And dispones to them the prime gilt to be uplifted for sustaining of poor indigent sea men within the said village of Leith, forth of the freight of every tun of goods, in manner specified in the said charter, to be applied to the use of the said poor. This charter is dated at Whitehall 3d April 1616.

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By another charter under the great seal, he confirms to the magistrates, town-council, crafts, and community of the said burgh, and their successors, all former infeoffments granted to them by his predecessors, of the heretable offices of sheriff ship, crownry, which contains a new gift of the sheriffship and crownry within the said burgh, common mills thereof, common muir, marish, loch, part, streets, common ways, passages and lounings leading to and from the same; and especially the passage leading to Leith upon both sides of the water thereof, and to the said village of Leith, haven of the samen, and within the harbour and village of Newhaven, and village of Leith, havens, roads, harbours and bulwarks thereof, and within the lands of common closets, burshoils, passages, and other bounds whatsoever, lying within the liberty of the said burgh of Edinburgh. Dated at Whitehall, 3d April 1616.

By another gift under his great seal, grants to

the said provost, bailies and council, the power of having the sword carried before them, riding of the marches or bounds thereof, and of the office of justice of peace, in manner therein contained. Dated at Whitehall, 10th November 1609.

By another gift, he enlarges their powers and justices of peace, in which they are inffeoft. Dated at Hampioun Court, 25th September 1612.

By another gift and inffeoftment, grants to them all fines and ammerciaments, belonging to the office of sheriff-ship and justiciaries of peace. Dated at Whitehall, 17th September 1613.

By another charter under the great seal, dispones to them the custom or excise (and to their fuccessors) of four pounds Scots, forth of every tun of wine to be retailed and vented in smalls within the said burgh, liberties and jurisdiction of the same, to be uplifted by their treasurers, collectors, and others in their names, from the retailers, vintners, tapfers, and sellers of the same, in all time coming. Dated at Whitehall, 10th November 1609.

By a ratification of the said gift, and new disposition, he dispones the foresaid custom and excise of four pound, forth of every tun retailed



within the said burgh, and within the village of Leith, in all parts within the same upon the south-side of the water of Leith. Dated at Hamptoun, 25th September 1622.

BY another under the great seal, power to them and their successors, to erect a weigh-house at the Over-tron of the said burgh, with divers liberties, duties, and immunities therein contained. Dated at Royston, 9th December 1611.

BY a charter under his great seal, disposes that part of the lands of Highrigs, containing 10 acres of land or thereby. Dated at Edinburgh, 30th July 1618..

BY a gift under his great seal, gives and grants the Jedgry of Salmon, herring, and white fish, packed and peilled within the kingdom of Scotland. Dated at Royston, 19th October 1618.

BY another gift under his great seal, the power of being overseers and visiters of all measurers and fellers of cloath, stuffs, and stockings, made in the said village of Leith and sherrifdom of Edinburgh. Dated at Whitehall, 8th March 1621.

BY a charter under his great seal, dated at Stir-

ling, 14th April 1582, ratifying a charter made by Queen Mary under her great seal. Dated 13th March 1566, of the lands, tenements, houses and biggings, churches, chaplainries, altarages and prebendaries in whatsoever churches, chaples or colleges, within the liberty of the said burgh, founded by whatsoever person, whereof the saids chaplains and prebends were in possession, with the yards, orchards, annualrents, teinds, services, profits, duties, emoluments which pertained thereto and of all lands which pertained to the black friars and gray friars.

By another charter, he ratifies and approves the demission and ratification made by John Gib, in favours of the said burgh, of the provostry of the Kirkfield, haill lands and biggings belonging to the same. And dispones the liberty of a college, and repairing sufficient houses for accommodating the professors of philosophy, humanity and languages, theology, medicine, law, and all other sciences; and electing sufficient professors for teaching the said professions; and for that effect, disposed to them the provostry of Kirkfield, with the tenements, fruits, possessions, rents and duties thereof.

By another charter under his great seal, 4th April 1584, considering, That the burgh of Edin-

burgh had been at great expences in erecting the said college, and had gifted great sums for sustaining the professors, for instructing the youth, he disposed to the good town, for the use of the said college, and for maintainance of the principal and regents, the arch-deanry of Lothian, containing the parsonage of Curry, with the manse, glebe and kirk lands, teinds and duties of the same.

By another charter under his great seal, 26th May 1587, for the great expences wared out by the good town, in erecting an hospital for maintaining their ministers, disposed to the town the provostry of the Trinity college. house-rents, kirk-teinds, and fruits thereto pertaining.

By another charter under his great seal, 29th July 1587, ratifies the inffeolements granted by himself and Queen Mary his mother, of the said Kirk-lands, Trinity college, provostry of Kirkfield, and arch-deanry of Lothian, for the use of the ministers, college, and poor.

By another charter under the great seal, dated at Bearboar castle, 1612, ratifies all former grants of the said Kirk lands, provostries of Kirkfield, and Trinity-college, and arch-deanry of Lothian, with a new gift of the saids haill Kirk lands for maintaining the ministers, college and poor.

THUS did that just and gracious prince shew his beneficence to our metropolis, as the wise King Solomon, in his book of Ethicks, remarks, *When the righteous are in authority the city rejoiceth; but when the wicked bear rule, the people mourn.* And being a peaceful prince as well as generous, he poured oil into the wounds of his people, and healed the growing contentions betwixt the merchants and trades, by the subsequent decret arbitral.

AT Halyraidhouse, the twenty twa day of Apryl, the yeir of GOD one thousand five hundred four score three years; we Robert Fairlie of Braid, Sir Archibald Naper of Edinbellie knight, and James Johnstoun of Elphingstoun, Judges Arbitrators, chosen for the part of Mr. Michael Chisholme, Andrew Selater, John Adamfone, and William Fairlie bailies of Edinburgh, Mr. John Prestoun dean of gild, Mungo Ruffel treasurer, John Johnstoun, Robert Ker younger, Henry Charters, John Morisone, William Maul, John Harwood, John Robertfone, William Inglis, Alexander Naper, William Nesbet merchants; being on the counsel of the said burgh, for themselves, and in name and behalf, and as commissioners for the haill merchants indwellers of the said burgh, on the ane part, and John Cockburn of Ormestoun, Mr Robert Pont provost of the Trinity-colledge,

and Mr. David Lindsey minister of Leith, judges arbitrators chosen for the part of James Fergusone bower, John Bairnsfather tailyeour, twa of the crafts-men, being on the counsel of the said burgh; Gilbert Prymrose deaken of the chirurgians, John Watt deaken of the hammermen, William Hoppringle deaken of the tailyeours, Edward Galbraith deaken of the skinners, Edward Haint deaken of the goldsmiths, Adam Newtown deaken of the baxters, Thomas Dickfone deaken of the furriers, Andrew Williamfone deaken of the Wrights, William Bickertoun deaken of the maiffons, James Ker, deaken of the fleshers, William Weir deaken of the cordiners, Thomas Wright deaken of the websters, William Cowtts deaken of the wakers, and William Somer deaken of the bonnetmakers; for themselves, and in name and behalf, and as commissioners for the haill crafts-men, indwellers of the said brugh, on the uther part: And the right potent and illuster prince, JAMES be the grace of GOD, King of Scots, our Sovereign Lord, ods man and overs man, commonly chosen by advice and consent of baith the saids parties, a- nent the removing of all questions, differences and controversies, quhilks are, or hes been betwixt the saids merchants, concerning whatsomever cause or occasion whereupon debate or question did arise in any time betwixt them. And thereupon, baith the saids parties being bund, oblist,



and sworn, to stand, abide, underly, and fulfil the decreet-arbitral, and deliverance of us the saids judges and overs-man, but appellation, reclamation, or contradiction, as at length is contained in ane submission made thereupon, baith the saids parties clames and griefs given in be them, with the answers made thereto, and their rights, reasons, and alledgances being heard, seen, and considered be us, and we therewith being ryply advy-sit, after many fundry conventions and meetings, with lang travels tane hereanent, hes all in ane voice accordit, decernit, and concludit, upon the heads and articles following.

FIRST, To take away all differences quhilk hes been heretofore, concerning the persons who had the government of the town, their number, power, or authority, and manner of their election; it is finally accordit and decernit thereupon as follows :

## M A G I S T R A T S.

THE magistrats, sic as provest, bailies, dean of gild, and thesaurer, to be in all tymes coming of the estait and calling of merchants, conforme to the acts of parliament; and if any crafts-man exerceand merchandize, fall for his guid qualities be promovit theirt, in that caise he fall leive his craft,

and not occupy the same be himself nor his servants during the tyme of his office, and fall not return theiir to at any tyme theiir eafter, quhill he obtain special licence of the provest, bailies and counsell to that effect.

## C O U N S E L.

THE counsell to consist of ten merchants, to wit, The auld provest, four auld bailies, dean of gild and thesaurer of the nixt year preceeding, and three merchants to be chosen to them, and als to consist of eight crafts-men theiir of, sex deakens, and twa uther crafts men, makand in the haill the said counsell eighteen persons, and this by the office men of that year, to wit, the provest, bailies, dean of gild, and thesaurer.

## E L E C T I O N.

AND as to the manner of their election, it is first generally accordit and agriet, that na manner of person be chosen provest, bailies, dean of gild, or thesaurer, suppose they be burgeses of the burgh, and able therefore, without they have been ane year or twa upon the counsell of before. And anent the counsell, the auld manner of giving in of tickets be the deakens, out of the quhilk the twa crafts men were yearly chosen to be abrogat, cease

and expyre in all tymes coming, swa that the saids twa crafts men shall be chosen yearly without any ingiving of tickets indifferently, of the best and worthiest of the crafts, be the saids provest, bailies, dean of gild, thesaurer and counsel alanerly, and nane to be on the counsel above twa year together, except they be office-men, or be vertue of their offices be on the counsel. Sicklike, anent the lytts to be bailies, they fall not be dividet nor casten in four ranks, three to every rank, as they were wont to be ; bot to be chosen indifferently, ane out of the twelff lytts, the third out of ten, and the fourt out of nyne lytts. Anent the deakens, that nane be electit deaken, except he that hes been an maister of his craft twa year at the least ; and that nane of them be continued in their offices of deakenship above twa year togidder. Last in general, that nane have vote in lytting, voiting, electing of the provest, bailies, counsel, deakens, dean of gild, or thesaurer, but the persons hereafter following, in maneer after-specifiet.

### *Election in special of D E A K E N S.*

A N D to proceid to the said election : It is found guid to begin at the choosing of the deakens of crafts, quhilks are fourteen in number, to wit, chirurgeons, goldsmyths, skimmers, furriers, hammermen, wrights, masons, tailyours, baxters,

fleshers, cordiners, websters, wakers, bonnetmakers; swa the deakens now present shall stand and continue quhil the third counsel-day of before the auld time of election of the new counsel, quhilk was on the Wednesday next preceeding the feast of Michaelmas; upon the quhilk third counsel-day, the provest, bailies, and counsel now stand-and, extending to nineteen persons, and fra thence furth yearly, and ilk year, the provest, bailies and counsel, constitute of the said twenty five persons, shall call in before them the saids deakens of crafts, every ane severally, and inquire their opinion and judgement of the best and worthiest of their crafts, thereafter, the saids provest, bailies and counsel, shall nominate and lytt three persons of the maist discret, godly, and qualified persons of every ane of the saids fourteen crafts, maist expert hand-labourers of their awen craft, burgesses and freemen of the burgh of Edinburgh, whereof the auld deaken shall be ane, and cause deliver their names to the deakens, every ane according to their craft. Quhilk deakens, on the morn thereafter, shall assemble and conveyin their crafts, and every craft be themselves, furth of thir names shall elect ane person wha shall be their deaken for that year, and upon the next counsel day after the said election, the auld deakens, with some of the masters of their

crafts, shall present the new deakens to the counsel, quha shall authorize them in their offices.

### *New Counsel of DEAKENS.*

NEXT, to proceed to the election of the new counsel. The said day of presenting of the new deakens, the provest, bailies, and counsel now standand of nineteen persons, and fra then furth, the said day yearly; the provest, bailies and counsel, of twenty five persons, shall choose furth of the saids fourteen deakens, sex persons to be adjoined with the new counsel for the year to come, and to have special vote in lytting and choosing of the provest, bailies and counsel; and the same day, the auld sex deakens quhilk was upon the counsel the year preceeding, to be removed, and have na farther vote for that year, except some of them be of the number of the new elected deakens.

### *New Counsel of MERCHANTS and CRAFTS.*

THEREAFTER, Upon the Wednesday next, preceeding Michaelmas ilk year, the provest, bailies, dean of gild, thesaurer, and ten merchants of the counsel, and the said sex deakens, and twa crafts-men, and in the haill twenty five persons, and twenty sex votes, be reason of the provest's twa votes ordinarily standand at all tymes,



fall convene and choose the new counsel, to the number of eighteen persons, to wit, the auld provest, bailies, dean of gild and thesaurer of that year, and the said sex deacons, to make thirteen persons thereof, and to them to be chosen three merchants, and twa crafts men, and thir persons to be callit the new counsel, and if any person of the merchants chosen upon the counsel, happens to be put on the lytte of ane uther office, and promovit thereto, an uther shall be chosen in his room be the saids provest, bailies and counsel.

### *Lyttis of* MAGISTRATS.

THIRDLY, To proceed to the choosing of the lyttis to the magistrats and office men, sic as provest, bailies, dean of gild and thesaurer, upon the Friday nixt thereafter, there shall convene the said new counsel of eighteen persons, and the auld counsel constitute of twelff persons, viz. ten merchants, and twa crafts-men, and in the haill thretty person's to the provest's odd vote; quhilks persons so solemnly protesting before God, that they shall choose the persons whom they find maist meet, without favour, hatred, or any kind of collusion; then shall begin and choose the lyttis to the said magistrats and office-men, to every ane of them three lyttis; that is to say, to the provest, twa lyttis with

himself; to the four bailies, every ane of them three lytts, the auld bailies not beand ane, except they be new chosen thereto; to the dean of gild, twa lytts with himself; and to the thesaurer, twa lytts with himself: Quhill haill lytts be of the order and calling of merchants, as said is.

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### *Election of* M A G I S T R A T S.

FOURTHLY, To proceed to the electing and choosing of the said magistrats and office-men; upon the Tuesday nixt after Michaelmas yearly, there shall convene the saids thretty persons, of new and auld counsel, and with them the rest of the deakens of crafts quhilks are not of the counsel, extending to eight persons; the haill person swa convenand, extending to thretty eight persons by the provost's odder vote, whereof twenty merchants, and eighteen crafts-men; quhilks persons shall begin at the lytts of the provest, and every ane in their awen rank, give their votes to sic as they find meet for the weill of the town, according to their conscience and knowledge, but seid or favour; and on whom greatest number of votes shall fall, that he be sworn, receivit and admitit provest for that year; and swa to proceed thorow the lytts of the bailies, dean of gild and thesaurer, quhill the saids election be compleatly endit. The saids provest, bailies, dean of gild, thesaurer and coun-

fel, electit, as said is, makand in the haill twenty five persons; they only, and nae uthers, shall have the full government and administration of the haill common-weal of this burgh, in all things, as the provest, bailies, and counsel thereof, or of any uther brugh had of before, or may have hereafter, be the laws or consuetude of this realm, inffestments and priviledges grantit to this town be our Sovereign Lord's maist noble progenitors, except- and always thir causes following, in the quhilks the haill fourteen deakens of crafts shall be callit and adjoined with them, to give their special vote and consultation thereinto, to wit, in election of the provest, bailies, dean of gild and thesaurer, as said is, in setting of fews, or any manner of tacks, at- tour the yearly rowping, on Martinmas even, in giving of benefices, and uther offices in brugh, in granting of extents, contributions, emprimits, and sicklike bigging of common warks, and in disposing of the common-good, above the sum of twenty pound togidder.

*Wairning of the* DEAKENS *and*  
COUNSEL.

PROVIDING nevertheless, that the deakens not of the counsel, or any of them, beand personally warned to that effect, and absenting themselves,

swa oft the last deakens, or any uther that was in lytt with him that yeir, shall supplie their room; and they beand personally warned, and absent, the rest compearand fall have power to proceed. If any of the provest, baillies, and counsel be absent, the rest wha are present fall choose an other in their room. And to avoid all suspicion that hes risen in times past, through the particular assemblies and conventions, contrair to the acts of parliament, and to the trouble of the quyet estait of this brugh.

### C O N V E N T I O U N S .

IT is agriet and concludit, that nather the merchants amang themselves, nather the crafts and their deakens or visitors, fall have, or make any particular, or general conventions, as deaken with deakens, deakens with their crafts, or crafts amang themselves, far less to make privat laws, or statutes, poynd and distrenzie at their awen hands for transgressions, by the advice and consent of the provest, bailies and counsel.

D E A N *of* G I L D *may convene his*  
C O U N S E L .

EXCEPTAND always, that the dean of gild may assemble his brethern and council in their gild courts, conform to their ancient lawes of the

gildrie, and priviledges thereof: And that any ane craft may convene together amang themselves, for the choosin of their deakens at the tyme appointit thereto, and in manner before exprest; making of masters, and tryin of their handie-wark allanerly. And if any brethren, or deakens of crafts, fall find out, or devyse any good heids, that may tend to the weill of their craft, they fall propone the same to the magistrates, wha fall set forward an act or statute thairupon.

### COMMISSIONERS.

ITEM, As tuitching the commissioners in parliament, general counsel, and commissioners in conventioun of burrows, it is though guid be the commissioners, that in all tymes coming be ane of the saids commissioners for the brugh of Edinburgh, fall be chosen be the said provest and bailies, furth of the number and calling of the crafts-men, and that person to be ane burges and gild brother of the brugh, of the best, expert and wise, and of honest conversation.

### AUDITORS.

ITEM, It is agreed, that the auditors of all the towns compts fall hereafter be chosen of equal



number of merchants and crafts-men be the provest, bailies, and counsel.

## G I L D R I E.

ITEM, Toward the lang controversies for the gildrie, it is finally with common consent, appointit, agriet and concludit, that als weill crafts-men, as merchants, fall be received and admitted gild brether, and the ane not to be refusit, or secludit therefrae mair nor the uther, they being burgeses of the burgh, als meit and qualified thairfore; and that gild-brether have liberty to use merchandice. their admission, and tryal of their qualificaticun, to be in the power and hands of the provest, bailies, thesaurer, and counsel, with the dean of gild, and his counsel, quhilk fall consist in equal number of merchants and crafts-men, gild brether, not exceiding the number of sex persons, by the dean of gild himself; and that no person, of what faculty soever he be, fall bruik the benefit of an gild brother, without he be receivit and admittit thereto, as said is.

## B U R G E S S E S, C R A F T S.

ITEM, That na manner of person be sufferit to use merchandice, or occupy the handie wark of ane free crafts-man within this brugh, or yet to

exerce the liberty and priviledge of the said burgh, without he be buigess and free-man of the same.

### EXTENTS.

ITEM, Because the merchants and crafts-men of this burgh, are now to be incorporate in ane society, and to make an haille town, and an commod-weill, it is thought guid and expedient, and concludit, to abrogat the former custome of dividing and setting of extents, wherein the merchants payit four pairts, and the crafts the fift part. And therefore it is agried, that as they watch and waird together: Swa in all extents, emprimits, contributions, and the like subsidies to be imposit upon the brugh, merchants and crafts-men to bear the burden and charge thereof indifferently overheld, according to their ability and substance, throw the haille quarters of the town, without division of the rolls in merchants and crafts-men in any tyme coming; the extentours sall be of equal number of merchants and crafts-men, eight persons of the ane calling, and eight persons of the uther, to be electit, sworn and receivit be the provest, bailies, and counsel, out of the maist discreit and skilful of all the town, void of all partial affectioun and hatred: And that na person usand the trade of merchant or crafts man, and occupy and the friedom of the brugh, and able to pay any extent,

not beirand the office of proveſt or bailies in the meane tyme, ſhall be any wayis exemit frae the real and actual payment thereof.

## COLLECTION.

ITEM, As the haill body of the town, conſiſt- and of merchants and crafts-men, does beir an common burden of watching, wairding, extent- ing, and of the like public charges, having an commoun good proper to nane, ſwa neidful it is for making an equal unity, and charitable concord, that there be in the haill town but an collection, and an purſe, not peculiar to any, bot common to all, of the haill duties and caſualties, callit the entres ſilver of prenteiffes, up-ſetts, owkly pennies, unlaws, and ſicklike, to be collectit in all tyme coming, and received baith of merchants and crafts-men, and put in an common purſe, and to that effect the merchants to take and have prentices, als weill as crafts-men, and to be aſtrictit and oblieſt theiſto, and na prentice alwayes to be received of ather of them, for ſhorter tyme nor the ſpace of ſyve yeirs compleit. And for the better knowledge to be had heirof, and for obſerv- ing an good ordour in collection of the ſame, that there be an commoun book made, keipit be the commoun clerk of this burgh preſent, and to come, wherein the names of all prentices to mer-

chants and craftsmen, the name of their master, day of their entreis, and space of their prentiship, shall be insert and buikit: For the quhilk, the clerk shall have at their buiking of ilk person, sex pennies, and for the out-draught twelff pennies, quhilk buik shall be to the prentice an sufficient probatioun of his entres, and an charge to the collectors of the said dewties. If any man be an prentice an heireafter, and not put in the said buik, his prentiship shall be to him of na effect. Alsua, be reason every industry is not of like valour and substance, it is declarit what ilk rank or degree of prentieffes shall pay, to wit, the merchant prenties, and sic kind of people as were wont to extent with them, and are not under an of the said fourteen carfts, to pay at his entres the day of his buiking, to the said collectioun thirtie shilling, and at his up-sett, or end of his prentiship fyve pund. The prenteis to an skinner, chirugean, goldsmyth, flesher, cordiner, tailyeour, baxter, and hammermen, at their entry and buiking, to the said collectioun twenty shilling, and for their up-sett fyve pund: The prenteis to an masoun and wrigh, at his entrie threteen shilling four pennies, and his up sett, three pund sex shilling eight pennies. The prenteis to an webster, waker, bonnetmaker, furrier, at his entry, ten shilling, and for his up-sett fyftie shilling; and thir dewties to be tane by their owkly pennies, and dewties of their burge-

ships. And to cause all persons to be mair willing to enter themselves in prenteship with the burgeses and friemen of the brugh, this priviledge is grantit to the saids prentises, that they fall pay nae mair for their burgeship to the dean of gild, but fyve pundis by the dewties foirsaids : And in augmentatioun of the said collectioun, when any person fall happen to be made burges of this brugh, wha was na prentis to an merchant, or crafts man, frie burges of the said brugh, or hes not compleit his prenteship, fall pay to the said collectioun at his admissioun, the double of the haill prentecis or entres-silver, up sett and buiking, by the dewty payit to the dean of gild for his burgeship, or gildrie, quhilk is twenty pundis for his burgeship, and fourty pound for his gildrie, the priviledge always of the bairns of burgeses and gild brether not being prejudged heirby, quha fall pay the auld and accustomed dewty to the dean of gild allanerly. Thir dewties and collectiouns, or casualities of entres-silver, up setts, owkly pennies, un laws, and sik-like, to be received in all tyme coming, of all merchants and crafts-men indifferently, put in the said common purse, and imploit be the advice and command of the proveist, bailies and counsel, for support and relief of the failyiet and decayet burgeses and crafts men, their wyfes, bairns, and auld servants, and uther poor indwellers of the town. The proveist, bailies, counsel, and haill



deakens every yeir after electioun of the magistrates, fall choose the collectors of the said dewties and casualities, of equal number of merchants and craftsmen, and to devyse and set down sic good ordour as they fall find meet and expedient for the perfyte and readie in-bringing thereof. And last, the said collectors fall make yearly compts of their intromissioun therewith, at the tyme of making of the town's compts, and fall find sufficient caution at their admissioun, for compts reckoning and payment. *Item*, It is ordained, that baith the saids parties, merchants and craftsmen now present, and their successors, fall inviolably observe, keip, and fulfill this present appointment and decreit arbitral, and every heid, clause, and article conteinit therein. Likeas, his Majesty, and the saids judges, wills and ordains them, with willing hearts, to put in oblivion all bypast enormities, imbrace and intertein love and amity, and as they are of ane city, swa to be of ane mind; then fall they be acceptit of GOD, stop the mouths of them quhilk tuik occasion be their division to slander the truth; then fall they be mair able to do our Sovereign Lord acceptable service, and have ane standing and flourishing commonweall. And finally, his Majesty and the saids judges will esteem their lang travels fruitfully bestowit.

## CERTIFICATION of the SETT.

ATTOUR, his Majesty and the saids judges, ordains the practice and execution of this present appointment and decret to be and begin after the day and date hereof, and to continue, and be observit and keipit as ane perpetual law in tyme coming; and whasoever contraveins the samen, shall be repute and halden ane troubler of the quiet estate of the common-weal, incurre the note of infamy, and forfault and tyne their freedom for ever, and otherways to be persewit and punishit as seditious persons, conform to the laws of the realm, with all rigour and extremity; and ordains thir presents to be ratifiet and approvit in his highness next parliament; and in the mean tyme the same to be actit and registrat in the buiks of counsel and session, and to have the strength of acts and decreets of the lords thereof, and that their authority be interponit thereto, and letters and executorials to pass thereupon, in form as esseirs; and for acting and registrating of the samen, makes and constituts; Messers John Sharp, John prestoun, Thomas Craig and John Skeen, our procurators, conjunctly and severally in *uberici forma promittendo de rato.* In witness whereof, the saids judges and overman togidder, with the saids commissioners, in token of their consents and acceptation of the pre-

misses, has subscrivit thir presents with their hands, day, year, and place foresaids.

JAMES R. &c.

ALL the charters and donations in favours of the town of Edinburgh, granted before and since the union of the two crowns of Scotland and England, were confirmed by the succeeding Monarch, CHARLES I.

WHOSE charter of confirmation narrates, ' That  
' calling to his royal memory, and perfectly un-  
' derstanding the many good, notable, and thankful  
' services performed by the magistrates and inha-  
' bitants of Edinburgh, the chief city and burgh  
' of the ancient kingdom of Scotland, not only  
' to himself, since his happy accession to the king-  
' dom, but also to his dearest father of eternal  
' memory, and his other most famous progenitors,  
' the particular and notable expressions whereof,  
' are contain'd in the ancient inſcriptions granted  
' to them by his predecessors of eternal memory;  
' which remains to posterity, as signs of their fi-  
' delity, and great and egregious services done  
' and performed by them, for the good and ho-  
' nour of the kingdom: Therefore, confirmed,  
' &c.' And did grant to the magistrates of the  
said town and successors, the presenting and nomi-

minating of ministers, for serving the cures in the haill churches built, or to be built, within the said town with the right of patronage of the said haill kirks in all time coming. As also, confirmed to them, the said city, town-walls, ditches, ports, streets, passages, paths, lands, territories and community of the same, with the common lands, called, the Common Muir easter and wester, and common mire thereof; together with the south loch, called the Barron Loch, and the loch of the said city, called the North Loch, with the lands, of old called the Greenside, with the Leper-house and yard situate on the same, arable lands, banks and marishes thereof, for the present occupied by the lepers of the said house. And granted to the said burgh, the sole liberty of merchandize pertaining to a free royal burgh, within the bounds of the sherrifdom of Edinburgh, and the privileges of weekly markets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or any three days of the week that they shall appoint, with two yearly fairs, viz. Hallow-fair and Trinity-fair, with the haill small customs, according to use and wont, especially the sherriff fee and sherriff gloves. And thereby enacted the village of Leith into a burgh of barony, with power to the magistrates of Edinburgh, to choice bailies and officers therein, and making laws for governing thereof. Which charter is dated at Newmarket, 23d October 1656, and

12th year of his reign, before witnesses, the most reverend father in Christ, and his well-beloved Counsellor, John, by the mercy of God, Archbishop of St. Andrews, primate and metropolitan of the kingdom of Scotland, &c. his chancellor ; his well beloved cousin and counsellor, James Marquis of Hamilton, earl of Arran Cambridge, Lord Aven and Innerdale, &c. Thomas Earl of Haddington, Lord Binning and Byris, keeper of the privy Seal ; William Earl of Stirling, Viscount of Canada, Lord Alexander of Tullibody, &c. his secretary ; his well-beloved familiar counsellor Sir John Hay of Barro, clerk to his council, registers, and rolls ; John Hamilton of Orbistoun justice clerk ; John Scot of Scotstarvit, director to our chancellary knights.

THESE charters shew the pious care and compassion of our sovereigns for the poor : And here, I were very unjust to our mother city, as well as to the memory of that great, good man, George Heriot, burgess and goldsmith of Edinburgh, jeweller to the two renowned princes, JAMES VI. and this king CHARLES ; if I should forget his pious mortification to the poor, and the magnificent fabric which he erected for their hospital, Anno 1627. The mortifications I have formerly mentioned relating to St. Eloi and St. Mungo's



altars, flowed rather from self interest than charity, the patrons believing, by their donations, to merit heaven, as the charters expresses it, (such is the blindness of popery) and claimed it as purchased and paid for : But this Protestant founder, was a stranger to the uncouth doctrine of merit ; he knew, that salvation is the gift of GOD through CHRIST JESUS ; That good works is the fruit and natural result of faith ; that rich men are the stewards of GOD's goodness, the messengers of his favours, the conduit-pipes of his liberality ; and therefore, in the statutes of the hospital, *Caput de fundatore hospita. i.* statutes, that on the first Monday of June every year, thanks be given to GOD in the Grayfriar's church, for the charitable maintenance which the poor maintained in the hospital, receive by the bounty of the founder ; and that the preacher exhort all men of ability to follow his example, to urge the necessity of good works for the testimony of their faith ; and to clear the doctrine of the church from the reproaches of adversaries, who give us out to be the impugnors of good works.

THE fundamental institutions of this hospital were, at the desire of the founder, compiled by the reverend doctor Walter Balcanquhall the dean of Rochester, who left considerably to it himself.

IF GOD records Bezaleel and Aholiab, two goldsmiths and jewellers, *Exod. xxxi.* for their curious workmanship in the tabernacle, we ought certainly to record a goldsmith and jeweller, who not only excelled in architecture, sculpture, and engraving; but dedicated a palace, and prince's revenues to the LORD, *Psal. cxii. 9. He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor, his righteousness endureth for ever, his horn shall be exalted with honour.*

THE greatest part of this stately edifice is Gothick work; but the frontispiece is adorned with stately pillars of the Corinthian and Dorick order, with various groups of figures, two of which are very curious, a company of school boys, in the habits appointed by the founder, under the ferula of their preceptors, with this motto, extending to the face of the teachers, *Sic vos Deus, ut vos eos*; and the other, the scholars round the table at dinner, this inscription above their heads, out of the poet *Virgil, Deus nobis hæc otia fecit.* Above this, the arms of the founder; within the porch above the entry, in a nich, the statue of the partron, above his head this motto, alluding as well to the building, as to the builder: *Corporis hæc, Animi est hæc Opus Effigies.*

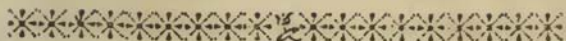
THE entry of the chapel beautified with pillars

of the Teutonick order, and a large bible engraven in stone, above which is this inscription.

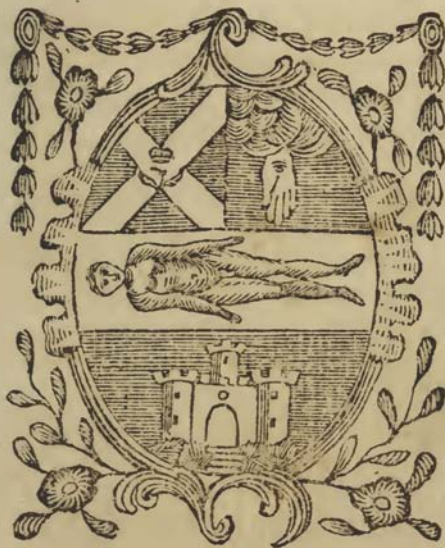
*Aurifici dederat mihi vis divina perennem, & facere  
in Terris, in Cælo & Ferre.*

BELOW an artificial crown, which supplies the word *Coronam*, the sentence being designed for an *Ænigma*





## I. The Royal College of SURGEONS



The Surgeons and Barbers were erected in to a corporation by a Seal of Cause, at Edinburgh, t. July 1504, and ratified by King James the V. 13. October 1506, &c.



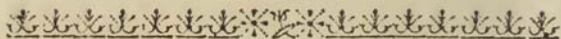


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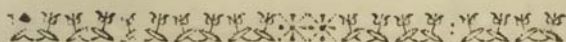




## II, GOLDSMITHS.



THE Goldsmiths were originally Incorporated with the Hammermen, but what time they sepeared from them is uncertain ; they were, however, a company in 1581.



### III. SKINNERS.



THE Skinners were erected into a corporation,  
on or before the year 1586.

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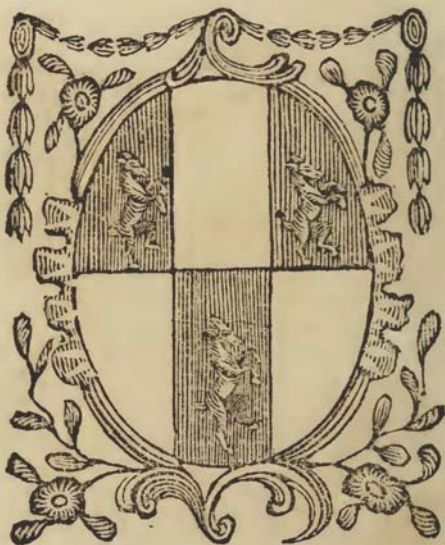
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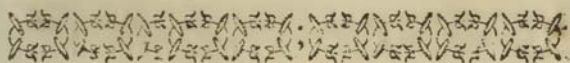
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## IV. FURRIERS.



THE Furriers also owe their existance, as a body, corporate, to the Town council: The time of heir being incorporated is unknown.



V. HAMMERMENS.



THE Hammermen were erected into a corporation 2. May 1583. See the City Sec.

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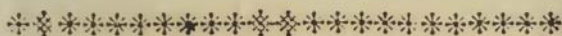


## VI. WRIGHTS



THE Wrights have a double representation in the Town-Council.





## VII. MASONS.



THE Masons and Wrights were Incorporated  
the 15. October 1475. See the City Set.

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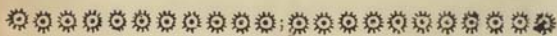


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## VIII. TAILORS.



THE Tailors were Incorporated, and has several Charters from the Town Council, ratified by the Scots Kings.

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## IX. BAXTERS.



A SEAL of Cause from the Town Council in 1522, infavour of this Corporation ; by this Charter they had an altar erected in St Giles's Church,



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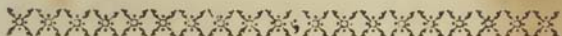
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## X. FLESHERS.



THEY are an old Corporation, they were Incorporated before 1488, for in that year several regulations were made. See the City Set.



## XI. CORDINERS.



WE cannot ascertain the time that this Corporation was instituted, Maitland places it in 1449; but the earliest records that can be recovered is 1475, ratified by King James VI.

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REIGN OF KING CHARLES THE FIRST

IN THE YEAR 1649



BY JOHN BURNET

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## XII. WEBSTERS.



THE Weavers were incorporated 31. January 1475. They petitioned, "That for the honour and love of God, of his Mother the Virgin, and of St. Sovrane"; and prays a ratification of these a ticles, among others, care is taken to enact "that the priest shall get his meat.

SET or CHARTER for the Government  
of the City of EDINBURGH.

## MAGISTRATES.

THE magistrates of the city of Edinburgh, to be seven in number, viz, a provost, four bailies, dean of guild, and treasurer; and these to be always of the estate and calling of merchants, conform to acts of parliament; and if any craftsman shall, for his good qualities, be promoted thereto, in that case he shall leave his craft, and not occupy the same by himself, or his servants, during the time of his office, and shall not return thereto at any time thereafter, until he obtain special licence from the provost, bailies, and council to that effect.

## TOWN COUNCIL.

THE town council to consist of ten merchants, viz. the old provost, four old bailies, old dean of guild, and old treasurer, and three merchants to be added to these (called merchant counsellors), and also to consist of eight craftsmen, viz. six deacons, and two other craftsmen (called trades counsellors), making in all eighteen; and these, added to the magistrates for the year, form the ordinary council of twenty five.

## INCORPORATIONS.

THE fourteen incorporated trades, or crafts, are the surgeons, goldsmiths, skinners, furriers, hammermen, wrights, masons, tailors, baxters, fleshers, cordiners, websters, waulkers, and bonnetmakers \*.

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\* The surgeons and barbers were formerly incorporated together; but some differences arising betwixt them, a long process at law ensued, the result of which was, the professions were disjoined, and the barbers are now only a society, though retaining the privileges granted by royal charter: they chuse a preses, instead of a deacon, and are not represented in the town-council.

The furriers are now known by the name of glovers. Along with the hammermen are comprehended the following crafts viz. blacksmiths, white-ironsmiths, coppersmiths, locksmiths, sheersmiths, gunsmiths, cutlers, pewterers, saddlers, armourers, founders, braziers, watchmakers, hookmakers, pinmakers, and beltmakers.

The wrights and masons are known by the name of "the united incorporation of Mary's chapel."—It consists of the following crafts, viz. wrights, masons, bowyers, glaziers, plumbers, upholsterers, painters, slaters, sievewrights and coopers.—They have a double representation in the town-council; one deacon is chosen to represent the wrights, and another the masons.

The cordiners are better known by the name of shoemakers.

With the waulkers the hatters are incorporated. And the dyers with the bonnetmakers.

## ELECTION of DEACONS.

IN order to form the council, it is necessary to begin with the election of deacons for each of these crafts.—On the third council-day (Wednesday) preceding the feast of Michaelmas, yearly, the provost, bailies, and council for the year, consisting of nineteen persons only (excluding always the six council deacons), shall convene, and call before them the present fourteen deacons, every one severally, and inquire their opinion and judgment of the best and worthiest men of their respective crafts \*; and the provost, bailies, and council shall then proceed to nominate and leet three of the most discreet and best qualified persons for each craft (whereof the old deacon shall always be one), who are burgessees and freemen of the city, and who have been masters of their crafts for two years

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\* This was according to the original set of King James VI. but the decret arbitral of Archibald Duke of Argyle in 1730, regulates this matter as follows: "Ordains that the usage and custom of presenting leets of six persons made by the severall incorporations, and attested by their respective clerks, to the magistrates and council, in order to their making short leets of three for election of deacons, be inviolably for ever observed, and that the short leets be returned by them out of the said leets of six, regularly and legally made and attested."

at least. After which the fourteen leets shall be delivered to their respective deacons, and each deacon, on the day thereafter, shall convene his craft, and of the three persons in the leet, shall elect one to be deacon of that craft for the ensuing year:- And upon the next council day after the said election, the old deacons, attended by some of the masters of the crafts, shall present the new deacons to the council, who shall authorise them in their offices, and receive them in place of the old deacons.

#### ELECTION of COUNCIL DEACONS.

ON the said day of presenting the new deacons, the provost, bailies, and council, consisting of nineteen, shall chuse, from among the said fourteen deacons, six persons to sit in council for the ensuing year, and to be called council deacons; and the six deacons, who were formerly upon the council, shall be removed, and have no future vote in council, unless they be re-elected.

#### ELECTION of NEW COUNCIL, and of Merchant and Trades Counsellors.

UPON Wednesday next immediately preceding Michaelmas, yearly, the provost, bailies, dean of guild, and treasurer; the old provost, old bailies, old dean of guild, and old treasurer; three mer-



chant counsellors, two trades counsellors, and six council deacons, in all twenty-five persons, and twenty six votes, (the provost always having two), shall convene and chuse a new council of eighteen for the ensuing year; and as the provost, bailies, dean of guild, and treasurer for the present year, and the six new council deacons, make thirteen persons thereof,—so they shall add and chuse three of the most respectable merchants of the city to be merchant counsellors, and likewise two reputable merchants of the city to be merchant counsellors, and likewise two reputable craftsmen to be trades counsellors, (in place of the five former counsellors); and these eighteen to be called the new council. And if any of the merchant counsellors so chosen be afterwards upon the leets for Magistrates, and be promoted thereto, another reputable merchant shall be chosen counsellor in his room on the day he is so promoted.

*Fixing the Leets for* MAGISTRATES.

ON the Friday next thereafter, the said new council of eighteen, and the old council of twelve, (viz. the old provost, old bailies, old dean of guild, and old treasurer, the three old merchant counsellors, and the two old trades counsellors) in all thirty persons, (and thirty one votes,) shall convene to fix the leets for magistrates for the ensuing year;



“ and these thirty persons solemnly protesting before God that they shall chuse the persons most fit for these offices, without favour, hatred, or any kind of collusion,” shall then begin and chuse for each of the seven magistrates a leet of three; that is, for the provost a leet of three, (the present provost being one of them); for each of the four bailies a leet of three; for the dean of guild a leet of three (including the present dean), and for the treasurer a leet of three (the present included) \*. And a majority of votes of the said thirty persons to determine every name to be put in these leets.

#### ELECTION of MAGISTRATES.

ON Tuesday next after Michaelmas, yearly, there shall convene the said thirty persons of new and old council, and also the remaining eight of the fourteen deacons who are not of the council, (but are in this case extraordinary council deacons), in all thirty eight persons, and thirty nine votes; —and beginning at the leet for provost, “ they shall all in their own ranks give their votes to such as they find meet for the good of the town, according

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\* The Duke of Argyle’s decreet-arbitral contains the following clause:—“ Finds that according to the fet of the town, there must be three persons in every leet for the several offices of provost, dean of guild, and treasurer, and twelve persons in the leet for bailies: but it is not determined by the fet whether the said leets should contain one and twenty different persons; and the usage appears to be in the contrary, which therefore ought to prevail.”

to their conscience and knowledge, without fee or favour; and on whom the greatest number of votes shall fall, he shall be sworn, received, and admitted provost for that year ensuing;—and so proceed, in the same manner, through the leets for the bailies, dean of guild, and treasurer, till the said election be completely ended.

AND the election being justly and duly declared and minuted in the council books, the said newly elected provost; bailies, dean of guild, and treasurer, being added to the eighteen council formerly elected, and making in all twenty five persons,—they only (and no others) shall have the full government and administration of the hail commonweal of the city, in all things, for one year ensuing:

EXCEPTING always the cases following, in which the whole fourteen deacons of crafts shall be called to give their special vote and consultation, viz. an election of the provost, bailies, dean of guild, and treasurer (as above); an election for a member of parliament; in setting of feus, or any manner of tacks (except the yearly rousing of the town's good on Martinmas even); in giving of benefices or other offices in the burgh; in granting of extents, contributions, and sicklike; building of common works; and in disposing of the common good of the sum of twenty pounds together.

AND if any one more of the eight extraordinary deacons, being personally warned to a meeting for any of the above purposes, and absent himself, then the last deacon who preceded him, or any other who was in the leet with him at the last election, shall supply his place for the time; and he also being absent (though personally warned),—then the meeting are empowered to proceed to business without them.

THAT no person whatever be chosen provost, bailie, dean of guild, or treasurer, although they be burgessees of the city, unless they have been one year at least in the council before.—That no person be upon the council above two years together, unless he be chosen into office, such as provost, bailie, dean of guild, or treasurer; in that case he is *ex officio*, a counsellor.—That no deacon of a craft shall be continued in his said office of deacon above two years together.

That the provost, dean of guild, and treasurer, shall not be elected or continued in their offices longer than one, or, at most, two years together at a time: And the bailies shall only be one year bailie, one year old bailie, and one year free of office, and shall not be put in leets for bailies till those years be past. That whoever has served the office of Dean of Guild shall be capable, *at any*

*time afterwards*, to be chosen provost or bailie, as the council shall think fit : And the treasurer shall also be capable to be chosen bailie, but not till his accounts, as treasurer, are finally fitted and approved by the council.

THAT the right of calling the council, ordinary and extraordinary, belongs to the provost or preses of the meeting ; and upon an execution returned to the members being summoned by the said provost or preses his order, thirteen of the ordinary, and seventeen of the extraordinary council, may proceed and act in the same manner as if all the members were present ; but if the provost or preses shall happen to neglect, or shall refuse to call a council on Wednesday (the ordinary council day), a majority of the said council may, forty eight hours preceding the ordinary and stated time of meeting, require the aforesaid provost or preses, under form of instrument, to call a council, and upon his refusal or neglect to comply with the demand so made, the majority of the said council may meet on the said usual and stated time, and proceed to do business.

THAT the provost has right to the first vote in every matter and thing, and to a casting vote in case of an equality, and to no other or further vote in any case whatever.

THAT the deacons extraordinary, or not of the council, have a vote in chusing proxies for the absent members of the ordinary council at the annual election, in all steps where they have a right to be present.

THAT the said extraordinary deacons of crafts have right to give their special vote and consultation, annually, in electing and chusing the members of the dean of guild court of Edinburgh; but that they have no vote in the election of the officers of the train bands, the constables, and bailies of the public markets of the city, and their assistants, kirk and college treasurers, stent-masters, and auditors of the town's accounts; nor in electing and chusing the baron bailies of the suburbs, namely, the bailies of Leith, Canongate, Portsburgh, and Caltoun; the magistrates and ordinary council having the only right of chusing the said officers.

THAT no person who has deserted and given over the practice and exercise of his trade and occupation within the city of Edinburgh and liberties thereof, unless he reside within the said town or liberties, and at the same time subject himself to the common burdens of the town and incorporation whereof he is free, or who is received as a member or servant in any of the town's hospitals, or who is



a pensioner of the town or trade, or has or enjoys any benefit or incrative office from the town or trade, or, who, at any time within six months preceding, has been received, or was member, servant, or pensioner as aforesaid, or held or enjoyed such benefice or incrative office hath, or ought to have any vote in the election of a deacon, or other officer of the incorporation, or in making up leets in order to the election of a deacon or other officer, or to act or vote in any meeting whatsoever, of any incorporation within the said city.

THAT the expence of all public treats ought to be previously authorised by the council, and attested when laid out by two of the council, or more, who are hereby ordained to write, or cause to be written on the bills. the date and occasion of the expence, and the person's name to whom the same was paid, or is due; and to sign the said bills and report, and produce them in council within a month at farthest after the said expence is incurred.

THAT neither the merchants among themselves, nor the crafts and their deacons among themselves, shall make any particular or general conventions, as merchants with merchants, deacons with deacons, deacons with crafts, or crafts among themselves, without the advice and consent of the provost, bailies, and council.



EXCEPTING always, that the dean of guild may assemble his brethren and council in their guild courts, conform to the antient laws and privileges of the guildry: And any craft may convene together among themselves, for the chusing of their deacons at the time appointed thereto, and in manner before expressed; making of masters, and trying of their handy work, allenaryly: And if any brethren, or deacons of crafts, shall find out, or devise any good heads that may tend to the good of their craft, they shall propone the same to the magistrates, who shall set forward an act or statute thereupon.

THAT the council, ordinary and extraordinary, have the sole power and right of governing the Trinity Hospital, and cannot delegate the same to any other person or persons whatsoever.

THAT the accompts of the town be fitted and audited within the year to which the said accompts relate, or within three months after the expiration of the said year; and that no article of deburserment of the town's money ought to be allowed unless the same be sufficiently vouched.

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