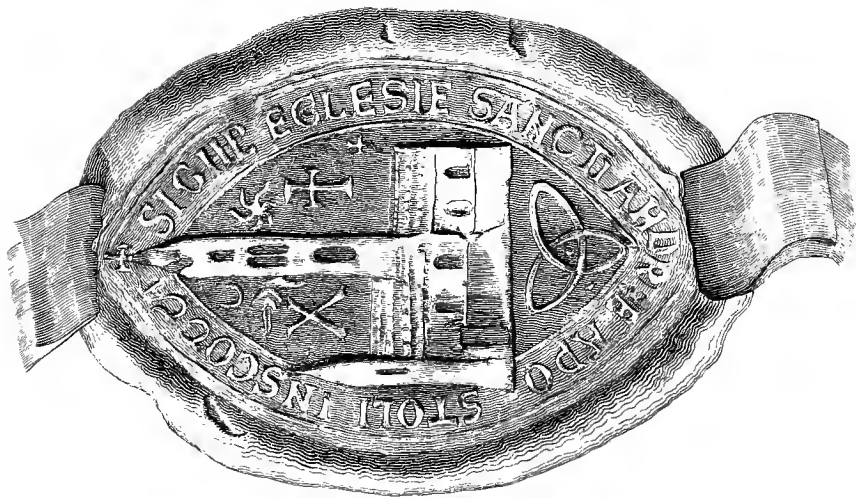




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PREFATORY NOTICE.

THE following Contribution to the Abbotsford Club, contains Selections from the Minutes of the SYNOD OF FIFE, from 1611 to 1687, a highly interesting period of our Ecclesiastical History during the times both of Episcopacy and Presbyterianism, and forms an appropriate addition to the "Selections from the Minutes of the Presbyteries of St. Andrews and Cupar" from 1641 to 1698, recently presented to the Club by Mr. Kinloch.

The Editor is much indebted to many of the Clergy of the Presbyteries of St. Andrews and Cupar, and particularly to the late Rev. Dr. Adamson, first Minister of Cupar, and the Rev. Mr. Swan of Abercromby, for the use of the Records of their Parishes, and of those of the Synod and Presbyteries. It is hoped that the two volumes of "Ecclesiastical Records," presented to the Club, will not only be the precursors of other similar Selections, but may also stimulate the Clergy to adopt some public measure, under the authority of the General Assembly, for the preservation of the Ecclesiastical Records of Scotland.

The earliest Register of the SYNOD OF FIFE, from which the following Extracts are taken, comprises the proceedings of the Diocesan Synod, from 2d April 1611, to 27th April 1636. It is in excellent preservation, and consists of 348 pages, marked in modern figures; but it is evident from the original enumeration of the folios, (thirty-nine leaves being wanting at the beginning, and several at the end) that it must have commenced at an earlier period, probably at the induction of Archbishop Gladstones in 1606, and been carried down, in all likelihood, to the year 1638, when Episcopacy was abolished.

Upon the establishment of Presbyterian Church government, the Synod, at their meeting held in St. Andrews on the 1st October 1639, with the view to secure the preservation of their Records, and to make the Presby-

teries of the province better acquainted with their proceedings, passed the following Enactment relative to the Synodal Register.

“The whilk day, the Provinciall Assemblie convened in the South Ile of the said citie, after incalling the name of God; they having duely considered how expedient and necessar it is to have a comelie Register of there actes, ordinances, processes, and sentences, to be sighted by the Generall Assemblie, when they sall be required to that effect; and that all parties having entres may have extractes of matteris of importance, according to the Actes of the Generall Assemblie; as likewise, that everie particular Presbyterie have a just copie of the said Register: They have chosen Mr. John Moreis, clerk to the late Provinciall Assemblie, holden at Cupar in April, in this infant yeir of God 1639, to continue the ordinarie clerk in all there Assemblies; which office the said Mr. John accepted in and upon him, be a solemne oath and promise to be faithful therein, under the conditions after specified. That is to say, the said Mr. John, upon his owne charges, sall attend the Provinciall Assemblie, and provide five comelie paper bookis, wherein he sall writ the severall actes of everie Provincial Assemblie,—one to remain a publict Register to the whole Provinciall Assemblie, and the other four to be delivered to them respectivè, one to ilk ane of the saidis Presbyteries within thrie moneth immediatlie after ilk Provinciall Assemblie; as also, to extract such actes and ordinances of everie Assemblie, to ony persoun, of his own process allenarlie, that sall require the samen, upon the said Mr. John his owne charges: For the whilk cause, the saidis ministeris and elderis, and ilk ane of them, for themselves, sall pay to the said Mr. John, at everie Provinciall Assemblie to be holden within ony part of the said province, threttein shilling four pennies. And for the more sure keeping of the premissis, the said Provinciall Assemblie and Mr. John are content, and consentis that thir presentis be insert in the publict Register of this Provinciall Assemblie, there to remain *ad futuram rei memoriam*.”

The “publict register” of the Synod appears to have been lost; but “just copies” of it, which belonged to the Presbyteries of St. Andrews and Dunfermline, are in the possession of the Synod Clerk. These Copies

are much mutilated and destroyed by damp; that of Dunfermline, however, being the more perfect, has been relied on in making the Extracts. It commences with the proceedings of the Provincial Assembly held at Cupar on the 2d April 1639, and terminates 7th April 1657.

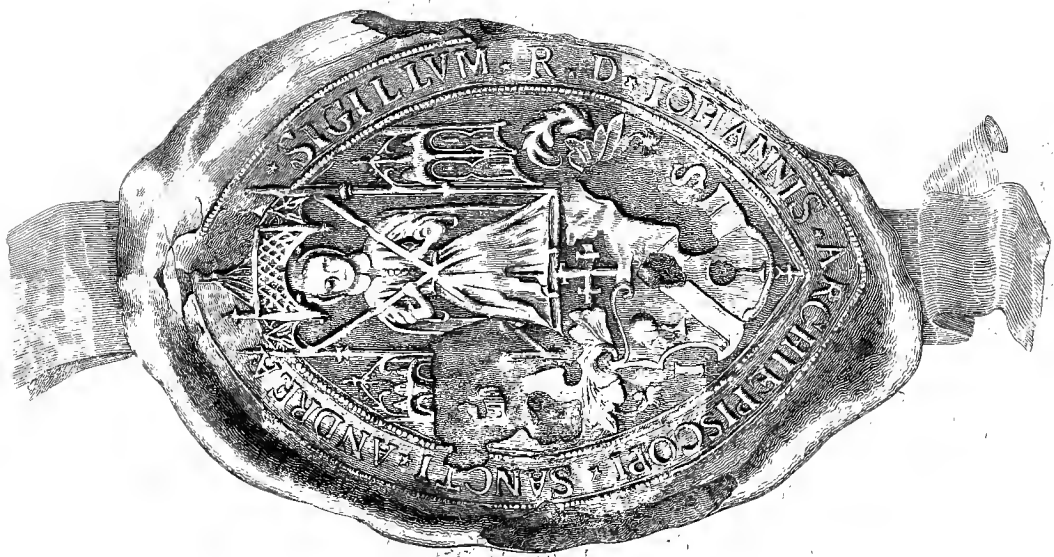
The third volume of the Records, being the Register of the Diocesan Synod from 14th October 1662, to 5th October 1687, is also much injured by damp, the writing being in many places illegible, and several leaves at the beginning destroyed.

The Catalogue of Ministers from the Reformation to the year 1700, is not so complete and correct as could be desired; but as some labour has been bestowed in examining many original records and other authentic sources, it is thought that, even with its defects, it will form an interesting and appropriate Appendix to the present work. It may be observed that the contractions *ad.* and *tr.* stand for *admission* and *translation*, and that the dates within parentheses are given, not as the dates of induction of the Clergymen, but merely as the earliest periods at which their names have been discovered on record.

The Fac-similes of the Seals of Archbishops Spottiswoode and Sharp, and the Autographs¹ of the Archbishops of St. Andrews from 1611 to the Revolution, are taken from original Charters granted by them as superiors of lands held of the See of St. Andrews. The Seals of the Abbacy, (one of which is very old), shew the entire building of the Chapel and Tower of St. Regulus, and a small building or Chapel which must have formerly stood on the *west* side of the Tower. Martine in his state² of the See of St. Andrews, written in 1683, gives a description of this, the most ancient building of the Monastery of St. Andrews. The Tower, which is all that now remains, is at present in the same state as described by him, excepting that "it was of late fresh pointed, and the stair case within it repaired."

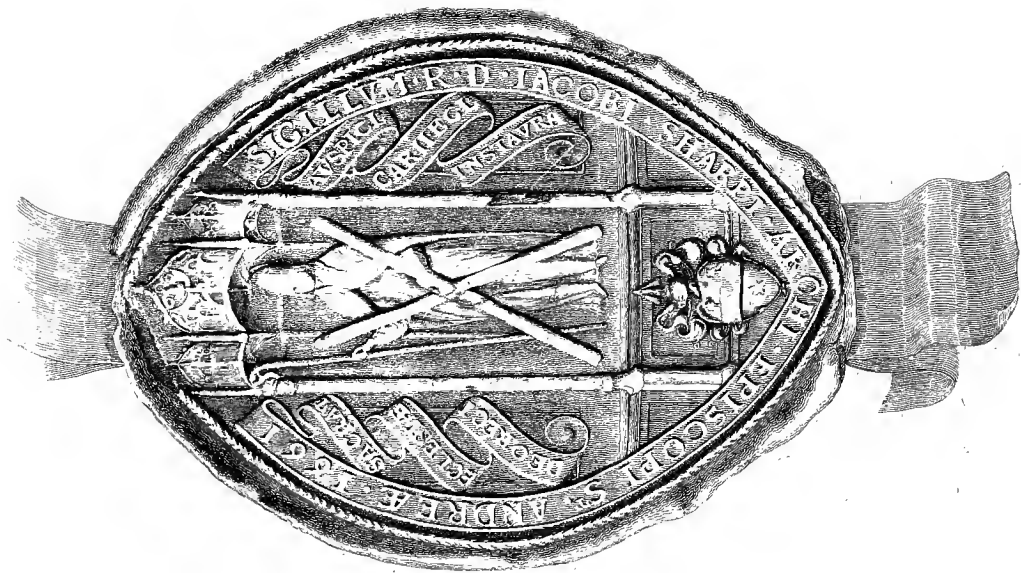
¹ No. 1 is the Signature of George Gladstones, 1610; 2. John Spottiswoode, 1619; 3. James Sharp, 1662; 4. Alexander Burnet, 1684; 5. Arthur Ross, 1686.

² Martine's *Reliquiæ Divi Andreae*, p. 182.



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THE SYNOD OF FIFE.

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QUHILK LYETH BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN AT SAINTANDROIS UPON
THE SECOND AND FOWRTH DAYES OF APRYL IN ANNO I^mVI^c ELEVINE
YEIRS, CONVOCATE AND MODERATE BE THE RIGHT REVEREND FATHER
IN GOD, GEORGE ARCHBISHOP OF ST. ANDROIS.

Sessio Prima.

EFTER invocatione of Godis holy name, and doctrine delyverit be the
said right reverend Father,¹ the brethren serving the cuir of the kirkes in
the boundis above specifiet wer found present; exceptand the Ministeris
of Aberluthnot, Duncce, Idvie, Lentrathine, Erroll, Collace, Blair, Cam-
bufmichael, Scoone, Kingleffie, Bruntiland, Tor, Muckart. The Min-
ifteris of Aberluthnot, Collace, Erroll, and Scoone, excused be ficknes;
Cambufmichael be povertie, and that he behoved to keep the Synode of
Dunkeld: concerning the remanent, it was ordainit, that the Moderatour
of evrie Exerceis² fall charge thame to compeir befor the next Synode, to
heir and fie the sentens of suspenfionne from the Ministrie, conforme to

¹ Mr. George Gladstones, minister at Arbirlot in Angus, and afterwards at St. Andrews, was made bishop of Caithness in 1600, and Archbishop of St. Andrews in 1606. He died 2d May 1615.

² The term *Exerceis*, from *exercitus* an assembly, is used, during the episcopal period of the Church, as synonymous with *Presbytery*.

the A&t of the Generall Affemblic, pronuncit agains thame, or ellis to schaw reafonable caus in the contrair.

COMMISSIONERIS PRESENT FROM THE PARTICULAR CONGREGATIOUNES.

From Arbuthnot ; the Lairdis of Arbuthnot and Allardeis.
 From Eglifgreig ; the Laird of Balgillo.
 From Rascobie ; the Laird of Cars.
 From Forfar ; Gideon Guthrie, William Lockie.
 From Inneraritie ; the Laird of Kincaidrum.
 From Effie Nevay ; the Laird of Logie Megill.
 From Inchbryok ; the Laird of Vlifhevine.
 From St. Vigiane ; the Goodman of North Turrie.
 From Coupar ; William Chrystifowne, David Jamifone.
 From Ebdie ; Jhone Cavie, Gavine Adefone.
 From Ferrie-Portuncraig ; Mr. James Durie.
 From Fordowne ; the Laird of Saintfurd, Goodman [of] Kirkton.
 From Lewchars ; the Laird of Kynnaid.
 From Saintandros ; the Re&tor of the Vniverfitie, the Provoft of the
 Towne, the Goodman of Craigtowne.
 From Craill ; the Laird of Balcolmie.
 From Dinninnow ; the Goodman of Strawfuthie.
 From Kembak ; the Laird of Blebo.
 From Largo ; Mr. Robert Durie, Mr. Thomas Wood.
 From Kilrinnie ; Jhone Strang, Thomas Watfone.
 From Cleifh ; the Laird of Treatowne.
 From Innerkeything ; Jhone Scott, Jhone Bonar.

THE BRETHREN NOMINATE TO BE VPON THE PRIVIE CONFERENCE.

Mr. Androw Ramfay, Jhone Erskine, James Ramfay, Mr. Henrie Fullertowne, Mr. Arthour Futhie, Mr. Patrick Lindefay, Mr. Androw Clayhills, Mr. Henrie Duncane, Mr. William Malcolme, Mr. Alexander Kinninmonth, Mr. Jhone Malcolme, Mr. James Row, Mr. Patrik Weymes,

Mr. David Monypennie, Mr. Jofuah Durie, Mr. Johne Kynneir, the Reſtor of the Vniverſitie, Mr. Robert Howy, Mr. Jhone Caldcleuch, the Provoff of the Awld College, Mr. Robert Buchannane, Mr. Jhone Mitchelfone, Mr. David Spens, Mr. Androw Frofter, Mr. Edmund Myles, the barronis and gentilmen Commiffioneris, and the Proveff of the towne of Saintandros.

Clerk.—Mr. Jhone Guthrie, miniſter at Arbirlott, nominate and choſen to be Clerk to the preſent Affemblic, quho gave his oath for faithfull difcharge of the ſaid office.

Hours of Meeting.—It was thoct meitt that the Affemblic convey in the Awld College, the privie Conferens in the litle Hall, the full Affemblic in the Commoune Scole. The Conferens to meitt at two; the Affemblic at thrie houres after noone; and on the next day, the Conferens to meitt at ſevine; the full Affemblic at ten houres before noone; at quhilk tymes the bell of the ſaid College ſhall ring to the full Affemblic.

Keiping the Affemblic.—Item, for preventing the departure of the brethren convenit to this Affemblic befor the diſſolving thair of, and procuring that thei may convey preceiſlie at the tymes appoynted, it wes concludit, that quhoſoever ſhall depart befor the end of the Affemblic ſhall be reputt as thoct he had not bein preſent at all, and cenſured accordingly. And everie brother comming tardie to the Conferens or full Affemblic, ſhall pay vnforgiven ſex ſ.

Seſſio Secunda.

Sir Jhone Ogilvie—Item, fforſamikle as Sir Jhone Ogilvie of Craig excommunicate, havand giffen to the laſt Affemblic ane ſuitt to be reconciled to the Kirk, as in the ſamen at moir lenth is conteinit, no dealing cowlde be had with him vntill the tyme the Kings Maieſties will war knowne; for the quhilk caus, my Lord Archbiſhop wes deſyred to writt to his Hienes, quhois licence being obtained, and the ſaid Sir Jhone relaxed from the horne, his Lordſhip appoynted certaine brethren, viz. Mrs. Arthour Futhie, Patrik Lyndefy, Henrie Fullertowne, Jhone Guthrie, Androw Clayhills, and Androw Ramfy, to quhom commiffiounes wes giffen to tak

the said Sir Jhone his oath and subscriptione, to the articles of the fayth and trew religioun; quhilk subscriptione, together with the said Sir Jhone his band to communicate quhen and quhair he salbe requyred, vnder the paine of ane thousand merkis, wes produced be the foirnamed brethrene; Theirfoir, the Affemblic, finding no further impediment, concludit that the said Sir Jhone salbe absolved from the sentens of excommunicatione be my Lord Archbifhop in the kirk of Saintandris, after he hes maid solemne declaratioune of his repentans for his apostasie, and giffen, publi&lie as privatelie, his oath, *etc.*; in the quhilk kirk also he fall communicate the first tyme the communioune salbe celebrate thair. The foirsaid conclusioun to be intimate to him be the foirnamed brethren, quho ar ordained, betwix and the tyme of his absolutione, to deal with him for his further instru&tioune.

Thomas Tyrie.—Item, forsamikle as Thomas Tyrie, excommunicat papist, hes maid no progres in conferens with the brethren apoynted for that office, and that no hoip is of his conversione sinceirlye to the trew Kirk, thairfoir it wes statute and ordained, that the first Saboth after the returne of the brethren from this present Affemblic, the excommunicatione of the said Thomas salbe of new published in all pulpitts, and intimate to the people. Lykas my Lord Archbifhop fall deal with the Kings Majestie and Secreitt Counsell, that ordour may be takin with him according to the laws.

Requifitioune of Oath.—The foirsaid day, the A& maid in the said Affemblic holdin at Arbroth in the moneth of September lastbypast, concerning the requifitioune of the oath and subscriptione of such gentlemen, noblemen, thair children or followeris, quho as yet have not giffen the same, wes renewed, with this additioune, that such as have, since thair subscriptione, bein fourth of the countrey salbe vrged lykewys to subscrieve.

Communicating.—Item, it is statute and ordained, that everie brother fall lawfullie requyre, that is, upon premonitioune of twentie dayes, befoir two witneses, all such in thair congregatiouns as traveling to forraine countreys ar suspect of religioune, and such vtheris as have heirtofor refused or absented thame selfis from the communioune, to communicate betwix and the fyfteinth day of August. Lyk as the brethren ordained to

dilate immediatelie thairafter to my Lord Archbifhop, fuch as falbe found to refus or withdraw thame felfis.

Vniformitie of Discipline.—Forfamikle as the diverfitie of proceeding in Discipline in dyveris kirkis, breedis offens and grudges in the hartis both of the miniftrie and alfo of the people ; thairfor, and to the end that thair may be ane vniformitie of miniftratioune of discipline throughtout the hail kirkis of this prefent Synode, it wes thocht meitt that certaine brethren be nominate, to quhom the charg of effectuating the faid work falbe committed. The nominatione alwayes continowed to the next meitting.

Commoune Box.—Item, to the end that thair may be in tyme coming, ane mean redy and at hand for releiffe and help of poor brether, widowes, fatherles, and vtheris in neceffitie, It is concludit, that ane Commoune Box be provydit, and had heirafter, to the quhilk, evrie brother fall impute at ilk Synode according to his moyen and abilitie, and the firft payment to be the next infewing Synode ; and for this effect, the brethren, ordained and appoynted to tak and collect the names of the defunctis, ar injoynd to gif vp the rentallis of the hail kirkes within thair boundis, that accordinglie the contributioune may be.

Vniformitie of Discipline.—Item, for fetting downe ane vniformitie of Discipline, the Affemblie nominates Mr. William Coupar, Mr. William Malcolme, Mr. Alexander Kinninmounth, Mr. Henrie Fullertowne, Mr. Androw Ramsay, Jhone Erskine, the Bifhop of Kaytnes, Mr. Arthour Futhie, Mr. Patrik Lyndefy, Mr. Henrie Philp, Mr. Androw Clayhills, Mr. Jhone Mitchelfoune, Mr. Robert Buchannan, the Rector of the Vniverfitie, the Proveft of the New College, Mr. William Murray, perfone of Craill, and Mr. David Williamfone, quho fall cairfullie reid and digeft fuch things as may ferve for the effect foirfaid ; and being all convenit, or at leift nyne of thame, within the citie of St. Androis, with my Lord Archbifhop, fall conferr in commoune thair particular laboures and travellis, and condifcend vpon ane folide ordour to be prefented to the next Affemblie, and obferved vniverfallie in all tym coming. And appoyntis the fecound Tyfday of Auguft for thair firft meitting.

Penalties.—Lykwayes the foirnamed brethren ar ordained to condifcend vpon certane penalties, to be exacted of fuch as falbe found abfent from

the Exerceis vpon the dayes appoynted thairto ; as also, vpon such as failzie to mak the Exerceis, Additioune, or intreat the Commoune-Head of doctrine, according as thei ar enjoyned in thair courfes. ¹

George Small excommunicat.—Item, the brethren directed be the said Synode to my Lord Earle Mareshall, for causing his Lordship remove from him Georg Small excommunicate, reportit, that my Lord had put him from his companie altogether.

Petitio Mr. Davidis Lyndesay.—Anent the fuitt of Mr. David Lyndesay, minifter at Leith, craving that Mr. Simeon Durie, succeding to him in the miniftrie at Forground, may refund to him the charges of the Mans of the said kirk ; It wes thocht meitt, that thei fowld ilkane of thame nominate two brethren, to quhom the decifioune of that mater falbe committed, havand interponed lykwayes the awthoritie of the Affemblie : Mr. David nominate the Rector of the Vniverfitie and Mr. Jhone Kynneir, Mr. Simeon nominate the Goodman of Kirktowne and Mr. Josuah Durie, promittand to stand at ther delyverans, and my Lord Archbishop nominate oddifman and overfman.

Lawrens Farguffone incestuous.—The foirfaid day, Lawrens Farguffone, in the parochine of Kirkaldie, lawfullie warned and callit, compeired, quho confessed that he had committed the most filthie cryme of incest with Jonet Young ; quhairanent my Lord Archbishop and Affemblie foirfaid ordained, that seeing the civill judge hes spaired his lyf, quhairof, be the law of God and of this kingdome, he fowld be depryved, he fall pas ilk Saboth day from kirk to kirk, *per circumum*, throughout the hail kirkes in the boundis of the Exerceis of Kirkaldie, according as he falbe enjoyned be the brethren of the famine, and that in sackcloth for the fpace of ane yeir compleitt, without any intermiffioun of dayes, vntill the next diocefian Affemblie, to be holdin (God willing) in St. Androis,

¹ It appears to have been the practice at the meeting of Presbyteries, before proceeding to the ordinary business, for one of the brethren to make the *Exerceis*, that is, critically to analyse a prescribed text in the original language of Scripture, from which he demonstrated certain prominent points of religion ; and for another to *add*, or make the *addition*, as it was technically called, being an illustrative discourse on the text so handled ; while a third discussed the common points of doctrine.

in the moneth of Apryl 1612; at the quhilk tyme the said Lawrens fall compeir befor the said Synode, to the end, that if the brethren foirsaid, fall declair his vnfained repentans, manifested be his willing, humble, and constant obediens, he may be absolved; vtherwayes, the dayes of his publi& satisfactiounes to be multiplied, as falbe thocht expedient.

Darfe.—Mr. Jhone Rutherford, admitted minister at Darfe, in room of Mr. James Ywill, deceasid.

Georg Kermeg.—George Kermeg, trilaps in adulterie, in the parochine of Kinneff, lawfullie summoned to this day, called, compeired not. He is therfor ordained to be infitid against be the censures of the Kirk; as also, to be summoned to compeir befor the High Commiffiounes, that he may be punished in his body and guidis.

Transportatione, A. Ramsay, R. Marchiston, A. Simfone.—My Lord Archbifhop and present Synode, vpon good and weghtie confiderations granted, and be thir presents grantis, to Mr. Androw Ramsay, minister at Arbuthnot, Mr. Richart Marchiftounes, minister at Edzell, and Mr. Alexander Simfone, minister at Conveth, libertie of transportatione from the saids kirks *respectivè*, at quhat tyme it fall pleis God to offer commodious and fitt occasiounes of imployment of thame in vther places.

Petitio Mr. J. Thomson.—Anent the fuitt of Mr. James Thomesone, minister at Kilmainie, that regard may be had to his mein moyen and travellis, takin with thois that have entres to augment the same in some reasonable maner, that fa he may be able to attend his charge, It wes concludit that, *primo quoque tempore*, the said kirk be vifited, and travellis takin for removing the said Mr. James his greives; as also, according as occasiounes fall offer, and my Lord Archbifhop fall in the vifitatione find convenient, to grant licence of transportatione to the said Mr. James.

Petitio Kylrinnie.—Anent the supplicatione giffen in be the parochiners of Kilrinnie, for Mr. James Melvill, thair minister, that he may be restored to thame, my Lord Archbifhop declared, that he had written to the Kings Majestie for that effect, but had not effectuete it. The Assemblic, as yet, quequitted his Lordship to infitt.¹

¹ Mr. James Melvill, a wise and discreet man, was at this time confined in Berwick by the

Petitio Conveth.—Anent the supplicatione of the parochiners of Conveth,¹ that some ordour may be takin, that ane competent moyen may be dealt for to thair minister, quho is not able vtherwayes to continow in his service, it is concludit, that my Lord Archbifhop fall appoynt ane dyett, at the quhilk the Maisteris of the New Colledge, perfons of the parochine, fall conveyin with the gentlemen thair of, for fetling the contraverfies among thame, and making out ane stipend to the minister; and that the Rector of the Vniverfitie, the Lairdis of Kynnaird and Balcolmie, and Mr. Arthour Futhie, vifitours of the said Colledge, fall affist his Lordship in the said actioun.

Questio.—The questione, Quhidder ane perfone, havand committed ane capitall cryme, quhairby he may not have *tutum accessum* to satisfie the discipline of the Kirk, being requyred and fummoned to compeir and satisfie as said is, and not compeirand, falbe declared contumax, and accordinglie proceedit against?—is referred to [be] advyfed vpon in the Conferens.

Seffione 4^a, April 4.

Questioun.—Anent the questioun propoundit, Quhidder ane perfone havand committed, *etc. vt supra*, the Assemblie, after mature deliberatioun, finding many probable argumentis *pro et contra*, thocht meitt that the questioun be as better advyfed vpon, and for that effect ordained the brethren, appoynted for fetting downe the Vniformitie of Discipline, to consult and advys with vtheris of thair brethren, and report thair judgment at thair meiting, the secund Tyfday of August; at quhilk tyme, havand difpute the said questioun, they fall report thair judgment to the next infewing Synode. And to the end thair be no pra&eis, in the mean tyme, contraire to the law to be condiscendit vpon, it is concludit that all such actiounes fall ceis to the said Synode.

Questioun.—Item, the questioun, Quhidder ane perfone accused of ane capitall cryme be holdin to purg himself be his solemne oath?—referred to

King's order, for refusing to conform to Episcopacy. He died there in 1614. His DIARY, a curious and valuable work, was printed for the BANNATYNE CLUB in 1829.

¹ Now called Laurencekirk, in Kincardineshire.

be advyſed vpon be the foirnamed brethren, and reported be thame the ſaid ſecound Tyſday of Auguſt, and fra that tyme to the Synode above ſpecified.

Gleib, Ferrie.—Anent the gleib of the kirk of the Ferrie of Portuncraig, the brethren of the Exerceis of St. Androis ar ordained to deal with the Laird of Durie for the peaciabie obtaining of the ſame.

Petito, Archbald, William, David, Thomas Ogilvies.—Anent the fuitt of Archbald, William, Thomas, and David Ogilvies, propoſing, that thei, being moſt penitent for the ſlaughter of vnuquhile Jhone Piggot, committed be thame, for the quhilk cauſe thei wer excommunicate be the Exerceis of Megill, had done all that thei ar able to reconcile thame ſelfis to God and his Kirk; and for that effect, had not only obtained thame ſelfis to be relaxed from his Hienes horne, but alſo maid, above thair poweris, offers for affythement to the partie; nochtwithſtanding thei ſtill continow obſtinate, refuſing altogether to heir any offeris, as the act of the ſaid Exerceis, vnder ſubſcriptione of Mr. George Pitullo, clerk thairto, preferred to the Aſſembly, bearis, to quhome, be the ſaid act, it is referred; craved thairfoir, that vpon the conſideratione of the premiſſes, thei may be abſolved from the ſaid ſentens of excommunicatioun;—It wes concludit that the brethren of the Exerceis of Megill, yet as befoir, ſhall deall with the parties, quhome if thai ſtill find to continow obſtinate, then and in that cais thei ſhall tak the band of the ſaidis Archbald, William, Thomas, and David Ogilvies for making payment of the ſoumes alreedy offered, quhen the partie ſhalbe willing to accept; and further, at the ſight, and be the modificatioun of the Gudmen of Litleblair, Crunan, and Jurdington, quhairvpon thai ſhalbe abſolved be Mr. William Malcolme vpon thair repentans in the kirk of Airlie.

Queſtioun.—The queſtioun propoundit be the brethren of the Exerceis of Arbroth, Quhat forme of tryall ſhalbe vſed of ane woman, quho, being ſuſpect to have borne a bairne in inceſt, fatheris the ſame vpon ane man in Elgine of Murray, quhair thair is nane of ſuch name, nether at any tyme wes thair ane ſuch ſein in the place of her reſidence?—It wes anſwerit, that if ſho willinglie offer her aith, thei tak it, vtherwayis that ſho, at her repentans making, gif her ſolemne declaratioun of that ſho hes affirmed.

Da. Beatoun.—Compeired David Beatoun of Carlgownie, ſummoned to

this day, accused of not communicating in his parochie kirk of Aberlemno, excused him self be his absens out of the countrey. Mr. Jhone Lyndfay, minister, is ordained to mak intimatioun to him of the tyme appoyntit for the Communioune, and requyre him ordourlie thairto.

Regraitt Scone.—Anent the complaint and regraitt of the brethren of the ministrie of the Abbacie of Scone, that my Lord of Scone refusies altogether to furnish the Elements to the Communioune, they ar advyfed to rays letteres of horning for charging, *etc.* As also, the Assëmblie fall dire& thair supplicatioun to the Lordis of Secret Counfall to the effect foirsaid.

Commoune Bible.—Forfamikle as it wes thocht expedient that thair be in evrie kirk ane commoune Byble, It wes concludit that evrie brother fall vrge his parochinaries to buy ane of the Bybles laitlie printed be Andrew Hart. And the brother failzeing, ether to caus buy ane, as said is, or ellis to gif in his exa& diligence, fall pay at the next Synode sex fibs. money.

Habites.—Item, it wes statute and ordained that evrie brother of the ministrie within the boundis of this Synode, fall heirafter refort to all thair meittings, alfwel in Exerceis as Synode, in fuch habites as ar contained and prescryved be the Act of Parliament, and that vnder the penaltie thairin contained.

Tryall of the Brethren.

Tryall.—Public& proclamatioun being maid at the for yett of the Colledge, requyring and charging all perfones havand any thing to lay to the charge of the Brethren of the present Assëmblie, or any of thame, to compeir and object the same: None compeirand, the brethren wer removed be courfes, as followes.

The ministeris of the kirkis of Durris, Fordowne, Fetterreffe, Kinnef, Eglisgreig, Fetterkairne, Edzell, Logie, Aberlemno, Kinnell, Rascobie, Inneraritie, removed for tryall. It wes only objected against the minister of Fetterkairne, that he makis not residens on mans and gleib. To the quhilk it wes answerit, the Synodall Assëmblie, holdin at Arbroth in September last, having, for remedie of his non residens, being employed many tymes in the affaires of the Kirk and Kings Majestie, provydit that

ane fellow labourer be planted at the said kirk, he hes obeyed the said ordinans, and presented Mr. Williame Wishart, of quhome thei ar presentlie in tryall.

The ministeris of Nig, Arbuthnot, Dunnottar, Benholme, Conveth, Garvock, Tannadeis, Forfar, Kinnettels, Glames, Killimure, Airlie, removed for tryall. It wes only objected that the minister of Forfar is not in posseffioun of his gleib: Quhilk wes ordained to be defigned to him *primo quoque tempore*. Item, the minister of Nig, resident in Aberdein, ordained, at leift, to continow the kirk in posseffioun of the gleib by labouring the same.

The ministeris of Effie, Nevay, Newtyl; Ketins, Fowles, Forground, Manifuith, Inchbryok, Lownan, Innerkeilour, Arbroth, St. Vigean, Arbirlott, Idvie, removed. It wes only objected, that Arbroth wantis mans and gleib, being defigned but not posseffed. Ethie wants ane gleib, quhilk is ordained to be defigned. Rascobie wantis two akeris of the gleib, quhilk is to be defigned. Newtyl ordained to infift for the proper mans and gleib.

The ministeris of Barrie, Mains, Liff, Muirhous, Rind, Kilspindie, Infhtuir, Kynnaird, Perth, Loncardy, Methwen, Dunbug, Collace, Blair, removed for tryall. It wes found necessar, in respect of the sclandrous lyf of the Laird of Kilspindie and uther difordouris, that the kirk of Kilspindie be visited *primo quoque tempore*. Siclyk that the kirk of Kinnowl be planted with diligens. Kynnaird wantis mans and gleib; my Lord Archbifhop is to defyre, be letter, the Laird of Kynnaird to nominate one or two quhom he pleasis, to reasone with fuch of the ministrie as his Lordship fall appoynt, concerning the lawfulness of the designatione, that sa it may be in peace.

The ministeris of Forteviott, Dumbarrie, Creich, Monimeill, Colleffie, Ebdie, Carnoch, Dumfermling, Kirkaldie, Dyfert, Weymes, Cleifh, Cambusmichael, Scoone, removed for tryall. It wes only objected, that the kirk of Scoone wantis mans and gleib.

The ministeris of Flifk, Balmerinoch, Kilmenie, Logie, Ferrie Portuncraig, Lewcharis, Saintandros, Forgownd, Cyres, Largo, Abercrombie, Carnebie, removed. It wes only objected, that Carnebie wantis ane pairt of

the juft gleib, quhairanent the minifter declared, that he had perfewed according to his defignatione, and ane interloquitor had pafte againft him befor the Lordis. Lyk as, he wes refolved that he wold not prevaill in the a&tioune, quhilk he had left for that caus. Kinros and Ferrie wantis ane gleib, quhairwith ordour is to be takin at thair particular vifitationis.

The minifteris of Cupar, Dinninow, Kemback, Anfruther, Pittinweym, Carall, Qult, Lathreis, Forther, Auchtermuchtie, Markinch, Vruall, Auchterdiray, Ballingray, Falkland, Kingleffie, Bruntiland, Muckart, Torrie, removed. It wes only objected, that Vruall wantis ane perfyte gleib; quhilk is ordained to be defigned at the vifitatione.

Gleibs.—It wes concludit, that all defe&ctis in manfis and gleibis falbe takin ordour with at the vifitationis.

Proveft, Awld College.—Item, That the Proveft of the Awld Colledge fall, fra this tyme foorth, be of the Exerceis of St. Androis.

Exerceis at Forfarr.—Item, It wes concludit that my Lord Archbifhop, at his going to Angus, to the vifitatione of the kirkes, fall found and erect ane Exerceis to be holdin in the burgh of Forfare, for the eas and commoditie of the brethren next adjacent thairto, quho are not able to refort ane gryt fpace of the yeir to the places quhairto heirtfoir thei have bein a&tricted; as alfo for reformatione of that pairt of the countrey. This being alwayes without the demolifhing of the Exercifes already eftablished.

Books, Exerceis.—Item, It wes ftatute and ordained that the bookes of evrie Exerceis be produced at ilk Synode in tyme comming, to the end the procefs may be cenfured.

Expectantis.—The names of Expectantis within the boundis of this Synode, befyd thois quho wer alreadie giffen vp, ar theis, Mr. James Blair, Mr. Jhone Lawmounth; In Dumfermling, Mr. Jhone Burnet; Pearth, Mr. Alexander Balneves; Merns, Mr. Jhone Pigott, Mr. William Davidfon; Brechine, Mr. Thomas Ramfay.

Moderatouris.—My Lord Archbifhop nominate moderatoris of the Exercifes to the next Synode; for Meirns, Mr. Androw Ramfay; Megill, the Bifhop of Dunkeld, and in his abfens, Mr. Alexander Kinninmounth, the Bifhop of Brechine to moderate quhen he is prefent; Dundie, the Bifhop of Brechine, and in his abfens, Mr. Androw Clayhills; Arbroath, Mr.

Arthour Futhie; Pearth, the Bifhop of Dunkeld, and in his abfens, Mr. William Coupar; Dumfermling, Mr. Androw Frofter; Kirkaldie, Mr. Jhone Mitchelfoune; Coupar, Mr. Jhone Caldcleuch; and Saintandros, Mr. David Monypennie.

Next Synode.—The next Synode to be holdin in Arbroth the firft Tyfday of O&tober.

Thankis giffen to God be the faid rycht Reverend Father in God, and prayer earneftlie conceived for continowans of his grace with his Kirk, our Kings Majeftie, the minifteris and all trew profeffouris: the Affemblye diffolved in peace.

J. GUTHRIE, *minifter at Arbirlott, clerk to the forfaid Synode.*

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF BARRIE, THE TENT DAY OF APRYLL 1611.

Tryell of Mr. Johne Gardyne.—The quhilk day, after invocatione of Gods holy name, and do&trine delyverit be the faid rycht Reverend Father, Mr. Jhone Gardine, minifter, wes removed, vpon quhom, after inquirye, it wes found be the brethren prefent and Seffiouneris, that thair lyeth ane publi& and commoune felander of fornicatione with Elfpat Balfour, reli& of vmquhile Jhone Clerk; for tryall quhairof, feing the faid Elfpat hes bein the authour of the fame, it wes thocht meitt that fho be inquyred. Sho thairfor being called, compeired, and being demandit anent the parent of the bairne, and fpeciallie if the faid Mr. Jhone had carnall copulatione with her, denyed the fame. Compeired ficlyk, James Balfour in Pam-bryd, brother to the faid Elfpat, conftantlie affirming, being inquyred, that his faid fifter had fworne to him, that fhe had never to do with any man fince the deceis of her faid vmquhile houfband, exceptand Mr. Jhone Gardine. The fame wes deponed be Jhone Gray in Revinfbie. The faid Mr. Jhone being inquyred anent the felander, if he had carnall deall with the faid Elfpat, denyed.

Forfamikle as it is opinlie reported in the countrey, that dyvers of the Seffioune have dealt with the faid Elfpat for caufing her avow the bairne to belong to another, and deny that the faid Mr. Jhone had carnall deall with her, thairfoir it wes concludit that the hail number prefent, alfveill

of the Ministerie as Seffioune, fall, vpon thair solemne oath, declair quhat thei know ether of the fact itselſe, or of any dealing betuix the parties for ſuppreſſing the veritie: quhilk being done, and no light gottin, Mr. Jhone was ordained preſentlie to purge him ſelf be his oath. And becaus he refuſed to do the ſame, thairfoir it wes ſtatute and ordained, that if, vpon Fryday the nynteinth day of this infant, he preſent not him ſelf befor the brethren of the Exerceis of Arbroth, and declair his reſolutione, and offer to purge him ſelf be oath *conceptis verbis*, as is after ſett downe, then as now, and now as then, he ſalbe ſuſpendit from his miniſtrie.

Tenor Juramenti.—I, Mr. Jhone Gardine, miniſter at Barrie, ſweir ſolemnlie befor God everlaſting, and as I ſall anſwer to my Saviour Jeſus at the gryt day of Judgment, I declair by my gryt oath, that I had never carnall deall with Elſpat Balfour, reli& of vmquhile Jhone Clerk in Baſkellie, at any tyme ſince the deceis of her ſaid vmquhile huſband befor this preſent hour: Sa ſaiſſ me God if I ſpeak the veritie, and condemne me for ever if I conceill the truth, or ſpeik ane lie.

Quhilk oath, if the ſaid Mr. Jhone ſall willinglie offer, then and in that cais, the moderator of the Exerceis of Arbroth is ordained, on the Saboth following, to pas to the kirk of Barrie, and after do&trine propoundit be him ſelf in the foirnoone, to accept the oath in maner above ſpecified, and thairvpon the ſaid Mr. Jhone to be abſolved; but failzeing of the ſaid Mr. Jhone his offer, as is above expremit, the decreitt of ſuſpenſioun to ſtand, as ſaid is.

AT FORFAR THE 16 DAY OF APRYL 1611.

Plantatioun of Dunlappie.—Mr. Georg Donaldſone, miniſter at Lochlie, admitted miniſter to the kirk of Dunlappie, being preſented be Hepburn of Waughtoune, vndowted patrone of the ſaid kirk.

Erectioun of Exerceis at Forfar.—The foirſaid day, according to ane ordinans and concluſioun of the Dioceſian Synode, holdin at St. Androis in the moneth of Apryl laſtbypaſt, the ſaid ryght reverend father, with advys foirſaid, finding it verie neceſſar that ane Exerceis be had within the burgh of Forfar, alſweill for the eas of the brethren of the miniſtrie quho

ar not able convenientlie to repair to such places quhairto, in the tyme bygane, thei have bein aftricted, as for reformatione of the pairtes of the countrey nereft adjacent, thairfor erected and foundit ane Exerceis, to meitt and affemble within the kirk of the said burgh of Forfar, to bruik, ioyis and exerce such priviledges as accordis with the a&is of the Kirk, and as vtheris Exercifes within the countrey lawfullie injoy, in preaching and exponing the Word of God, exercefing of difcipline, *etc.*—confifting alwayes of the kirkes following, thei ar to fay, Forfar, Dunnichtin, Rafcobie, Inneraritie, Mathie, Aberlemnoth, Tannadeis, Kellimuir, Cortoquhy, Glames, Kinnettells, Kirkbuddo, Idvie.

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRK OFF PEARTH VPON THE 18 DAY OF
APRYL 1611.

Tryell, Mr. J. Malcolm.—Maifter Jhone Malcolme, minifter, found refident ; to teach on the Saboth, his text Dan. ix. 4, 19, and Thurfday his text, ; being removed, and wes allowed. As also the pedell at the kirk durr requyring all and fundrie, according to the edi&t, quho had any thing to lay to his charge, to compeir and object the fame : nane compeired.

Mr. W. Coupar.—Maifter William Coupar, minifter,¹ found refident ; Item, to teach vpon the Saboth, his text Jerem. 8, and vpon Tyfday, his text Apec. 13. Being removed for tryall, was allowed of.

Seik.—Item, it wes heavilie regraited be the minifteris, that no advertifment is maid to thame of difeas and ficknes of many within the congregatioune ; concerning quhilk the a&is wes condescendit vpon.

Na difobedientis found to difcipline. The Saboth weill keiped. The Communioune celebrate ane yeir fince.

Thair wes found no perfounes noncommunicantis nor excommunicate—no witches, nor dealeris with thame.

Poor.—Item, it wes found that the poor ar provydit and caired for. Andro Grant and Williame Williamfone, maifteris of the Hospitall.

The kirk and fabrick thairof found to be in good caice, and thairin no ordinar buriall.

¹ Afterwards Bishop of Galloway.

Provisioun.—Mr. Jhone Malcolme¹ his provisioun is two hundreth firs. and two chalderis aittes fourth of the Pryorie of Charterhous. Mr. William Coupar has of the Towne his provisioun, viz. ane hous, certane coalis, and fyv^c firs. money.

Mans and Gleib.—Item, it wes found that thair is ane mans but no gleib, the neirast kirkland being allotted to the hospitallis and poor in thame. It is to be advysed quhat fall be done heiranent.

Requisitioun to sweir, etc.—Forfamikle as thair ar dyvers within this congregatioun who have travellit in forraine countreyis, It is statute and ordained, that such as have not giffen confessioun of thair fayth, be requyred *primo quoque tempore* to give the same.

Contract.—It wes statute and ordained that heirafter all contractis of perfons to be ioyned in mariage be maid publi&lie in the Seffioun; the parties being first tryed vpon thair knowledg of the Lords Prayer, Beleiff, and Ten Commandis. And having promised to continow in the professioun of the truth, as it is presentlie in this country, to thair lyves end.

Mr. Al. Balnevis.—Mr. Alexander Balnevis² found to have ministred the sacrament of baptifme, being discharged thairfra, for the quhilk caus he wes gravelie rebuiked, and ordained nocht to meddle with the ministratioun of baptifme till it pleis God he be admitted to the ministrie.

19 Apryle 1611.—*Kinnowll.*—Mr. Ninian Drummond ordained minister of Kinnowll, and investet with the mans and gleib of the said kirk, as thei ly on the west fyd thairof.

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRK OF RASCOBIE VPON THE 21 APRILIS 1611.

Minister.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holy name be the said rycht reverend father, Mr. Jhone Spalding, minister, wes found to teach anis vpon the Sabboth; his text the Commandementis, precept 1,

¹ The author of a Commentary in Latin on the Acts of the Apostles, printed at Middleburgh, 4to. 1615.

² At this time he was Reader at Perth; and afterwards minister of Tippermoor?

and to catecheis in the afternoone. Being removed, was approved *in omnibus*. The Eldaris ficlyke being removed, wer allowed.

Commiffiounne.—It being regraited be thame that thei gett no payment of the penalties quhairin offenderis ar convi&t, They ar ordained with diligens to purchas ane Commiffiounne, quhairin falbe the Minister, the Lairdis of Cars, Strickmartine, Turings, and William Gray of Pitfcandlie ; and that thei creat thair pedell thair Court officiar. And the perfons abovenamed fall, with thair Minister, have power to change and renew the Seffiounne yeirly as thei fall find meitt.

P. Gwyld.—Patrik Gwyld difobedient to the discipline, being convi&t of breach of the Saboth be theiking ane hous, fummoned to this day, compeired, promifed obediens, as in publi&t fatiffa&tiounne, fa in payment of his penaltie, and diligent keiping the kirk in all tyme coming.

Saboth.—The Saboth in harveft is found to be [ill] kept: Ordinans aggreitt vpon for giffing ane day to the tennants.¹ Siclyk, that the milnes ftay from grinding at any tyme on the Saboth, vnder the penaltie of the tranfgreffour, ether in working in herveft, or grinding, of xx ſ.

Communiounne, etc.—The Communiounne celebrate in the moneth of Apryl laft. No noncommunicantis or excommunicantis ; no papiftes or thair refaitteris ; no witches, or confulteris with thame.

Scole.—It is found that thair Scole defertit at the terme of Mertimes laft, and that for want of moyen : Quhairanent the commounne ordour wes condefcendit vpon.

Buriall.—It wes ftatute and ordained that no les penaltie be exacted of fuch as fall burie any, or have buried any perfone within the kirk then ten fibs. and that no cautione be takin for payment thairof, but ether prefent payment, or ane pledg of fufficient avayl.²

¹ It appears to have been the custom for farm-labourers, under the designation of *cotters* or *tenants*, to receive from the proprietor or tacksman a portion of ground, in lieu of wages, which they cultivated for their own use. As their time was devoted to their masters during the week, Sunday was the only day they had for labouring it. The ordinance of the Synod was to prevent this breach of the Sabbath, by obtaining for them a week day (Saturday) for that purpose. See entry 2d Sept. 1611.

² The Assembly, at an early period after the Reformation, denounced the custom of interment within the church as a Romish superstition, and punished transgressors with heavy censures.

Kirk dykes.—It is statute that the kirk-yard dykes be bigged befor Lambes next, according to the A& of Parliament, quhilk failzeing, that letteris be rayfed for compelling thame.

Gleib.—Anent the gleib designd perfytlie, and possessed only in part, the Minister is ordained to infist in the actioun alreidie intendit be him.

Registeris.—Item, thei ar ordained to have ane Seffioun buik, authentik and formall, and ane Register of the baptized, married and defunct.

Catechising.—Item, for cairfull keiping the tymes appoynted to evrie part of the parochine to come to be catechifed, It is statute that ilk persone absent fall pay 4 d.

Item, regraitt being maid concerning fervants, that thei ar often absent from the kirk and divine service, It is statute that the maisteris falbe countable to the Seffioune for thame.

The kirk is ane kirk of the Archdeanrie of St. Androis, havand provydit thairto the vicariage, and fyve chalderis of victuall.

THE VISITATIONE OF THE KIRK OF FETTERCAIRNE, 24 APRIL, 1611.

Mr. William Wifhart was admitted minister.

Minister.—Mr. Alexander Forbes, persone, found not resident, quhilk is supplied be the plantatioune above specifiet, according to the ordinans of the Synode holdin in Aberbrothok in the moneth of September last-bypast. He teaches anis vpon the Saboth; his text Col. 1.

Mr. William Wifhart is ordained to teach the Gospell written be St. Luke from the beginning.

Milnes.—The Saboth declared to be weil keiped, except be the going of the milnes. They ar ordained to infist against the breakeris, and dilate such as obey nocht, to my Lord Archbishop, that thei may be punished be the High Commiffioun.

In 1576, the question “qwither if burials sould be in the kirk or not?” was answered by the Assembly in the negative, “and that the contraveeners be suspendit from the benefits of the kirk, quhill they make publik repentance.” Mr. William Birnie, Minister of Lanark, published in 1606 an elaborate work condemnatory of the practice, under the title of “The Blame of Kirk-Buriall tending to persvade Cemiteriall Civilitie;” which was reprinted as a literary curiosity in 1833.

The communicatioun celebrat 15 April 1610. No noncommunicantis, or excommunicantis. Na papiftes.

Mr. Patrik Lyndesay.—It wes reported that Mr. Patrik Lyndesay, brother to the Laird of Vayne, quho is verie scandalous evrie maner of way, refortis oftentymes in this parochine, and in dyvers uther parochins neir adjacent. It wes thairfoir ordained, that the brethren of the miniftrie in quhat parochin foever thei fall find him, fall charge him vpon fyftein dayes to compeir befor the Lordis of the High Commiffioun, and fall immediatlie after the charge advertteis my Lord Archbifhop.

Witch.—Thair is fome motioun of ane man fufpect of witchcraft, in the tryall quhair of thei ar to infift.

Newdofk.—Item, forfamikle as the parochinars of Newdofk, not havand kirk or minifter, have bein and ar in vfe to repair to this kirk, and refave the benefites thairin of the Word and Sacramentis; thairfoir, it is ftatute and ordained that thei fall contribute with the parochinaris of Fettercairne for intertainment of the Scole and reparatioun of the Kirk. This alwayes not to preiudg thame from obtaining thair awin kirk to be bwyldit and provydit, at quhilk tyme theifal befried from contributing with the paroch of Fettercairne.

Poor.—The poor ar found to be intertaind be ilk gentleman in his awin boundis.

The minifter ordained to give vp the names of adultereris.

Buriall.—Item, it is ftatute that thei exact no les penaltie of fuch as fall burie any perfone in the kirk then ten merkis.

The provifioun of the kirk is twelf fcoir fibs. in perfonage, and fourtie fibs. the vicarage. He is inhibite to fett any tackis without confent and knowledg of my Lord Archbifhop. Thair is poffeffed only ane aiker and ane ruid of land; the reft is defigned but not poffeffed, in refpect of the Laird of Lawringftowne his being in England, of quhais land the fame muft be takin. The perfone ordainit with diligens to vrge poffeffioun.

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRK OF KILMAINIE THE SEVINT DAY OF
MAY 1611.

Minifter.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holy name be the

faid Reverend Father, Mr. James Thomfone wes found to teache on the Sabbaoth day befoir none, and catechifis efter none. His text, the Epiftle of St. James at the thrid chapter. Being removed is approvyn *in omnibus et per oram*. Syelyk the Elderis and Deacones, being removed, wer allowed and approvyn.

Na Meatt fauld under pane of xx š.—That nane within the toun of Kilmanie fell meatt or drink on the Sabbaoth day, in tyme of preaching or catechifing, under pane of xx š.

Drunkards.—That ilk drunkard within the parochie pay vj š. viij đ. ilk tyme that thai be fund drunkin; and to mak thair publi& repentance.

Catechifing.—Absentis from the catechifing to pay as followis, viz. the cotter xij đ.; the husband man or woman, or thair bernis or fervandis, to pay ij š.; and the gentlemen and wemen, and thair bernis and fervandis, to pay vj š. viij đ.

Almes.—The collectioun of the almes at the kirk dore diftributed according to the necessitie of the puire.

Witches, Papifts, &c.—Na witches, nor confulteris with witches. Na papiftes, nor refaitteris of them.

Excommunicantis, Difobedientis.—Na excommunicatts, nor noncommunicantis. Na diffobedientis.

Reffaitt of Servands.—That na cotter nor fervand, man or woman, be refaved nor admitted within the parochie without ane autentik testimoniall of the minifter of the parochie thai cum fra; and if thai be, the refaitteris to pay the fervandis fie or boll.

Buriall.—No buriall to be within the kirk, vnder pane of x fib.

Mans.—The Minifter non refident for want of his Mans.

Stipend.—His present ftipend and provifioun lxxxviij fib., and out of the xiiij fib.

Condition for Augmentatioun thairof.—Becaws *ipfa corpora* of the vicarage ar not tane vp for helping the minifteris ftipend, It is ordenit, with consent of the faidis Maifteris of the Colledge present, and the parochinaris present, that ilk plewch of the parochie fall pay yeirlie to the minifter, 1 boll bair; for the quhilk caws the faid maifteris are content to give to ilk fewar or husbandman, that will crave and requyre, ane thrie or fyve yeiris

tak of thair teindis, conteining ane claufe irritant, that incaice thai pay not the dewtie contenit in thair takis thankfullie and tymoufly, at the termes of payment thairin contenit, vfed and wont, the tak to be null. Sic as will not consent to the conditiones foirfaid, to have no takis, bot to be perfewit for spoliatioun, &c.

Vagabundis.—That no vagabundis, men or wemen, be reffait within the paroche, under pane of xx š.

Feghters, Fornicators, Breakers of the Sabbaoth.—That ilk feighter, fornicator, and prophaner of the Sabbaoth day, fall pay for ilk fault, xx š.

Byble.—The minifter ordenit to caws the parochinaris bye ane new Byble, under the pane contenit in the aēt of the Affemblie, and that befor the nixt Affemblie.

Junij 30, 1611.—Mr. David Gudlatt admitted minifter of Eglismachen.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF STRATHBROK¹ 1 JULY 1611.

Minifter tryed.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holy name be the said rycht Reverend Father, the edict, with the executioun thairof for intimatioun of the said Vifitatioun, wes exhibit. The Minifter his text ordinar is the Gospell of Luke, the 2 chap. ; he teaches anis on the Sabbath, and fumtymes ofter, as the people can be convenit. He is removed, and efter tryell had be the Archbifchop, of the brethren of the miniftrie and elderis, he is approvin in lyffe, doctrine, and converfatioun.

Commissioun.—The minifter is ordenit to get ane commissioun for the convening of the parochineris on the Sabbath befor none and efternone. In the commissioun ar to be infert my Lord Privie Seill, Mr. Johne Schairp of Houftoun, James Steward of Strabrok, and the minifter himself.

Menfstrelling and Futeball.—Menfstrelling and futeball on the Sabbath day in the feildis expresse dischargeit, under the pane contenit in the aētis of Parliament and Affemblie.

¹ Now called Uphall, in Linlithgowshire.

Na Excommunicattis, na Witches, na Difobedientis.—Na excommunicatts, na papiftis, nor noncommunicatts ; na witches nor confulteris ; na difobedientis.

Vifitacioun of the fick.—It is ordenit, than in ilk houfe quhair any fick perfoun is, the elder or deacone falbe advertifed thairof, and if he be not, the fick perfoun, or the maifter of the houfe, pay xx ſ. The elder or deacone being advertifed and refufing, or not advertifing the minifter, to pay fourtie ſhillings ; and the minifter being advertifed, and nocht vifiting the fick, to pay for the firft iij lib. ; and gif he negle&t the vifitacioun often, he falbe fufpendit fra his miniftrie.

Scoole.—It is ordenit with commoun confent, that the parochineris fall giwe among them all, for the maintenance of the Scoole and Scoolemaifter yeirlie, fyftie merkis, and the minifter fall giwe iij lib.

Deskis.—The Gudeman of Vphall and James Rennald ar ordenit to remove thair deskis that ſtandis befor the Gudman of Houftons Ile.

Byble.—The minifter is ordenit to caws the parochineris bye ane new Byble, to be comoun in the kirk, under the paine.

Buriall.—Buriall difchargeit in the kirk, vnder the pane of xl lib., by and attour the panes contenit in the a&ctis of the Affemblie.

The minifter is ordenit to have ane famous register for baptifme, marriage, and the names of the defunctis, with ane gude Seffioun buik.

Absentis fra Seffioun.—Ilk elder or deacone that falbe fund absent fra the Seffioun, to pay vj ſ viij d. ; and thair that refuifs to pay, to be chargeit for xij ſ iij d., as penaltie of thair difobediens.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF LYNLYTHGOW, VPONE THE THRID
JULII 1611.

Tryel of the Miniſter, Text.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holy name, be the ſaid rycht Reverend Father, the edi&t, with the executionis thairof for intimatioun of this preſent vifitacioun, was produceit. Patrick Kenloquhy,¹ auld minifter, is fund to teach none for his age and infirmitie. Mr. Robert Cornewall teachis thryſe in the weik ; his text is in the viij

¹ Mr. Patrick Kenloquhy was one of our earlieſt Reformers, having been appointed to the miniftry of Linlithgow, in 1560.

chapter to the Romans. He is removed. Efter tryell tane of his lyffe and doctrine, he is approven of all the parochineris present, and of the brethrene.

Communion, Excommunicattis, Papiftis.—The communion ministred twyfe in the yeir. Na excommunicattis, na noncommunicantis, nor papifts, except my Lady Lynlythgow.

Witches, etc.—Na diffobedientis; na witches, nor confulteris.

Baptifme.—Baptifme ministred ordinarily on Tyfday, and as occaifioun offers at uther dyetts of doctrine and exercife.

Gleib.—The minifter, Mr. Robert Cornewall, is ordenit to perfew for the gleib vpon the defignatioun maid thair of.

Fabrick.—The fabrick of the Kirk at gude point, and the kirk-yaird deykis weill intertenit. Buriallis in the Kirk difchargeit vnder the panes following; viz. pur folk x fib., vtheris of honeft rank to pay xx fib.; and gentlemen or wemen to pay xl fib.

Buriall.—And becaus findrie alledgeis infestmentis of buriall, It is ordenit that thai fall produce the fame at the nixt Affembly, vtherways not to be permitted thaireftir: and the licences grantit be the Seffioun of the kirk for buriall heirtofoir, ar presently difchargeit expreflie; and sic as hes infestmentis, or hes bought their buriallis, or yit helpis the intertenment and vphald of the kirk, ar permitted and licenced to keip thair rychts of buriall, till forder ordour be tane thairanent.

Scoole.—The Scoole interteined, the maifter thair of presently tryed and approvin, viz. Mr. Robert Thomfone.

Complaint for the Sabbath prophaning.—It is ordenit, that a complaint and fupplication be gevin in to the Synod, for profanation of the Sabbath be the paffengeris and cadgeris of Glasgaw and Lynlythgow, for fum gude ordour to be tane for remeid hei of.

Byble.—The kirk hes ane new common Byble and Pfalme buik.

Vicarage.—The minifter, Mr. Robert Cornewall, is viccar of the parochin of Lynlythgow, and is difchargeit to fett any takis of the viccarage, without consent of his ordinar the faid Archbifhop.

Stipend.—The kirk of Lynlythgow is ane annexed kirk of the Pryorie of St. Androis. Mr. Robert Cornewall his provifioun of ftipend presently,

is j^c xl lib. with ten bollis quheit, ane chalder fourteine bollis bair, twa chalder iiij bollis aittes, fevintine bollis meill, presently posselt; and ten bollis meill fuspendit during my Lord of Scone his lyfytyme.

Seffion.—The elderis or deacones that falbe fund absent from the Seffion of the kirk, without lawfull excuse or licence grantit, to pay for the first tyme vj š. viij d. and for the secund tyme xiiij š. iiij d.

Elderis.—The names of the elderis and deacones presently chofin to be vpone the Seffion. My Lord Erle of Lynlythgow, Robert Steward provest, George Cornewall bailie, Robert Mairtein bailie, Andro Mill younger bailie, Andro Bell bailie, Captane William Craford, Alexander Mure, Gilbert Mure, Andro Mill elder, George Bell, Patrik Gibbiefone, Thomas Smyth, Thomas Edvart, Andro Hunter, Daud Baderstone elder, Johne Adamfone, James Wach elder, James Glen and Johne Duncane: Thir for the Toun. For the landwart, Sir Johne Bruce of Kynkavell, Alexander Hamyltoun of Bynnie, Mr. Peter Kenloquhy of Kenneftoun, William Hairt of Rickartoun, Philip Quhytheid and Patrik Keir.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF SLAMMANANE-MURE, 3 JULII 1611.

Minifter tryed.—Mr. Thomas Ambros, minifter, is asked anent his text, quhilk is on the Gospell of Matthew. He teachis in Vinter ains in the weik, viz. on Sunday befoir none; and in Sommer he teachis befoirnone, and catechifis efternone, on the Sabbaoth day. He is removed, and efter tryell, he is approvin in his doctrine; bot is fund sum quhat flandrous in his behaviour, be giffing ill exampill throw halding of hostelrie, and thairfoir is dischargeit to vse the same any moir heirefter.

Commiffioun.—The minifter ordenit to get ane Commiffioun for puneifching of malefactouris, as licentious livars, drunkards, prophaneris of the Sabbaoth, and vtheris, in common forme; himself, and any twa honest men of the parochie of best judgment, and greiteft credit and auctoritie, to be infert thairin.

Witches, Excommunicattis, Papiftis.—Na witches, nor consulteris; na diffobedientis; na papiftis; na excommunicattis; bot thair is ane vnder proces, Alexander Ramsay, for diffobedience. Na noncommunicantis.

Gleib and Mans, Fabrick.—The gleib and mans poffest be the minifter. The fabrick of the kirk and kirk-yaird deikis in gude caice.

Licences for Buriall.—Na buriall to be in the kirk, vnder pane of xx lib. Na licences to be granted for buriall, bot be the advyfe of the minifter and the Seffion.

Regifter.—The minifter to have a formall regifter for baptifme, mariage, and the names of the defunctis; and to have a formall Seffion buik.

Scoole.—Na Scoole for want of moyen.

Bill of the Parochinaris of Morenfyd.—Ane fupplicatioun giffin in be the parochineris of Morenfyd, complaining vpon Mr. Patrik Monypenny, minifter at Levingftoun, for leving the faid kirk of Morenfyd, and yit takand vp the ftipend of that kirk as of the kirk of Levingftoun, and that thai had menit themfelfis oft to the Prefbiterie of Lynlythgow: quhairunto the faid Mr. Patrik, anfwering, faid, that he culd not ferve at that kirk, haveing no ftipend, as was thair verified be the minifteris of the faid Prefbiterie of Lynlythgow then prefent, and that he had deburfit dyvers gryt fowmes of money for procuring a ftipend and provifion to the faid kirk, and yit culd not obtain it. And thairfoir the faid Reverend Father, with advyfe of the remanent brethren of the faid vifitatioun, decernit and ordenit the parochineris of Morenfyde to pay, for ilk pund land within the faid parochine, xl ſ. to be gevin to the faid Mr. Patrik for his kyndnes of the faid kirk, and in recompence of the fowmes of money deburfit be him in maner foirfaid.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF DUNS, THE TENT DAY OF JULII 1611.

Aët of the Synod producit for plantatio nouæ ecclefiæ de Birkinfyd et eiusdem erectio.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis name, the faid Reverend Father, with the reft aboue urettin, haveing producit the aët of the laft Synod concerning the planting of this kirk with ane Secund minifter, in refpect of the inhabilitie and auld aige of Mr. Patrik Gait, prefent minifter at this kirk, contening ane fpeciall commiffioun direct to certane Commiffioneris from the Synod appointit to deall for a provifion to ane Secund minifter, to wit, to Mr. Dauid Home, and Mr. William Methwen;

they declairit, that thai gat the concurrence of the maist part of the parochie yeilding thair consent to help with thair moyen the provisioun for a fecund minister; the Lairdis of Wedderburne and Blacketar hed not giffin thair consent.

The Chapell of Birkinfyde ordenit, with commoun consent, to be erected in a parochie kirk, and for this effect to have annexit to it the landis of Birkinfyde, Oxanden, Cauldfyd, Peilheuch, Parkheid, Parkhouse, Knoek, Keidghill, Keidscheillhauch, Kideleuch, Holeinrig, Burnehouffe, Boghill, Wynscheillis, Efter and Middil Wynscheillis, the Laird of Cockburnes hail landis, with the pertinentis, extending to xx landis, togidder with Barrowmill, pertaining to the Laird of Aitoun.

The landis annexit to the said kirk, and appointit to contributt for the bigging thairof, ar Burnehouffis, extending to twell husband landis, Cockburne, twentie husband landis, Eifter and Middill Winscheills, sex husband landis. The Laird of Aitoun to pay at his awin plesour.

William Sincleir, minister, and Thomas Lamb, appointit collectouris of the said contributioun, and oversiers of the work.

Mr. George Ridpath, minister, protestit that, in this erectioun, na preiudice suld be done to the Laird of Ormestoun.

The said Reverend Father takis vpon him to get the said erectioun past in all the formalities thairof as accordis.

Stipend.—For the provisioun of the said kirk to be erected, Mr. Patrik Gait, minister at Duns, is content to dimitt the vicarage of the kirk of Duns hallelie in favouris of the minister to be planted at the said kirk of Birkinfyd. The Laird of Aitoun is content to give according to the number of husband landis, ilk husband land xx s.; the ane half thairof to be payit be the heretour, and the vther half be the takifmen, or thais that hes the teind bollis of the saidis plewis. The remanent gentlemen, to be annexit to the said kirk, consentis to pay siclyk, ilkane for thair awin part, and this provisioun only to stand and indure during the lyftyme of the said Mr. Patrik Gait, minister.

Innerkething, the penult Julij 1611.—Mr. Robert Roch admitted minister at Innerkething.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF FALKLAND, 9 AUGUST 1611.

Tryell.—Efter do&trine and invocatioun of Godis holie name be the said rycht Reverend Father, Mr. James Pitcairne, minifter at the said kirk, is fund to teache twyfe on the Sabbaoth day, but not on the weik dayes. He is removed, tryed, and is approvin be the hail Seffioun of that kirk. Elderis and deacones alfo approvin.

Teaching, Baptifme, Mariage.—He is ordenit to teach on Sunday befor none, and catechife efter none; and to teach on Tyfday, minifter baptifme, mariage, the said day. The Seffioun ordenit to fitt on Tyfday of the do&trine.

Scoole.—The Scoole weill intertenied: the maifter thairof, Mr. David Balvaird. He is tryed be the said rycht Reverend Father, and reffaves approbatioun be the hail brethren of the miniftrie, and be elderis and deacones of the paroche.

Registeris.—The minifter ordenit to have a formall Seffioun buik, quhairin falbe the colle&tioun of the almes, with the diftributioun thairof. Item, ane vther fufficient register for baptifme, mariage, and the names of the defun&tis.

Papiftis, etc.—Na Papiftis, na excommunicattis, na witches nor confulteris.

Buriall.—Buriall within the kirk difchargeit; and a purpois among the parochineris for bying fomuch ground without the toun as may ferve for buriall.

Byble.—The minifter ordenit to have a commoun Byble for the kirk, vnder pane of vj lib., as the A& of the Affemblic beris.

Transporting of the Exercife from Coupar to Falkland.—The Kingis Majesties will, declared by his Majesties letter, fend to the said rycht Reverend Father, anent the transporting of the Exercife fra Coupar to Falkland, and the divifing thairof, to be at the said rycht Reverend Fatheris difcretion, appointing fum to go to San& Androis as of old, the rest to meit weikly at Falkland, and the meiting at Coupar from this tyme furth to ceas. The brethren not consenting thairto; bot craved a fupplication to be fend to his Majestie, for continowing the meiting at

Coupar, for findry gude cawffis and confiderationis, namelie, that Falkland in winter, or efter greit weittis in fommer, is not acceffibill. The faid Reverend Father promefis to wreit to his Majeftie, and to move the Synod to hald at Perth the fyft of September, to fend with his letter thair fupplicatioun to his Majeftie, to the effe& foirfaid. In the mein tyme, to fatiffie his Majefties defir, thai ar ordenit to conveyn at Falkland, the hail brethreine of the Exercife of Couper, till the Affemblye, and thairefter till his Majefties anfwer be returned thairanent; quhairwith thai acquies: And fo thankes gevin to God, the meiting is diffolved.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF THE FERRIE OF PORTONCRAIG,
13 AUGUST 1611.

Tryell.—Efter do&trine and invocatioun of Godis holy name, maid be the faid rycht Reverend Father, Mr. James Jarden, minifter, being asked, How oft he teached in the weik? anfwerit, anis on the Sabbaoth befor none, and was willing to teach efternone, bot culd not get the people to conveyn, quhilk he regraited. He is removed and tryed, reffaveis approbatioun both of the miniftrie and of the elderis and deacones.

The minifter appointit to teach on Sunday befor none, to catechife efter none, and to teach on Tyfday.

Na Papiftis, na Witches.—Na Papiftis, na excommunicattis, na difobedients, na noncommunicantis, na witches, nor confulteris.

Vicarage, Stipend, Augmentatioun.—The minifter ordenit to tak vp *ipfa corpora* of the vicarage. The minifteris provifioun of ftipend prefently is xl bollis victuall; and the parochineris, with ane confent, agries to ane augmentatioun of ane hundreth pund to be payit to him yeirlie, fo lang as he remains at that kirk vntransported. The Toun to be bund for payment of fourfoir pundis, and the Landwart for xx lib. The tounes pairt to be payit be James and Henrie Paterfones, David and Johne Kayes, Thomas Ramfay and Mr. James Durie, in name of the reft, and to be bund to the minifter thairfoir; thai gettand thair releiff fra the reft. Peter Hay of Mortoun ordenit to contribute for augmenting the minifteris ftipend as a parochiner.

Scoole.—Na scoolemaifter for laik of moyen among the tounes men ; bot thai ar appointit to have ane.

Mans, Gleib.—The minifteris mans ordenit to be biggit. The minifter to aggrie for bigging thairof, and the parochie to pay twa hundreth merkis for helping to big the fame. The ftent thairof to be fett down be the honeft men of the toun, and fum of the landwart. The tounie to pay the twa pairt, and the landwart the thrid. The Erle of Kinghorne to be dealt with to contribute thairto, and the Gudman of Bawgownie. The minifter hes his haill gleib in poffeffioun.

Profanatioun of the Sabbaoth.—Breakeris or prophaneris of the Sabbaoth to pay, drunkardis and vther licentious livaris to pay, xx ſ.

Clerk and Beddell of the kirk, thair severall dewties to be payit.—It is ordenit, that the clerk of the Seffioun of the kirk, fall have of ilk inriage x ſ., and the beddell of the kirk ij ſ. iiij d. ; and of ilk berne baptized, the clerk fall have v ſ., and the beddell xx d. Of ilk fornicatour, or vtheris that makis publiēt repentance, falbe exactit iiij ſ., to be equallie divydit betwix the clerk and the beddell : and of ilk buriall, the beddell fall have vj ſ. viij d., and the clerk ij ſ. iiij d.

Millis.—It is ordenit, that na millis gang vpon the Sabbaoth day, fra fone to fone, vnder pane of xx ſ., and the parties tranfgreffing to mak thair publiēt repentance.

Ferrieboatis.—Item, that na boattis cors the Ferrie on the Sabbaoth day, fra nyne houris befor none, till the efternonis doctrine be endit, vnder the pane of xx ſ., and thai that dois in the contrair to be wardit, thairefter to mak thair publiēt repentance ; and the magistratis of the toun to appoint overfeeris for this effect, to nott the tranfgreffouris of the faid act.

Byble.—The minifter ordenit to bye ane commoun Byble to ferve in the kirk, vpon the commoun charges, vnder the pane contenit in the Act of the Affembly, viz. vj lib.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF FORGOUND, 14 AUGUST 1611.

Text, Tryell.—Efter doctrine and invocatioun of Godis holie name maid

be the said rycht Reverend Father, the minister, Maister Simeon Durie, is askit be the said Archbischop anent his ordinar text, quhilk is the xxviiij chapter of Genesis; he teachis only anis in the weik, on Sunday befor none, and is ordenit to teach on Sunday befor none, and efter none to catechise the people, quho ar appointit to be devydit in quarteris. Ilk Sabbaoth sa many to conveyn and be catechised as the minister may owertak. The minister is removed and tryed, and reffavis ane approbatioun of all, both ministeris, and elderis and deacones, in his lyffe, doctryne, and behaviour.

Sabbaoth.—Breakers of the Sabbaoth day to pay xx š.; and gif the fervandis break the Sabbaoth be thair maisteris occasioun and imployment, the maister to pay xx š., and the fervand exemit.

Papistis, Witches.—Na Papistis, nor excommunicattis, nor resaitteris of tham; na witches, nor consulteris with them.

Mans, Gleib, Stipend, Vicarage.—The minister resident at his mans; he hes present possessioun of his gleib. His stipend is vj chalderis victuall. He is vickar, and is ordenit to tak vp *ipsa corpora*; or ellis to augment the rental thair of be the advyse of the ordinar and consent of his chaptour, be setting of takis fra thrie yeiris to thrie yeiris, and not langer.

Buriall.—Buriall dischargeit within the kirk vnder pane of xl lib. Bot only such as have ane ile of thair awin, the gentilmen, in caice thai burie, fall pay xl lib.; the meaner fort, as husband men that ar nocht worth, to pay x lib., or mair, at the discretioun of the Seffioun.

Pure, Skoole.—The pair sufficiently provydit for. The Skoole interteined; and for the better provisioun of it, thair is ordaned that ilk pleuch in the parochie fall pay to the skoolemaister xiiij š. iiij d.; and ilk berne of the parochie fall pay vi š. viij d. in the quarter; strangeris that ar of ane vther parochie fall pay xx or xxx š. as the maister can procurit it, as it is agried in vther congregationis.

Peter Hay.—Peter Hay of Mortoun acknowledgit a parochiner of the Ferrie, and not of this kirk of Forgound. Bot for his aige he is permitted to resort to this kirk for his eas, and reffavis the benefittis of the Kirk thair.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF KENNOQUHY, 20 AUGUST 1611.

Mr. James Symfoun admitted minister of Kennoquhy.

Saboth.—It being reported, that this last Sabboth certane perfons wer fleiring thair cornes, it is ordained that tryall [be taken] quho thei wer, and that thei be contermit befor the Seffioune the next Saboth, and punifhed according to the ordour.

THE VISITATIOUN OF THE KIRK OF EBDIE, HOLDIN AT NEWBURGH
2 SEPTEMBER 1611.

Efter invocatioun of Godis holy name and do&trine, Mr. Jhone Caldcleuch, minister, is found to teach in the kirk of Ebdie anes vpon the Sabboth in winter, and twys in fommer. He is appoynted to tak to him ane ordinar text; and ordained that ilk Saboth after noon ane portioune of the people falbe catechifed ether in the kirk of Ebdie or Newburgh, as the Seffioune fall find meitt, and as the people may most commodioullie refort; and for this effect thei ar ordenit to devyd the parochine in convenient portions. The minister removed, wes allowed in do&trine; but it wes regraitted, that he did not kyth him felfe forward and zealous in cenfuring and punifhing offenders; quhilk being for want of ane commiffiounne, they ar ordained with all diligens to purchais ane commiffiounne to the minister, the Guidmen of Denmuir, Woodmilne, and Denmilne, the bailyes of Newburgh, and James Leslie.

Saboth—The Sabboth day keiped be giffing the Satterday to the tenants, except in my Lord of Rothes his boundis; quhilk James Leslie, overfier of my Lordis turnes in theis boundis, promifed to fie amendit.

Na noncommunicantis. Alexander Philp excommunicat for the slaughter of Durie. Na diffobedintis to difcipline. Na Papiftes, or refettars.

The kirk of Ebdie reported to be in good caice. It wes regraitted that the towne of Newburgh, containing four hundreth communicantis or thairby, is fa far diftant from thair parochie kirk that thei can not, without gryt difficultie, refort thairto, and in winter it is altogether impoffible: Mair-

over, the inhabitantis declared thamfelfis willing to bestow and contribute for the sustentatione of ane minister according to thair power. The work wes thocht verie guid, if thair may be ane setled ministrie at thair awin kirk within the towne of Newburgh. But, in respect of my Lord of Lundores his minoritie, feing no present dealing may be had, it is continowed to be alwayes remembritt quhen occasioun salbe offred.

Scole.—It is found that thei have ane commoune scole, tawght be Mr. James Leslie, scolmaifter, quho past his cours of philosophie in St. Salvatoris Colleg in St. Androis. Being removed, wes allowed. His stipend is payed as followes, viz. be the toune of Newburgh xl fibis., be the minister xx merkis, by my Lord of Lundores xx merkis. It is ordanit that ilk plewch of the parochine fall pay xij s. iiij d. yeirlie to the scolmaifter, according to the commoune ordour; quhilk the gentilmen and parochinaris present promised thankfullie to do for thair awin pairtis; and lykwayes the bailies of Newburgh promised thankfull payment, alfweill of byganis as in all tyme cuming.

Kirkdykes.—Item, thei ar ordained to big thair kirkdykes according to the Act of Parliament.¹

Milnes.—Item, the minister is ordained ilk Saboth to tak exact tryall if any milnes gang thairon, and to conveyn the transgressouris befor thair commiffioneris, and to convict thame in 20 s. penaltie.

Provisioun.—The minister possesse mans and gleib, and is resident thairvpon. And hes for provisioune, 10 bollis 2 firlottis quheit, 24 bollis beir, 15 bollis 2 firlottis meill, and 38 merkis money, and that out of the thrids of Lundoris, the vicariage being erected.

Register.—The minister is censured and rebuiked becaus he hes nocht ane register of the defunctis, and is ordanit to have ane with all formalities.

Byble.—They ar ordained to buy ane common byble. Item, to gather the almes for the poor in the tyme that thei sing the psalme.

¹ It was ordained by James 6, parl. 21, chap. 1. "That the parochiners repair the kirk-yard dykes with stone and mortar to the height of two ells, with sufficient stiles and entries; and that the Lords of Session direct letters hereupon as effeirs."

THE DIOCESIAN SYNODE OF ST. ANDROIS, BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN AT PERTH IN THE WEST KIRK THAIROF, VPON THE THRID AND FOURTH DAYES OF SEPTEMBER 1611, CONVOCATED AND MODERATED BE THE RYCHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD, GEORG ARCHBISHOP OF ST. ANDROIS.

Sessio Prima.

Abfentis, Mr. James Martine, minifter at Qult, Mr. David Monypennie, minifter at Kembak, Mr. Jhone Fairfull, minifter at Anfruther, and Mr. William Watfone, minifter at Burntiland.

Sessio 2^a.

Fotheringham et Williamfone.—Anent thois things that wes committed to my Lord Archbishop to do, be the Synode holdin at St. Androis in the moneth of Apryl laft bypaf, his Lordship reportes, that having appoynted ane meiting betwix the Tutour of Powrie and Mr. Williamfone, at the kirk of Barrie, thai wer aggreitt, and all controverfies depending betwix thame fubmitted to freindis chofin be thame.

Ogilvies.—Item, that Sir Jhone Ogilvie had, in the kirk of St. Androis, folemnilie fatiffet for his apoftacie, and wes abfolved from excommunication; as alfo, that the faid Sir Jhone, and Georg Ogilvie, his brother, had, vpon the day of the faid Sir Jhone his abfolutione, communicate in the fairfaid kirk.

Act Baptifme, Marriage, Communion.—Forfamikle as dyvers perfons, getting the benefites of the Kirk at the handis of vtheris than thair awin minifteris, tak thairby occafionne to illude the Kirk difcipline thairof, the A&t of the Generall Affemblic, inhibiting all minifteris to miniftrate baptifme, or the Lordis Supper, or to ioyn in mariage any perfons quho ar not of thair awin parochine, and that vnder the pane of fufpenfionne from the miniftrie to the wilfull offender, wes intimate and eftablifhed. This inhibitionne alwayes to concerne fuch as have not delyverit fufficient testi-

moniall from the minister of the parochine quhair thei dwell, to the minister from quhom thei crave the benefites foirfaidis. Lyk as it was declared, that the person wilfullie absenting him self from the communione celebrate in his awin parochie kirk, althocht he communicate in another kirk, falbe reput ane non communicant, and punished accordnglie.

Noncommunicantis.—And for exact tryall of all noncommunicantis within the boundis of this Synode, the haill brethren, with vpholdin handis, maid fayth that thei fall particularlie gif in ticket the morne fūch as have not communicate with thame the last tyme of the celebratioune thair of, and that not onlie of fuch as do continowallie mak residens, as of thame also quho at certane tymes remaine in thair parochines.

Act for keeping Synode.—For better keeping of the Affemblies, It wes statute and ordained, that the absentis from this present Affembly, or any Affembly in tym comming, fall pay for the first fawlt ten libis., for the secound xx libis., and vpon the thrid to be suspendit to the next Synode from thair ministrie. And in cais the delinquent refus to mak payment, the Moderator, or vther havand power, wes ordained to suspend him, as said is.

Act obediens to Statutes.—Item, forsamikle as lawes without obediens ar off no force or effect, and frequent experiens has declared that throghe the negligens to performe fuch things as ar injoyned in the Synodes, many difordouris ar continowed, Thairfoir it is statute and ordained, that quhofoever falbe found to failzie in obediens of any thing that is injoyned in this Synode, or falbe in the Synodes heirafter, fall pay *toties quoties* ten merkis money.

Commoune-head.—Item, It is statute and ordained, that the commoune headis of doctrine be intreated in ilk Exerceis monethlie, and dispuittis be had thairvpon; the failzier heirin to pay 30 š.; and the buikes of Exerceis to be exhibite at ilk Affembly, to beir report of the commoune heid, keiped, as said is.

Mans of Mr. Simeon Durie.—Anent the supplicatione giffin in be Mr. Simeon Durie, minister at Forground, craving that forsamikle as, be directioun of the laitt Synode holdin at St. Androis in the moneth of Apryl last bypast, he, having submitted him self to certane brethren, had be thair

decreitt bein maid to pay to Mr. David Lyndefay, his predeceffour, twa hundreth markis, in contentatioune of the expenffis beftowed be the faid Mr. David vpon the mans of the foirfaid kirk; thairfoir ane ordinans may be maid be the Synode for refoundinge the fame be his fuceffour. The Affemblic found his petitione reafonable, and ordained, that he quho fall fuceid to him in the miniftrie of the faid kirk, fall, for the caus above expremitt, refund to him, or his executouris, the fowme of twa hundreth merkis, as faid is.

Petitio Manfis.—Forfamikle as gryt loffis comes to the intrant minifteris throgh the payment of fowmes for the manfis, quhilk ftill remaine for the ufe of the parochine, It is thocht meitt, that at the firft Parliament ane fuitt be maid for ane Act to be granted, that the parochineris may bigg the manfes to thair kirkes, quhair as yet thei ar not bigget, and refund the expenffis beftowed on fuch as ar bigget already.

Vniformitie of Discipline.—Item, for fetting downe ane vniformitie of difcipline, It wes thocht meitt, that my Lord Archbifhop fall caus fyve brethren, of that pairt of the faid diocie quhilk lyeth befowth Forth, convein with Mrs. Androw Clayhills, William Coupar, Patrik Lyndefay, Henrie Philp, and Jhone Mitchelfone, and the Rector of the Vniverfitie of St. Andois, quho ar nominate be this Affemblic, at fuch tyme and place as his Lordfhip fall think convenient; And be thair commoun laboures condifcend vpon ane Ordour of Difcipline, quhilk may thairafter be fhawin to the Diocefian Synodes of St. Andois benorth and befowth Forth refpectivè; And fa fra thame the fame may be prefented to ane Provinciall or Generall Affemblic; quho, approving and allowing it, may prefent and recommend the fame to the Kings Majestie, that his Hienes authoritie may be interponed for obfervatione thairof in all tyme coming.

Papiftes.—Item, for difcovering the praëtifes of Papiftes, and confultatione vpon remedies thairfoir, It wes thocht meitt that with my Lord Archbifhop fall convein the Bifhopes of Dunkeld and Dumblaine, the Minifteris of Perth, Mr. Alexander Kynninmounth, Mr. Henrie Duncane, Mr. Arthour Futhie, Mr. Patrik Lyndefay, Mr. Jhone Mitchelfone, Mr. William Buchannane, and Mr. William Murray. The tyme and place of thair meiting to be two after noone in the next day in the reveftrie.

Erroll.—Item, the Synode having fuir knowledg that nochtwithftanding the Earle of Erroll lyes vnder the fearfull fentens of excommunicatione, in regard quhair of all zealous and trew Chriftians oucht to withdraw thamefelfis from haunting his companie, or having followship with him, yet thair ar dyvers quho refort to him at all occafions; Heirfoir it is ftatute and ordained, that if any perfone fall heirafter repair to the faid Earle, (exceptand he firft mak the minifter quhair his Lordship remains acquaint thairwith,) in that caice the perfone delinquent falbe charged be the minifter to mak his publiçt repentans for the offens foirfaid. And incaice of obftinacie and difobediens of the offender to fatiffie, as faid is, the minifter is ordained to proceed againft him to the fentens of excommunicatione. Siclyk, the minifteris of Perth ar ordained to dilate fuch within the faid burgh.as have offendit by reforting, as faid is, that thei may be charged to compeir befoir the Lordis of the High Commiffioun to fitt the next day. Siclyk, the ordour above expremitt is appoynted to be kept with all fuch as commounlie refort to vther perfones excommunicate.

Edzell excommunicate.—And fpéciallie, it being reported that dvyers of the miniftrie frequent the companie of the Laird of Edzell, excommunicate, It wes thocht meitt that advertifment be maid to my Lord Bifhop of Brechin heirof, that his Lordship may tak ordour with fuch of his awin diocie as have failed, and tak tryall of thois that ar of the diocies of St. Androis and Dunkeld, that thei may be condignelie censured.

Lord Gray.—Andrew Lord Gray, fummoned be commandement of the brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie, callit and not compeirand, excufes himfelf be the deceis of his vmquhile Father, quho deceiffit yesternicht;¹ and be his letter promifed to fatiffie the Kirk be his oath and fubfcriptione to the Confefioun of Fayth, quhen and quhair he falbe requyred. It is appoynted, that my Lord Archbishop fall, *primo quoque tempore*, caus him performe the fam, and Mr. Robert Rind, Mr. Andrew Myrtoun, and Mr. Jhone Duncane, to affift his Lordship thairin.

Non Communicantis.—Item, the brethren of the Miniftrie prefent, ac-

¹ This detects an error in *Douglas's Peerage*, where Patrick, seventh Lord Gray, is said to have died in 1612.

ording to thair oathes maid in the former Sessioune, gaif in thair particular tickets of such as have not communicate in thair awin parochie kirkis, *hac vice* ; quhilkis wes ordained to be collectet in ane generall catalogue be the Clerk, and delyverit to my Lord Archbifhop, that thei may be charged befor the Lordis of the High Commiffiounne, and punished for thair offens.

Mr. Jhone Gardyne.—Item, my Lord Archbifhop reported, that for tryall of the felander of fornicatione alledgit committed be Mr. Jhone Gardine, minifter at Barrie, with Elfpat Balfour thair, according to the ordinance of the Synode, holdin at St. Androis in the moneth of Apryl laft bypast, his Lordship had vifited the faid kirk, quhair finding no manifest probatioune of the fact foirfaid, but ane constant and open bruit, and the faid Mr. Jhone refusin to purge him self by his oath of the cryme above expremit, his Lordship had, be the advys of the brethren present at the vifitatioune, suspendit the faid Mr. Jhone from his ministrie till this present Synode, to the quhilk also his Lordship had caused fummond him to heir and fie the determinatioune judiciall of the faid Synode. And siclyk, reported that the faid Mr. Jhone, in confideratioune that the felander foirfaid being sa publi&t, and that amongis his awin flock, will weaken his ministrie, that he can nocht discharge the same in that congregatioune to thair edificatioune, thairfoir had dimitted the ministrie of the faid kirk, and had delyverit to his Lordship ane dimiffiounne subfcrived be his hand. Quhilk dimiffiounne being red and confiderit, the Synode declared the kirk vacant, and ordained the same to be planted *primo quoque tempore* in the perfone of another.

Habites.—Anent the resorting of the brethren to thair ordinar meitings in the Exerceis and Synodall Assëmblie, in blak gownes and vther abuilzement, prescrived in the Act of Parliament, The brethren of the ministrie having failzied herein, excused thame selfis be reafone the actis of the laft Synode wer not delyverit to thame, be occasiounne of the sicknes and difeas of the clerk. Quhairfoir it is statute and ordained, that heirafter, all excuis fett asyde, the former ordinance be observed, and the contraveineris be punished.¹

¹ The ordinary dress of the Clergy was regulated by Parliament in 1609 ;—“ Considering

Kirk dykes.—Item, it is statute that evrie brother fall vrge the reparatioune of the kirk-yaird dykes, according to the A&t of Parliament, and produce thair diligens at the Synode foirfaid.

Bibles.—The brethren, particularlie in thair tryell, being enquiryed, reported that according to the ordinans of Synode immediatelie preceeding, thei had dealt with thair parochinaris for causing thame buy ane commoun Byble for ilk kirk. In the quhilk thei wer ordained to infist, as thei falbe redy to report thair diligens vpon thair consciens the next Synode.

Pluralitie of Kirkes.—Item, the Synode appoynted and concludit, that regard falbe had of the pluralitie of kirkes; that quhairas (prayed be God) thair ar findries quhom God had indewit with good graces, and prepartit and inabled for the ministrrie, and yet ar nocht employed, the way be not stopp'd to thame to enter into the holy ministrrie, be continowing one man in the service of moe kirkes, quhilk may commodiouflie be fevered.

Exerceis, Coupar.—Item, it wes appoynted that my Lord Archbishop fall deal with the Kings Majestie, that the Exerceis of Coupar for the present (at his Hienes will) fitting in Falkland, may be brocht againe to Coupar.

Brig, Perth.—Item, that his Lordship fall deal with his Majestie or Counsell, as falbe thocht meiteft, that some further help and subsidie may be obtainit to the reparatioune of the Brig of Tay at Perth.

Harborie of Arbroth.—Item, the brethren of the Exerceis of Arbroth being enquiryed, declared, that the Magistrates and Burgh [of] Arbroth, have maid good progres in the reparatioune of thair harborie for shippes, and bestow gryt expensis, and tak travell daylie in the said work; sa that thair is evidens that the same falbe profitablie finished. Quhairfoir it wes concludit, that sa many of the brethren, quhois parochinaris have nocht as yet contributed to the foirfaid work, falbe instant with thame for obtaining support thairto.

what slander and contempt has arissin to the ecclesiasticall estait of this kingdome, by the occasioun of the licht and vndecent apparell vsed by some of that professioun, and chieffie these having vote in Parliament, it is therefor statute, that euerie preacheour of Goddis word, sall heireftir wear blak, grave and comelie apparel, beseeming men of their estait and conditionn." And King James, shortly afterwards, appointed them to wear black gownes while performing divine service, or attending Church courts.

Expectantis.—The names of *expectantis* within the boundis of the Synode wer takin vp, viz. Mr. James Stratachine, Mr. David Wood, Mr. Alexander Pitcairn, Mr. James Bedie, Mr. William Davidfoun, Mr. Jhone Sommer, Mr. Thomas Ramfay, Mr. James Lichtoun, Mr. Georg Haliburton, Mr. Jhone Piggot, Mr. Alexander Balnevis, Mr. Jhone Fairfull, Mr. Thomas Lawmonth, Mr. Thomas Meling, Mr. Jhone Alchionor, Mr. Robert Williamfone, Mr. Androw Anderfone, Mr. Henrie Danskin, Mr. Androw Monypennie, Mr. Alexander Henderfone, Mr. James Blair, Mr. William Lammie, Mr. Georg Blak, Mr. David Dalgleis, Mr. Thomas Craig, Mr. Samuel Cuninghame, Mr. Ephraim Melvill, Mr. Robert Halie.

The next Synode (God willing) appoynted to hold the ordinar tyme and place, viz. in St. Androis vpon Law Twyfday.¹

September 6, 1611.—Mr. Alexander Bruce admitted minifter at the kirk of Kinfauns.

¹ *Law Sunday* appears to have puzzled Dr. Jamieson, apparently by the difficulty of ascertaining, from the authorities he cites, the precise time to which it was applicable. (*Dict. Supp.* vo. *Laif Sunday*.) *Law Tysday* is evidently allied to the same term. By referring to the date of the ensuing Synod, we find that it met on the 21st *April* 1612; and we learn from *Nicolas's Notitia Historica*, that Easter-day fell in that year on the 12th April, *Low Sunday* on the 19th, and Tuesday the 21st was *Law Tysday*. It would appear, that our *Law Sunday* is synonymous with the *Low Sunday*, or *Dies Dominicus in albis* of the Romish and English rituals. The origin of the designation is obscure; that given by Somner seems, as observed by Dr. Jamieson, to be inapplicable. Hone (*Every-Day Book*, vol. i. p. 453,) surmises that “the Sunday after Easter-day is called *Low*, because it is Easter-day repeated, with the church service somewhat abridged or *lowered* in the ceremony, from the pomp of the festival the Sunday before.” Hence it would follow, that *Law Tysday* was the inferior representative of Easter Tuesday; although it does not appear to have been observed, like that day, either in the Romish or English churches. But perhaps *Law Tysday* may refer to the sitting of the Supreme Courts of *Law*, in former times, immediately after the Easter Holidays. At the Institution of the College of Justice in 1537, the Easter term, or Summer Session of the Court, was declared “to beginne upon the morn after *Dominica in albis*, and sit quhill Lames;” and again in 1578, it is appointed to commence on “the nixt Mononday after the *Law Sondag*.”

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRK OF ST. VIGIANS, 20 SEPTEMBER 1611.

Tryell Minister, Text, Jam. 3.—The quhilk day, after invocatioune of the name of God, and doctrine proponit by the said rycht Reverend Father, Mr. Patrik Lyndefy, minifter, being tryed, wes found to teach ordinarie lie anis vpon the Saboth, thairafter to hold the Seffioune, and to catechife in the afternoon. Being removed, wes weill reported of be his parochineris. The Seffioun ficlyk allowed for thair concurrens.

Poor.—It is found that thei have put thair poor into ane roll; but as yet thei go a begging throcht the parochine, quhilk thei intend to remedie schortlie.

Communion.—The communioune celebrate in the moneth of Maij laft. Nane noncommunicantis. Alexander Ritchie excommunicate ane good fpace fince for flauchter, but refortis not to this parochine.

Papiftes.—Na Papiftes, no refettaris of thame. Na witches, or confulters with thame.

The minifter is ordained to gif vp the names of the adultereris and incestuous within the parochine.

Saboth.—The Saboth day reported to be weill keiped, fpecially in herveft, vpon the maifteris pairt, quho gif to the tennantis ane day for winning thair awin cornes. It is ordeined, that thei tak tryell of fuch as have broken this feafoune, and punifh thame according to the A& of Parliament. And ficlyk, that thei punifh fuch as have thair milnes going vpon the Saboth, and exact of thame 20 ſ. penaltie, and repentans publi&.

Ile, Sir Peter Young.—Item, it is found that Sir Peter Young of Eaſter Seatown, Almoner to the Kings Majeſtie, has laitlie bigged, vpon the north fyde of the kirk, ane Ile, to ferve for him ſelf and fuceffoures for ane buriall. Quhilk the ſaid rycht Reverend Father and remanent affiſtantis in the viſitatioune allowed, and appoynted that ane patent fall be giffen be his Lordſhip for declaratioune thair of to the pofteritie.

Scole.—It is found that thair is nocht ane commoune Scole; quhairanent it is ordained that ane Scole be had with diligens. For the intertainment quhair of it is concludit with commoune confent, that ilk pleuch in

the paroch, fall pay to the Scolmaifter yeirlie 13 š. 4 d., and ilk bairne tawcht thairin 6 š. 8 d.

Mans.—It is found that the Mans is bigged be the present Minister, quho als possesses ane full gleib. Mr. Arthour Futhie, Henrie Philp, Jhone Guthrie, and Androw Drummond, ar ordained to estimate the expenssis deburfed be the said Mr. Patrik vpon the mans, that the famine may be refundit to him be his successeur.

Provisioun.—The kirk is ane of the Abbacie of Arbroth, and hes ane stipend assigned thairto of the thrides of the prelacie, 12 bollis quheitt, 3 chalderis beir, 4 chalderis 4 bollis meill, quhilk is the constant provisioun. Together with the vicariag after deceis of Mr. Jhone Granger, quho is present titular provydit thairto of old.

Registres.—They ar found to have ordinar registres, quhilk thei ar ordained to produce, and to be viewed be Mr. Arthour Futhie, Henrie Philp,¹ and Jhone Guthrie.

Sessioun.—Item, thair wes nominated ane Sessioun for the said parochine, Sir Peter Young of Seatowne Easter, James Ouchterlowny of Wester Seatown, Androw Lamb in Southtarrie, James Balfour of Northtarrie, Alexander Perfone in Wardmilne, Androw Wannand portioner of Law, ² Ramfay of Cairnetown, Henrie Futhie of Muirhous, Francis Ogilvie of New Grange, Henrie Smyth portioner of Bruntown, Robert Guthrie in Ethmuthie, Harie Wood of Bonytown, Harie Guthrie of Coliftown, Thomas Smyth in Kirktown, Robert Smyth in Grange of Connan, and Robert Flethar of Innerpeffer; quho gauë thair oathes to discharge thair office faythfullie.

Almes.—Item, for collectiowne of the almes to the poor, It is appoynted, that all the gentlemen and honest men of the parochine, and such specialle as have bein deacones heirtofoir, fall heirafter in thair courses be collectoures.

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRK OF INNERKILLOUR, 22 SEPTEMBER 1611.

Mr Arthour Futhie, minister, found resident on mans and gleib. Item, to teach anis on the Saboth; his text, Gen. 32, *a principio*, and to cate-

¹ Minister at Arbroth.

² Blank in the Record.

chife in the morning. It is statute, that in fomner the catechifing be in the afternoon, and that ilk perfone abfent pay 12 d.

Poor.—They ar ordained to tak ordour with thair poor, that thei may be keipit within the parochine and provydit for.

Saboth.—It is found, that the Saboth day is obferved in herveft, and that the maifteris gif ane day to the tennantis. Item, that the milnes ceas labouring vpon the Saboth.

Na Papiftes refident within the parochine ; na refaitteris.

Scole.—Item, that thair is ane commoune Scole taucht be Mr. Alexander Pitcairne, quho, being removed for tryell, wes allowed. And for the intertainment of the Scole, it wes concludit be commoune confent, that ilk houfband man labouring ane pleuch gaitt of land throughtout the parochine, fall pay yeirlie to the Scolemaifter 13 ſ. 4 d. and ilk bairne tawcht in the Scole quarterlie 6 ſ. 8 d.

Sick.—Item, to the end that the fick perfones be nocht defraudit of the comfort to be miniftred vnto thame in the tym of thair difeas, It is ordained, that the perfones being in hous with the difeafed fall mak advertifement, within thrie dayes at furtheft after thei be bedfaft, to the eldar or deacon having the cuir of that portioune of the parochine, quho fall immediatelie declair the fame to the minifter. And it is ordained that theis, quho ar in companie with the fick, failzeing, or eldar or deacone nocht doing, as faid is, fall pay refpectively xl ſ.; and the minifter nocht vifiting, being lawfullie advertifed, and being found to continow thairin, fall be fufpendit from the miniftrie.

Proviſioun.—The kirk is of the Abbacie of Arbroth, and hes affigned in ftipend, out of the thridis of the faid prelacie, awecht chalderis victuall, with the vicariage ; quhilk he collectis *in corporibus*. And wes inhibite to fett takis thairof, vnder paine of fufpenſion.

It wes found, that thei have all convenient registeris. They ar ordained to buy ane commoune Byble.

Gleib, Athie.—Item, it is found that thair is ane mans bigget be the preſent minifter, and ane juft gleib. But the kirk of Athie, annexed to this parochine wantis ane gleib. Quhairfoir, in reſpect Sir Jhone Carnegie, heritour of the landis of Athie, is but laitlie returned into the country,

it wes thocht meitt that my Lord Archbishop wreitt to him, that he may willinglie grant ane gleib befor any defignatioun be.

New Sessioun.—Item, thair wes ane Seffioune nominate, the Laird of Cluny, David Gardine of Lawtown, James Stewart, William Wood of Balblair, Thomas Gardine, Mr. David Lyndefay, [&c.] quho maid fayth to do thair office faythfullie.

September 27, 1611.—Mr. James Stratachine admitted minifter at the kirk of Barrie.

THE SYNODE OF THAT PAIRT OF THE DIOCIE OF SAINT ANDROIS QUHILK LYETH VPON THE NORTH SYDE OF FORTH, HOLDIN IN THE GRYT SCOOLE OF ST. SALVATORIS COLLEGE, WITHIN THE SAID CITIE, THE 21, 22, 23 DAYES OF APRYL, IN THE YEIR OF GOD 1612, BE THE RYCHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD, GEORGE ARCHBISHOP OF ST. ANDROIS, AND BRETHREN OF THE MINISTRIE WITHIN THE BOUNDIS ABOUE DESIGNED.

Mr. Andro Froster.—Cancellarius.—Thair wes presented ane letter from Mr. Androw Forrefter, minifter at Dumfermling, bering excuis for his abfens in refpect of feiknes; as also ane apologie of his dealling in the scandale of the crucifixe payntit vpon my Lord Chancellor his dask in the faid kirk. Quhairanent, the scandale foirfaid being wakened, it wes thocht meitt, that advys be takin thairin befor any further be done in the Synode. The mater thairfoir, being ryplie in all the circumftances confidered and pondered, wes found to haue giffen gryt offens to the hail countrey, and that the caufer, as also the paynter of that idolatrous monument, and the minifter foirfaid, haue highlie offendit. For remedie quhairof, power and commiffioun wes granted and committed, and be thir presentis ar granted and committed, to the brethren of the Privie Conferens of this Synode, and fuch of the Exerceis of Dumfermling as ar of this Diocie, together with Mr. Jhone Hall, Mr. Patrik Galloway, Mr. Robert Cornewall, Mr. Adame Bannatyne, Mr. Jhone Carmichael, Mr. William Scott, and Mr. David Meirnis, to conveyn with my Lord Archbishop in the citie of St.

Androis, vpon the twelft day of Maj nixtocum, with full and plaine powar to thame to try and examine my Lord Chancellor his dealing and intereft in the faid mater, and to do quhat thei may for removing that offens, according to the word of God and lawes of this Kirk and Kingdome, *premittendo de rato, etc.* To the quhilk day and place my Lord Chancellor falbe requyrit to be present, and for that effect ane letter wes ordained to be directed from this Synode. Siclyk, it wes statute, that the craftisman foirfaid, quho paynted the crucifix, falbe charged to compeir day and place above expremitt, for ordour taking with him for his offens, as faid is. Als the faid Mr. Androw Frofter, in respect that after the erectioun of the foirfaid monument of idolatrie, did nether mak advertisment to my Lord Archbifhop, nether to the brethren of the Exerceis, he being Moderatour thairof, nor hes done any thing in publi&t quhilk might declair his diflyking of the foirfaid fa&t; as also, being requyred peremptourelie to be present at the Synode for purging himself befor thame, yet nochtwithstanding hes nocht compeired, Thairfoir is decernit to be fuspendit from his ministrie vntill he be reponed be my Lord Archbifhop and commiffiouneris abouenamed. And in the meantym it is appoynted, that the brethren of the Exerceis of Dumfermling fall, *per vices*, according to the ordour of the catalogue, fupplie his place vpon the Sabboth, and the failzier heirin according to his cours to be ficlyk fuspendit. Finallic, Mr. Robert Roch, Moderatour of the Exerceis, is ordained to intimate this present decreitt to the faid Mr. Androw,

Habites.—The haill number of the brethren present wer found in thair gownes, exceptand some few, quho in the next Seffioune wes found ficlyk to gif obediens.

Noncommunicantis, etc.—Item, it is statute, that the brethren gif vp the names of excommunicattes, noncommunicantis, traffequing papiftes, jefuites, etc. and thair refaitteris, and fuch as ar reafoneris againft the religioun. And for the better performance heirof, the Moderatouris ar ordained presentlie to convey thair brethren, and tak thair oathes for the faythfull vpgiffen of the perfones abouedefigned in thair severall boundis.

Confessioun of Fayth.—Item, for setting downe ane fhort and cleir Confessioun of Fayth, Mr. Robert Howie, Provest of the Newcollege, Mr. An-

drow Ramfay, Mr. Patrik Lyndefay, Mr. Henrie Philp, and Mr. David Meirnes, ar ordained to convey at sex houris in the morning, and revise the Confessiounes already in hand, and compryse the same in sa short and cleir articles as possible thei may, and present the same to the Synode.

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Aith in capitall crymes.—Anent the questioun concerning the exacting of the Aithe of veritie of ane persone accused of ane capitall cryme, referred and continowed undiscussed in the former Synodes, It is thocht meitt that the same be as yet continowed till the next Synod. And in the meantym no executioun of discipline and censure be against the refuier to purge himself be his oath, exceptand as followes, viz. persones suspect of adulterie, and siclyk, salbe dealt with be the particulare Sessiounes and Exerceises, quho fall admonish thame according to Godis Word to abstein from all appeirans of evill; with certificatioun, if thei salbe found slanderoullie to resort, being inhibite, thei salbe holdin *pro confessis*, quhairvpon, proces being foundit, the offenderis salbe proceedit against. As also, if the partie refusing to purge himself be his oath, vpon vehement presumptiounes of his guiltines weyghed and considered be the brethren of the Exerceis of the boundis quhair the slander is, is ordained to be withholdin from the Table of the Lord the first tyme that the Communion salbe celebrate in the ordinair parochie kirk. Finallie, it wes declaired, that the oath may be takin of the persone willing to giff the same.

Committeris of capitall crymes.—Item, anent the questioun, Quhidder the committer of ane capitall cryme, not compeirand to satisfie the discipline of the Kirk, being summoned for that effect, salbe holdin contumax, nochtwithstanding he haue nocht *tutum accessum*, and sa proceedit against to excommunicatioun? It is determined that the partie offender, as said is, be letter, or famous men notifying to the Kirk, that he is penitent for his fawlt, and willing to satisfie incais he may have *tutum accessum*, and that his compeirans is vpon fearis of his lyf, fall in this cace nocht be counted contumax.

Noncommunicantis, etc.—The brethren of the Exerceises gawe in the names

of all such within their boundis as was vnder suspitioone in their religioun, viz. In the boundis of *Dundie*, my Lord Gray, and his domestickes Patrik, James, Androw, and Robert Grayes, Robert Craw, and Robert Menzeis. Patrik Gray in Langforgownd, Thomas Abercrombie of Pitcalpie, David Abercrombie of Gowrdie. *Megill*, Ifobell Tyrie, Lady Mathie elder, William Tyrie of Drumkilbo, quho having his principall dwelling place within the diocie of Dunkeld, was recommendit to him. *Coupar*, Marie Gray, Lady Parbroth, Jhone, William, and Gilbert Seatownes, her sons, non-communicant papiftes; Marionne Seatone, Lady Craighall, noncommunicant. *Dumfermeling*, My Lord of Burley, Mungo Murray, papiftes; Androw Wood suspect, and my Lady Burlie noncommunicante. The foirnamed persons were ordained to be taken ordour with, be my Lord Archbishop, with all diligens.

Mr. Patrik Lyndefay.—Item, Mr. Patrik Lyndefay, brother germane to the Laird of Vayme, lawfullie summoned be the brethren of the Exerceis of Forfar, and referit to this day, being called and nocht compeirand, havand refused to subscrieve and sweir the Articles of Religioun, and to communicate. The Moderatour and brethren foirsaid ar ordained to infist against him, with all diligens, to excommunicatioune.

G. Moutray.—Compeired selyk Georg Moutray, in the parochine of Merkinsh, incestuous with Janet Wilfone, quho had borne ane bairne to Robert Moutray, his fatheris brother, confessit his hynous offens, and was remitted to satisfie in the said kirk.

Jhone Weymes absolved from excommunicatioune.—Anent the humble supplicatioune of Jhone Weymes of Potinreif, excommunicate for the slauchter of vmquhile . . . Weymes, his naturall brother, craving, that, feing God hes touched and moved his heart with vnfained repentans, for the said most abominable cryme, and is most willing to satisfie the Kirk in all things, as fall be thocht meitt for removing the sclander iustlie raised thairvpon, as at lenth is contained in his supplicatioune foirsaid, thairfoir the bosome of the Kirk may be opened to him, and he absolved from the heavie sentens abouementionate, The said rycht Reverend Father and brethren, having sein and red the relaxatioune of the said Jhone from the Kings Majesties horne, for the cryme foirsaid, and confidering that

thair is na *vindex sanguinis* quho hes perfewed or will perfew the said Jhone thairfoir, thei being all commoune freindis to the parties offendar and offendit, to quhom also the said Jhone hes submitted him self for making affythment, as fowld be thocht meitt,—admitted the said Jhone to thair presens, quho in maist humble maner acknowledged his hynous cryme, and moved moift earnistlie to be loofed, as said is: Quhairfoir the said Jhone wes decernit to be absolved from the sentens of excommunicatioune, having satisfiet as followes, viz.: It wes statute and ordained, that the said Jhone fall present him self fyve severall Sabbothes *successivè* in the places of publi&t repentans, within the kirkes of Dumfermling, Kirkaldie, Dyfert, Coupar, and St. Androis, his compeirans to be in lineis;¹ and he to report from the ministeris of the kirkes *respectivè* abouementionate, testimoniallis of his humble satisfiatioune; vpon exhibitioune quhairof, and his continowans in good behaviour, he salbe absolved vpon that day he fall compeir in St. Androis, as said is. Lyk as, the said Jhone bound and obleffit himself, That in respect thair is ane heavie sclander throcht the resort continowallie and cohabitatioune of William Steward in his hous, thairfoir he fall do all diligens that lyeth in him for removing the said William thairfra. Finallie, for that effect, it is concludit, that my Lord Bishop of Dunkeld fall be dealt with for procuring the same, if he fall resort to the boundis of his jurisdicioune; and the brethren of the Exerceis of Pearth to haue the same cair as occasiounne fall offer to thame.

Questio.—Item, the questioune proponit be the Moderatour and brethren foirsaid, Quhat ordour salbe takin with the man quho sclanderis ane virgine, alledging he had carnall copulatioune with her, the young [woman] denying, and offring to fwear? is ferrit to further advyement.

Sessio 4^a. 23 Apr.

Act, Murthereris, Adultereris, etc.—Anent the repentans of murthereris, incestuous, adultereris, and quadrulaps in fornicatioune, It is concludit, that in all tyme coming the perfones committaris of the foirsaidis haynous crymes salbe presented befor the Synode, and in thair presens refaue iniunctioun

¹ Sackcloth.

anent satisfactioun to be maid be thame, and ficklyk, befor thair abfolutioun, fall of new compeir befor the Synode. It is always permitted to the brethren of the Exerceifes, to enter adultereris and quadrulaps in fornicatioun to repentans, nocht presentand thame to the Synode, incais it fall happine thame to be dilated ane gryt fpace befor the Synode, but specialie provydit that nane be abfolved but be thair directioun.

Patrik Gray papift.—Patrik Gray in Langforgownd being callit, compeirit. Againft quhom the brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie gave in ane accusatioun; quhilk being layd to his charge, he confeffit as followes. Firft, that he had borne ane dead corps in the tyme of the buriall thair of aboue ane cors ftanding in the kirk yaird; but denyed that he wes ether the author thair of, or placed any religioun thairin. Item, that immediatelie thairafter he entered within the kirk of Fowles, and at the altar ftane, as yet ftanding, kneeled and maid his prayers; quhilk he did only for his eas, and nocht for any religioun. Item, that the fame being the Saboth day he departed and hard nocht the preiching, being willing to efhew als many as he might. Item, that he had lent to Bessie Kynneir in Innergowrie Mr. Nicol Burne his buik¹ vpon her awin fuit. Item confeffit, that having prefented him felf to the Lordis Table in the kirk of Fowles, he did nether eat the bread nor drink the wyne, but fhifted thame from him felf to thame quho fatt next to him. Finallie, confeffit him felf ane papift, and in no ways refolved in the religioun presentlie professed.

The Synode, confiddering how fclanderous the faid Patrik hes bein, concludit, that he falbe referrit to be takin ordour with be the Lordis of the High Commiffioun, quho ar to fitt the morne, that he may be punished be thame as affeiris. And ordaines Mrs. Robert Reid and Androw Myrtowne to attend the High Commiffioun for giffing informatioun to the Lordis thair of as falbe requifite; and to that tyme my Lord Archbishop wes defyred to caus put the faid Patrik in firmance.

Androw Lord Gray.—Androw Lord Gray being requyred to compeir befor the Synode for giffing satisfactioun to the kirk anent his refolu-

¹ Nicolas Burn, professor of philosophy at St Andrews, was the author of a Disputation on the controverted points of religion between Protestants and Papists, printed at Paris 1581, 8vo.

tioune in religioune, compeirit [Sir Walter] Ogilvie of Finlater knycht, his father in law, declairing, that the said Lord is nocht resolued in the headis and articles of religioune; craved, thairfoir, maift earniftlie that conferens may be granted to him for his resolutioun. In respect of his tender yeiris, and good expectatioune of his winning to the Kirk, the Affemblic concludit that conferens falbe had with him. And for that effect, nominated Mr. Androw Clayhillis, minifter at Manifuith, and Mr. David Lyndefay, minifter at Dundie, and Mr. Henrie Philp, minifter at Arbroth, and Mr. Henrie Fullertown, minifter at Forfarr; with charge and commandement to tham to repair to the dwelling place of the said Lord evrie weik vpon Twyfday and Wedinfday, two of the foirnamed being alwayes together, *per vices*; And the saidis Mrs. Androw and David to beginne the next week immediatelie infewing, and thair after in the week following the saidis Mrs. Henrie Philp and Henrie Fullertoun: and to continow in conferens anent the headis of religioune controverted according to thair courfes without intermissioun, induring the space of thrie moneithis. Provyding alwayes, that the said Lord behaue him self, induring the space aboue designed, dewtifullie in frequenting the kirk for heir- ing of the Word, and keip the tyme affigned to his Lordship for conferens. And also, that he bind and obleis him self induring the space foirsaid, that he fall nether heir maffe, nor fett into his pabae, mafs-preift, jesuite, or ex- communicate papist. For fulfilling quhairof the said Sir [Walter] Ogilvie of Finlater, and Sir Alexander Falconer of Halkertowne, knychtis, took burden. Finallie, That the domestick servantes to the said Lord giffen in roll be the brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie, fall, at the visitatioune of the kirk of Fowles, ether satiffie in sweiring and subferying the Confes- sioune of Fayth, or then his Lordship fall remove thame, or sa many of thame as fall happin to refuis, with all diligens, from his companie; and fall, at the visitatioune foirsaid, tak ordour and willinglie condescend to remoue the superstitious monumentis as yet remaining in the said kirk: for accomplishment quhairof my Lord Archbishop promised to visite the same *primo quoque tempore*.

Vniformitie of Discipline.—My Lord Archbishop reported, that the Synode of Lawthiane, in thair last meiting, has nominate certain brethren

of their number for conveying with such of this Synode as was nominate in their last Assembly at Perth, for setting downe ane vniformitie of discipline. In the quhilk work the Synode defyrit his Lordship to insist.

Ecclesia Conveth.—Anent the provisioune of the kirk of Conveth, Mr. Alexander Symefone, minister, meined him self, that having for ane grypt space served in the ministrie, and having no stipend at all, exceptand such as he had of the liberalitie of the gentlemen of the parochine, quhilk he looked not to be continowed, thairfor he will be forced to leave the said ministrie. Sir Alexander Falconar of Halkertown, and Jhone Allerdeis, feir of that Ilk, in thair awin names and of the parochin, maid suitt, that the Maisteres of the New Colledge, personis of the said parochine, may be vrged to provyde thair kirk. Siclyk, thair was presented from his Majestie ane letter to my Lord Archbishop, requyring his Lordship to do all diligens for provisioune of the said kirk. Quhairanent the Maisteris foirfaidis being inquyred, they shew that their Colleg is meinlie provydit, vnder grypt burthen, and gett evill payment of the moift part of thair tennantis, quhairthrocht thei ar nocht able to provyde that kirk as thei wold. The gentlemen parochinaris offred to provyde thair minister vpon reasonable conditiones. The Synode thocht meitt that thair be nominate certane to commune betwix thame, viz. for the Colleg, the Rector of the Vniverfitie, and Sir Jhone Learmounth of Balcolmie; for the parochine, Mr. Georg Young, the Goodman of Kirktowne, and Mr. Patrik Lyndesay, by quhois travellis, if ane setling may nocht be had, my Lord Archbishop fall convey the visitouris of the said Colleg, that thei may decerne thairanent.

Kilmanie.—The parochinaris of Kilmanie proponed thair suitt, that his Majestie may be dealt with for granting libertie to Mr. James Melvil, thair minister, to returne to thame, quhairin my Lord Archbishop fall travell.

Drunkardis.—It being heavilie regraited, that the vyce of drunkennes [is] now become sa commoune, and yet no punishment inflicted vpon drunkardis, The Synode thocht meitt that advysment salbe takin be the High Commiffioure, and some ordour takin for repressing the same.

Pluralitie of Kirkes.—The Synode, considering how grypt ane hinderans to the Gospell is broght be the pluralitie of Kirkes servit be ane persone, and that thair ar many Actes alreidy of the Generall Assembly against the

fame, thocht meitt that present tryell be of all fuch. Efter inquistiounes thair wer found as followes :

Within the boundis of *Dundie*, Fowles and Lundie, in the persone of Mr. Andrew Mortowne; Roffie and Aberneitt, in Mr. Georg Haitlie; Inshure and Benvie, in Mr. Alexander Scrimgeour; Maines and Strikmartine, in Mr. William Raitt; Liff, Logie, and Innergowrie, in Mr. Jhone Duncane. *Forfarr*. Clovay vnplanted, served be David Brown; Mathie and Inneraritie, in the person of Mr. David Williamson. *Brechine*. Newdosk¹ vnplanted, ane pairt thair of going to Edzell, ane part to Fetterkairne; Auldbar and Aberlemno, in Jhone Lyndefay. *Meirnes*. Caterline and Kinneff, in Mr. James Raitt.² *Peirith*. Cambufmichaell and St. Martines Kirk, in the persone of Mr. Jhone Stratachine; Forteviot and Muckerffie, in Mr. James Ros; Kilspindie and Raitt, in Mr. James Row; Loncardie, Pitcairnes, and Redgortoune, in the persone of William Young; Erroll and Inshmartine, in Mr. James Smyth. *Coupar*. It is found, that St. Michaelis Kirk is vnplanted, and the parochinaris thair of being annexed to na vther, nether subiect to any particuar discipline, ar verie offenfue to all that ar adjacent to thame. It is thocht meitt thairfoir, that the minister and fessioune of Coupar haue ane cair of thame, and hold thame vnder discipline. And that the Maisteris of the New Colleg, persons of the said parochine, be dealt with to acknowledg thair paines. *Kirkaldie*. Merkinsh and Kirkforther, in the persone of Mr. Jhone Mitchelfone; Weymes and Methill, in the persone of Mr. Jhone Tullais. *Dumfermeling*. Innerkeithing and Rasyth, in the persone of Mr. Robert Roch.

The Synode referred to advysemēt, how the kirkes abouenamed vnplanted may be planted; as also, that fuch kirkes as may be dissevered, may nocht be holdin in the persone of ane man. The brethren appoynted to conveyn at St. Androis, the 12 day of Maij nextcome, ar to sie quhat light thei may gif to the same; and thairafter, my Lord Archbifhop to haue regaird for taking away the foirfaid evill, as said is, with all diligens.

¹ Newdosk was afterwards united to the parish of Edzell.

² Caterline and Kinneff now form one parish.

THE PROVINCIALL SYNODE OF THE PRELATES OF THE PROVINCE OF ST. ANDROIS, HOLDIN IN THE SAID CITIE VPON THE 24 DAY OF APRYLE 1612.

The foirfaidis day and place, Georg Gordoune of Gicht, Wood, his spous, Mr. Alexander Leslie, Mr. Michael Frazhar and his spous, excommunicat papiftes, lawfullie fummoned, being callit and nocht compeir-and, It is concludit that thei falbe charged to compeir befor the High Commiffioure in ane meiting thairof to be holdin at Edinburgh, the aucht day of Junij nextocome.

Jhone Chein.—Jhone Chein, in being callit, compeirit. Being accused of having refaitt preiftes, jefuites, etc. and having maffe-clothis in his hous, purged him felf of the hail premiffes, and produced ane teftificatioune from Mr. Robert Merfher, minifter at Allane, that he has communicat with the remanent of that congregatioune. Being demandit anent his refolutioun in the religioun, declared him felf to be refolved and to profes with ws in all things. And wes ordained to pas to the kirk of Abirdein, vpon the tent day of Maij nextocome, being the Saboth, and publickly to fweir and fubferyue the Confessioune of Fayth, and communicate, quhilk he promifed to do. Lyk as, he band and obleffit him felf, vnder the paine of fyve hundreth lib. money, that he fall find good and refponfall fovertie and cautioune to be bound and become obleffit for him in the fowme of thrie hundreth merkis mony, that he fall heirafter keip his hous frie from refaitt of quhatfomever papiftes, preiftes, feminaries, jefuites, etc. as law will. Finallie, it is ordainit that Elfpat Garioch, spous to the faid Jhone, and Jhone Chein thair fone, be fummoned to the dyett aboue defigned, viz. 8 Junij.

At Kinnell, 4 Maij 1612.—Mr. Henrie Futhie admitted minifter of the faid Kirk.

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRK OF FOWLES, 6 MAII 1612.

Servantis, Lord Gray.—The quhilk day, eftir doctrine proponit be the faid

rycht Reverend Father and invocatioune of Godis holy name, according to the ordinans and conclusioun of the laitt diocefiane Synode, the domeftick fervantis of Androw Lord Gray, requyred and warned to this day, wer called feveralie and inquyred anent thair religioune. Compeired Patrik Gray, fone to Robert Gray of Milnehill, Robert Gray of Drumelie, and Robert Craw, professed thame selfis to be of the trew religioune professed publi&lie according to the present lawes of this kingdome, and offred to fweir and fubfcriue the Confessioun of Fayth, and to communicate quhen and quhair thei falbe requyred, lyk as thei had done hitherto how oft the fame was celebrate in the foirfaid kirk. Concerning quhom it wes concludit, that the Confessioun of Fayth falbe giffen to thame, that thei may reid, confider, and haue knowledge of the fame; and that thei fall compeir befor the brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie the morne moneth, and in thair prefens fubfcriue and fweir to the fame; and bind thame selfis to communicate at fuch tyme and place as falbe thoct meitt. In the performans quhair of, if thei or any of thame fall failzie, it is concludit, that my Lord fall immediatelie thairafter remoue thame, or any of thame, from his fervice.

Siclyk compeired, being called, Robert Menzies and Androw Gray, fervitouris foirfaidis; being demandit concerning thair refolutioun in religioune, refused to fweir and fubfcriue the Confessioun; quhairfoir it wes concludit, that my Lord fall with diligens remoue thame from his place and fervice.

The faid rycht Reverend Father and brethren conveinit, vpon fundrie good respectis, thoct meitt and concludit, that my Lord fall repair to the burgh of Dundie for keiping conferens with the brethren nominate in the laitt Synode; and evrie Tyfday falbe firft present at the doctrine, and thairafter enter to thair conferens.

Item, it is ftatute and ordained, that the paintrie quhilk is vpon the pulpitt and ruid laft, being monumentes of idolatrie, falbe obliterate be laying it over with grein colour. The minifter with diligens to fie the fame exped.

Da. Abercrombie.—David Abercrombie of Gowrdie being callit, compeirit; inquyred anent his religioune, declared that he professed the trew

religioune with ws, and promifed to fweir and fubferyue the Confeffioune of Fayth, quhenfoever he fall be requyred. Lyk as, his minifter fhew that he hes fra tyme to tyme communicate with the remanent parochinaris. He promifed heirafter, for efchewing of offens, nocht to reafone in any queftioun of religioune.¹

THE SYNODE OF THAT PART OF THE DIOCIE OF ST. ANDROIS QUHILK LYETH VPON THE NORTH SYDE OF FORTH, HOLDIN IN THE GRYT SCOLES OF ST. SALVATOURS COLLEGE, ST. ANDROIS, 29 AND 30 SEPT. 1612.

Chancellor.—My Lord Archbifhop reported, that having acquainted the Kings majeftie with the offens vpon the paintrie of my Lord Chancellor his dask in the kirk of Dumfermeling, had reported his Hienes will that the Kirk infift no further in proces againft his Lordfhip, feing his Majeftie thought the offens fufficientlie removed.

Huntlie.—Errolle.—Forafmikle, as all dealing that the Kirk vndertakis againft papiftrie and the profeffoures thairof is vneffectuall fa lang as no ordour is takin with the principallis, viz. the Marqueis of Huntlie and Earle of Erroll; heirfoir it is concludit, that my Lord Archbifhop fall direct ane fupplicatioune to his Majeftie fra this affemblie, with all dew reverens, regraitting the evill that aryfes and growes in the countrey throcht the overficht granted to thame; and craving, that the Marqueis and his Lady (as thei quho ar gryt perverteris of vtheris) may both be removed from the countrey, and the Earle of Erroll committed to ane moir fitt ward than heirtofoir. And ficyk that, according to the lawes of the countrey, thair efcheittes be takin vp. And becaus the continowall refort of divers of all eftates to the faid Earle is verie offenfue, thairfoir it is ordained, that his excommunicatioune be intimate of new in the pulpittes of Peirth and vtheris adjacent, with ftraitt inhibitioune to all, alfweill

¹ Thomas Abercrombie of Pittelpie also gave a similar promise, “in tyme coming to eshew all fpeech in controversies of religioune, and to haue no reasoning thairanent.”

noble as vtheris, to resort to him (exceptand such as be necessitie of nature and be law haue libertie,) vnder [the] paines of the censures of the Kirk to be execute against the transgressouris.

Excommunicatis.—Item, for tryell of the noncommunicantis, It is ordained, that ilk brether in quhois boundis such ar fall gif thame in formallie, viz. the names of the perfonis, together with the tyme at the quhilk the communionis wes celebrate, and the requisitiounis maid thairanent. And siclyk, that thei gif vp the names of the refaitteris of thame, with the witnessis quho may be vsed for probatiounis.

Laird of Gicht.—Forfamikle as George Gordoune of Gicht, excommunicat papist, hes heirtouir giffen manyfold declaratiounis of his wilfull and obstinate continouans in papistrie; and that his laitt dealing with the prelattis and ministeris, making some shew of ane desyre to be resolved in the headis of religiounis, hes bein for no vther end but to illude the Kirk, and eshew the further executiounis of the lawis against him: Thairfor concludit and ordained, that the excommunicatiounis of the said Georg salbe intimate of new in all the kirkes of this Synode, with straitt inhibitiounis to any persone to refaitt him; and that evrie Exerceis fall try such as salbe found to failzie heirin, and proceid against thame be the censures of the Kirk, as thei salbe countable vpon the discharge of thair offices. As also, that the conclusiounis foirsaid salbe shawin to the Bishop and ministrie of Aberdein, that thei may know that he is in no dealing with the Kirk heir; and for this effect Mr. James Sibbald fall caus convoy the Act of this Synode to Aberdein with all convenient diligens.

Pat. Gray.—The brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie reported, that Patrik Gray in Langforgound hes subscribed and fworne the Confessiounis of Fayth, and communicate.

William Hardie.—William Hardie in Kallinch, within the parochine of Seres, lawfullie summoned be the directiounis of the Exerceis of Coupar, after many admonitiounis, to compeir befor this Synode to answer for his manifest refusall theis many yeirs bygane to heir Godis word, or resauis the holy sacrament; as also for suffring his bairne to ly vnpresented to baptisme, and finallie, for blaspheming the Word and Ministrie thair of in open audiens of fundrie people, as in the summonsis at mair lenth is contened;

being called, compeired nocht. The Synode ordained the minister of Seres to pas forward with the censures of the Kirk against the said William, and to gif the first publict admonitioune the next Saboth, and to present the proces to my Lord Archbishop after he hes giffen the thrid admonitioune.

30 Sept. Seff. 3^a.

Lord Gray.—Forfamikle as Androw Lord Gray having granted to him be the laitt diocefiane Synode, holdin in this citie in the moneth of Apryle laft bypast, ane competent tyme, and brethren nominate induring the same to conferr with his Lordship for his resolutioun in the headis of religioun, quhilk tyme is long since expyred ; and as yet his Lordship hes giffen no satisfactioun anent his resolutioun, as said is, Thairfoir ordained and decerned, that [the] moderatour and brethren of the Exerceis of Dundie fall intend and continow proces against the said Lord, according to the Actes and constitutiounes of the Kirk, with all diligens, vnles his Lordship fall this day, or at leift befor the departour of the brethren abouenamed from this citie, compeir and condiscend to satisfie the kirk in all things at the sight of my Lord Archbishop and brethren of the Exerceis foirsaid.

Effie, Nevay.—Mr. Georg Sommer, minister at Effie and Nevay, craves that the saidis kirkes may be inrolled amongs theis for dissevering, quhair-of ane cair is to be had. Item, the kirkes of Torrie and Crombie.

Librarie.—Forfamikle as the Vniverfitie of St. Androis have intendit and maid ane reasonable progres in building and erecting ane commoun Librarie for the vse of such as aspyre to learning, The Assembly, willing to hald hand to ane work sa good and profitable, willinglie condescendit to contribute thairto, as also to assist the collectouris depute be the said Vniverfitie, when it fall happin thame to repair to thair particular congregatiounes for obteneing the benevolens of the gentlemen in the countrey to the said work. Such of the brethren as wer presentlie disposed gaiff according to thair discretioun. The remanent did insert with thair awin handis into ane roll, according as thei fall gif or fend to the collectouris foirsaidis, *primo quoque tempore*.

Questio adulteraris.—Anent the questioune propondit, Quhither hynous offendoures, as adulteraris and vtheris of that sort, fowld be admitted to mak thair publi& repentans in licht apparell, earings, and ficlyk? It is anwerit, that such persons awcht to present thame selfis all the dayes of thair publi& compeirans in sackloth.

Traffique with Witches.—Anent the questioune, Quhat ordour salbe takin ecclesiastically with traffequeris with witches? It is anwerit, that thei awcht to be put to publi& repentans.

Bruntiland.—Item, the brethren of the Exerceis of Kirkaldie ar ordained to deall with the minifter, magistrates, and towne of Bruntiland, that thei may tak ordour for having ane good scole established in thair said burgh for instructing the yowth in the grammer; and incais thei fall find any impediment, to advertis my Lord Archbishop.

THE DIOCESIAN SYNODE OF ST. ANDROIS BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN
IN THE SAID CITIE, 13 AND 14 OF APRYLE 1613, BE GEORG ARCH-
BISHOP OF ST. ANDROIS.

Seff. 2^{da}.

Absentis Mr. J. Carmichael, Mr. W. Watfone.—The absentis from the last Synode being tryed wer all excused, exceptand certane of thes quho wer anis confyned be his Majesties authoritie; speciallie it wes found that ane letter, giffing warrant to Mrs. William Watfone and Jhone Carmichael to repair to the Affsemblies, from my Lord Archbishop, wes delyverit be Mrs. Jhone Mitchelfone and Robert Zuill *respectivè*, who also shew to thame the will of the Synode agreable thairto; always feing the saidis Mrs. William and Jhone alledge that thei wer confyned be civill power, and can be lowfed be na vther: forsamikle as the actioune is mixed, the Synode willed and desyred my Lord Archbishop to fummon and convey thame befor the Lordis of High Commiffioun for tryell of the relevancie of thair excuses.

Huntlie.—Erroll.—My Lord Archbishop reported, that according to the

conclufioun of the laft Synode, he wreitt to his Majestie anent the Marquis of Huntlie and Earle of Erroll, quhilk hes takin the effect following, viz. The Marques is presentlie at Court together with the Bifhop of Brechine, who hes dealt in conferens with him, of purpois (as is thoght) to conforme him self. Item, that certane ar apoynted to deal with the Earle of Erroll.

Lady Parbroth.—Item, it is reported, that Gilbert Seatoune, immediatelie efter the laft Synode, paft off the countrey, and that his mother, the Lady of Parbroth, offeris to fubfcriue and fwear the Confessioun of Fayth.

Andro Lord Gray confessioun.—My Lord Archbifhop reported, that vpon the laft Saboth, the elevinth of this infant, Andro Lord Gray had, in prefens of many honourable witneffes, fubfcrived and folemnie fworne the Confessioun of Fayth, and thairafter did communicate in the parochie kirk of St. Androis; and hes promifed, at the terme of Witfunday next, to remoue fuch of his domestick fervantis as wer nominate at the vifitatioun of the kirk of Fowles. His Lordfhips confessioun being exhibite, wes ordained to be infert in the regifter *ad futuram memoriam*; the tenour quhair followes:—

I beleiv with my hart, with my toung confes, and with my hand fubfcriue æfaldlie and fimplie theis articles and poyntis of religioun after following, as I sall answer to God vpon my salvatioun, and to men vpon my honour and credite.

I believ and am suirle perswadit that all thingis necessar for mens salvatioun ar conteinit within the written word of God, that is to say, the authentick and canonicall buikes of the Awld and New Testament.

I am suirle perswadit and fullie assured that the making and adoratioun of images, ayther for thameselfis or for representatioun of God or any saint, is idolatrie and forbidden be the word of God.

I confes, grant, and am fullie perswadit, that be nature I am subject to sinne and damnatioun, and am delyverit from the guiltines thair of onlie and allendarlie be the frie and vnderfervit grace of God for the merites and sufferings of Jesus onlie. And thairfoir, I exclude my workes, or the workis of any creature besyde Jesus from the meritorious caus of my salvatioun.

Albeit that good workis be na wayes the caus of my salvatioun, bot the grace of God and Chrystis merite, quhilk is apprehendit and applyit be the instrument of fayth; yet as I beleiv and profes that good workis ar to be done for the obediens to God, for pacesing my awin consciens, and that I may glorifie God be good example to vtheris; this I affirme, that fayth that

wanteth good workis and ane holy lyff is deid and ineffectuall, and is nocht the instrument of trew salvatioune and justificatioune.

I know and am fullie perswadit that fayth cometh by heiring the Word of God preached, and that the sacramentis ar the sealis and confirmatiouns of the samine word ; and thairfor, I abhorr all kynd of service and administratioune publict in the kirk, ether of the word or sacramentis, in ane vnknownen tounge.

I acknowledge thair ar two Sacramentis onlie apperteining to all christians in the New Testament, Baptisme and the Lordis Supper.

I confes that the breid and wyne ar nocht transubstantiate in the Lordis supper, bot only change in thair vse ; and thairfor, the breid remaines breid, and the wyne, wyne, efter the wordis of the institutioune. The elementis, being that way sanctefide, ar nocht onlie signes, bot also suir sealis of the giffing and receiving of the spirituall thing signified.

Since God wilbe servit in spirituall worship only according to his commandement, and that prayer is ane of the principall poyntis of his service, and since that God be his word hath declarit that to his Majestie only we awcht to pray, as to him who hath power almightie, mercie endles, knowledg sufficient of all our misteris and miseries, outward and inward ; and since thair is bot ane God and ane mediatur betwix God and man, Thairfor to God only will I pray, and will acknowledg and imploy the Lord Jesus allendarlie, and no vther in heavine nor in the earth, for my mediatur, both of redemptioun and intercessioun.

I acknowledg that the Kings Majestie is supreme governour, immediatelie vnder God, over all persons and in all causes, baith civill and ecclesiasticall, within his Majesties awin dominioues, and that no forrein estaites or preist hes any jurisdictione over me in any of the foirsaidis causes.

And finallie, with my hart I ioyne my self with the Kirk of Scotland, that publictlie according to the present lawes of the countrey professis the reformed religioun, preached be the ordinar ministeris that publictlie and avowedlie preach the same, and as our souveraine lord the Kings Majestie, in his awin persone, and be his lawes, makis professione thairof. I acknowledg the said Kirk of Scotland to be ane pairt of the trew visible Kirk, and I ioyne thairto as ane trew member thairof. And theis articles I subseryve and sweir simplie and sincerelie as thei stand, without equivocatioune or mentall reservatioune, so saue me God in that gryt day.

Sic subscribitur. GRAY.

The witnesses, my Lord Archbishop of St. Androis, Mr. Georg Young rectour of the Vniuersitie, my Lord Commissar, Duncane Balfour provest, Jhone Arnot and Mr. William Weymys bailyes, Sir Jhone Lermonth of Balcomie knight, Mr. Robert Lermonth advocat, the Laird of Corstoun, Mr. Arthour Futhie, Mr. William Lumisden, Mr. Andro Mortown, with vtheris dyvers.

Gray.—And becaus the monumentis of idolatrie painted in the kirk of Fowles ar nocht as yet removed, the Synode giffes be thir presentis full power and commiffioun to Mrs. Andro Clayhills, Jhone Duncane, Robert

Rind, and Andro Mortown to pas to the said kirk, and abolish altogether the afoirsaid monumentis ; as also for bringing to conformitie such of my Lordis fervantis as wer nominate in the vifitatioune to be dealt with.

Seff. 3^a 14 Apryle.

Ifabell Lundie contra Jhone Aitone.—Anent the complaint maid be Ifobell Lundie, sifter-germane to vmquhile Robert Lundie of Balgonie, vpon Jhone Aitone, making mentioun in effect that quhairas sex yeiris since, or thairby, the said Jhone had contractit mariage with her, and thair bandis proclamit in the kirk of Merkinsh lawfullie ; lyk as the said Jhone had, vpon faythfull promeis of mariage, had carnall copulatione with her ; nochtwithstanding, the said Jhone nocht only hes defferrit to accomplish the mariage with her, bot also intending to ioyne himself to another, hes contracted mariage with Cristian Boswell, and hes caufit proclame thair bandis in the kirkis of Kingleffie and Portmoak : Craving thairfor that the ministeris of the saidis kirkes may be commandit to desist from further proclamatioune of thair bandis, and the said Jhone may be compellit to accomplish the mariage with the complainer. The said Jhone, being demandit anent the premisses, denyit her complaint, as it is conceived. The Synode, nocht finding tham willing to fettle that mater amicable, referred thame to the Judge Ordinar ; and ordained the said Ifobell to intend and beginne proces within the space of twentie dayes, and to prosecute the same with all diligens. In the meantyme, the proclamatiouns of the bandis of the saidis Jhone and Cristiane to stay, and no minister to grant to thame mariage till ether the proces be finished and concludit, or ellis the said Ifobell remis in prosecuting the same.

Report, Burley.—Mrs. Patrik Lyndesay and Thomas Douglas returned ane answer from my Lord of Burley, that he is resolved anent the trewth of religioun, had communicate in London, and wold, at any tyme dewlie fortold, receiv the communion, nothing having hinderit him laitlie exceptand vpon greif at some perfonis who had misreported him to the Kings Majestie. His answer being also directed to the Assemblie in wreitt, was ordainit to be registrat ; the tenour quhairof followes :—

Mr. Patrik Lyndesay and Mr. Thomas Douglas, being direct to me from the reverend assemblie now conveyit at this present Synode, thair desyre wes to know if I wold communicate, or if I had communicate since this tyme twelmonth. I answeirit thame, that I cowld nocht refus to tak my sacrament (vpon fyftein dayes premonitionne for making preparatione at any tyme when thei desyrit;) bot presentlie I cowld nocht communicate, nocht for any scruple of religioune, bot for scruple of consciens in ane mater quhilk particularlie I impertit to thame. Thairfoir I willed thame, vpon this reasonable caus, that thei wold mak my excuis; with protestationne, that immediatelie the caus being removed, I sowld effectuate thair desyre at any tyme or in any place thei wold appoynt. I haue now taken occasione to direct thir presentis to desyre that this my lawfull excuis, sincerelie manifested be me, may be takin in gude part, as his who will bestow the hazard of his lyf and spending of his blood in defens of that Religionne professit be his Majestie and authorizet be theis Kirkes within his dominions. In witnes quhairof, I haue subscriyvit this presentis with my hand, at my ludging in St. Androis, the fourteenth day of Apryle the yeir of God I^m VI^c and thrittein yeiris.

Sic subscribitur, BALFOUR.

SR. [J?] BALFOUR of Muntquhany, *witnes.*

SR. [H?] BALFOUR of Baledmonth, *witnes.*

Agnes Anstruther.—The brethren of the Exerceis of Kirkaldie ordanit to present to my Lord Archbifhope ane dittay against Agnes Anstruther, fufpect of witchcraft, that being found of weght sho may be perfewed be the Kings advocate.

Register.—It is statute and ordanit, that evrie Exerceis haue ane authentick register of the manses and gleibis of all the Kirkes within thair precinct, the designations and particuler estate of thame; and that thei present the same to the next Synode.

Mans, Gleib.—Item, that ilk Exerceis tak tryell if thair be any of thair number who hes sett his mans or gleib to any vther perfone, that the offender herein may be punished.

Scole, Bruntiland.—It is reported, that as yet thair can nocht be had ane grammer scole in Bruntiland, the councill of the towne being flaw thairin, and contenting thame felfis with ane who teaches thair bairnes to reid and wreitt. Forfamikle as it wes anis concludit in ane vifitatioone, that ane grammer scole falbe had within that burgh, and it is most neccessar that it be so, thairfor it is ordanit that letteris be rayfed vpon the A & of vifitatioone, etc.

Questio, Lownan.—Anent the questioone proponit be the minister of

Lownan, concerning ane woman, who being of age fourtie yeiris or thair-about, and yet vnbaptized, her father refusing in this to do the dewtie of ane parent at her birth, quhilk being reveilit to her be her mother at the tyme of her deceis, sho hes ane long tyme conceiled the same, and now maist earniftlie craved the feall of baptifme; It is concludit, that exact tryall falbe takin if sho may be found to haue bein baptized, and incais no evidens may be had thairof, the woman fall compeir befor the Exerceis of Arbroth, and declair as is abouexpremit, and thairafter falbe baptized.

Tryell, Lyndefay.—Publict requifitioune maid, and als who had any thing to lay to the charge of any of the brethren in the boundis aboue defigned, requyred to compeir and propone the same. The brethren wer removed as vfe is, be thair awin numberis. No fault wes found in thair lyfis or doctrine; always Mr. David Lindefay, minifter at Kinnettellis, wes rebuiked for vfiing moe numberis of poyntis, and in another maner, nor becommeth the gravitie of ane minifter: And is ordainit to abstein from ficlyk in tyme coming.

THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRKES OF KINFANS AND KILSPINDIE,
AT THE KIRK OF KILSPINDIE FOIRSAID, 1 SEPTEMBER 1613.

Mans and Gleib.—Efter invocatioune of the holy name of God, and doctrine proponit be the said ryght Reverend Father, vpon Ps. 119, *mem*, Mr. Alexander Bruce, minifter at Kinfans, wes found nocht to be refident, be reafone he wantis ane mans altogether, and ane pairt of the gleib. For remedie quhairof, it is appoynted, that the Bifhop of Dunkeld and Mr. William Buchannane proveft of Methuen, fall defigne the same *primo quoque tempore*; and the minifter is ordained to intend aetioun for obtaining poffeffioun of the same befor the next Synode, vnder paine of fufpenfioun fra the miniftric. Being removed, wes found and declared be all that wer present to be of blameles lyf and found doctrine.

No excommunicatis found, noncommunicantis, papiftes, or thair refaitteris.

Scole.—Thair is ane scolmaifter, James Carnegie, who wes allowed. And for intertainment of the scole in all tyme coming, it is concludit, be commoun advyfe and consent, that evrie ane within the said parochine labouring ane plewch gaitt of land, fall pay yeirlie to the scolmaifter thrittein shillings four d., and ilk bairn within the parochine tawcht within the scole fall pay quarterlie sex shillings awcht d.

Item, it is found, that thei haue ane box, and provide for the poor. It is ordained, that all penalties exacted of transgressoris be employed to the vse of the poor.

The fabrick of the kirk found in good cace. It is ordained, that the parochinaris build the kirk dykes according to the act of Parliament. Item, that no buriall be permitted within the kirk, and that the offenderis in that fort pay xl. fibs.

The kirk is ane kirk of Scone, having in stipend the vicariage, whilk the minister is ordained to lift *in corporibus*, vnder paine of suspensoun. Thair is assigned, mairover, fyue chalder victuall, thrid pairt beir, twa part meill.

Thair Sessioune.—Elders, Adame Rae of Pitfindie, Patrik Chalmeris of Savathie, James Chalmeris of Segiden, Henrie Browne of Panphill, Georg Scott of Kirkstyle, William Lyndesay of Haggishall, James Hunter of Patlowre, &c.

KILSPINDIE.—RAITT.

Mr. James Row, minister, resident at the kirk of Kilspindie, is found to teach onlie at the said kirk, and is to beginne the next Saboth the Prophecie of Hoseah.

It is ordained, that in tyme coming, he fall beginne fermone preceisslie at ten houres, thairefter hold thair Sessioune, and catecheis ane part of the parochine in the efternoone; and that the absentis fall pay, ilk maifter ij s., ilk servant xij d.

Minister.—The said Mr. James being removed, and the parochinaris inquyred anent his lyf and doctrine, It wes objected, that he resorted over mikle to the burgh of Peirth, speciallie vpon the Saterdag, at quhilk tyme he, being giffen to drink, returns evill disposed to teach vpon the Saboth.

Item, that he takis no paine to studie, and is giffen to drink ; as also, that he had for the space of dyvars yeiris bygane intrometit with the penalties and poor folkis silver, and convertit the same to his awin vse. The foir-faidis declarations being verie scandalous, the said Mr. James wes admonished and rebuiked becaus of thame. The further censure alwayes continowed till the next Synode.

Kilspindie.—Item, it is found, that the rooffs of the kirk is verie ruinous, for reparatioune quhairof, and for bigging ane pulpitt, it is concludit, that ane taxatioune be rayfed of twa hundreth ¹ the twa pairt thairof to be payed be the parochinaris, and the thrid part be the perfone.

Raitt.—Item, it is thocht meitt and concludit, that the kirk of Raitt be repayred. The maner efter quhilk the said kirk salbe ferved is to be sett downe after the same salbe buildit.

Buriall.—Item, that the minister dilate all such as haue buried any corps into the kirk within 12 moneth bygane. And in tyme coming no buriall to be within the kirk vnder paine of xl lbs. to the offendar ; and that the Laird of Kilspindie for offending heirin be fummoned befor the High Commiffioure.

Thair ar no papistes, or refaittoris of thame.

Scole.—It is found, that thair is na commoune scole for educatioune of the yowth, be reasone that no provisioune hes bein maid for ane scolmaifter ; ffor remedie quhairof, it is concludit, that with all diligens thair be provydit ane qualified perfone who may be able to help the minister, for quhois intertainment the minister, with his awin consent, is appoynted to pay yeirlie twentie lbs., and everie ane labouring ane ploughgait of land in other of the parochins foirfald fall pay yeirlie xiiij s. iiij d., and ilk bairne tawcht in the scole quarterlie fall pay vj s. viij d.

Gleib.—The gleib of Kilspindie nocht being fullie defigned, It is appoynted, that ane commiffioure be giffen for defigning the same, and that tryell be takin if thair be any land within the parochine belonging to the perfone, to beginne thairat. The mans and gleib of Raitt to be defigned at the bigging thairof. The kirk is ane of Scone, having the vicariage and sex chalderis victuall.

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THE VISITATIOUNE OF THE KIRKES OF KYNNAIRD, LIFF, LOGIE,
AND INNERGOWRIE, INSHTUR, AND FORGOWND, AT THE KIRK OF
LONGFORGOUND, VPON THE THRID DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1613.

KYNNNAIRD.

Efter invocatioune of Godis holy name and do&trine be the said rycht Reverend Father vpon the 1 Pet. 4, *a principio*, Mr. Robert Sommer, minister at Kynnaird, is found to be resident within the parochine, but nocht vpon ane mans, thair being no mean for obteneing mans or gleib. Item, to teach anis vpon the Saboth, his text, Prov. 15 and 24, and to hold the fessioun efter fermone, as also to catecheis in the efternoone. Being removed, wes allowed.

The communioun celebrate 20 Junij laft. The Lairdis of Kinnaird, elder and younger, communicate not.

No excommunicatis, papiftes, or thair refaittoris.

It is found, that thei cair for the puir, and haue ane box, quhilk is apoynted to be keiped be Patrik Will, and the minister to keip the key.

Item, thair is ane scole tawght be Robert Awfone, quho being removed for tryell, it wes obie&t&ed against him that he is mikle giffen to drink, and in his drunkennes to outrageous speeches. He wes thairfoir rebuiked, and further censure of him remitted to the next Synode, to the quhilk he wes summoned *apud acta*.

LIFF, LOGIE, INNERGOWRIE.

Mr. Jhone Duncane, minister, is found resident at the kirk of Liff; to teach at Liff befor noon on the Saboth; his text, S. Jhone, *cap. vlt.*; and at Innergourie efter noon, his text, Pf. 23, and to hold the fessioune for all at Liff. Being removed, wes allowed.

The communioune celebrate in the moneth of August 1612, and nocht fince for inlaik of the Elementis, vpon default of my Lord of Scone; alwayes thei ar presentlie preparing for the same to be celebrate with convenient diligens.

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of Mains and heritouris, that thei may grant to him yeirlie theis thrittein bollis victuall whilk is sumpendit indureing the lyftym of Mr. Robert Bruce; wheirwith the minifter being fatiffet, may altogether leaue off from ferv-ing Strikmartine.

Scole.—Item, thei haue ane commoune scole tawcht be Jhone Petrie.

The kirk of Mains is of the Abbacie of Arbroth, having in ftipend four chalder meill, half chalder beir, half chalder aittes; and thrittein bollis victuall as yet nocht poffeft, but sumpendit induring Mr. Robert Bruce his lyftyme. William Bruce poffeffes the vicariage, being provydit thairto of old.

Strikmartine belongeth to the burgh of Edinburgh, and hes in ftipend four fcoir fibs.

MURHOUS.

Mr. Henrie Duncane, minifter, is found to teach on the Saboth befoir noone: text, A&. 5; bot hes no ordinar catechifing, becaus thair is no meiting throcht defawlt of vptaking the penalties. For amendement wheirof, it is ordained, that ane commiffioun be rayfed for executing the Acts of Parliament to my Lord Balmerinocht, the Laird of Powrie, Alexander Fotheringham, William Guthrie, and the minifter; the foirnamed four promifed to accepte.

Lykas, it is concludit be commoune advyfe, that in tyme comeing the heritour absent from fermone or catechifing fall pay 6 ſ. 8 d.; the husbandman two ſ.; the fervant or cotterman 12 d. *toties quoties*.

The minifter and feffioun dilated David Fotheringham, ane profaner of the Saboth day, and drunkard, noncommunicant, contemner of the miniftrie, who lykwayes vpon the 15 day of Auguft laft bypaff, paff to mercatt, being the Saboth day, and having fold his wyff, thairvpon fell in ploy. For the foirfaidis filthie crymes he is to be charged to the High Commiffioun.¹

Item, thair being no scole, it is concludit that ane fcolemaſtér be pro-

¹ This is the only instance which the Editor has observed in Scotland of a practice not uncommon among the lowest vulgar in England, even at the present day, founded on the absurd notion that a man may lawfully sell his wife, provided he does so in the open market, with a halter around her neck.

vydit, for whois intertainment the minifter willinglie offred yeirlie four merkis money ; and with commoune advys and consent, it is ordainit and concludit further, that everie ane within the said parochine labouring ane plewch gaitt of land fall pay yeirlie to the scolemafter threttein shillings four d., and ilk bairne within the parochine tawcht within the scole, fall pay quarterlie 6 s. 8 d.

The kirk is of the Abbacie of Arbroth, having in stipend sex chalder thrie bollis victuall, and the vicariage. The minifter is difcharged to sett any tack thair of vnder paine of deprivatione.

The Sessioneeris presentlie admitted : my Lord Balmerinocht, Laird of Ogilvie, Alexander Fotheringham, William Guthrie of Westgrange, &c.

MANIFUITH.

Mr. Androw Clayhillis, minifter, is found to teach twyfe on the Saboth : text Luke 6. It is concludit, that he fall teach anis and catecheis ane portioune of the parochine in the efternoon, and for that effect the parochine to be divydit in quarteris. The minifter being removed wes approved.

Thair being no scole for instructioun of the yowth, it is concludit, that ane scolemafter be provydit, for whois intertainment it is concludit, with commoune advys and consent, that evrie ane within the said parochine labouring ane plewch gaitt of land, fall pay yeirlie to the scolemafter 13 s. 4 d., and ilk bairne within the parochine tawcht within the scole fall pay quarterlie 6 s. 8 d.

The mans and gleib ar perfyte.

It is concludit, according to Gods word and acts of the Kirk, that all laboureris on the Saboth, in any tyme of yeir, fall mak publick repentans.

The minifter and sessioun meinit to my Lord Archbifhop, and shew that the brigg of Monyfuith wes lieklie to ruine, and craved that his Lordship wold gif advys for preventing the fame. It is thairfoir concludit, that the fame be motioned in the next Synode.

The Sessioune.—William Durhame of Grange, Henrie Ramfay of Ardowney, William Durhame of Vmmochy, &c.

THE SYNODE OF THAT PAIRT OF THE DIOCIE OF ST. ANDROS, WHILK LYETH BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN IN THE SAID CITIE VPON THE FYFT AND SEXT DAYES OF OCTOBER 1613, BE THE RYCHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD, GEORGE ARCHBISHOP OF ST. ANDROS.

Sessio 2^{aa} in scolis Salvatorianis.

Huntly.—Anent the proceiding with the Marquis of Huntlye, my Lord Archbishop shew, that he had yeildit almost in all the headis of religioun; and had, befor the Kings Majestie, certaine of the Bishops of Ingland, and the Bishop of Brechine, subscrievd the same, and restd only vnresolved in the mater of the Sacrament. Atour my Lord Archbishop presented to the Synode ane letter dire& from the Marqueis, and craved thair advys thairanent. The tenour of the letter followes :

MY HONOURABLE GOOD LORD,

I have writin this present only to put your Lordship in memorie, according to his Majesties directioun, that it wold pleis your Lordship, at this conventioun, to gif me suspensioun of my excommunicatioun during my residens in Ingland and awayting on his Majesties service thair; quhilk I hoip your Lordship will geitt effectuate at this tyme. I thought to haue come sowth myself to haue conferrit with your Lordship, bot I find my self sompart diseasit since my last comming from the Hielandis, quhilk is the occasioun that I may nocht travill for the present. Swa, my loving dewtie remembritt, I will your Lordship most loving at all power.

Sic subscribitur

HUNTLYE.

At Huntlye this 2 of October.

The Synode advyfes my Lord Archbishop to dire& ane letter to his Majestie, bearing that vpon the Marqueis his subscriptioun already giffen, first, in this countrey, and next in [his] Hienes prefens, the consequentis and effectis of his excommunicatioun be dispenfit with, and the said Marqueis be licenciate to repair to his Majestie and lieges, as also be present at the publi& prayeris of the Kirk, vntill the next Synode to be holdin in this place, God willing; but with expres provisioun, that no benefite be granted to him be the Kirk of Ingland, speciallie that he be nocht ad-

mitted to the Sacrament of the Lordis Supper, vntill he be formallie absolved from excommunicatioun be the Kirk of Scotland.

Erroll.—Anent the Earle of Erroll, who lyes as yet excommunicate, it is concludit, that for winning him, if it be possible, he salbe requyred to heir conferens of fuch brethren as salbe appoynted thairto, repair to the heiring of the Word and publi& prayeris of the Kirk, and vpon the performans of the saidis conditiounes, his excommunicatioun to be dispensed with in the effectis and consequentis: vtherwayes, vpon his refusall of the premiffes, it is concludit, that his Majestie be dealt with to remove him aff the countrey, and executing vpon him, as is preseryved in the actis of Parliament; as also, that straitt inhibitioone be renewit to all persons that thei resort nocht vnto him. And to this effect, Mrs. Patrik Lindsay and Robert Howie ar ordained to attend him on Thursday next, and to deall with him as said is; and incais thei premove nothing, my Lord Archbifhop is to adverteis the Exercises with diligens, that the excommunicatione may be intimat of new.

Craighall.—Item, thei ar ordained to conveine befor thame the Laird of Craighall, and charge [him] vnder paine of censures of the Kirk, to caus his children repair to the kirk and refaue the sacrament.

Gicht.—My Lord Archbishop reportit, that the Laird of Gicht hes enterit in dealing with the Kirk, for his resolutioun is confyned be the Lordis of High Commiffiounes to remaine within St. Andros, and conferre with certaine brethren nominate for that effect vntill Candlemes next; and incais of his nocht resolutiounes at the said day, found cautione vnder the paine of ten thousand merkis to pas aff the countrey. Quhairvpon thei had, in thair said commiffiounes, suspendit his excommunicatioun to the said day.

A. Anstruther.—The Exercises of Kirkaldie haue giffen no dittay against Agnes Anstruther, suspe& of witchcraft. They ar ordainit to collect what thei may haue, and fend the same, with thair moderatour and ane of thair brethren, within 15 dayes, to my Lord Archbishop.

Kilmanie.—Anent the mans of Kilmanie, Thair being some of the parochinaris who offer to contribute for building the same, the minister is advyfed to tak what [he may haue be that meane; and in the meantyme is ordainit to be infant in the work himself.

Gray.—Mr. Andro Mortowne, be his letter, shew that my Lord Gray will demolish such of the paintrie as is offenfue; and that his fervantis ar to communicate within fyftein dayes.

Seff. 3^a.

Act Registers.—Thair being no registers maid be the particular Exercifes of the estate and designationes of the manfes and gleibis within thair boundis, with thair marches and mithes, as wes concludit in the former Assembly, It is ordained, as befoir, that ilk Exerceis provyde ane, and present the same to the next Synode, bearing such as thei may haue; as also, that thei try out such as haue fett mans or gleib.

Mr. James Row.—Anent the censure of Mr. James Row, minister at Kilspindie, referrit from the visitatione of the said kirk, the Synode rebuikes him grauelie, and admonished him nocht to frequent the burgh of Perth.

Mr. William Wishart, Fettercairne.—Anent the supplicatione giffen in be Mr. William Wishart, minister at Fettercairne, craving in effect, that seing he hes fervit heirtfoir in the ministrie with such small provisioun as nocht being able to intertaine him and his familie; whairthrocht he hes bein constrained to dilapidate his awin patrimonie; as also, that throcht inlaik of ane mans, whairvpon he may be resident at the said kirk, he is oftymes compellit to travell to the prejudice of his health: Thairfoir libertie may be giffen to him of transportation to any vther place wherto it fall pleis God and this Kirk to call him. The Synode, knowing the veritie of the premisses, grantis vnto him libertie as said is; and, in the meantyme, ordaines that the Moderatour of the Merns fall visite the said kirk, designe the mans and gleib thairof, and caus build the mans *primo quoque tempore*.

Regraitt Justices of Peace.—Anent the greiff proponit by divers Exercifes, that thair particular congregationes ar orderit be ane charge from the Justices of peace, and commandit to pay certane sowmes foorth of the readiest of the silver collected to thair awin poor, to such vse as the saidis Justices haue appoynted the same to; quherby the poor anis wilbe grytim-

lie prejudged, and the charitie of men abstracted; The Synode concludit, that Mrs. Jhone Mitchelfone, Alexander Glaidftanis, and Robert Buchanan fall go to my Lord Chancellour, and in thair name craue that no horning haue place against the ministrie in the actioun, till first thei be heard befor the Counsell. Item, that ane letter be directed to the Laird of Bogie that no horning be vsed till the Iustices of peace convein. At the quhilk tyme, commiffioun is giffen to Mrs. Jhone Dykis, Jhone Gillaspie, William Scott, William Cranftowne, and Robert Roch, with expres mandate to attend that meiting of the saidis iustices in Coupar, vpon the first Tyfday of November, propone such reasones as God fall furnish to thame, and deall that no such exaetioun be imposed.

Bridge, Monyfuith.—The Synode, considering how profitable the Bridge of Monyfuith is, and necessar to the countrey, hes concludit, that the brethren of this Synode fall recommend the estate and help thairof to thair parochins when it salbe requyred.

Act plantatione.—Item, it is concludit, that when any kirk within this Synode fall happin to vaik, ane cair salbe had of such as being alreadie enterit in the ministrie ar evill provydit, that thei be preferrit to expectantis, and recommendit to be presented to his Majestie.

THE VISITATIONE OF THE KIRKES OF INNERARITIE AND MATHIE,
8 APRIL, 1614.

Tryell, Minister.—Mr. David Williamfon, minister, is found to have been admitted to the ministrie be Mrs. Jhone Ramfay and Jhone Rigg; resident in the new mans of Inneraritie; teachis ordinarlie in winter at Inneraritie, and in sommer *alternatis vicibus*; his text, the Epistle to Philemon; keepis the Seffioun in the efternoone: Being removed, it was regraitted, that he teachis not in the kirk of Mathie.

Thair ar nane suspect of witchcraft or adulterie. Na noncommunicantis or excommunicatis.

Provisioun.—The provisioun of the kirkes. Inneraritie, Mr. David is perfone and vicare thairof. The Laird of Powrie Fotheringhame, tackif-

man, paying in dewtie thrie hundreth merkis money. Mathie, ane kirk of the abbacie of Coupar, whairto is affigned 200 merkis and ane chalder of meill, whilk is nocht haillie possessed.

It is ordained, that the roll of the poor of both parochins be takin vp, and the poor provydit for.

At the Kirk of Erroll, 10 April, 1614.—Mr. Jhone Strange, ane of the regentis of St. Leonards college, admitted to the holy ministrie within the said kirk.

Scole.—Item, for intertainement of ane scole for educatione of the youth of the parochine in tyme comming, it is concludit, be commoune consent of the gentlemen, heritouris, eldaris, deacons, and parochinaris present, That evrie [perfon] occupying ane pund land fall pay yeirlie to the scolemaister 13 s. 4 d., and ilk bairne tawcht in the scole fall pay quarterlie 10 s.

At the Kirk of Fowlis, 11 April.—Mr. Henrie Futhie, minister at Kin-nell, having libertie of transportatione, was admitted to the ministrie of the Kirkis of Fowlis and Lundie.

THE SYNODE OF THAT PAIRT OF THE DIOCIE OF ST. ANDROIS WHICH
LYETH BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN WITHIN THE SAID CITIE, THE 3D
AND 4TH OF MAY, 1614.

Sessio 2^a

Huntlie.—It is reported, that the Marqueis of Huntlie is past aff the cuntry into Ingland.

Erroll.—Item, my Lord Archbifhop reported, that the moderator and brethren of the Exerceis of Turreff had giffen testimonie to the Earle of Erroll anent the heiring of the Word reverentlie, and conferens thairvpon; as also, of the good hoip thei had of further to be done be him: Quhairvpon further continowation had bein giffen to the said Earle. The testimonie foirsaid wes redd and confiderit; the Synode advyses the Archbifhop, efter the expyring [of] the day granted alreadie to the said Earle, to grant

no further continowatione except he giff some gryter evidens that he will conforme him self.

Memor.—Item, fforfamikle as dyvers papiftes haue, fra tyme to tyme, vpon hoip of thair converfioune, procured delayes of the executioun of the lawes againft thame, nevertheles ar nocht thairby amendit, bot rather moir indured, It is concludit, that ane generall letter be directed to the Kings Majestie, Secreitt Counsell, and Lordis of High Commiffioun, de-lyreing that no further continowatione be granted to fuch, but that the lawes may be executt againft thame, at leift thei removed of the countrey.

Agnes Anstruther.—The Exerceis of Kirkaldie having as yet giffen no dittay againft Agnes Anstruther, fufpect of witchcraft; for the whilk thei ar rebuked; and ordained to put it *in mundo*, and delyver the fame to Mrs. Robert Buchannane, William Buchannane, and Henrie Philp, that thei may fie it, and report to the conferens.

Paintrie Fowles.—It is reported, be Mr. Henrie Futhie, that my Lord Gray, hauing presentlie workmen, hes promised to abolifh the paintrie in the kirk of Fowles. The faid Mr. Henrie is ordained to vrge performans thair of, and to report the faid 17 day of Majj.

Th. Laumonth.—Item, it is reported, that Mr. Thomas Lawmonth is planted in the miniftrie at the kirk of Scony.

Seff. 3^a

Questio of desertione.—Anent the questioune proponit to the Synode, as followes: Ane married man being fugitive for ane alledged cryme, and having deserted his wyff the hail space of elevine yeiris, and feing thair is no certaintie of his death or lyff; *queritur*, if the benefite of mariage may be granted to his wyff, earniftlie fuitting the fame? It is answerit *affirmatiuè*, efter proces deulie led as followes, viz. That the pairtie purfewed be fummoned be thrie severall fummondis *successiuè*, at the parochie kirk, whair he had his laft residens, the mercatt croce of the head burgh of the shyre whairin the faid parochin lyes, and at the pear of Leyth, to compeir befor the Archbishop, at ane certaine day and place, to heir and fie the perfone defendar decernit to haue malitioullie deserted his faid spous, if

he be alyue, or els to be depairted this lyff: And, in any of the foirfaidis cafes, the pairtie perfewar to be decernit to haue libertie to marie as ane frie perfone in the Lord. Evrie ane of the faidis citationes *ſucceſſiue* to be vpon thrie fcoir dayes *excluſiue*; whilk being dewlie ferved, and no compeirans of the pairtie perfewed, or any of his faidis freindis in his name, alledgeand ane reasonable caus why decreitt fowld nocht be giffen as faid is, decreitt is to be giffen in favour of the pairtie perfewar, granting libertie to marie in the Lord, as is aboue expremit.

Ag. Anſtruther.—Is. Jhoneſton.—The brethren appoynted to fight the dittayes giffen againſt Agnes Anſtruther, reported, that the dittayes proue her to haue been ane abuſer of the people; and that thei find ane gryt dittay againſt Ifobell Jhoneſtowne. Seing the faid Agnes is preſentlie in Edinburgh, the Lordis of Secreitt Counfell ar to be dealt with for cauſing apprehend her, and put her to an affiſe. And ſeing the Ifobell Jhoneſtowne is in Newburgh, my Lord Archbiſhop is to deall with my Lord Lundores for charging her to vnderly the law.

Penitentis reſoluit.—Compeirit in ſackloth Jonet Wilſone, inceſtuos, in the parochine of Markiſh; Conſtantine Browne, adulterer in the parochine of Inſhture; James Kinninmonth, inceſtuos; all having ſatiſfeit the diſcipline of thair kirkes, wer abſolved.

THE PROVINCIAL SYNODE HOLDIN IN THE CHAPELL OF THE CASTELL
OF ST. ANDROIS, VPON THE SEXT DAY OF MAII, 1614.

Anent Miniſters, etc.—Quhairas it is motioned, that ſome miniſteris hes nocht celebrate the communioune vpon the day appoynted be his Ma-
jeſtie, becaus it wes Eaſterday, It is ordained, that the hail Biſhopis of the province fall try what miniſteris thei ar who haue omitted the ſame; and eyther thame ſelfis inſli& cenſure vpon thame of ſuſpenſioune or deprivatione; or then gif advertiſment to the faid Archbiſhop that he may puniſh thame accordingle.

Huntly.—Item, it is concludit, that ane humble ſupplicatione be maid to his Ma-
jeſtie for taking finall ordour with the Marqueis of Huntlie, who

is now in way to Court: ffor feing all the rest of the papiftes depend vpon his example, and that his Majestie hath bein ane good instrument him self of his begunne converfioun, it is thocht meit, for his Majesties consciens and honour, that that purpos be no longer delayed, but that he may be fullie reconciled to the Kirk, or then removed aff the countrey.

Erroll, etc.—Albeit his Majestie hes appoynted fundrie dayes long bypast for removeing the Earle of Erroll, the Lairdis of Gicht, and Newtoun, aff the countrey incaice of nocht conformitie, and that we haue giffen our consent to the Privie Counsell to delay mony monethis and yeiris, and to suffer thame [to] abyde in the countrey in the hoip of thair converfioune; since we find that thir prorogationes work no good, It is humblie to be meinit to his Majestie, that commandement may be giffen both to the Chancellour and Archbifhop of St. Androis, that thei gif no longer delay. But, incaice thei conforme nocht thame selfis befor the last day of Junie, whilk is thair last dyet, that thei eyther may be removed aff the countrey, or put in clois waird.

It is also advyfed, be the hail prelatis and brethren, that fuch of thame as haue voytt ether in Councell or High Commiffioun fall nocht consent to any further continowatioune of the saidis perfones, vtherwayes to be esteemed slack and cairles in the service of God and of the Kings Majestie. Reserving alwayes to the Kings Majestie him self his royall power to command in theis maters, as to his incomparable wifdome falbe thocht fitteft.

Item, that in respect of the Earle of Sutherland his long difobediens and obstinacie, the Kings Majestie will grant to him no further delay. But, incaice he enter not into St. Androis, and hear the Word preacht, and conferens, that he may be put aff the countey, or put into clois waird.

Rentallis.—Item, it is ordained, that the hail Bifhops fall gif vp the Rentallis of thair awin benefices, and of thair chaptoures, betwix this and Martimes next; and fall try, who haue fett tackis, or dilapidate the fame.

Commiffaris.—Item, becaus some of the Commiffaries, who are ecclesiastick iudges, ar scandalous in thair lyffes, and some haue lyen yeir and day at the horne, It is ordained, that fa many commiffaries, as haue nocht

obtained ane testimoniall of the Lordis of the Seffioune of thair qualificatione and habilitie, fall, according to the A&t of Parliament, be cited befor thair Ordinar, with some learned and wyse men, thair affeffouris, to the effect that, efter dew tryell, thei may be removed, and lawfull persons put in thair rowme.

Chanons.—Item, fforfamikle as it is ane intollerable corruptioun that laik persons, having no calling or functioun in the Kirk, fowld brook the places of chanons, and ecclesiastick dignities in Bishops chaptoures, It is thoght meitt, that all such persons salbe cited befor the Lordis of the High Commiffioun, and ordour takin with thame, according to iustice and reasone.

Act, Drunkardis.—Item, for restraining the filthie a&t of drunkennes, it is to be humblie beggit of his Majestie, that ordour may be giffen to the Privie Counsell to direct letteres for publicatione of the a&t and constitutioune vnderwritten, viz. That any man being convi&t of drunkennes fallbe, for the first tyme, admonished be the ecclesiastick iudge, that is to say, be the Archbishop, Bishop, High Commiffioun, or Seffioune of the Kirk, and pay ane penaltie of 6 š. 8 d. ; ffor the second tyme, he fall make publi&t repentans, and pay 40 š. ; and for the thrid tyme, falbe punished with ecclesiastick censure, and fyned in all things as fornicatoris ar ordained to be punished be the A&t of Parliament ; the ane half thairof to be furthecommand to the Kings thesaurarie, the vther half dedicate *ad pios vsus* be the discretioun of the said ecclesiastick iudges, who fall happin to try and convi&t the persons foirfaidis.

Brethren confyned.—That humble supplicatione be maid to the Kings Majestie for directing the Secreitt Counsell to gif ane licence to Mrs. William Row, Jhone Carmichael, William Scot, William Watfone, and Jhone Scrymgeour, to repair to thair ordinar ecclesiastick iudgementis, and releiuing thame from thair confyning.

Commissioneris to the Provinciall.—Item, It is statute and ordained, that whatsoever persone provydit to the chaptour kirkes within the diocies of this province, being requyred be the Bishop of the diocie to keep the provinciall meetings from yeir to yeir, refusies to doe the same, fall pay the fowme of fourtie libs. penaltie for thair difobediens ; whilk fowme the Bishop of the diocie is ordained to vplift preceissie from the delinquentis.

And if fall happin that the perfoncs whome the bifhop fall requyre (as moft meitt) to be prefent at the affemblies foirfaidis, to be fo meinlie provydit that thei ar nocht able to repair, as faid is, without thair gryt hurt and preiudice, in that caice, the remanent of the diocie fall contribute for defraying of his charges. And this a&t to haue executioun vpon fuch within the diocie of Murray, as being requyred to come, haue refuifed.

3 *Julij*, 1614.—[Mr. James Carmichael younger admitted minifter at the kirk of Elftanefuird.]

28 *Auguft*, 1614.—[Mr. David Meldrume planted in the miniftrie at the kirk of Eglifgreig.]

THE SYNODE OF THAT PAIRT OF THE DIOCIE OF ST. ANDROIS, WHICH LYETH VPON THE NORTH SYDE OF FORTH, HOLDIN WITHIN THE GRYT SCOLES OF ST. SALVATOURIS COLLEGE, WITHIN THE SAID CITIE, VPON THE 4TH AND 5TH OCTOBER 1614.

Seff. 3^a.

Effie Nevay.—For fervice of the kirkes of Effie and Nevay, it is concludit, that in tyme comming the parochinaris fall conveyne two Sabothcs at Effie, and the thrid at the kirk of Nevay.

A. Anfruther.—They who haue interefte ar to confer with my Lord Archbifhop anent Agnes Anfruther, and [Ifobell] Jhoneftoun, dilated for witchcraft.

Erroll.—*Roffie*.—It is reported, that the Sabboth day is profained in Erroll be holding of ane mercatt thairvpon: The minifter is ordained to difcharge all mercatt, vnder the paine of the cenfures of the Kirk and of excommunicatione, and thairafter to proceid againft fuch as falbe found to tranfgres. This in lykmaner to be intimate into the kirkes next adjacent, with the lyk certificatioun. Atour, that the minifter of Roffie tak ordour with the walkeris in his parochine, that thei procure nocht the Sabboth to be violate, vnder the lyk cenfure to be inflicted vpon thame.

Bruntiland.—Item, it is thocht offenfiue that in the kirk of Bruntiland,

being ane eminent place, thair is no doctrine on the Saboth in the efternoon; quhairnant the brethren of the Exerceis of Kirkaldie ar to tak ordour, and for that effect call Mr. William Watfone befor thame; against whilk, if he fall tak exceptioun be reasone of his confyning, the Synode declares the same nocht to be relevant.

THE SYNODE HOLDIN AT ST. ANDROIS 3D AND 4TH OCT. 1615.¹

Discipline.—The Synode earniftlie defyris the Archbifhop, with advye of the Bifhopis and vther learned brethren, to take ordour for fetting downe ane vniformitie of Difcipline.

Ladyes Parbroth and Craighall.—It is reported from the Exerceis of Coupar, that the Ladyes of Parbroth and Craighall haue fubferyved the Confeffioun of Fayth, and giffen thair oathes thairvpon. They ar ordained to continow in dealling with thame, that thei may repair to the kirk for heiring the Word, and that thei communicate, and to proceed against thame thairvpon.

Paintrie Fowles.—*Lord Gray.*—It is reported, that as yet the paintrie ftandis in the kirk of Fowles, whilk wes ordainit to be abolifhed; the Synode, yet as befor, ordains the minifter, with affiftans of the Bifhop of Ros (if neid beis), to deleitt the fame. And forfamikle as my Lord Gray, vpon fome occafiones, did not communicate when the communion wes celebrat laft in the parochine, the minifter is ordained to miniftrate the communion in the faid kirk betwix and Martimes nextocome, and to mak dew advertifment to my Lord thairof.

Vifitatiounis.—It is ftatute and ordained, that heirafter evrie Moderatour, affifted be fa many of the brethren as falbe thocht meitt, fhall vifite anis in the yeir all the kirkes within the boundis of thair Exerceis.

Seff. 3^a 4 Oct.

Catecheis.—The Synode having confideratioun of the gryt neid that

¹ Two folios, 128 and 129, are wanting in the Register, which makes a hiatus between Oct. 1614 and Oct. 1615.

both pafors and people haue to grow in knowledge, ordaines that evrie minifter fall catecheis weeklie ane part of his parochine ; and heirvpon fall thei be inquyred in the weeklie meitings, as alfo concerning thair ordinar and private ftudies for the increas of thair knowledge.

Dunfermeling.—Item, the Synode, confidering deeplie the largenes of the congregatioun of Dumfermeling, having moe then two thowfand communicantis, and weaknes and infirmitie of Mr. Andrew Frofter, minifter, vnable to bear fo gryt ane burthen alane, thinkis it altogether neidfull that ane vther be ioyned with the faid Mr. Andrew in the miniftrie at the faid kirk. For procuring whairof, it is ordainit, that my Lord Archbifhop and Mr. Robert Roch fall deall with my Lord Chancellour for his Lordfhips furtherance heirto. Lykas, the brethren of the Exerceis thair fall deall with the parochinaris for thair concurrans. Finallie, willed my Lord Archbifhop to provyde ane qualesified man, and to plant him befor the next Synode.

[Mr. James Bedie admitted to the miniftery of Aberluthnott.]

[Mr. Lawrens Skynner admitted minifter at Dunlappie on the precin& of the Exerceis of Brechine.]

[Mr. Andrew Allane admitted to the kirk of Clovay.]

Purgatio canonica.—Anent fick perfones as lye vnder the fclander of adulterie, inceft, or ficlyk hynous crymes, and can nocht be broght to the confeffione of the fame, it is declared be the Synode, that the brethren of the Exerceis quhair it fall happine the offens to be, vpon vehement and weyghtie prefumptiounes dewlie confiderit be thame, may vrge the pairtie fcandalous to gif thair purgatioun folemnellie : And incas of refufall may hold thame for grantand, and proceid againft thame.

THE SYNODE OF THAT PAIRT OF THE DIOCIE OF ST. ANDROIS WHILK
LYETH BENORTH FORTH, HOLDIN IN THE SAID CITIE, 2D AND 3D
APRYLE, 1616.

Seff. 2^{da}.

Paintrie, Fowles.—The minifter of Fowles reported, that the paintrie

standeth as yet vndelett in the said kirk ; as also, that he having requyred my Lord Gray befor Martimes lastbypast to communicate, he had failied ; quhairvpon the minifter maid advertifement to my Lord Archbifhop. The Synode finds fawlt with him for that he has nocht put away the paintrie, and ordaines him, befor the last day of this infant, to abolifh the fame, vnder paine of the cenfures of the Kirk, and to requyre the affiftans of the Bifhop of Rofs if neid beis.

Supplie.—Anent the fupplicacione proponed be Mr. Williame Wedderburne, minifter at Dundie, makand mentione, that whairas the Lordis of his Hienes Privie Counfell being certanelie informed that Androw Robertfone, Jhone Cowie, Jhone Dauling, James Pratt, and thair complices, marineris, indwellaris in Leyth, being laitlie vpon the coast of Barbarie, efter ane cruell and bloodie confli&, overcome and led into captivitie be certane merciles Turkes, who presented thame to open mercatt at Argiers in Barbarie, to be fawld as slaves to the cruell barbarians ; from the whilk miserable eftate James Frafer, now refident in the said towne of Argiers, moved with pitie and compaffioun, redeimit thame by the present payment of ane hundreth and fourtie fibs. fterling money for thair ransome, to be repayed be the saidis captiues at ane terme now approachand, who nochtwithftanding are reduced to fuch extreme povertie, that thei ar nocht able to repay the said fowme : Quhairvpon thair Lordships haue, by thair lettres patentis, recommended the saidis distreffed travelleris to the charitie of all our foveraine Lordis fubjectis, as the famine, of the daitt at Edinburgh the 21 December 1615, at mair length bearis : craved thairfoir that this Synode wold hald hand to that fo charitable ane worke, and provyde that the fupport and benevolens granted within thair boundis may be collected in fick forme as may best ferve for the confort and relieffe of the foirnamed distreffed. The Synode, confidering the equitie of the premissis, and that thei haue, fra tyme to tyme, being moved with pitie, fupported ftrangeris who haue foght to thame for releiff in fick cafe, being moir obleiffit to thair awin bowellis ; as also that the fruftrateing of the said James Frafer of his money, fo lovinglie advanced for thair redemption, may efterward be preiudiciall to vthers falling in the lyk eftate, whilk God forbid ; Thairfore concludit and ordained that evrie

brother, immediatlie efter thair returne from the Synode, fall deall cairfullie and earniftlie with thair people, and bring in to the Moderators of the Exercifes according as thei fall obtaine be thair benevolens; and that the Moderatoris of the Exercifes within Fyff fall refaue the contributiounes at the handis of thair brethren, and delyver the fame to the Principall of St. Leonares college, and the remanent fall delyver the fame to the minifteris of Dundie, that it may be employed to the vfe aboue ex-premit.

Register.—It is ftatute and ordained, that the Moderatoures, having power of Vifitatione from my Lord Archbifhop, fall procure ane formall register to conteine nocht onlie thair vifitationes, bot alfo the eftate of the mans, gleib, priviledges, and moyen of the kirkes within thair boundis, that the famine may be extant to the pofteritie.¹

3 Apryle, Sess. 3^a.

Margaret Hakftoune.—Anent the fclander in the parochine of Ebdie, rayfed be occafioune that Margarett Hakftoune, being directed be Kynneir, pafte to Margarett Law, and beggit health to Clerk, her maifter, vpon her knees: The Synode advyfed the Exerceis of Coupar to inioyne censure to the faid Margaret Hakftoune as guiltie of giffing and afcrybing to the creature that whilk is proper to the Creator. And to tak tryell of the faid Kynneir, whois directiounne favoures of witchcraft. And fielyk, the Exerceis of St. Androis, in whois boundis the faid Margaret Law is, to deall with the faid Margaret, and to gett informatiounne from the Exerceis of Coupar.

[Mr. James Raitt, minifter of Kinneff.]

[Mr. Henrie Balfour, minifter of Culleffie.]

[Mr. Alexander Frafer, minifter at Peirt.]

¹ After 1614 there is no record of the visitation of kirks entered in the Register of the Synod. It is probable, therefore, that the particular Register recommended to be kept for that purpose was accordingly used; but if so, it is now lost. It would have formed a valuable record of the ecclesiastical state of the different parishes at the period.

THE SYNODE HOLDIN IN THE SOWTHE ILE OF THE PAROCHE KIRK OF ST. ANDREWS, 1ST AND 2D OCTOBER, 1616, BE THE REVEREND FATHER IN GOD JHONE ARCHBISHOP OF ST. ANDROIS.

Seff. 2^a a meridie.

Inchbryok, Idvie.—The Synode, vpon dyvers weghtie reafones, diffolvis the kirkes of Idvie and Inchbryok from the Exercifes of Forfar and Brechine *respectivè*, and annexes thame to the Exerceis of Arbroth.

Kynneir.—The Synode advyfes the Exerceis of Coupar to put Kynneir (who advyfed Margret Hackstoune to ask health on her knees for her maifter from Margaret Law) to publiçt repentans in the ftoles of the kirkes of Ebdie and Creich, whair the sclander is.

Tryell of the Exerceis of St. Andros.

Jho. Ramsay.—It is found, that Margaret Ramsay, wha bear ane bairne in incest to her father, Jhone Ramsay of Pryorletham, is apprehendit, and that the said Jhone hes refavit all admonitiounes requifite befor excommunication; thairfoir, Mr. Alexander Gladftaines is ordained to pronounce the fentens the next Sabbath.

M. Law.—It is found, that thei haue done nothing in the tryell of Margret Law, fufpect of witchcraft. They ar ordained to caus fummond her to the first day of thair meeting, and fick of the Exerceis of Coupar as haue knowledg and that purpos concerns to be present, bringand with thame thair informatiounes.

Tryell of Forfarr.

Clovay.—It is found, that the kirk of Clovay laitlie planted wantis mans and gleib, and that the stipend affigned to it is possessit be Mr. Robert Bruce, who hes ane lyfrent of it. It is thocht meet, that ane letter be directed to the said Mr. Robert from the Synode for obtaining some help to the minister who servis the cuir, and hes no provifiounes.

M. Lindefy.—They ar ordained to gif in the ditty againft Magdalen Lyndefy, witch, to the Counfall.

Tryell of the Merns.

Mr. P. Frafer.—It is found, that thei haue proceidit against Mr. Patrick Frafer, who hes begun his repentans, and fo thair proces staves.¹

Marriage, Gentleman and Lundie.—Ordaines [thame] to proclame the bandis of mariage betuix Jhone Gentleman, in the parochine of Fordowne, and Elspet Lundie, lawfull daughter to Robert Lundie in Benholm, and thair-after to solemnize thair mariage. And finds that the said Elspet, being ravished frome her fathers hous, and violentlie withholdin ane certane space be Mr. Patrik Frafer, by whome she wes giften over and delyverit into the handis of Mr. Robert Wyhart, who lykwayes violentlie deteinit her, shall nocht be holdin to mak any publict satisfactioun, in respect of her rapt fairsaid, knowen evidentlie to all: To the purfuitt whair of, the Synode thinks it nocht meet that the father be vrged, bot that he haue libertie to do thairin as he fall think convenient.

Seff. 3^a.

Support of Coupar.—The Synode, vnderstanding that vpon the last day of August lastbypast, about xj hours at night, it pleased the Lord to visite the burgh of Coupar with ane fearfull burneing of ane principall quarter of the towne in the most eminent place of the famine, quhairby the policie of that ancient necessarrie burgh is miserablie defaced, the handling of traffecquaris and tradismen within among thame selffs, and with thair nighbouris about, is vtterlie impedit, and ane gryt number of good christians and laborious persons broght vnder distresffull heavines and want of employment, in sick measure that the said towne be thame selffs ar nather able to support thair present necessities of lodging and means of lyff, nether to repair the policie, nor to restoir thair desolate nighbouris to thair wounted handling and trades agane; and being, as it is knowen, the head burgh of the shyre, and the featt of the Exerceis, thair defolatioun, so as it tuiches

¹ Mr. Patrick had been sentenced by the Synode “to satisfie publictlie in adulterous habite in the kirk of Benholme,” for ravishing Elspet Lundie.

thame in particular, fo in christiane compaffioun it concerns all thame that, fearing God, wishe the weill and standing of sick societies: Lykas the Lordis of his Majesties honorable Privie Counfall having considered the said pitiefull caice, hes recommended thair releiffe to all and sundrie his Hienes subjeētis weill affected in sick caufes, be thair Honouris letteris giffen at Edinburgh the awchtein day of September in this instant yeir of God: Heirfore the said Assëmblie, with vniforme consent, ordaines evrie Exerceis and particular congregatioune within thair boundis, to tak the best way and ordour among thame selffs for releiff of thair said distreffit brethren, with all convenient diligens, at thair returning hameward, by contributiounes and vther meanes as thei fall find meetest.

Fundatioune for Studentis in Theologie.—The Synode, moved with ane zeall to glorifie God and intertaine learning, as also for obediens of ane Act of the laitt Generall Assëmblie, holdin at Aberdein in the moneth of Auguft lastbypast, concludit that thei, for thame and thair successours, fall bind for the interteinment of fyue studentis in Theologie, who salbe foundit and maintained vpon thair charges in the New College of St. Androis. Ordanned, for this effect, the haill kirkes within the boundis of this Synode to be stented, and ane fundatioune to be put in forme, to be subscryued be the ministeris present for thame and thair successours. The whilk fundatioune to contain all claufes neidfull for furtherans of so good ane worke, and speciallie that the presentatioune of the studentis foirsaid fall belong to the Archbishop and his successours in the Synode; and that yeirlie at the Synode the moderatouris of the Exercises salbe auditoris of the compts of the said College sa farr as fall concerne thair studentis foirsaidis. And to the effect the good purpose intendit may haue the quicker executioun, the Synode nominated Mr. Archibald [Andro?] Clahills, Mr. William Spalding, Mr. James Brown, Mr. Andro Bennatt, Mr. Andro Mitchelson, Mr. James Kynninmonth, Mr. Andro Rynd, Mr. Lownan, Mr. Andro Auchinlek, Mr. Henrie Smyth, Mr. Andro Leslie, Mr. Georg Mudie, Mr. Alexander Fotheringham, Mr. Robert Barclay, to the effect that out of thame four may be chosen be the Rectour of the Vniversitie and Facultie; who promised thairin to do faythfullie.

[Mr. Patrik Durhame planted fellow labourer with Mr. Andro Cayhills in the miniftrie of the kirk of Monyfuith.]

SYNOD HOLDEN AT ST. ANDREWS VPON THE TWA LAST DAYIS OF APRYLL IN THE YEIR OF GOD I^M.VI^C. AND SEVINTINE, BE DOCTOR HOVIE, PRINCIPALL OF THE NEW COLLEGE, BY COMMISSION FROM MY LORD OF ST. ANDROIS TO THAT EFFECT.

It is to be remembrit, in the nixt Synod quhair the Archbishop falbe present, quhat ordour falbe moft commodiouſlie taken anent ſuch miniſters as fervis tua kirkes for planting of baith.

Item, the Archbishop is to be requested *primo quoque tempore* to advyſe how, at the approaching Parliament, a law and act of parliament may be obtained for vptaking of the penalties of evrie kirk, ſo that a pairt thairoff may be imployit for ſuftentation of the Burſers in Theologie in the New Colledge of St. Androis.

SYNOD HOLDEN AT ST. ANDROIS, 7 OCT. 1617.

[Mr. David Monipenny miniſter at Kempbak, depofed for fornication.]

No ordinar preachers quha have not receaved ordination.—Item, be commoun conſent, it is thocht expedient that publi& intimation be maid, that nane fall have accels to be ane ordinar preacher, or a conceiver of publi& prayer, in any ordinar rowm without a lawfull entrie and admiſſion to the miniftrie by impoſition of hands.

The moderatour of evrie Exercife is apoynted to have a roll of evill provydit kirkes within their bounds, and ſend the ſam to the Archbishop within the ſpace of fyftine dayis.

SYNOD HOLDEN AT ST. ANDROIS, 14 APRIL, 1618.

Communion to be celebrat on Paſche day.—The brethren of the Exercife

of Coupar removed and allowed. Such of them as have not celebrat the holy communion this yeir on Pasche day, according to the ordour and ordinance theiranent, ar commandit expresse in al tymes heir-etter to celebrat the sam in their awin paroche kirk vpon Pasche day precieslie, vnder the pain of deprivation from ther ministrie.

[Mr. Robert Buchanan, minister at Ceres, dead.]

Anent the ryott committed in the kirkyaird of Kinghorn, on a Sunday immediatlie efter divine service, it is apoynted, that the pairtie found and decerned guiltie be the Lords of his Majesties Councill, fall satisfie the discipline of the Kirk.

Anent the directing of Commiffioners to the Generall Assëmblie, quhen it fall pleis his Majestie to apoynt ane, it was thocht expedient, that fuch men salbe nominat furthe of evrie Presbyterie as ar wyfe and discreit, and wil give his Majestie satisfiacion anent theis articles proponed be his Highnes Commiffioners in the laitt Generall Assëmblie haldin at St. Androis.

SYNOD HOLDEN AT ST. ANDROIS, 6 APRIL, 1619.

The Depositions of fuch brethren of the Exercise of St. Androis as have not keepit the ordour in celebrating the holy communion prescryved be the laitt General Assëmblie haldin at Pearth; and of the rest of the Exercises:—

Erskine.—Mr. William Erskine hes not given the communion according to the ordinance of the General Assëmblie, naither vpon pryde or contempt, as he deponed solemnlie, nor for singularitie or any affectation; bot becaus, in the licht of his conscience, he cannot as yet be vtherwyfe resolved. He is exhorted to labour for resolution, and studie to conformitie.

Henderfon.—Mr. Alexander Henderfon hes not given the communion according to the prescryved ordour, not of contempt, as he deponed solemnlie, bot becaus he is not as yet fullie persuadit of the lawfulness thereof. He is exhorted to stryve to obedience and conformitie.

Tryel of Couper.—*An. Bennat.*—Mr. Andrew Bennat elder hes not celebrat conforme to the prescryved ordour, becaufe he saw the maift part of his people not difpofed to receive it fo. He is exhorted to obferve the ordinance of the Affembly, and to vrge the people to obedience and conformitie; quhilk he promised to do.

Mackgil.—Mr. Jhone Mackgil hes not observed the prescryved ordour, becaufe he is not as yet resolved anent the lawfulness of that forme. He hes promised to vse diligence for his resolution, and was exhorted to do fo.

Bennat.—Mr. Andrew Bennat younger hes not as yet celebrat, becaufe the people wer not examined. He hes promised to kiep the prescryved ordour and form.

Douglafs.—Mr. Thomas Douglas reported, that he gave the elements with his awin hand to al the people, bot not kneeling, becaufe he perceived the people vtherwyse inclyned. He hes promised to kiep the prescryved ordour and forme in al poynts, and to vrge his people to conformitie.

Tryel of Kirkaldie.—*Tullos.*—Mr. Jhone Tullos hes not celebrat according to the ordinance of the Affembly, becaufe he was ignorant of the forme to be kiepit therin; quhair of he is willing to be informed.

Nairn.—Mr. William Nairn hes not observed the prescryved ordour, becaufe of Mr. Thomas Hog, his fellow laborer in the ministrie, quha will not give obedience to the ordinance of the General Affembly. He is exhorted to conforme himself heirefter.

Tryel of the Mernis.—*Rait.*—Mr. James Rait reported, that his people could not be inducit to communicat according to the prescryved ordour. He hes promised to conforme himself and to vrge obedience.

Mr. Andrew Milne, Mr. Andrew Collace, Mr. Adam Walker, and Mr. Jhone Keith, have kiepit the ordour.

Tryel of Brechin.—They have all kiepit the ordour prescryved be the General Affembly haldin at Peirth in celebration of the communion.¹

Thanksgiving for his Majesties recoverie.—It was apoynted that evrie brother in their particular congregations, the nixt Saboth, fal give solemne

¹ So did the Exercises of Arbroath, Dundee, and Perth. A great many of the clergy of the Diocese, however, did not conform. The most remarkable of their excuses are here given.

and publi&t thanksgiving for the recoverie of the Kings Majestie of a deadlie sicknes, and to pray for the preservation and continuation of his Highnes health.

SYNOD HOLDIN AT ST. ANDROIS 5TH OCTOBER, 1619.

Mr. David Dalgleish.—Anent the suit proponed be the brethren of the Exercise of Couper in behalf of Mr. David Dalgleish, that he may be licentiat to help Mr. William Scot in the burdein of the ministrie their, and preach as he did befoir, *per vices*; it was thought altogether vnlawful and contrair to ane act of the General Assembly, and theirfoir refused.

Act anent the burfors in Theologie to be intertanit in the New Colledge of St. Androis.—The quhilk day, for increasung the number of Burfors in Theologie, and for easier and better payment of their buirds, it was concludit be the Archbishop and Synod, That that pairt of the Diocie of St. Androis benorth Forth sal furnish and pay yeirlie for sex burfors in theologie; of the quhिल्s the brethren of the Exercises in Fyff sal pay for thrie burfors; and the brethren of the Exercises in Anguse, Mernis, and Peirth, for vther thrie burfors yierlie. The brethren of the Exercise of St. Androis sal pay for one yierlie; of Kirkaldie and Dunfermling for one; and of Couper for one burfor: they of Peirth and Dundie for one; they of Arbroath and Mernis for one; and they of Forfar, Brechin, and Miegill for one also yeirlie.

Ilk burfor sal haue for thrie quarters buird fourfoir pundis, viz. for ilk quarter fourtie merks.

And becaufe the brethren of the Exercise of St. Androis, according to the stent particularlie condiscendit to befoir in the Synod haldin at St. Androis, the [second] day of [October] the yeir of God I^mVI^c, and [fixteen] yeirs, and subscryvit to with their hands in ane contra&t at the same tyme maid with the New Colledge, fuld pay yeirly seven pundis attour and mair nor fourfoir lib. to intertaine their burfor with; theirfoir, the Moderatour of St. Androis sal pay yeirlie the remanent seven pundis to the Moderatour of Forfar for help of their burfor; and the Moderatour of the Mernis sal

lykwyfe pay fyue pundis to the famen Moderatour of Forfar. Item, the Moderatour of the Exercife of Kirkaldie fal pay to the Moderatour of the Exercife of Couper yerlie fourtein pundis to mak out fourfcoir fib. for ilk burfor. The Moderators fal present the burfors to the New Colledge, and fal vndertak to pay the Œconomus for them yeirly in dew tyme. The Moderator of the Exercife of Kirkaldie, with the brethren theirow, and the Moderatour of Dunfermling, with the brethren theirow, fal have the choise of the burfor *per vices*; and fuchlyk, Peirth and Dundie, and Arbroth and Mernis, and Forfar, Brechin, and Miegil; ilk Moderator as faid is, fal mak choise courfe about, bot Kirkaldie fal have twyfe the choise, and Dunfermling bot once: Forfar fal have twyfe the choise, and Brechin bot once, and Miegil bot once; becaufe Kirkaldie payis the twa part of the burfors buird, and Dunfermling only the thrid, and Forfar payis mair then baith Brechin and Miegil. The firft choise falbe maid be the Exercifes and their Moderators, according to the ordour that they ar befoir placed, viz. Kirkaldie firft fal chuife twyfe, and Dunfermling the thrid tyme: Item, the brethren of Peirth firft, and they of Dundie nixt: Item, they of Arbrothe firft, and they of Mernis nixt: Item, they of Forfar firft twyfe, nixt they of Brechin once, and laft they of Miegil once.

Gif the quarter buird extendeth to moir any yeir nor the foume of fourtie merks, the brethren having the choise and presentation of the burfor at that tyme fal pay and mak out the superplus to the Œconomus; and if it be lefs, they fal alfo have the superplus to be imployit to the burfors vfe.

The burfors alreadie lawfullie placed fal bruik their place during their four yeirs, at the leaft fo many yeirs as ar yet to run of their four yeirs courfe.

Incaice efter tryel of the presented burfors, or any of them, any fal be fund vnfit for the place, aither from incapablenes to leirn theologie, for dulnes of ingyne, not ftudying, or evil maners, they fal be displaced, and another chofen be the Moderator and his brethren having the nixt place of election.

The tryel of them falbe by fuch as the Archbishop and his Synod fal deput and apoynt to that effect. The Moderators ar apoynted to caufe

the brethren in their severall Exercises subscribe the present Act. And because there is only four burghs placed at this tyme, so that there remains two vacant places, quhilk four wer presented be Fyff, it is thought expedient that Angus, Peirith, and Mernis have the presentation of theis tua, according to the new overture proponed, and now vniformlie embraced be al.

Act for beggers.—The Act of his Majesties Secret Council anent the restraining and punishing of strong and idle beggers, was recommendit be the Archbishop to the Synod, and evrie brother ordainit to mak publication theirof furth of pulpit, and coppies given to evrie ane of them in print to be affixed on their kirk doors; and that evrie brother in his awin congregation hold hand to the diligent execution theirof.

The Archbishop did verie earnestlie and graivlie intreat the brethren present to studie to conformitie in theis things quhilk wer recommendit be his Majestie and concludit be the General Assembly haldin at Peirith, and that they wald fet themselfs cairefullie to mak the Kirk flourish in peace and quietnes.

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 25TH APRYL, 1620.

Commission for brethren not conforme.—The quhilk day, foralfeikill as Mr. William Wifchart, minister at Fettercairne, Mr. David Mitchel, minister at Garvok, Mr. Jhone Forret, minister at Newburne, Mr. David Anderfone, minister at Ballingrie, Mr. Jhone Chalmer, minister at Auchterdiray, Mr. Robert Roch, minister at Innerkeithing, Mr. William Nairne, minister at Dyfart, Mr. Robert Murray, minister at Methven, and Mr. Jhone Gillaspie, minister at Kirkaldie, have not given obedience to the Acts of the General Assemblie at Peirith, nor as yet declair themselfs fullie purposed and resolved to become conforme theirvnto; it was ordainit and agreit vpon be vniforme consent of the Synod, that such of them as do not conforme betwixt the daitt present and the feist and terme of Whitfonday nixt to run, and be resolved to give obedience to the Acts of the General Assembly, salbe summarlie depryved of their ministrie.

And for that effect nominate my Lord of Brechin, the Rector of the Vniuersitie, Dr. Robert Hovie, Dr. Henrie Philp, Mr. Jhone Guthrie, Dr. Jhone Strang, Mr. Ninian Drummond, Dr. James Eliot, Mr. Archbald Moncrief, Mr. Henrie Futhie, and Mr. James Guthrie, to conuine with the Archbishop in St. Androis, at quhat tyme his Lordship sal think miet to apoynt, with power to them to conuine and assemble befor them the foirnamed brethren and receive their laft and resolute anfuer towitching their conformitie and obedience; and incaice of contumacie and refusal, to depose them from their ministrie; for doin quhairof they gave them plain power, warrand, and commiffion in al respects, as they micht do themselfs.

Commiffion for the Kirks of Kilspindie and Raitt.—The sam day, anent the supplication and complaint maid to the said rycht Reverend Father in God and Synod presentlie conuined, be the parochiners of Kilspindie and Raitt, of the gryt loufnes of their people, and manifold enormities that daylie ar committed, because no discipline hes bien vsed nor exercifed their theis thrie yeirs bygane, for punishment of vyce and reformation of maners; and the maift pairt of the Elders and Deacons refuse to give their concurrence and affitance to that effect; quhairthroughe God hes bien grytlie dishonorit, and ane door maid open to all licentious persons to sin with gryter libertie: For redress heirof the Synod thinks miet that the settling of the estait of that kirk, and the establiſhing of guid ordour their in al poynts as effeirs, falbe continewed to ane mieting to be had, God willing, in St. Androis be the Archbishop, and nominat for that effect the foirnamed brethren to conuine with his Lordship, at quhat tyme his Lordship sal apoynt, with full power to them to tak such convenient ordour their-anent, as they sal think most expedient for the glorie of God and wiel of the Kirk, in al respects as they micht do themselfs. As also to conuine befor them Mr. George Simmer, minister their, and to impose such censure vpon him as they fall think miet for compacting of ane mariage betwixt the Maister of Oliphant and the Guidwyf of Meginfhe, and receiving of guid died from baith the pairties theirfoir, according to ane dilation given against him be Mr. Peter Hay in the laitt vifitation of the kirk of Kilspindie. For doing quhairof they give them plain power, warrand, and commiffion.

[Mr. Thomas Hog, minister at Dyfart, depofed for non-conformity to the Articles of Perth.]

SYNOD HOLDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 2D OCT. 1620.¹

Catechisme to be formed.—For the better and mair easie instructing of the rude and younger fort in evrie congregation, it was thought miet and concludit be viniform consent, that Dr. Robert Hovie, Dr. Peter Bruce, and Mr. Alexander Henderfon fall tak pains to perufe the Catechisme formed by Mrs. Jhone Hall, Patrik Galloway, Jhone Adamfone, and fal according theirto fet down ane Catechife in fo intellagible and edificative tearms as possiblie they can ; and for that effect to miet the morrow and condifcend vpon their dyets, quhen they fal convine, and put the sam to a poynt, and proceid theirin with diligence.

THE SYNOD HOLDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 10 APRYL, 1621.

Payment for Manffes.—Foralfekill as many intrants to the ministrie ar heavilie burdenit with refounding of the expenffes maid be their predeceffors vpon the building and repairing of Manffes ; for the gryter freedom and deliverie of the Kirk from the said burden in al tym hierefter, it was thought expedient and agreit vpon be vniforme consent, that if any brother fal transport to any vther place for his gryter advantage and commoditie, the transportation being vpon his awin earnest defyr and fuit, and not being vrged theirvnto be the authoritie of the Kirk, in that caice he fal have no benefite nor soumes repayed to him for the mans from the quhilk he transports.

Sir Jhone and George Ogilvyes.—Becaufe Sir Jhone and George Ogilvies, quha ar fuspect of papistrie, and give gryt offence be their scandalous behaviour that way, (notwithstanding they have already subfcrived the

¹ A folio of the transactions of this meeting is cut down the middle, leaving the remaining half unintelligible.

Confession of Fayth, and folemnlie fworn the sam,) ar for the maift pairt converfant in the bounds of that Exercife [Miegil], the brethren their ar ordainit to proceid againft them for their apoftafie, and mak them fwear and fubfcryve *de novo*, etc.

Ane publict Faft.—The day foirfaid the Archbishop did mak advertifment of ane publict and folemne Faft, quhilk is to be kiepit, God willing, throughout the hail realme, vpon the laft Sunday of June, and the firft Sunday of Julie nixt to cum; and that for the many and weichtie reafons quhilk do provok theirvnto; viz. The gryt increas of al forts of fine in the land; the prefent diftreffed eftait of the reformed Kirks in forrain kingdoms, as in France, in Boheme, in Poll, etc.; for the delyverance and prefervation of Christianitie from the tyrranie of Turks and Papifts; and for the prefervation of the King his moft excellent majeftie from the daylie plots and confpiracies of his enemies. And defyred evrie brother to prepair himfelf dewlie to that effect, that al may be in readines againft the tym prefixed.

Supp. of Bell.—Anent the fupplication of James Bell in the Kirktown of Liff, quha purpofes to tak to wyff Helen Blair, quha fumtym was fpoufe to vmquhile Lawrence Robertfone, quha fumtym was his father-in-law, The Synod, efter dew confideration, ordainit him to defift, and not to proceid any furder, as being altogether vnlawful.

SYNOD HOLDEN AT ST. ANDROIS, 30 APRYL, 1622.

Jhon Ramfay excommunicat.—Dr. Alexander Glaidftains, Moderator of the Exercife of St. Androis, declaired, that Jhone Ramfay of Pryorlethem, quha hes bien theis fex or fevin yeirs bygane lying vnder the heavie fentence of excommunication for the haynous crym of inceft committed be him with his awin douchter, remains peaceablie within the bounds of the paroche of St. Androis, and no ordour is taken therewith; it is ordainit that the Seffion of the Kirk of St. Androis fal execut againft him the act of excommunication with al convenient diligence in dew forme as effeirs, etc.

Heriot and Setons marriage.—Anent the repairing of Patrik Heriot and Elizabeth Seton, in the parochie of Kennoquhy, to the Borders of England, and getting the benefit of mariage their as they alleadg, Mr. James Simson, minifter at Kennoquhy, is ordainit to chairge the said Patrik to separat from the woman til he report ane sufficient testimonial from the minifter of that place to the quhilk they addressd themselfs, bearing that they wer ordourlie maryed; and efter the return of the testimonial, to cause them satisfie the disciplin of the Kirk for fornication committed be them befor the alleadgit solemnization of their mariage.

Arbrothe, Procefs against Papists their.—Dr. Henrie Philp, Moderator of the Exercise of Arbrothe, reported, that they ar trublit with many papists in their bounds, and that they have taken ordour with thrie quha wer suspect, viz. David Gairn of Laton, Henrie Guthrie of Colistoun, and Jhon Gairn in Muirhouse, quhom they have caused swear solemnlie and subscryve the Confession of Faith according to the prescryved ordour; and that their is another, viz. Francis Ogilvie of Newgrange, against quhom they have proceedit to the thrid publi&t chairge. They ar ordainit to proceed against him to the sentence of excommunication; and wer approved for their travails.

*Act against ministers quha ar farmourers or trysters.*¹—Because of the gryt scandal and offence quhilk hiertofoir hes bien taken be the evil behaviour of sum brethren of the ministrie, in special be theis quha have farm rouses in labouring besyd their ordinar glyb, and theis quha ar comoun trysters and imployed frequently about tryfing, quhairby they ar diffracted from doing the pairts of their awin function; It is ordainit, that they *respectivè* desist from haunting that form of becumming trysters, and rid them selfs of their land labouring attour and besyd their ordinar glyb, vnder the pain of deprivation *primo quoque tempore*.

Cunnans support.—The maiter concerning the supplication of . . . Cunnan, skipper in Brunteland, and his kippitch,² quha wer captived be the Turks, and remain as yet in miserabil bondage and flavrie, referd to the next Synod.

¹ Farmers and attenders of *trysts* or fairs.

His crew.

SYNOD HOLDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 1ST OCTOBER 1622.

Kirks not provydit.—It is ordained that theis Miniſters quhais kirks ar not as yet planted with local ſtipends, according to the rate of the lait Platt, ſal chaarge the patrons, and vthers having richt to the teinds of their paroches, to compeir befor the Commiſſioners of the Plat vpon the 20 day of November nixt, in Edinburgh, to apoynt and deſigne ane conſtant local ſtipend to theis kirks in al tym cumming, according to the aët of Parliament maid theiranent. And the Miniſter is apoynted to do this vnder the pain of ſuſpenſion from his miniſtrie.

The brethren, in their ſeveral congregations, ar apoynted to catechiſe ſum pairt of their flock evrie Saboth day efternoon, or then ſum vther day as they may moſt convenientlie.

Plantation of Ebdie and Newbrugh in the perſons of Mrs. Androw Murray and James Leſlie.—The day foirſaid, anent the ſupplication proponed by the inhabitants of the brugh of Newbrughe, That quhairas they, and the remanent perſons of the paroche of Ebdie, with the ſpecial advyce, conſent and aſſent of the patrons having power of the preſentation of ane miniſter at the ſaid kirk of Ebdie, efter the departur of vmquhill Mr. Jhone Caldcleuch, laſt miniſter at the ſaid kirk, for fundrie grave and wechtie conſiderations moving them theirvnto, ſpecified at lenth in their foirſaid ſupplication, have, with ane comoun and vniforme conſent, thought miet and expedient for the ſpecial wiell, profite and commoditie, both of the ſaids inhabitants of the ſaid brugh of Newbrughe, and parochiners of the ſaid kirk of Ebdie, that the ſaids parochens heirefter ſal be devydit and ſeparat in maner following, viz. That the place of Lundors, and the inhabitants of the ſaid brugh of Newbrugh, ſalbe deſigned and apoynted to refort ordinarlie to the kirk already buildit within the ſaid brugh; and the remanent perſons of the ſaid paroche of Ebdie to repair to the ſaid paroche kirk of Ebdie, for ordinar hearing of Gods Word preached, and participation of the Sacrament theirin. And for that effect, that twa ſufficient miniſters ſalbe provydit for ſerving the cuir at the ſaids twa kirks ſeverallie in al tym cumming, vpon ſuch reaſonable and competent conditions as effeirs;

and theirfoir did crave, that my Lord Archbifchop and his prefent Synod fuld give and declair their approbation and confent to the divifion and feparation of the faids twa kirks in maner foirfaid; and to the admiffion of Mr. Androw Murray, to be aétual minifter at the faid parochie kirk of Ebdie, and Mr. James Leffie to be aétual minifter at the faid kirk within the faid brugh of Newbrughe, conforme to both their prefentations granted to them theiranent. Quhairvpon, the Archbifhop and the prefent Affemblic, having dewlie ponderit and confiderit the expedience and neceffitie of the faid divifion and feparation; as alfo, the profite and commoditie quhilk may redound theirby to the haill parochiners of both paroches *refpective*, did ratifie, approve, and allowe the faid feparation in al poynts. And my Lord Archbifchop, having receaved fufficient testimonie of the fufficiencie and qualification of the faids Mrs. Androw Murray and James Leffie for the work of the holy miniftrie, did proceid to their admiffion to the ferving of the cuir at the kirks above defigned, and gave vnto them impofition of hands, according to the ordour.

SYNOD HOLDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 22 APRILIS 1623.

Publict Faft indytit.—Becaufe of the gryt abundance of fin and daylie grouth thairof; as alfo, becaufe of the gryt fcairectie and dearth quhilk is in the land, together with the prefent death and famine quhilk feafes vpon many, quhairby God his heavie wrath is evidentlie perceaved to be kindlit againft vs; Thairfoir it was thought miet and apoynted, that their be ane folemne publi& Faft celebrat throughout the haill kingdome, to be keipit vpon the laft Saboth day of Junie, and the firft Saboth of Julie; and that, in the brughs, fermon to be had twyfe a-day throughout the haill week. Everie brother ordaind to mak intimation hierof in their feveral congregations at their return.

Contraverfies intreated.—It is apoynted, that the brethren of ilk Exercife fal have fum contraverfie intreated, at leaft evrie moneth once, and difputs to be had theirvpon; and that fuch brethren as ar aged be difburdened theirof, and their place fupplied be the younger brethren.

Tryel of aspyring to the Ministrie.—The same day, it was ordained that such as aspyr to the ministrie shalbe exactlie tryed befor their admiffion, be the Maisters of the New Colledge of St. Androis, if they be students and fosters their, or be the brethren of the Exercise quhair they ar expectants, *respectivè*; and that nane be admitted hierafter to that holy function vntil dew and mature tryell be had, according to former acts maid hieranent.

No Minister Cautioner.—It is apoynted, That no brother hierafter shal involve himself in cautionrie for any person, vnder pain of deprivation from the ministrie.

Nor Labourer.—Siclyk it is apoynted, that such brethren of the ministrie as have husbandries in labouring, besyd and attour their ordinar glieb, shal dimit and overgive the sam befor this tym twelmonth, vnder pain of deprivation from their ministrie; and in particular that Mrs. James Jardin, William Raitt, Robert Rollock, denude themfelfs of their husbandries.

SYNOD HOLDEN AT ST. ANDROIS, 8 OCTOBER 1623.

It was ordained, that the glieb of St. Androis fuld be possessed be the Archdeane, present minister their.

The cair of the pair was recommendit to the hail brethren, ordaining them, in their severall congregations, to inroll their awin kyndlie pair, and procure means for their intertainment during the tym of this present skaircitie and dairth; and that they concurr with the Justices of peace for this effect.

Mr. Alexander Ingls, minister at St. Vigean, ordained to be resident at his kirk according to the ordour.

SYNOD HOLDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 6 AND 7 APRYL 1624.

Sir Jhon Ogilvy excommunicate.—It is thought miet, that ane intimation be maid *de novo* of the excommunication of Sir Jhone Ogilvie of Craig,

Jhone Anderfone portioner of Achrennie, and Androw Fethie, sone to James Fethie, sumtym of Guind, obstinat and malicious papists; and the said intimation to be in al kirks throughout Fyff, Angufe, and Mernis: And Mr. William Malcum ordaind to delyver to the Archbishop the Act of their excommunication, that the lawes of the cuntrey may be put in execution against them.

Mrs. Alexander Ingls, James Philp, to mak residence.—It is ordaind, that Mr. Alexander Ingls, minister at St. Vigean, and Mr. James Philp, minister at Lownan, sal mak residence at their kirks vpon the ordinar manfles, befor the feast of Lambes nixt, vnder the pain of deprivation from their ministrie.

Act for payment to the Burffors in Theologie.—For better payment of that contribution to the Burffors in Theologie, it is concludit, that no man sal be admitted to the ministrie in any place within the bounds of this Synod heireftir, vntil he subservye the contra& maid and granted for payment of the severall sounes imposed vpon evrie brother particularlie in ilk paroche.

Sessio 3^a die Mercurij.

The quhilk day, it was ordaind, That al Readers in kirks within the bounds of this diocie, salbe advertised be the ministers quhair they have charge, to convine at the nixt Synode, both the Readers in brughs and they in the landward, to the end that they may receave directions and injunctions anent their office, and be subje& to tryell anent their lyf and conversation.

Mr. William Murray.—[Mr. William Murray, minister at Craill, suspended from his ministry, “ pairtly be his scandalous conversing with Helen Wood, in his awin wyffs lyftym, and pairtly be his precipitating his intendit mariage with her soon efter the death of his said wyff, quhairby that suspition hes bien michtelie increased.”]

My Lord Archbishop and brethren assenblit declaired their mynd to be, that, howsoever this maiter succeed, if the said Mr. William Murray sal happen at any tym hierafter, to mary the said Helen Wood, he sal no

wayes be permitted to continow minifter at Craill, but falbe depryed their of.¹

SYNOD HOLDEN AT ST. ANDROIS, 5TH AND 6TH OCTOBER 1624.

Beaufe in the vifitation of the kirk of Largo, it was fund that their is gryt offence given be the scandalous cohabitation of Sir James Lundie with Elfpit Ruthven, his brother fon his wyff, It was thought miet, that Mr. William Erskine and Mr. Jhone Gillaapie fal repair to the faid Sir James, and defyr him to remove the faid woman furth of his company befoir the feaft of Mertimes nixt, with certification to him if he refuis and difobey, that in that caice he falbe proceedit againft with the ordinar censure of the Kirk. And for this effect, the brethren of the Exercife of St. Androis ar ordaind to infist againft him if he failzie theirin.

The Tryell of Ministers.

Act for Tryell of intrants to the holy ministrie.—For tryell of fuch as heirefter falbe admitted to the function of the holy ministrie, it is apoynted and concludit be my Lord Archbishop, and vniforme consent of the brethren affemblit, that the ordour following falbe dewlie observed.

In primis, It is ordained, that the perfon being ane expectant, quha is prefented to be tryed be the Exercife, fal bring testimonials, bearing, that he is ane man of blameles lyf and converfation, that he hes passed his cours in philosophie in fuch ane Vniverfitie, and that fince that tym he hes bien exercifed in fum honeft calling or studie, aither in the Vniverfitie or in fum vther privat place, quhair he hes behaved and caryed himfelf wiell; and that he is twentie fyve yeirs of age compleit; alfo, that al his testimonials contain theirin the oath of the giver their of.

Nixt, Efter theis testimonials ar receaued and approved; firft, his tryels fal begin at the Greek tounge, quhairin he falbe obliged to give ane pruiſſ

¹ On his supplication he was restored to the ministry in the Synod in October following, "quhair ever it sal pleis God to open vnto him a door, excepting only in the kirk and parochie of Craill."

of his knowledge by interpretation of any chapter of the Greek New Testament that falbe offred to him, without præmeditation in Latin or Inglish; nixt, in the Hebrew, by interpretation of any chapter in the Old Testament, efter the space of 24 houres granted to him at most to studie theirto.

Thridly, That he be examined vpon the grounds of Religion, quhair-into, (if he hes not bein at the Colledge of Theologie), he fal, at least, be aftricted to anfueir, according to the doctrine set down be Calvin in his Institutions, and by Beza in his Questions and Confession, except he be verfed also in vther learned wrieters, and be able, be his awin industrie and prudence, to mak chois of the best and foundest anfueirs to the purpose.

Fourthly, That he be posed on the contraverted heads, quhairin, first, he falbe aftricted to set down the state of the question betwixt vs and the adversars, and next to anfueir their arguments; and this to do, (if he hes not bien trained vp in the New Colledge), at least according to the grounds set down be Kemnifius in his *Examen Concilij Tridentini*, in so far as he agrees with our Confession of Faith, and quhair he disagrees, that the declaration of the difference falbe requyred as a pairt of his tryel; yet fal he not be tyed to Kemnifius, bot that he may anfueir out of any vther of our learned divyns, quho have wrieten of the contraverfies, or out of his awin iudgment and invention, his anfueirs being orthodox and agreabil to our profession, provyding alwayes, that he be red in al the contraverfies as they ar handled be Kemnifius.

Fyftly, That privatlie he mak ane sermon or lesson vpon such ane text of Scriptur, as falbe assigned to him be the brethren, in Latin and Inglish.

Sextly, That he be hard in the publi& Exercise in the second and first place.

Lastly, that he falbe tryed be my Lord Archbifchop, and theis of the facultie resident within the citie and Vniverfitie of St. Androis.—Al quhilk tryels falbe ordourlie past and sufficient testimonials reported theirvpon, befor the pairtie presented be admitted to the office of the Ministrie.

To advyfe anent reading in the kirk.—Because of the gryt benefit and instruction quhilk may redound be reading of the Scriptures in publi& audience of the people, it was recommendit to the brethren present

graivelie to advyse, against the nixt Synod, how the sam may be done moft commodioufflie in fuch congregations quhair their is no ordinar Readers, be the Minifters themfelfs; and that in the interim fuch brethren as may conveniently do it themfelfs fal put the sam in practife, and read fum chapters befor fermon evrie Saboth.

It is apoynted, that ordinar Readers in al congregations falbe tyed to read in the publi& audience of the people only fuch prayers as ar printed in the comoun Pfalme Buik, and ordaind be the Kirk of Scotland to be red publi&lie.

The Mans of Kilmeanie.—Mr. William Scot, Mr. Alexander Henderfone, and Mr. Jhone Mackgill, wer apoynted to traivaiill cairfullie with the parochiners of Kilmeanie, aither to build ane mans and dwelling houfe to Mr. James Thomfon, present minifter, and his fuceffors, or then to concurr with him for building theirof.

Mans of Scone.—Quhairas Mr. David Wymife, present minifter at the kirk of Scone, hes caufed build ane mans and dwelling houfe at the faid kirk vpon his awin proper chairges and expenffes, quhilk, at the fight and valuation of certain brethren of the Presbyterie of Peirth, and vther honeft men, parochiners and indwellars, quha wer apoynted and directed be the Presbyterie to tak dew notice and knowledg of the sam, is estimat to be worth the foun of fyve hundreth merks money, and above, as the a&t maid and granted thairanent at Peirth, 25 Februarij 1624 yeirs, at gryter lenth proports: Theirfoir, it was thought miet and apoynted be my Lord Archbishop and brethren affemblit, that the faid foun of fyve hundreth merks falbe refoundit to the faid Mr. David, his airs, executors, or affignayes be the nixt intrant minifter, in recompens of his difburfments and expenffes.

SYNOD HELD AT ST. ANDROIS, 4 OCTOBER 1625.¹

Supplication of Forfar.—The quhilk day, for fatiffaction of the earnest fupplication maid and propond in name and behalf of the brugh of Forfar,

¹ No meeting of the Synod appears, from the Register, to have been held in October 1624, or in April 1625.

and the congregation their of, defyring that Dr. James Eliot, their present minister, shal preache and have doctrine vpon Sunday efternoon for their better edification and comfort: My Lord Archbifhop, and this present Synod, having confidered the equitie and neceffitie of their godly fuit and defyr, have apoynted, and be thir presents apoynts, the said Dr. James Eliot, fo long as it shal pleis God to continew him in the office of the minftrie their, and quhen health and ftrength wil permit him, to preach ilk Sunday befoir noone, according to his ordinar and accuftomed forme; and that ilk Sunday efternoon, he shal, from the pulpit, have doctrine vpon the Catechifme, for inftruction of his flock in the fundaments and grounds of Religion: For the quhilk his traivails in that work, the people ar willed to fhew themfelves deutifull and thankful to him.

Supplication of Kinghorne.—The fame day, anent the petition maid and proponed in name and behalf of the brugh of Kinghorne, making mention, that they have received gryt harme be the lait gryt invndation and fforme quhilk fell out vpon the . . . day of Marche laft bypaf, quhairby their harborie is altogether demolifhed, and wonderful gryt hurt brought to many of the inhabitants theirby, the breaking of their fhips, boats, and vther knawen loffes and damages, fo that they ar extremely haraided, and many amongft them redacted to ane very hard eftait: Theirfoir, my Lord Archbifhop and present Affembly, being moved with compaffion towards them, have recommendit, and be thir presents recommends, their diftreffed condition to the charitie and help of al borrough townes, quhilks ar within the præcinct of this diocie lyand on this fyde of Forthe; willing and exhorting the minifters within the feveral townes and congregations, to ftier vp their people to their fpeedie fupport and relief, and to collect and ingather fuch contributions as they can have for their fubfidie, betwixt this and the twentie fyft day of December nixt to cum.

Dyfarts fecund Minister.—Anent the petition proponed be the brugh of Dyfart and congregation, making mention that presently they have bot ane minister for ferving and attending of the hail cuir at the kirk their, fo that the burden and chairge is too gryt, being ane populous congregation; and theirfoir craving that ane fecund minister may be ioyned with him for his better help in the difchairge of that miniftrie; my Lord Arch-

bifchop and prefent Synod, applauding to their defyre, have advyfed Mr. Williame Nairne, prefent minifter their, together with the toun and congregation of Dyfert, to convine and agrie among themfelfs anent fum honeft and fufficient man quhome they think fitteft for that chairge; and quhen they have maid choifs, my Lord Archbifchop fal concurr with them, and do quhat belongs to his Lordfhip for his ordinarlie fetling in that function.

[Mr. Thomas Montgomerie, minifter at Logiemontrois.]

The Names of the Readers.—Mr. Jhone Walker, reader in Dunfermling; Mr. James Readie, reader in Innerkeithing; Mr. Thomas Pigot, reader at Forfar; Patrik Keabil, reader at Kirrimuir; Jhone Gill, reader at Langforgund; Mr. Henrie Adamfon, reader at Peirth; Mr. Arthur Grainger, reader at Arbroth; Mr. Androw Blair, reader at Erroll; Mr. David Birrill, reader at Scone; Mr. Thomas Bigger, reader at Kinghorne; Gavin Duncan, reader at Dunbernie; Mr. Archibald Allane, reader at Kilfpindie; William Lamb, reader at Kinnoull.

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 18TH APRILE 1626.

[Mr. William Spittil nominated 2d minifter of Dyfart.]

[Dr. Jhone Strang, minifter at Erroll, tranflated to the principality of the College of Glafgow.]

Their was given in fubfidie be the brethren prefent to ane noble man of the Grifons exyld from his native cuntrey, ane hundreth pundis Scots money.

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 3D AND 4TH APRIL 1627.

The brethren of the Exercife of Peirth reported, that the Maifter of Oliphant (fufpect of papiftrie) hes fworn and fufcryved the Confeflion of Faith, and wes of purpofe to have received the holy Communion, bot that ane certain impediment did intervine the day immediatly preceeding the celebration theirow. He hes promifed faithfully to communicat in any

vther kirk within that bounds, within the fpace of ten dayes : They ar admonished to have diligent cair that he performe as he is promised.

[Mr. James Rofs, minifter at Lentrathen.]

Mr. James Bennet.—Because it was regraited be the brethren of Couper, that Mr. James Bennet is ane frequent hunter with dogs, ane player at cairds, and a runner of courffes vpon horfs, the said Mr. James, being called vpon, compiered, was graivelie rebuikit, and exprefly inhibite to frequent any of the former games in tym cumming ; and the brethren ordained to report in the nixt Synod, how the said Mr. James' dois behave himfelf in al theis particulars.

The brethren of Miegil ar ordaind to clofe their procefs, (feing they ar at the thrid publi& prayer), againft my Lord Gray, quha continewes avowedlie in papiftrie, and to fend the fam to my Lord Archbifhop, that the fentence of excommunication may be pronounced againft him.

The brethren wer exhorted gravlie, in thir dangerous tymes, to walk circumfpectly, and to abftain from the exercifes of hunting, carding, running of horffes, and al fuch as may give occafion of fcandal and offence, vnder pain of fufpenfion from their miniftrie.

4 Aprilis mane.

Commiffioners nominat and apoynted to attend the prefent Convention affembled in Edinburgh, at fuch dyets as ar prefcryved : For the Exercife of the Mernis, Mrs. James Strachane and Androw Milne ; for Arbroth, Dr. Henrie Philp and Mr. James Guthrie ; for Brechin, Mr. James Lyon ; for Forfar, Mr. Silvefter Lambie ; for Miegil, Mr. William Malcom and Dr. James Blair ; for Dundie, Mr. Jhone Rhuterfuird and Mr. James Jardin ; for Peirth, Mr. Robert Murray, and Mr. David Williamfon ; for St. Androis, Dr. Alexander Glaidftains, and Mr. Alexander Henderfon ; for Couper, Mrs. William Scot, Thomas Douglas, and William Cranftoun ; for Kirkaldie, Dr. Jhon Mitchelfon, and Mr. Androw Lawmonth ; for Dunfermling, Mr. Robert Roch, and Maifter Henrie Makgill.

Commiffioners quha fal affemble with the Bifhops at fuch Kirk conven-

tions as fal happen, for directing of any to be sent to his Majestie in the affairs of the Kirk, in name of the rest of the brethren : Dr. Alexander Glaidstains, Dr. David Monro, Dr. Henrie Philp, Dr. Jhone Mitchelson, Mr. William Scot. Theis wer nominat be the present Synod, and ful power given to them to vote and consent to al such things as in theis conventions falbe propond, tending to the benefite and guid of the Kirk.

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 2 OCTOBER 1627.

My Lord Archbifchop defyred that the purpose concerning Mr. Peter Hay of Nauchtoun his buik, fuld not be mentioned in the publi& Synod, and declaired, that his Lordship wald not be present if the sam war spoken of.¹

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 7 OCTOBER 1628.

The Bishop of Ross's Contribution.—The contribution granted to the Bishop of Ross, as Commissioner resident at the Court of England for the affairs of the Kirk, was recommendit to the hail brethren, and al the Moderators of the severall Presbyteries wer ordaind to vse their diligence for collecting and ingathering of the sam ; and to report to my Lord Archbifchop quhat spied they cum, betuixt this and the feaft of Mertinmes nixt to cum.

Visitation Kirk of Colace.—The brethren of the Presbyterie of Couper ar apoynted to visite the kirk of Colace *primo quoque tempore*, and to inhinite Mr. Henrie Balfour, present minister, from preaching of the Word, because of his weaknes, be reason of his gryt age, bot not to impair his

¹ This book appears to have been “ An Advertisement to the Subjects of Scotland, of the fearfull Dangers threatned to Christian States, and namely to Great Britaine, by the ambition of Spayne : with a Contemplation of the truest meanes to oppose it. Also, diverse other Treatises, touching the present estate of the Kingdome of Scotland ; verie necessarie to bie knowne and considered in this tyme : called THE FIRST BLAST OF THE TRUMPET. Written by Peter Hay of Navghton in North Britaine. In Aberdene printed by Edward Raban, 1627.”

present stipend; and to travail with the parochiners for sum competent provision for the intertainment of Mr. Jhone Moncrief, his present helper in that ministrie, with certification if they doe it not, the said Mr. Jhone falbe removed from them.

[Mr. Jofua Durie, succeeded Mr. Arthur Futhie, minister at Innerkiellour.]

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 14 APRILIS 1629.

Subsidie to theis quhom the Mofs did overflow.—Qubairas their is a general subsidie granted be the Lords of his Majesties Councell, to be gathered throughout this hail Realme, for the relief of certain gentlemen, heritours, and vthers their tennents, quhais lands wer, in the moneth of December last, suddainlie overflowed be ane mofs, quhairby they ar denudit, not only of their heritages their, bot also of al their goods and subftance: The hail brethren wer apoynted to traivail feriouffie with their severall congregations, for such speedie help and support as it fal pleis God to move their hearts to contribute to that effect; and quhat they ingather and collect from their people, to bring it in to the Moderators of the Presbyteries, quha may delyver the sam to theis gentlemen quha have crydit and commissioun from the Lords of his Majesties Councell to be collectors their of.

The Maister of Oliphant communicat.—The brethren of the Presbyterie of Peirth reported, that the Maister of Oliphant hes communicat according to the ordinance and direction of the former Synod.

Act anent the Salt pans of Kirkaldie.—Anent the fuit proponed be James Aitoun and Henrie Millar, commissiouners for the toun of Kirkaldie, defying, that because hitherto grypt incommoditie hes redoundit to them through the interrupting of the ganging of the falt pans vpon the Saboth day, theirfoir libertie may be granted to them to gang throughout the hail Saboth, with this exprefs provision, that one servant allenerly fal attend them in the tym of divyne service, and that servant quha attends in the foirnoon fal repair to the kirk efternoon. The Moderator and brethren present, being informed of the grypt profanation quhilk hes ens Hewed vpon the ganging of the falt pans vpon the Saboth day in tyme bygane, and

quhat scandal and offence hes bien taken theirby, hes refused to grant any such tolleration. And because the commiffioners above named did earnestlie vrge the same, and alledged fundrie reasons for the necessitie their of, the Moderator and brethren thought miet to continew the absolute resolution of the maiter til the nixt Synod; and in the mean tyme did ordain the falt pans not [to] gang at al vpon the Saboth, in any fort quhairby offence may be given.

SYNOD HULDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 6 AND 7 OCTOBER 1629.

Mans and Glieb to be acquyred.—My Lord Archbifchop and brethren affemblit, vnderstanding that their ar certain kirks destitute of mans and glieb, because of the negligence and cairlesnes of the brethren quha ferve the cuir in such places, for fear to offend their parochiners in acquiring of the same: of the quhilk number ar the kirks of Innerkeithing, Peirth, Scone, Kinfanis; It is expresse ordaind, that Mr. Robert Roch, Mr. David Wymife, Mr. Jhone Malcom, and Mr. James Fouller, presentlie ferving the cuir at the said kirks, sal traivail to have them selfs possessed with mans and glieb at their saids kirks, according to the A&t of Parliament, and to report their diligence against the nixt Synod, vnder pain of suspension from their ministrie.

Sessio 3^a 7 die mane.

Act for preaching Expectants.—The quhilk day, it was expresse ordaind, that no young man, expectant of the ministrie, salbe tollerat to preach in any parochie kirk, be brugh or land, (whither he be ane student in the Divinitie Colledge of St. Androis, or ane expectant of ane Presbyterie,) vntil he have ane warrand, libertie, and approbation to that effect from the Bifchop and brethren of the Presbyterie in the bounds quhair he dois remain.

[Mr. James Sibbald, minifter at Torrie, succeeded “ Mr. Robert Thomfone, lait minifter at the said kirk, quha departed this lyf about the penult day of September in anno 1628.”]

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 6 AND 7 APRYL 1630.

A regrait to his Majestie anent the valuation of the Tythes.—The quhilk day, the whole brethren assemblit, with one comoun voice, did heavelie regrait the apparant detriment and hurt quhilk is liklie to cum vpon the estait of the Kirk, by occasion of the present cours of valuation of the gryt and small tythes quhilk is in hand, both in respect of the gryt corruption quhilk is vsed, in the valuations, to diminish the rental of the gryt tythes, and also to feclude the ministers from exacting the small tythes quhair they have bien in vse to vplift *ipsa corpora* of the famen: Theirfoir, they did earnestly intreat my Lord Archbischop, their Ordinar, in most humble maner, to acquaint the Kings sacred Majestie hierwith, that his Majestie, out of his royal favour and tender cair of the Kirk, may expresse preseryve sum guid cours for preventing theis evils, quhilks may cum vpon the Kirk and ministrie by the present valuations; and that nothing be done quhilk may preiudge the benefite and patrimonie of the Kirk, or bring any inconvenient theirvpon. And that ministers be ordaind to posses their vicarages *in corporibus* quhair they have bien and ar in vse to exact the sam; for if tymous remedie be not taken hieranent, it wil be impossible for theis of the ministrie to attend their chairges, and so be that means the publi&t worship and service of God wil decay.

Mr. Jhon Barron his serving at Kempback.—The quhilk day, it being regraited be Mr. Jhone Schivez of Kempback, that Mr. Jhone Barron, present minister at the kirk of Kempback, did not reside at his said kirk, nor frequent the service theirat as he fuld, in respect of his many avocations, because of his abode in the Old Colledge of St. Androis, quhair he continews and remains for the most pairt, being second maister their; Theirfoir the said Mr. Jhone Barron was expresse ordaind by my Lord Archbischop, with vniforme consent of the brethren assemblit, to attend cairfully at the said kirk of Kempback, the chairge of the ministrie theirof, and to frequent his awin parochie in such fort as it becums the minister of the famen, with such convenient diligence as he can.

[Mr. Jhone Wood younger, minister at the kirk of Rynd, suspended

from the ministrie, for fornication “ with ane certain woman in the toun of Peirth, as he himself hes moft humblie confessed and bewailed in the face of this present assemblie.”]

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 5 OCTOBER 1630.

Salt pans of Kirkaldie and Dyfart.—The quhilk day, anent the ganging of the falt pans of Kirkaldie and Dyfart; forfamiekil as it hes bien earnestly regraited that the Saboth day is profained be the working of such as attend the famen, in special in tyme of divyne service, It is apoynted be my Lord Archbischop and brethren assembled, that the ministers of Kirkaldie and Dyfart sal cairfullie advert to the behaviour of theis persons quha ar employed about the attendance of the said pans, and if they deprehend any of them to be scandalous or offensive in their misbehaviour, to punishe them, as be the discipline of their kirk, they doe vther ordinar transgressors of the Saboth, leaft they fuld pretend any immunitie in that behalf to doe any kynd of exercife that day, quhairby they may be fund to violat the Saboth.

It is ordaind, that al the brethren mak publi&t intimation, in their severall parochins, that al houholders of al qualitie present themselves, with their families, to the Examination befor the communion, vtherwyfe to be secludit and debar'd from that holy Table.

It is also ordained, that the brethren be cairful in their catechizing, and that they labour to expone to their people once in yeir, the Lords Prayer, the Belieff, and the ten Commandements.

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 19 APRILIS 1631.

Mr. Jhone Lyndsay.—It was fund that Mr. Jhone Lyndsay, minister at the kirk of Abirlemno, hes bien long absent from the service of the cuir at his kirk, and his flock destitute of the benefits of the ministrie. He was gravilie rebuikit in the face of the Synod, and admonished to at-

tend his charge moir cairfullie, with certification if he falbe fund to be four Saboth dayes absent from his kirk in the hail yeir, without lawful and neccessar excufe, he falbe declaired depryved from his ministrie *ipso facto*.

Anent ministers going to England.—It is ordaind be my Lord Archbifchop and brethren affemblit, with one voice, That no minifter fal vpon any occasion goe into England, without libertie asked and obtaind from my Lord Archbifchop and the brethren of the Presbyterie quhair they reside, vnder the higheft pains that may follow.

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 10 APRILIS 1632.

The brethren of the Presbyterie of St. Androis wer directed to vse all diligence for collectng the contribution to the distressed ministers of the Palatinat.

Bell of Dyfart.—The quhilk day, it was apoynted be my Lord Archbifchop of St. Androis, and brethren affembled in Synod, that forsamiekil as the inhabitants of the toun of Dyfart hes, theis divers yeirs bygane, detaind ane bell quhilk did belong to the parochie of Markinshe, they fal redelyver the said bell again to theis of Markinshe, and fal have theis moneyes refundit to them allennerlie, quhilk they gave for the sam.

Supplication of Dyfert.—Anent the supplication maid and propond in name and behalf of the brugh of Dyfart, making mention, that they ar far infirmed and weakened in their estait, be reason of the gryt chairges quhilk they have bestowed in labouring to build and repair ane sufficient and competent harborie, both for their awin ease and trade in shipping, and for the benefite and commoditie of al vthers quhom it may happen to be drawn thither; and ar not abil be ther awin privat meins to effectuatur so important and neccessar ane work, except lairge subsidie and help be impairted and contributed to them for that effect: Theirfoir, my Lord Archbifchop and brethren affembled, being moved with ane tender regard to their present distress, and to the honest and industrious cair and indeavour quhilk they have to accomplishe that commendable interpryse,

have recommendit, and be theis prefents recommends their distressed condition to the charitable support of the hail brethren within the precinct, and that pairt of the diocie of St. Androis quhilk lyes benorth Forth, ordaining them to traivail earnestly with their severall congregations, and to ftier them vp cairfullie to confidder such ane profitable and wechtie buffines, and to extend their speedie support and relief to that effect. And that al the brethren, to quhom their commiffioners fal happen to cum, imploy themselves for their furtherance with al convenient expedition.

Supplication of Lathrishe and Kirkaldie.—Anent the supplication maid and propound in name and behalf of Alexander Lathrishe in Dyfart, and David Kirkaldie in Kinghorne, quha wer first taken and led into captivitie be the merciles Turks, and detaind in miserable bondage among them for the space of thrie yeirs; and finfyne ar redacted to as gryt flaurie and bondage in ane Spanishe gaillie, quhair they have remaind for the space of aught yeirs in most lamentable captivitie and flaurie, and cannot be delyvered from their bondage, except they be redemed be the payment of ane thousand merks of Scots money, quhilk soume they ar altogether vnabil be themselves to pay: My Lord Archbisshop and brethren assembled, being moved with compassion of their comfortles and distressed estait, have, for the speedie relief theirot, apoynted the hail brethren within the precinct of this Synod to be stented and rated particularlie for the payment of the said soume; and that ilk one of them, out of their severall congregations, vplift and ingather the sam with al convenient expedition, that it may be fend to them for their tymous comfort and relief.

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 2D OCTOBER 1632.

The quhilk day, the Pfalmes of King David, translated in meeter be King James of blifed memorie, being recommendit be King Charls, our present dread Sovereine, to be accepted and sung in al his Maiesties dominions, wer be my Lord Archbisshop remembred and recommendit to the Synod, and sum of them delyvered to certain brethren of the seve-

ral Presbyteries to be perverted by them, and they ordained to report their judgment thereunto against the next Synod.¹

SYNOD HELD IN AT ST. ANDROIS, 30 APRILIS 1633.

Jhone Broun in Torrieburn, ane faxfold adulterer, apoynted to be committed to my Lord Generall Justice, or Stewart of the Regalitie of St. Androis, that dew punishment may be inflicted vpon him.

[Mr. Thomas Ramfay, minister at Idvie.]

Mr. Androw Eliot succeeded Mr. Josua Durie, deceased, minister at the kirk of Innerkillour.]

Doctour Alexander Glaidstains, Dr. Jhone Mitchelfone, Mr. Alexander Henderfon, Mr. Silvester Lambie, and Mr. Robert Moray, wer apoyntit to concur and convine with the rest of the commiffioners nominat furth of vther Synods, to give their found iudgment and opinion anent the new translated buik of the Pfalmes.

SYNOD HELD IN AT ST. ANDROIS, 1 OCTOBER 1633.

Craigie and Henderfons marriage refused.—It is expreflie ordained, that the benefite of mariage be not granted to Alexander Craigie, in the parochie of Forteviot, with Agnes Henderfone their, because he committed adul-

¹ “THE PSALMES OF KING DAVID, TRANSLATED BY KING JAMES,” were first printed in 1631, with the following Privilege. “CHARLES R.—Having caused this Translation of the Psalmes, (whereof our late deare Father was Author,) to be perused, and it being found to be exactly and truly done, wee doe hereby authorize the same to be Imprinted, according to the Patent graunted therevpon, and doe allow them to be song in all the Churches of our Dominiones, recommending them to all our goode Subjects for that effect.” They were not, however, favourably received by the Scottish Clergy, and do not appear to have been ever sung in our churches. Calderwood, with little respect for the Royal Author, criticised the work with some severity, and drew up “Reasons against the publick vse of this new Metaphrase of the Psalmes;” maintaining, that the old version by Sternhold and Hopkins, “should be sung in the Kirks of Scotland as they haue been since 1564, and no wayes suppressed for any thing sein or hard yet.”—(*The Bannatyne Miscellany*, vol. i. p. 227.)

terie twyfe with her, and children procreat by her in his wyffs tyme, quhen schoe was living, and hes committed fornication with her also since the death of his vmquhile wyff.

The names of the defunct.—Because of the gryt preiudice of many orphans and pupils, and fundrie vther sorts of persons, for that the Testaments of the dead have not bien confirmed, and the precise tyme of their death is not knowen, nor extant in any register, It is apoynted, (according to former Acts maid of this kynd,) that evrie minister in their severall congregations sal have ane register of the defunct, and sal twyfe in the yeir, viz. at the dyets of the Synode in Summer and Winter, exhibit and present to the Comisar of St. Androis ane dew roll of the sam, and at such vther tymes as ane officeir authorized be the said Comisar sal cum to any minister within the bounds of the diocie of St. Androis, they sal delyver vnto him the names of the defunct within their paroches. To the quhilk ordinance and apoyntment the hail brethren did vniformlie consent, with this provision alwayes, viz. that for the pains to be taken be the brethren in this behalf, the Testament of evrie minister and his wyff sal be frie of al chairges and expensses for the confirmation of the famen; as also, that al such persons as ar declaired be the ministers testimonial to be puir, and *non potentes* for confirmation, sal be exemed from al proces and action.

SYNOD HALDIN AT ST. ANDROIS, 27 APRIL 1636.

For abandoning the gryt number of strong and vagabound beggers quhilk abounds in the land, it is apoynted that the brethren in their severall congregations, sal tak ane present and solide cours for providing of their awin puir within their awin paroches. And dew provision being once maid for them, in suche ane competent maner and measure as conveniently they may, then with al diligence to abandone al strangers, and not give any maintenance to them. And for the better profecuting of this cours, it is thought expedient that sum of the brethren in their severall presbytries be directed in commiffion to goe to the Justices of peace in evrie shyre in their first Benche Court, and earnestly desyr their concurrance and furtherance for effectuating of this so good and profitable ane work.

Ane contribution granted to Jhone Broun in Prestonpans, and his kip-pitche, being fourtine in number, quha ar taken captive be the Turks, and detaind in miserabie flaivrie, was recommendit to the brethren, and earnestly defyred, that in their severall congregations they wald exhort and ftiere vp the people, that their charitable help may in al convenient tyme be employed for their delyverance and relief.

AT CUPER IN FIFE, APRIL 2, 1639.

The which day, the minifters and elders of the severall Presbyteries of Fife, being convened at the said burgh to hold the Provinciaill Affemblic, Mr. William Scott, minifter of the said burgh, made the exhortation, according to the custome observed at the beginning of such Affemblics.

After prayer and fermon, the Moderators of the Presbyteries wer required to give vp the names of the pastors and elders, ilk ane within there owne bounds, which they did as followes :

The names of the Ministers and Elders.

THE PRESBYTERIE OF CUPER.

[Cupar.]	Mr. William Scott.	Sir Ja. Sibbald of OverRan-killour knight baronet, elder for the Landward.
[Cupar, 2d Ch.]	Mr. David Dalgleishe.	George Jamefon, elder for the toun of Cuper.
[Darfie.]	Mr. Patrick Scowgall.	Hary Weemys of Futhie.
[Ceres.]	Mr. Walter Buchanan.	Sir John Hope of Craighall knight.
[Cults.]	Mr. James Martin.	Androw Dainziel.
[Kettle.]	Mr. John Ramfay.	David Pitcairne of that Ilk.
[Falkland.]	Mr. William Barclay.	Sir Andrew Morray of Balvaird knight.

[Strathmiglo.]	Mr. John Morray.	Mr. David Ramfay.
[Auchtermuchty.]	Mr. James Bennett.	Richard Maxwell.
[Colleffie.]	Mr. John Moncreiff.	James Melvin of Halhill.
[Monimaill.]	{ Mr. Andrew Bennett eld.	John Lord Melvin.
	{ Mr. William Bennett.	James Makgill of Rankil- lour Nether.
[Ebdie.]	Mr. Alexander Balfour.	Patrick Peacock.
[Newburgh.]	Mr. David Orme.	Sir David Barelay of Cul- lerny knight.
[Dumbog.]	{ Mr. Thomas Baxter.	George Kinloch.
[Dunbog.]	{ Mr. William Leviftoun.	Robert Leslie.
[Creich.]	Mr. Andrew Bennett yo.	George Stirk.
[Flik.]	Mr. John Makgill.	James Cuper.
[Balmerrino.]	Mr. Walter Greig.	David Sunter.
[Kilmanie.]	Mr. James Thomfon.	
[Logie.]	Mr. John Durie.	
[Auchtermoonfie.]	Mr. James Wedderburn.	

THE PRESBYTERIE OF ST. ANDROIS.¹

[St. Leonards Col- lege, St. An- drews.]	Mr. Andrew Bruce, Prin- cipal of St. Leonards College.	Mr. George Weemyfs.
[Kingfbarns.]	Mr. James Bruce.	
[Deninno.]	Mr. David Forret.	Mr. John Aiton of Kinnadie.
[Kilrennie.]	Mr. Colin Adam.	George Strang, portioner of Kilrenie.
[Anfruther-West]	Mr. George Dewar.	David Ferray.
[Pittenweem.]	Mr. John Melvin.	James Airth, burges of Pit- tenweem.
Abercrombie.]	Mr. Robert Wilkie.	

¹ The following charges in this Presbytery were at this time either vacant or under process, St. Andrews, First and Second Charges, Anstruther-East, Crail, Carnbie, Leuchars, and Forgan.

[Kilconquhar.]	Mr. David Monro.	Tho. Spens of Lathalland.
[Newburn.]	Mr. George Hamiltoun.	George Orme.
[Largo.]	Mr. Andrew Auchinleck.	James Lundie of Straerlie.
[Kemback.]	Mr. John Barron.	David Weemyſ of Rungay.
[Ferryportoncraig.]	Mr. Samuel Cuningham.	

THE PRESBYTERIE OF KIRKCALDIE.¹

[Kirkcaldie.]	Mr. James Simfon.	The young Laird of Bogie, elder for the Landward.
[Kirkcaldie, 2d Charge.]	Mr. Robert Dowglafs.	John William, elder for the toun of Kirkcaldie.
[Dyfart.]	Mr. William Nairne.	
[Dyfart, 2d Ch.]	Mr. Mungo Law.	George Lundie.
[Kinghorn.]	Mr. Alex. Scrimgeour.	David Brown.
[Auchtertool.]	Mr. William Bell.	
[Auchtirdirran.]	{ Mr. John Chambers eld. Mr. John Chambers yo.	James Colvin of Balbedie.
[Kinglaffie.]	Mr. Thomas Melvin.	David Broun elder of Tin- mouth.
[Portmoak.]	Mr. Harie Wilkie.	The Laird of Arnott.
[Ballingray.]	Mr. David Anderfon.	
[Leflie.]	{ Mr. Thomas Putie. Mr. John Smyth.	The Laird of Strahenrie.
[Kennoquhie.]	Mr. Fred. Carmichael.	James Pitcairne.
[Scoonie.]	Mr. Robert Cranftoun.	William Rige of Athernay.
[Weems.]	Mr. George Gillefpie.	

THE PRESBYTERIE OF DUNFERMLING.

[Dunfermling.]	Mr. Harie Makgill.	Robert Ged of Badrig.
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¹ In this Presbytery the parishes of Bruntisland and Markinch were vacant.

[Dunfermling, 2d]	Mr. Samuel Row.	
[Aberdour.]	Mr. Robert Bruce.	John Kirkcaldie.
[Inverkeithing.]	Mr. Robert Roche.	Andrew Dikfon.
[Torryburn.]	Mr. James Sibbald.	Andrew Brand.
[Culrofs.]	Mr. John Duncan.	Gilbert Gourlay.
[Carnock.]	Mr. John Row.	William Gibbon.
[Muckhart.]	Mr. Alexander Fothringam.	John Alexander.
[Saline.]	Mr. William Merhell.	John Hutton.
[Cleish.]	Mr. James Carmichael.	David Colvin.
[Kinrofs.]	Mr. John Cowdon.	William Keith.
[Orwell.]	Mr. Patrick Geddie.	John Gib.

The brethren abou writin proceeded to the electioun of ane Moderator for this preyfent Affemblie, and for that effect wer put in leit Mr. William Scott, minifter of Cuper, Mr. David Monro, minifter of Kinconquhar, Mr. William Nairne, minifter of Dyfert, and Mr. John Row, minifter of Carnock ; and by the voices, minifters and elders, Mr. William Scott wes chofen Moderator *hoc vice*.

Heades to be inquired in the triall of Presbyteries.

If they keip faithfullie the ordinarie meitings of the Presbyterie for doctrin and difciplin ?

If they have there monethlie disputatiouns according to the A& of the Generall Affemblie ?

If they wfe the vifitatioun of all there kirks betuix everie Synod ?

If they have a care of planting and providing there kirkis ?

If they have a care in admiffioun of minifters to trie them according to the A& of the Generall Affemblie ?

If they have any papifts within there boundis ?

If they have a care anent the provifioun of the poore ?

If catechifing vniverfallie be in there boundis in burgh and land ?

If they wfe doctrin before and afternoone on the Saboths ?

If there be doctrin in the weik dayes in there burghes ?

If there be ordinarie vifitatioun of there families ?

In the severall answeris to the articles of triall there wes found great negligence, and fundrie things done amiffe, which all wes promised, be Gods assistance, to be amended.

A refusall to erect a new Presbyterie.—For better satisfioun, and for keiping faithfullie the ordinarie meitings of the Presbyterie, Mr. Patrik Geddie, minister of Urwell, in his owne name, and in the name of certaine of his brethren, desired that ane Presbyterie might be erected at Falkland, be reason of the farre distance of brether from the featt of there Presbyteries. It wes answered be the Assemblie, that Presbyteries are erected be the Generall Assemblie, and that it is nawayes pertinent to a Provinciaill Assemblie to alter the actes of the Generall.

Actes of the Generall Assemblie to be printed.—Anent the overture propound to the Provinciaill Assemblie for printing the publi&t actes of the Generall Assemblie, the knowledge whereof is most necessarie for Provinciaillis, Presbyteries, and Sessiouns within this realme, the Provinciaill Assemblie referres this as a speciall instructioun to be givin be the Presbyteries to there commissioners whom they fall happen to send to the Generall Assemblie.

AT ST. ANDREWES, OCTOBER 1, 1639.

[Mr. John Row, minister at Carnock, chosen Moderator.]

Sessio 4, October 29.

Fornicatoris and Adultereris repentance.—It is ordained, that all fornicators, according to the order of the Kirk, fall sit three dayes in the stool of repentance, and the adultereris half a yeir; and this to be ane ordinance for all the kirkis within this province in all time comming.

The modest habit of Ministeris and their wyfes.—The which day, anent the habit of ministeris, and ministeris wyfes, the Assemblie thought gude to revive the ancient actes of the Kirk concerning the modestie of the appeirell of ministeris and there wyfes, and to enlarge the same to all professouris; and the ministeris within the province to sie the same put to executioun.

The Assemblie ordains everie Presbyterie to intertein a burfare, and

they to agrie among themfelfs concerning the maner, and to report there diligence to the nixt Affemblie.

The Affemblie thinkis it expedient that it be represented to the nixt Generall Affemblie, that no minifter fall have pluralitie of kirkis.

It is ordained, that the Prefbyteries within this province fie what is done for a provifioun for a fchoole at everie parochie kirk; and withall, that fchoolles be vifit be the Prefbyteries, and that betuix everie Affemblie.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FIFE HOLDEN AT KIRKCALDIE,
APRIL 7, 1640.

[Mr. Robert Blair, minifter at St. Andrews, chofen Moderator.]

Anent reftraining buriall in kirkis.—Anent the reference contained in the Prefbyterie book of Kirkcaldie, requiring the reftraining of buriall in kirkis, the Affemblie referred it to the Generall Affemblie there determination, and everie Prefbyterie within there owne bounds, to try what they could gett done in that matter.

Anent Mr. Andrew Mitchelfons flanderous speeches.—The which day, Mr. Andrew Mitchelfone, fone lawfull to Mr. John Mitchelfone, fome tyme minifter of Bruntiland, being cited be the Prefbyterie of Kirkcaldie, to compeir before this Provinciall Affemblie, to be censored be it, for flandering the Kirk of Scotland and the Covenant, calling the Covenant ane hypocriticall and traitorous Covenant; called on, and not compeirand, the Affemblie ordaines the faid Prefbyterie to deale with him, firft perfwading him myldlie to acknowledge his fault, and to bring him to repentance, and if he fall continue ftubborne to proceid againft him according to the order of the Kirk to the uttermoft censures thereof.

The Prefbyterie of Cuper is exhorted to vnitie and brotherlie love among themfelfs, feing that procesf that occasioned ony thing to the contrarie is elofed.

The Affemblie, finding that the brethren of the Prefbyterie of St. Andrewes in handling of there commoun heades, had not difputs among themfelfs, ordained them to have difputs, when they have a common head, in tyme comming.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FIFE HELDEN AT DUNFERMLIN,
OCTOBER 6, 1640.

[Mr. Robert Cranftoun, minister at Scoonie, chosen Moderator.]

[Mr. David Forrett, admitted minister at the kirk of Forgun.]

[Mr. Frederick Carmichael transported from Kennoquhie to Markinch.]

[Mr. Thomas Hog admitted minister of Kennoquhie.]

Mr. Andrew Mitchelson fled.—The said Presbyterie [of Kirkcaldie], being inquired of their diligence in proceeding before them Mr. Andrew Mitchelson, one lawfull to Mr. John Mitchelson, sometime minister of Bruntland, according to the ordinance of the said Assembly, for calumniating the Covenant, declared, that they had entered in process against him, and that he was fled out of the kingdom.

Supplication to Parliament for disuniting Kirk of Rosyth fra Innerkethin.—The Presbyterie of Dunfermlin desired, that the Commissioners of the Kirk within this province, appointed to attend the Parliament, would supplicate the Estates, that they would be pleased to disunite the kirk of Rosyth from the kirk of Innerkethin; and protested, that the present planting of Innerkethin should be no impediment thereunto, if the said Estates should think it good.

Lord Burghley his desire.—The said day, James Arnot of Ferny shew to the Assembly, that my Lord Burghley, his brother,¹ being to lift ane regiment of men out of Fife for assisting our airmie in England, desired that a leit might be made of some of the brethren who were convened there for the tyme, whereof his Lordship might chuse one to be a preacher to the said regiment. The Assembly differed there answer till the next session.

Sess. 3^a. October 7.

Minister for my Lord Burghley his regiment.—For answer to James

¹ Robert, son of Sir Robert Arnot of Ferny, on his marriage with Margaret, Baroness Balfour of Burleigh, took the name of Balfour, and bore the title of Lord Burleigh in virtue of a letter from the King.

Arnott of Ferny his propofitioun aboue writtin, the Affembly named Mr. Robert Bruce, minifter of Aberdour, Mr. Patrick Scowgall, minifter of Darfie, Mr. Robert Traill, minifter of the Elie, Mr. Andrew Honyman, minifter of the Ferrie, and Mr. John Moncreiff, minifter of Kingorne, to be in leit, that my Lord Burghley might chufe ony of them to be preacher to his regiment quhom he pleafed.

Runaway fojors to mak ther repentance, and be delated to the Commiffioners.—Mr. Harie Wilkie, minifter at Portmoock, having inquired of the Affembly, What fould be the censure of fugitives, who wer fworne to there culouris, and had fled from them? The Affembly ordained, that fuch fugitives fould mak there repentance publi&lie befor the congregatioun; as alfo, that evrie minifter fould inform himfelf of fuch perfouns, and delate them to the commiffioners of the paroches.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FIFE HOLDEN AT CUPER, APRILE 6,
1641.

[Mr. Andrew Auchinleck chofen Moderator.]

Superstitious monuments to be demolished.—Anent the remit fra the Generall Affembly concerning fuperstitious monuments, the Moderator required of the Affembly, if they knew of ony fuch things within there bounds, that if they wer, they might be demolished. It wes ordained that all fould fearch, and if any fould be found, to ufe diligence for the demolifhing of the fame.

Reference to Parliament, provifions for fchoolls.—This Affembly thinks meit to reprent to the Parliamentis confideratioun the neceffitie of the plantatioun of fchoollis, and provifions for them.

Elements, and augmentation of fipends.—Alfo, that it be reprented to the Parliament, that minifters who hes not competent provifion, and hes not gotten augmentation as yet, that courfe may be taken for augmentation to them. And feing that the Generall Affembly ordaines the Communion to be celebrat twyfe in the yeir, meanes may be appointed within evrie parochin for buying of the Elements for that effect.

Sessio 5, April 8.

Reference to Parliament, the manse 500 merk.—The Affemblic thinks it meit that it be represented to the Parliamentis confideratioun, how that intrantis to the ministrie may be fried of the burthen of 500 merkis lyand upon the manfs at ther entrie.

Lykewyse payment of stipend quhair lands ar unlaboured.—In like maner, that confideration may be had of ministfers having there stipend, or ony part thereof, assigned to them owt of teethes of lands unlaboured by occasioun of debtis, compryngs, and other impediments, and so they frustrat of there provisioun, what way there loses may be refounded, and they made fure of payment.

Fewell and pasturage.—Also, that the aetes anent foggage, fewall, and pasturage may be renewed.

Noblemen fornicators must satisfie as mean men.—Anent the reference of the Presbyterie of Dunfermlin, craving the determinatioun of the Affemblic, what fall be the maner of Noblemens repentance for fornicatioun ; the Affemblic ordained, that they fould keip the order established in the Kirk anent fornicatoris with all men.

The Act of the said Presbyterie [of St. Andrewes] for restraining of divers sorts of vyces, is ordained to be regiftrat in the Provinciall book, as a commune act of the whole province : the tenour whereof followes ;—

AT ST. ANDREWES, MARCH 14, 1641.

Act of St. Andrews Presbyterie for restraining vyces, extendit to the whole province, and is to be intimat in everie parishe.—The which day, the Presbyterie being fullie conveened, and having taken to heart the abounding of all maner of sinne, (notwithstanding of the great and glorious workis the Lord hes done, and is doing towards ws, and of our renewed and sworne Covenant), whereby the Lord is justlie provocked, not onlie to breake aff the course of his great mercies towards ws, but also to turn them in most fearfull and terrible judgementis : Bot speciallie, having layed to heart the great dishonour done to the great name of God, which is fearfull and glorious, holy and reverend, by blasphemie, swearing, cursing, banning, swearing be the creature, and idle naming of God, as also by the profanatioun of the Lordis holy Sabbath, by the contempt of Godis word and worshipec, by drinking and tipling, by games and

pastymes, etc. : Therefore hes statut and ordained, like as be thir presentis does statut and ordain, that all the laudable Actis of Parliament, and of Generall and Provinciaill Assemblies, made for the restraining of such gross sinnes and grievous crymes, be put in executioun be everie kirk Sessioun within the bounds of this Presbyterie, and that the disciplin of the Kirk sall be no less against them, then against whoredome, bloodshed, etc. That everie one that is found cursing, swearing, banning, or onywayes abusing the Lords holy and glorious name, be first gravelie admonished privatlie ; and if they doe not amend, then to be admonished by ane Elder ; and if they hearken not to the admonitioun of one or tuo, then to be summoned before the Sessioun, and apointed, in presence of the whole congregatioun before the people, to acknowledge there offence ; and if they doe yet continue, then to [be] delivered to the Civill Magistrat, to be put in the Jogges and Stockes ; and if for all this they leave not aff, then, with the assistance of there masters, to be banished the congregatioun. And to the end that this, so fearfull a sinne, may be tryed, let the Elders be exhorted to be verie vigilant in taking notice of the same, and let all masters of families be taken solemnlie promised to delate these within there families who are guiltie heirin, either to the Elder of the quarter, or to the Minister, especiallie when he comes along to visit or catechises. And sicklyke, everie one who profanes the Lordis day, which is the holy of the Lord and honorable, by byding from the Lordis worship and service, having health of body, by tipling and drinking, either before or after divine service, by games or pastymes, by fisching, going of mylnes, calling¹ of loads, blocking,² trysting, buying and selling ; that delinquentis of this kynde be punished as is before reliearsed ; and that there be searchers appointed for trying how the Sabbath day is keiped, and for delating of such that comes not to serve God in the congregatioun, both before and afternoone. And that people may be keiped in better order, and that it may be tryed how God is served in families, it is appointed that everie Minister visit his whol congregatioun, going from house to house, twyse a yeir at least. And because the woefull ignorance, rudeness, stubbernes, and incapacitie that is seen among the commune people, proceids from want of Schoolis in landward, and the not putting of bairnes to Schooles where they are, therefore, it is ordained that all possible meanes be used, that there may be a Schooll in everie congregatioun ; and that where there is one already, everie one who hes children, ane or ma, put them to the schooll having once past sevin yeir old : If the parents be poore, then in that case, that the kirk Sessioun tak order for paying the Schoolmaster his due either owt of the poores box, or ellis be a quarterlie collectioun made for that purpose in the congregatioun afore divine service ; but if the parentis be able, then let them be obliged both to send their bairnes when the Sessioun gives order for it, and not to remove them till the Sessioun be acquainted therewith ; and that the onwaiting of the Schoolmasters be preceislie looked to by the Ministers and Elderis, and if they be found negligent, to be censured ; and that everie howse that is able, have a Bible and a Psalme Book, at least a New Testament. Likewayes, that all these who superstitiouslie carries the dead about the kirk before buriall, as also the burieing of unbaptized bairnes apart, be taken notice of, and that the practiseris thereof be censured by

¹ Driving.² Making bargains.

the Sessioun. And sicklyke, whosoever keips not there dyetis of examinatioun, hour and place, laying all excuse asyde, be taken order with by the Sessioun, and if Ministers and Elderis be found negligent and remiss in punishing the foresaids vyces, and in doing the recommended dueties, to be exactlie censured be the Presbyterie. And ordaines this act to be intimat in everie congregatioun within the Presbyterie, after divine service.

Dalglesishe satisfied the Assemblie.—Mr. David Dalglesishe gave the Assemblie satisfactioun anent the misinterpretation of his doctrin concerning Brunifme, which he declared to be spoken generallie be him, aiming at no particular perfoun.

Ses. 7, April 9.

Reference to Parliament hyring of shearers on the Sabbath.—Anent the fearfull and inordinat abuse of the Sabbath day at Cuper, and divers other partis, by mercatis of men and women offering themselves to be hyred for the harvest everie yeir, with such obstinat boldnes that it cannot be restrained, recommended to this Synod by the ministeris and magistratis of this burgh, It wes thoght meit by the whole Synod, that it fould be earnestlie represented to the Parliament for the civill restraint; and for the spirituall part of the offence, it wes recommended to all the brethren in all the shyre, that none of there paroches fould resort to the faids mercatis for pollutioun of the Lordis Sabbath, and likewise that no man come to hyre, nor to be hyred.

Reference to Parliament anent subscriptions of ministers for securing of gentlemen in ther civill rights.—It wes inquired, be our brother Mr. Frederick Carmichael, minister at Markinshe, and others, whither, for securing of the civill rights of gentlemen holding of the late Prelatis, they might subferve under the faids prelatiss subscriptions before there deprivation and excommunicatioun. The whole brethren resolved to recommend the civill part of the matter to the enfueing Parliament, that the Estatis may give there determinatioun heirin.

Night vnlawfull meetings within Presbrie of Cuper referred to ther triall.—Because of the great bruit of vnlawfull meetings be night and be day within the Presbyterie of Cuper, and particularlie about Stramiglo, the Synod recommendis the triall thereof to the Presbyterie of Cuper, to the

effect, that if any fall be found guiltie of such unlawfull practises, they may be taken order with, and if otherwayes, that the wnjust slanderers may be found out and censured.

Recommend to Parliament the parishe of Aberdour.—The deplorable estate of a great multitud of people living, in the mids of such a reformed shyre, as verie paganes, becaufe of the want of the benefit of the Word, there being thrie kirkis far distant under the cure of ane minister, to wit, Aberdour, Dagetie, and Baith; the remeid whereof, the Synod humblie and earnestlie recommendis to the Parliament.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FIFFE, HOLDEN AT DYSART THE
5TH OF OCTOBER, 1641.

[Mr. Robert Blair, minister at St. Andrews, chosen Moderator.]

Stramiglo meetings groundles.—Anent the diligence of the Presbyterie of Cuper, in the tryall of the unlawfull meitings about Stramiglo, and the authoris of the same, it wes answered to them, that after earnest and diligent searche they could find no author of that slander to lay hold on, and that that brute that was disperfed thereanent had no ground so far as they could try; wherewith the Assembly wes satisfied.

Darfie kirk to be visited.—Anent the searching of superstitious monumentis be the severall Presbyteries, it wes declared be them that there wes none within there bounds. Onlie Mr. Patrick Scougall reported, that there wes findrie crosses in there kirk at Darfie, which be some wes not thocht to be superstitious; and therefore earnestlie desired that the Assembly wold be pleased to appoint some of there number to visit there kirk heiranent, as also anent buriall within the said kirk; which desire the Assembly thocht reasonable, and therefore nominated and appointed Mr. Robert Cranftoun, minister at Scoonie, Mr. John Smyth, minister at Leslie, Mr. David Dalgleshe, minister at Cuper, Mr. Walter Buchanan, minister at Sirefs, Mr. John Makgill, minister at Flish, Mr. Alexander Balfour, minister at Ebdie, Mr. Robert Blair, minister at St. Andrewes, and Mr. Arthure Myrtoun, minister at Crail, the Lairdis of Ferny, Cul-

lerny, Kemback, and Inshederny, to visit the said Kirk the first Tuesday of November next for the effect foresaid; and to report there diligence to the next Assemblies.

Hiring of Shearers on the Sabbath.—Anent the profanation of the Sabbath day in the time of harvest by hiring of shearers, Mr. Robert Blair, minister at St. Andrewes, one of the Commissioners appointed by the General Assembly to attend the Parliament, declared, that there was a Supplication given in by them to the Parliament, craving an Act to pass for restraining of the said profanation.

Salt pans.—The Presbyteries of St. Andrewes, Kirkcaldie, and Dunfermlin are ordained to deal with the masters of the salt pans not to require the next draught, that the whole Sabbath may be kept unprofaned.

Sess. 5, October 7.

Commissioners of the General Assembly their charges to be payed.—The said day the Assembly ordained, that the several Presbyteries should take a course to satisfy the Commissioners of the General Assembly betwixt and the next Provincial Assembly, if they be not satisfied by a public way before that time: Also, that the whole four Presbyteries take the like course in paying their charges who have attended the Parliament and the Commission for planting of the kirks of the whole province, every brother paying according to the proportion of his stipend.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FIFE, HELDEN AT ST. ANDREWES,
APRIL 5, 1642.

[Mr. John Moncreiff, minister at Kinghorn, chosen Moderator.]

My Ladie of Pittenweim deceased.—The Presbytery of St. Andrewes being inquired of their diligence in dealing with my Ladie Pittenweim, for quitting of her papistry, declared, that they had obeyed the ordinance of the Assembly thereanent, and that she was now deceased; and so this process ceased.

[Mr. John Mernes, minifter at Carnbie, depofed.]

Report anent the kirk of Darsie.—The brethren and ruling elderis appointed to vifit the kirk of Darsie, anent fuperftitious monumentis and kirk buriell there, being inquired of their diligence, reported as followes :

At Darsie Kirk, November 2, 1641.—Conveened the Brethren of the commiffioun from the late Provinciall Assemblie at Dysert, all excepted Mr. Robert Blair, Mr. Alexander Balfour, and Inshederny, whose excuses of neccessarie absence wes represented and allowed. The Brethren conveened the said day, be commiffioun fra the foresaid late Provinciall Assemblie, in the kirk of Darsie, and particularlie viewing all the partis and monumentis thereof, finds, that at the entrie of sindrie deskis, upon the platforme, and above the great west doore, there are crofiar staffes, in some part alon, and in other as a aditament and cognisance of the last pretended Bischop's armes, not being any signe or cognisance ordinarie and commoune in the armes of that name or familie, bot meirleie a signe of his degrie hierarchicall, according to the maner and forme used among the Romane hierarchists and others following them : Therefore, according to the Commiffioun granted to us, we ordain, be thir presentis, the minister and sessioun of the paroche of Darsie, with the assistance of the heritouris, to tak order with the same, according to the ordinancies of the Generall Assemblies, and the late Provinciall Assemblie directing the foresaid Commiffioun. Further, they find superstitious, a glorious partition wall, with a degrie ascending thereto, dividing the bodie of the kirk fra there queir, (as it is ordinarlie called in Papistrie, and among them that follow Papists :) And because this particular is not speciallie named in the Commiffioun, and a great part of it is the building and ornament of some desks ; and above the great doore of their queir, so called, the armes of Scotland and England quartered, with divers crosses about and beside them, are set up, whereupon the Kirk lies not yet particularlie determined ; therefore, that part of superstitioun, or what is superstitious in it, the Brethren conveened referred and returned back to the further consideratioun of the Provinciall nixt following.

As concerning the case of buriell in the kirk, another superstitioun observed by us there, and especiallie one in the east end of the kirk, including a number of superstitious respectis, the Brethren, having commiffioun, as said is, and resolving, upon the most calm and loving satling of all such matteris, for tyme bygane, and in all tymes to come, being put in verie gude hopes that it sall be closed peaceable, and according to the order, have resolved, for there owne clering, and direction of there brother, Mr. Patrick Scougall, minister of the said kirk, in his carriage about that busines, that they cannot recommend any farther order anent the redres and setling of that matter nor the prosecuting of the order of the Kirk, incase betuix this and the tuentie sixt day of November instant, the heritouris doe not reparaire to the Presbyterie of Cuper, and there declare themselves to be acted for there uniforme consent, in all tyme comming, to desist fra kirk buriell in the kirk of Darsie ; and, for the furtherance of this whole busines, recommends to the Laird of Ferny and Mr. Robert Cranstoun to sie it performed.

Mr. Patrick Scowgall, minifter there, being inquired, what was done for the performing of the aēt abouewrittin, reported, that the crofiar staffes, upon the entrie of deskis, wer altogether removed, bot as for these upon the platforme and above the great west doore, they wer not as yet removed; bot he fould be anfuerable for the removing of them within a fhort tyme. And whereas there is mention made, in the aēt of the vifitacioun of the foresaid kirk, of a glorious partition wall of timber, with a degrie afcending thereto, dividing the bodie of the kirk fra the queir, becaufe it was particular and not named in the commiffioun, therefore, that part of fuperftition, or what is fuperftitious in it, the Brether referred back that to the further confideracioun of the Affemblic following: The Affemblic taking the foresaid matter to there confideracioun, after due deliberatioun, concluded, that the partition wall of timber, or chancell, fall be removed, nothing remaining bot foulder hight to be for backis of featis adjoining thereto, and this to be done with all convenient diligence. As concerning kirk buriell there, the said Mr. Patrick declared, that they had difcharged it altogether. And whereas the Laird of Ferny and Mr. Robert Cranftoun wer desired to deale for the furtherance of difcharging the said kirk buriell, the said Mr. Robert reported, that they had done fo, and that Fingask had condifcended thereto, upon the condiacioun he fould have libertie to fett up his feat in the kirk of Darfie, where it ftood before, whilk they promifed fould be done; whilk alfo the Affemblic thought reafonable, and ordained to be fo.¹

Fyr of Salt pannes to be put owt twiat 12 hours on Satterday night, till midnight of Sondag, quhilk my Lord Synclar granted vnto.—The Prefbyteries of St. Andrewes, Kirkcaldie, and Dunfermlin, being inquired of there diligence in dealing with the Mafters of the faltpannes not to require the fixt draught, it was anfuered be the Prefbytrie of St. Andrewes, that they had done nothing anent that matter as yet: They are ordained yet to ufe there diligence. Kirkcaldie and Dunfermline reported, that they had ufed diligence. Kirkcaldie alfo declared, that the reftreint of the said draught wold not fuffice for efchewing of the break of the Sabbath, bot of neceffi-

¹ “The Church of Dairsie was built by Archbishop Spottiswoode in 1622, when he was proprietor of the Estate of Dairsie. In the old house near the Church, it is said that he wrote his History.”—*Stat. Account.*

tie the fyre behoved to be put owt fra 12 houres on Saturday at night, till 12 houres on Sunday at night; which my Lord Synclar had condiscended unto, and promised it fould be done for his part. The Affemblie desired the other Presbyteries to assay there diligence in effectuating the like.

Anent the bill given in be my Lord Scotstarvett to the Affemblie, complaining, that notwithstanding of ane a&t of the last Generall Affemblie holden at Edinburgh, appointing all the severall Presbyteries of this kingdome to sett doun the descripciouns of there severall paroches, according to the alphabet then givin to the severall Commiffioneris to deliver to there Presbyteries, and to report the same to the Chancellarie, betuixt and the first day of Januar last bypast, yet none of the ministrie of this province, except nyne of the Presbyterie of Kirkcaldie, hes obeyed the samen: Therefore the Affemblie, considering the worthines of the work, tending to the honour of the natioun, appointed the Moderatouris of the severall Presbyteries to urge the fulfilling of the foresaid a&t, betuixt this and the first of Maij nixt preceisslie.

Book of Cuper approved.—The brethren, ministers and ruling elders, appointed to visit the Presbyterie book of Cuper, approved the same in all the proceidouris thereof.

Anent the reference therein of the too hastie marriage of men after there wifes decease, the Affemblie referres the same back to the discrecion of the Presbyterie.

Sess. 4, Apr. 6.

Anent the reference in the book of Kirkcaldie, Whither or no a fast fould be keiped at the admiffion of a minister? the Affemblie referres the same to the consideratioun of the nixt Generall Affemblie.

People to give oath at admiffion of Minister.—Anent the reference therein, Whither or no people at the admiffion of a minister fall give there oath to obey and reverence his ministerie in the Lord? the Affemblie concluded *affirmative*, in regard of the practife of other Presbyteries in the province.

A&t against loosing of shippes on Lords day.—Anent the reference concerning the lowfing of shippes and boattis, being in safe harbries, upon the Sabbath, that there may be ane a&t of the Affemblie restraining the same

throwwt the whole province, the Affemblic ordaines, that if any perfone presume to do the famen they be put to publi&t repentance.

Setting of nettis in hearing tyme on Sabbath referred to the Affemblic.—As concerning boattis going for the setting of nettis in the tyme of the hearing drove, onlie on the Sabbath day, the Affemblic referres the famen to confideratioun of the nixt Generall Affemblic.

Act against absents from communion, etc.—Anent the reference contained in the said book, What censure sould be inflicted upon the perfouns wilfullie absenting themselves from catechising, sermon, or communion? the Affemblic ordaines they mak there publi&t repentance proportionallie to the diettis of there absence.

Ses. 5, Apr. 7.

Act against these quho withdraw themselves befor the close of Affemblic.—This Affemblic ordaines, that everie minifter and ruling elder who fall absent themselves from the Affemblic heirafter, having none of the allowed excufes, or being present, withdrawe themselves from the Affemblic without leave asked and given before the diffolving thereof, fall pay ten ſ. starlin to be employed upon pious uses.

Supplication of Mr. Patrick Robertson, referred to visitors of Univerſitie.—Anent the bill givin in to the Affemblic be Mr. Patrick Robertson, schoolmaster of St. Andrewes, desiring them to tak to their confideratione that the commune schooll of the said citie be not prejudged by the erection of the Humanitie professioun at St. Leonardis Colledge; the Affemblic fand, that it did not concerne them to medle therein, and therefore referred it to these who wer appointed for visiting of the Univerſitie; only they did appoint that a note sould be made and insert in there register of my Lord Scotstarvet his offer to the proveſt of the said citie, in presence of the Affemblic, that the said professour sould not medle with the teaching of grammar.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FIFE, HOLDEN AT CUPER, OCT. 4, 1642.

[Mr. David Dalgleshe, minifter at Cuper, chosen Moderator.]

The heritours and Session of the kirk of Darfie requyred to tak doune the partition wall therof.—Anent the reference of the said Affemblie to Mr. Patrick Scowgall, minifter at Darfie, concerning the doun taking of the partition timber wall in the kirk of Darfie, the said Mr. Patrick reported, that there wes nothing done in that matter as yet. The Affemblie requires and commands the heritouris and Seffion of the parochie of Darfie, to tak convenient order with that part of superftition, according to the a&t of the laft Provinciall Affemblie, as they will be anfuerable to the nixt Affemblie.

Sir Jhon Scotts bill for the descriptione of paroches.—Anent the reference concerning Sir John Scott his bill givin in to the laft Affemblie, requiring the defcription of the feverall paroches within the province, the Affemblie fhewes they have done diligence, whilk hes bein delivered be fome, and is readines to be delivered be others.

Setting of Netts vpon the Sabbath.—Anent the fetting of nettis in the tyme of the heiring drove upon the Sabbath day, the saids Commiffioners declared, that the Generall Affemblie referred that to the confideration of the nixt Generall Affemblie.

Sefs. 5, October 6.—There is no excommunicat Papift in all the province of Fife.

Mr. Samuel Rutherford not to mak ufe of his libertie of transportation.—Ane letter to be sent to Mr. Samuel Rutherford, Do&tor of Divinitie in St. Andrewes, in name of the whole Affemblie, earnestlie intreating him that he wold not mak ufe of his libertie of transportation till the nixt Generall Affemblie, without the advice of his brether.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FIFE, HOLDEN AT DUNFERMLINE,
APRIL 4, 1643.

[Mr. Samuel Rutherford chofen Moderator.]

Salt pans of Lothian.—The Moderator of this Affemblie is ordained to write ane letter in the name thereof, to the Affemblie of Lothian, for refttraining of the going of the faltpannes on the Sabbath day, in refpect of the offence given to the Presbyteries within this boundis.

Fishing and going of Ferrie boatis on the Sabboth.—Also, that instructions be given to the Commissioners that shall be appointed by this Assembly to attend the Assemblies of Angus and Perth shires, for restraining of fishing and going of ferrie boatis, speciallie at Brughtie, on the Sabboth day.

Kirkcaldie delivered the Irish contribution.—The said Presbyterie declared, that they had delivered to the collectoris appointed by the Council there contribution for the Irishe.

Commissioners appointed to try who will lend moneys for the relieff of the Irish armie.—Anent the manner of triall who will lend or give band for moneys for the relief of the armie in Ireland against the rebellis, the whole Assembly, in one voice, concluded, that the severall Presbyteries should meet apart, and make choice of two brethren of everie Presbyterie, with two ruling elders, to go through everie parochie within their bounds, adjoining to them the minister of the parochie, for the effect forsaide; and this to be done before the dissolving of the Assembly. The Commissioners of Angus and Perth shires present are earnestlie desired to propose this to their Assemblies; and it is ordained, that the Commissioners, that are to be sent to the said Assemblies from this, have this in their instructions.

[Mr. Harie Wilkie transported from the kirk of Portmoge to the kirk of the Wemyss.]

Interpretation of act in giving of 6 Ministers in leit to his Majestie, referred to the Generall Assembly.—This Assembly refers to the Generall the interpretation of the act of giving sixe in leit to his Majestie, of whom one is to be presented to these kirks whereof his Majestie is presenter, for preventing of inconveniences and difficulties which may arise thereto.

Persones in eminent place to satisfie as they who are meane.—Anent the question proponed, concerning the censuring of fornicatoris who pretend some obscure place, for eschewing their publick repentance in an eminent place, it is ordained, that they shall make their repentance in the ordinary place of their residence.

The Commissioners to be sent to Stirling Assembly are ordained, to desire that Assembly to take notice of gentlemen within their bounds that frequentis not their own kirk, neither communicatis.

Mr. John Moncreiff, minifter at Kinghorne, and the right worfhipfull Sir James Melvill of Bruntland knight, are appointed to attend the next Affembly to be holden at Stirlin the ellevint of this infant.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FIFE, HOLDEN AT KIRKCALDIE,
OCTOBER, 1643.

[Mr. John Smythe chosen Moderator.]

The Ministers to be presented in a list to his Majesty.—Anent the reference of the laft Affembly to the lait Generall Affembly, concerning the act of the Generall Affembly in giving fixe in list to his Majesty, whereof one is to be presented to the kirk wherof his Majesty is presenter, it was reported, that the Generall Affembly had desired his Majesties commiffioner to recommend there desires to his Majesty, that his Majesty wold be pleased to accept ane list of thrie; which the Commiffioners Grace promised to doe with all convenience.

Sefs. 3, October 4.

A letter sent from the Commiffioners of the Generall Affembly to the Synod, shewing the danger of the enemy at the Border.—Anent the letter presented to this Affembly from the Commiffioneris of the Generall Affembly; first, advertising them of the danger imminent, no small number of hors and foott being come to the Borderis, and admonishing them, in the Lord, to lay the matter to heart themselves, and to labour to mak the people committed to there charge sensible of the Lordis contraverfies with them, on the one hand, and to encourage them, on the other hand, to draw neir unto him who is our onlie refuge and strength: And for there just and necessar defence and safetie, exhort them to receive and obey, with all cherefulness and diligence, the severall warnings and directions of Kirk and State. The Affembly heartlie accepted the admonition, and resolved with all cairfulness to practise accordinglie. Secondlie, intreating them to shew themselves gude examples in accepting, in thir extraordinary tymes, of that whilk the Estates or there Committies did desire of the ministerie;

whereunto the Assembly wes moft willing, and promifed, with all poffible diligence, to doe there uttermoft to give all contentment therein. Thirdlie, requiring that furthwith they wold call there people to humiliation by folemne fafting and praying, fo foone as this advertifement fould come to them, that the Lord may be intreated to fave us from the dangers threatned by the approach of the enemie. The Assembly ordained that the faid faft fould be intimat in all the kirkis of the province the nixt Sabbath, to be keiped the Sabbath thereafter, the fyftein of this infant. And that among the finnes of the land, witchcraft fould be fpecified, and the Lord earnestlie befought to go on in his begun work of discovering the fame, that the land may be purged of that abomination. Fourtly, obtefting them that they wold obferve the craftie and malicious enemies, who either wold not fie, or acknowledge the danger, or extenuat the fame; and that they wold be cairfull that they be made knowen to the competent judicatories. The Assembly promifed there diligence in this alfo.

Maner of the inceftuous there repentance.—Anent the reference requiring, What fall be the maner of the admiffion of ane inceftuous perfon to his repentance? The Assembly, finding that the perfon of whom the cafe wes proponed, had not fitten the full tyme in the publiſt place of repentance, ordained, that he fall fit ane other quarter of yeir in the faid place, with bear head and feet, and ftand at the kirk doore betuixt the fecond and third bellis, in the faid habit, all the forefaid tyme.

Act prohibiting cadgers and otheris to prophane the Sabbath day.—Anent a third reference, requiring that ane courſe might be taken for reſtraining cadgers, and other fuche like perfons, there travelling upon the Sabbath day; the Assembly ordaines, that wherefoever cadgers, oxin driveris, and load callers¹ fall be found travelling upon the Sabbath, that they be ftoped; and, if they refide within the parochie wherein they fall be apprehended, to be cenſured be the Seſſion of the kirk; if not, that the miniſter of that parochie give advertifement to the miniſter of the parochie where they duell, for order taking with them.

Anent the queſtion, proponed be Mr. David Dalgleiſhe, What fall be the cenſure of perfons who have carnall copulation before the marriage,

¹ Drivers.

when no scandall at all breakis furth before the marriage? The Affem-
blie referred that particular to the Presbyterie of Cuper.

Concurrence of the Presbyterie of Kirkcaldie with the Presbyterie of Dunfermling for the tryall of witches.—The said Presbyterie earnestlie desiring that the Affemblie wold joyne some of the Presbyterie of Kirkcaldie to them, that when they shall have adoe in the matter concerning witchcraft they might have there assistance; the Affemblie did nominat Mr. John Moncreiff, Mr. John Smythe, and Mr. Mungo Law, for the effect foresaid.

Tryell of the break of Sabbath at Falkland.—It was also declared, that it was commonlie reported that men played at the catche on the Sabbath day, in the catchpell in Falkland. The Presbyterie of Cuper is ordained to try that, and if it be so, to tak order with it.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FIFE, HOLDEN AT ST. ANDREWES,
APRIL 2, 1644.

[Mr. David Forret chosen Moderator.]

No playing at Catche in Falkland on the Sabbath.—It was declared be the Presbyterie of Cuper, that it was found by diligent searck, that there was no playing at the catche in Falkland on the Sabbath day after the sermons, as was alledged be some at the last Affemblie.

Sess. 3, April 3.

The Overtures condescendit.—The whilk day, the brether appointed to meit to advise anent overtures of witches, and to consider what advise shall be given to magistratis be ministeris, when they shall be required anent the censuring of charmeris and consultoris, reported as followes:

1. A Supplication to be sent from this Affemblie to the Council for ane standing Commiffioun in everie Presbyterie, for tryale and judging of witches; and if that petition fail, that a reference of this be made from this Provinciall to the Generall, that the Parliament may be dealt with heirin.

2. A reference to be from this Affemblie to the Generall, that more

particular direction may be given to ministeris in the matter of apprehending or trying delated witches, so far as concernes ministeris ; and particularlie, what should be the ecclesiasticall way in dealing with suche as are onlie delated be one witche confessing, without any other presumption against them. In the meantym, it is thoght fittest, till the Assembly determine, that suche should be suspended from communicating.

3. The severall Presbyteries are to be cairfull to think upon and have in readines overtures anent charmeris and consultouris, to be presented to the next Generall Assembly. The Assembly approved the overtures, and condiscended thereunto.

Ministeris nominat to goe to the North with my Lord Elcho.—The said day, there wes presented to the Assembly a letter from my Lord Elcho, craving, that seing it had pleased the Committie of Estatis to lay upon him the charge to go to the North, and to use all ordinarie meanes, so farre as God will give assistance, to compeß that impious and vile rebellion against this Kirk and Kingdom, to nominat tuo of there number to goe along with the people to encourage in so gude a expedition. The Assembly, being most willing to give satisfaction to such a reasonable desire, after deliberation and voicing, ordained Mr. George [John] Moncreiff and Mr. George Baverich, to go along with the said Lord, and to continue with his Lordship the space of fourtie dayes ; and the Presbyteries of St. Andrewes and Cuper to releave them, and the Presbyterie of Kirkcaldie to supplie the said Mr. John his place, *per vices*, during his absence.

Lilias Baxter excommunicat.—It is ordained, that all the ministeris of this province shall mak intimation, owt of the pulpitis, of the excommunication of Lilias Baxter, within the Presbyterie of Kirkcaldie, fugitive for witchcraft.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FYFFE, HOLDEN AT CUPER,
OCTOBER THE FIRST, 1644.

[Mr. Robert Blair chosen Moderator.]

Familie exercise and visiting of families prest.—The Assembly having taken to their consideratione the great neglect and slighting of familie

worship through the severall Presbyteries, notwithstanding of the many former actis made theiranent, the brethreene are exhorted and defyred to visitt the severall families of their congregatiōne, to prefs this dutie still, and to threaten censures if it be not performed.

The way of tryall of witches recommended.—The Assemblie, finding that as yit ane approven way is not found out for the tryall of witches, and consulteris with witches, recommends this to the cair of the Generall Assemblie, or Commiffioneris thair of.

Reference of Bessie Masone, a confessing witche.—Anent a reference of the Presbyterie of St. Andrewes, of vmquhile Bessie Mason, a confessing witche, affirming, that one Alexander Beatoune did intice hir to the committing of that fearfull sinne of adultrie, which sinne, as schoe affirmed, caused hir fall into that other sinne of witchcraft; the Assemblie determines, that the said Alexander shalbe putt to his oath.

Helper to the Kirk of Cuper recommended.—The Assemblie, having taken notice of Mr. David Dalgleishe his regrait anent the weightie charge of his ministrie, he being for long tyme without ane helper in his ministrie, recommends this to the diligence of the Presbyterie of Cuper in fetling so necessare a work.

Certaine Overtures condiscendit vpon by the Assemblie.

Overtures.—Seing the Lord our God, heighlie provookit by our finnes, hath called in the sword, and smyten this shyre in speciall, the Assembly think it fitt that the inhabitants thair of be stirrd vp to humiliation and reformation beyond others.

And first, befyde the solemne humiliation appinted by the Commiffioners of the Generall Assemblie to be kept the last Sabboth of October, and the Venisday thairefter, this Assemblie thinks fitt that the Sabboth preceeding, together with the Tuiesday and Thurisday of that weik, be also dayes of solemne humiliatione; and that the Presbyteries in thair severall bounds, are everie moneth to appoint a day solemnely to be kept till the nixt Assemblie, that the Lord still may abundantly be intraited to grant wnto ws the sanctified vse of his straikes inflicted, as wee would not draw downe new strikes.

Nixt, that immediatly efter the ryfing of this Affemblic, every minifter enter to vifite the families of his charge, exhorting them moft earneftly to repentance, and preffing the performance of prayer in families, and teaching them particularly how to goe about that dutie.

And becaufe the ftraik hath mainlye lighted vpon townes, it is thought fitt that the minifter or minifters, at leaft once a-day, pray publicklye with the people, giving a word of exhortatione breiffie, as healthe and ftrenth permitts; and whair there is conveniencie heereof in the landwart, it is fitt alfo the lyke be done thair.

Nixt, becaufe thes who fell in the hands of the publick enimie vere infnared in dangerous oathes, (though propounded in generall and plaufigible tearmes,) or ells have fpoken in favours of the enemies, it is fitt that all thes be informed and conveened befor the feveral Sefions, and who ever proves refractarie to be proceffed. As alfo, that in every place, perfons evill affected be censured in due tyme, efppecially fuche as have vented malitious words againft minifters or others.

As alfo, that penalties inacted by law be exacted, by Sabboth breaking, fwearing, and curfing, and that magiftrats and heretours in landwart be defyred to affift minifters herein. As alfo, that the a&t of the Presbytrie of St. Andrewes, made anent drunkenes, fwearing, and curfing, formerlie approvin by the Provinciaall Affemble, be regiftrat in the Provinciaall bookes, and put in execution through the province.

And laft, that the fearfull finnes of bloodfheed and witchcraft with diligence be profecuted, together with inceft and the lyke.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE, HOLDEN AT DUNFERMLINE, THE TUENTIE
OF MAII 1645.

The Affemblic was continued and prorogate to this day, becaus of the prefent troubles of the fhyre.¹

[Mr. Jhone Duncane, Moderator.]

¹ It had been indicted for the first Tuesday of April.

Act restraining Salt pannis to be put in executione.—Anent the act for salt panis, it is answered by the Presbytrie of St. Andrews, that my Lord Pittenweeme has acted himselfe, that his pannis shall not goe from twelf houres vpon the Satturndayes night, till twelf houres vpon the Sondayes night. The Presbytrie of Kirkcaldie answers, that the act is not observed with them. The Assemblie ordaines, that the act of the Synode made thair-anent be put in executione through the severall Presbyteries.

Maintenance for Schooles.—The Assemblie recommends still the cair of provyding for schooles to the Commission of the Generall Assemblie, that thei may dealle with the Parliament for that effect.

Trial of witches, &c. referred to the Generall Assemblie.—This Assemblie referis also the way of trial of witches, charmers, and consultirs with witches to the Generall Assemblie.

Kirk of Darfie.—It is recommended to Alexander Inglis of Kingaske, depute bailzie of the regalitie of St. Andrews, to haue a cair that the act of the Assemblie be satisfied, anent the full removing of quhat is superstitious in the kirk of Darfie, and particularlie anent the leavelling of the queere; whiche he being present did promise.

Mr. George Dewar deposed.—The Presbyterie of St. Andrews, and Commissioners adjoynd with thame, made report that Mr. George Dewar is deposed.

Mr. William Barklay deposed.—Anent the reference of the trial of Mr. William Barklay, minister at Falkland, the Presbytrie of Cuper sheweth, that that busines wes put to ane end, and that he was deposed be the Commission of the Generall Assemblie.

Sewis suspect of witchcraft to be put to ane asyfe.—The Committee appointed for overtures anent family worship, advyses that the woman called . . . Sewis, in the prisone of St. Andrews, suspect for witchcraft, and against whom thair be strong presumptions, shall be first dealt with by the ministers, and others who are acquainted to deale with such persons; and if that way cannot prevaile, efterward thei are to defyre the civile Magistat to put hir to ane asyfe; as also, a care would be that thes chosen on asyfe be the more judicious and vnderstanding men.

Witches delated by ane witch referred to the Generall Assemblie.—The Af-

femblye referris to the Commiffioners of the Generall Affemblye, What fhallbe done with thes who are delated witches, by one only confeffing witche, whither or no thei may be admitted to the benefittes of the Kirk, fome of whom have beene debarred three or foure feveral dyets from the Communione ?

Act of the Presbyterie of St. Andrews, restraining Penny-bridles to the number of 20 perfones.—The Presbyterie Booke of St. Andrews approven. The Affemblye commends ane act in ther booke, anent the restraining of Pennybrydls to the number of tuentie perfones, and ordaines the extending of the faid act in the whole province ; whairof the tenor followes :

At St. Andrewes, Aprile 26, 1643.—The Presbyterie, considering the great abuse that still is amongst the most pairte of the comunes, by gathereing of multitudes to Pennybridles, notwithstanding of several actes made against the same by Justice of Peace and Presbyteries, it is appointed, that ministers shalbe peremptor in prosecuteing the tenor of the Act of Justice of Peace, and that, at the contracting, thei shall take the parties enacted in the Session bookes, that thei shall not excede the number designed, [and] that vnder the paine of lose of ther penaltie. And because of the great abuses that is lykwayes among them, by conveening multitudes at baptismentes and contractes, the Ministers and Sessiones are appointed to take strict order for restraineing thes abuses, that in number thei excede not six or sevin. As also, ordaines that the hostleres who make such feasts shalbe censured by the Sessiones ; and the Presbyterie to craue particular account of Ministers and Sessiones heirein, that if thei be found remisse thei may be censured accordingle ; and ordaines this act to be intimate in everie pulpite of this Presbyterie.

Sturdie beggars abuse and profainnes.—The Affemblye, considering the great abuse and profainnes by reason of fturdy beggars, doe recommend to Mr. Robert Blair, Mr. Andrew Bennett, Mr. Thomas Melvill, the Laird of Naughton, and Alexander Inglis of Kingaske, to represent the famyn to the Committee of Fyffe at Cuper, that thei may deale with the Committee of Estates for redres.

Buchan and Cuper fugitives suspect for witchcraft, to be intimat.—The Presbyterie book of Cuper approven ; recommends to the brethrene of the several Presbyteries to intimate in their several kirkes, that Bessie Cuper and Jeane Buchane, fugitives from the discipline of the Kirk, suspect for witchcraft within the parochie of Creiche, that thei may be found out if thei be in the province.

Overtures approvén to be practiséd.—The brethreene who were appointed to thinke vpon some overtures for the good of the province, did give in thes overtures following; quhilks are approvén by this Affemblie, and appointed to be infert and practiséd as followes :

1. The Affemblie appoints a solemne fast and humiliatióne to be kept through the kirks of this province, on Sunday the first of Junij, for the causes of the last publick fast, and the recent rageing of the sword and pestilence; and doth recommend to the severall Presbytries to be frequent in keeping humiliations within thair bounds during the continuance of these judgments.

2. The Affemblie recommends to the severall Presbytries to be diligent in visitung thair kirks; and think fitt, that at the visitatione, the elders be inquired severallie, one by one, anent thair ministers doctrine and conversatione, and the state of the congregatióne.

3. For furthering of familie exercise, this Affemblie thinks meet,

1. That at the visitatione of Kirks, special tryal be taken what progress is made in every congregatióne.
2. That ministers frequentlie press thes dewties in thair doctrine, and labour to perswade the performance of them.
3. That ministers be cairfull to visite the severall houses of thair parroche; enquire what ordir is kept in every familie for religious exercises, both on the week dayes, and on the Lords day; instruct thair people of the materialls of prayer, and of the observatióne of the whole Sabbath in families; and exhort them nót to rest in redd prayers, nor in spending a part of the Lords day.
4. That in the Presbytries every month inquirie be made of everie minister his diligence and success heirenant.
5. That ruling elders be exhorted by every minister, not only to be exemplar in performance of familie dewties, but faithfull in pressing them vpon others, in thair severall quarters, and delating such as are deficient.
6. And in caise, efter the vse of thes meanes, it be found thes exercises are not performed, that ministers declaire the Affemblie wilbe necessitat to proceed to think vpon the censures of the Kirk to be used against such as are deficient.

Presbetrie of Cuper to try who vttered vnseemlie and scurile expressions.—The Presbetrie of Cuper removed, censured, approvén. The Affemblie

having heard that some of the brethrene thair are knowen to have uttered vnfeemlie and scurrile expreffions publickly in the pulpit; the Presbetrie would try who haue failed thus, and make report to the enfewing Synode.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE, HOLDEN AT KIRKALDIE, THE SEVINTH OF OCTOBER, 1645.

[Mr. Jhon Moncreif, Moderator.]

Letter from the Commission for tryall of Malignants.—The letter sent from the Commiffione of the Generall Assemblie conveened at Perth, defying that tryall should be made, if either ministers or vtheris had complied with the enemie. Whairvpon the severall ministeris being particularlye inquired, and nothing found against any of them, except suche as the Commission of the Assemblie had taken to thair confideratione; also the brethrene of the severall Presbetries are diligentllye to try who are malignants within thair bounds, and to give in the grounds of thair malignancie, lykwayes the points of thair deficiencie, with all possible expeditione.

List of the slaine, and necessitous widdowes and orphanes since the first of September, 1644.—Anent the desyre of the Committie of Estates, presented by the laird of Boggie, that a particular list of the necessitous widdowes and orphanes within the shyre of such as have bene killed in the publick service, it is ordained, that a perfyte roll of all the slaine since the first of September 1644, be given in, and that it be marked in the roll where thei were killed, and what is the conditione of the relict, and what burden thei have of childrene. And this to be deliuered at St. Andrewes the 14 of this instant.

The report of the Committee for Overtures.—1. The Committee thinks it meet that thair be a solemne humiliatione in the shyre, vpon a Lords day and a weik day, for the causes of former fasts, together with the infectione of pestilence laitlie begun to spread in the shyre; and referris the tyme thair of to the Assemblie.

2. As also, the Committee thinks fitt, that thair be a ferious recom-

mendatione for the provifione of fchooles by a&t of Parliament, from this Affemblic.

3. Since the Committee of Eftates are fhortlie to fitt in this fhyre, confidering what blood hath beene fhedd of thefs in the fhyre by the rebellis, the Committee thinks it fitt that this Affemblic lay hold on this oportunitie for fupplicating the Committee of Eftates, that juftice may be done vpon fuch of the rebellis as God hath deliuered into thair hands.

The Affemblic, having redd and confidered the forfaid Overtures, doe approve of the fame, and apointis the 26, being the Lordis day, and 30 of this infant, being Thurfdlay, to be fett apart for fafting and humiliacione through the province. As alfo, the Affemblic ordains the prefent Moderator to recommend the overture anent fchooles to the Commiffioners of the Generall Affemblic, that it may be prefented to the Parliament by them.

Sicklyke, the Affemblic ordainis the Moderatour, Mr. Robert Blair, Mr. Patrik Gillefpie, Mr. Andro Honnyman, to draw vp ane pithie and effectual Supplication for the executione of juftice, and to prefent it to the Committee of Eftates. Lykas, the Affemblic nominats Mr. George Hamilton, Mr. Robert Traill, Mr. Alexander Moncreif, Mr. Andro Bennet, to repair to the Committee of this fhyre, to notifie this thair purpois unto them.

The Prefbetrie of Dunfermline removed, cenfured, aproven. Some of the brethreene thair exhorted not to remove thair owne perfons from thair chardge in the tyme of the diftreffs thair flocks are vnder, becaufe of the plague of peftilence.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE AT ST. ANDREWES, APRILE 7, 1646.

[Mr. Andro Bennet chofen Moderator.]

Witches, charmers, and confulters with witches.—Anent the tryall of witches, charmers, and confulters with witches, the Affemblic referris it to the Generall Affemblic approaching, and defyres the Commiffionars, to be appointed by the feveral Prefbetries unto the Generall Affemblic, to prefs the appointing of a Committee for confideracione thair of at thair firft fitting downe.

Kirk of Darfie.—Anent the removeing out of the kirk of Darfie the monuments of superftitione, and all other thinges prefcribed by the aēt of the Provinciaall Affemblic, the Affemblic ordaines Mrs. James Wedderburne and Walter Greig, with all earneftnes, to prefs Alexander Inglis to put the aēt of the Provinciaall Affemblic to executione, fince the bufines hath beene fo long delayed; and to report thair diligence at the nixt Affemblic.

Widdowes and orphanes.—Anent the names of neceffitous widdowes and orphanes, whofe husbandes and fatheres have beene killed in thefs late troubles, the Affemblic recommendes to the feverall Prefbetries, that a lift of them in every parroche, fubfcribt by the minifter and fome elderes, be delivered to the Commiffionars from the Generall Affemblic in thair Prefbytries, that by them the fame may be given in to the Commiffion of the Generall Affemblic at thair nixt meeting in the fecond Wenfday of Maij; and the Commiffion defyred to deliver the lifts vnto the Committee of Parliament, who hath called for them, and to joyne thair requeeft for fpeedie help.

Kirk in the landwart of St. Andrewes erected.—Anent the erectione of a new kirk in the landwart of the parroche of St. Andrewes,¹ the Prefbytrie of St. Andrewes reportes, that thei have obtained ane aēt of Parliament for the erectione; and that thair is ane young man who bath paffed histryalls, and is to be admitted to the new erected kirk, immediatelie efter the diffolveing of this Affembly. The Affemblic approves and commendes thair diligence.

Sefs. 5. Aprile 9, Ante meridiem.

Mr. David Orme his humbling himfelf befoir the Affemblic.—Mr. David Orme, called vpon, compeird, and the greevoufnes of his finne being re-prefented unto him by the Moderatour, and judgment of the Affemblic concerning his cenfure declaired, he made a large acknowledgment of his faultes, expreffing, with teares, his great and vnfained greiff for the fame, and protefted vpon his confcience, that he knew nothing of the foirnamed brethrene, but thei were and alwayes had beene honeft and faithfull minifters of the Gofpell, and found in the matter of doētrine and difcipline. Efter the which, he humbled himfelf vpon his knees, befoir the Affemblic,

¹ Cameron, disjoined from St. Andrewes, and erected into a separate parish.

and prayed the Lord earnestlie to forgive him, and defyreing the brethrene lykwayes to forgive him ; and promiseing, by the grace of God, to be more circumspect in his carriage, and more diligent in his calling in all tyme comeing. As also, to submitt himselfe to what wes enjoyed or further should be enjoyed by the Assemblic.¹

Thes who take or give dringes, etc.—Annent the reference from Kirkcaldie Presbytrie, What shalbe the ecclesiastike censure of thes who give or tak dringes for destroyng of the birthe ? The Assemblic referris it to the approaching Generall Assemblic.

Ruling elderis.—Annent the reference from the Presbytrie of Dunfermline, What shalbe done, if a ruleing elder chofen refusse to accept of the calling ? The Assemblic thinkes fitt that he be cited befor the Presbytrie, who are to judge of his reafones, and if thei find them not relevant, to appoint him to vndertake, and if he refusse, to proceed against him with the censures of the Kirk.

Elderes who are not conscionable in their callinges.—Annent the reference concerning elderes who keepe not the meetings of the Presbyteries and Provincial Assemblics, and ar not conscionable in the discharge of their duetie, especiallie in the delateing of the offendares mentioned in the act of Parliament, at Perth, 1645 ; the Assemblic thinkes fitt that ministers be careful to have their Sessions purged of scandalous and ignorant men, and to have honest and able men chofen in thair places ; and vpon the day of receiving the elderes, or intimateing the depofition of any, thei frame thair doctrine to the instructing of elderes in thair duetie, and all other tymes as occasion shall offer.

Mr. Jhon Barron to be tryed.—Annent Mr. Jhon Barron, who hath accepted vpon him to be Principal of [the] Olde Colledge without evir acquainting of the Presbytrie, and is reported to have vttered, in his exercise befor the Parliament, something contradictorie to what had bene

¹ Mr. David appears to have been guilty of justifying “the lawfulness of treating with James Grhame,” and of slandering Mr. Robert Blair and Mr. Patrick Gillespie ; for which he was sentenced “to make declaration of his unfained repentance, and of his estimatione of the forenamed brethrene,” publicly, on the Lord’s day, at his own church of Monimeal, and in the church of Cupar.

delyvered by some of the brethrene who had preached or exercised befor : This Assembly doth ordaine the Moderatour, Mrs. Walter Greege, Jhon Moncreiff, Fredricke Carmichael, Colernie, and Fernies, to meete with the Presbytrie of St. Andrewes vpon the 15th of this instant, at St. Andrewes, for trying and judging the premiffes.

Malignants debarred from the Lords Supper.—Anent fuche as are vnder the censure of the civile magistrat for malignancy, the Assembly thinks thei should not be admitted vnto the Lords Supper vntill thei be absolved.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY AT CUPER, OCTOBER 6, 1646.

[Mr. James Wood chosen Moderator.]

Salt pannes.—Anent the restraint of going of falt pannis on the Lords day, the Assembly commendis ane a&t of the Presbetrie of Kirkcaldie, made anent falteres, and ordaines it to be practised through the province, the tenor whair of followes :

The quhilk day the Presbetrie considering the multiplied relapse of salteris in Sabboth breaking, and how frequentlie thei have mocked God with simulating publict repentance, yit doe still live in profanatione of the Lords day, and that thei are now become regardles of the forme of thair satisfacione befor pulpitis, doe thairfor ordaine, that efter intimatione heirof, the salteris that shall persist in Sabboth breaking, being lawfullie convict of thair sinne, shall make thair repentance in the publick place apointed for receaving of penitents, and to double thair dayes of apeiring befor the congregacione according to the proportion kept in the receaving of other relapsed scandalous persones, and that they be heirby expresslie suspendit from the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, till such tyme as thei give proof of thair reall reformatione. And this the Presbetrie thinks verie necessarie for the terror and shame of such impenitent and obstinat offenders.

Witches.—Anent the tryall of witches, charmeris, confulteris with witches, it is still referred to the next Generall Assembly to discern thairin.

Witches suspect.—Anent the debarring from the Communion such as have bene delated for witches, by one dying confessing witche alanerlie, the Assembly referis it still to the determinatione of the enfewing Generall Assembly.

Pennibrydles.—Anent pennibrydles, the Assembly ordaines the a&t to be publictly red in everie pulpite, and put in practise through the province.

Mr. Jhon Barron.—The Presbetrie of St. Andrewes and Commiffioneris adjoynd with them, mak report that Mr. Jhon Barron gave fatiffa^{ti}one.

Sefs. 5, Octob. 8, ante meridiem.

Towne of Cullen.—The quhilk day, thair wes ane letter given in by my Lord Findlater, representing the distressed estate of the towne of Cullen, which wes vtterlie brunt by the rebellis; as also a recommendation from the Estates of Parliament, and Commiffionaris of the Generall Affemblie, desiring that a colle^{cti}one might be given for the rebuilding of thair houfes: The Affemblie recommendes to the severall Presbetries, that thei have the first two dayes cole^{cti}one through everie Kirk of this province.

Mr. Johne Row.—Thair wes also a letter given in by Mr. John Row, minister at Abirdeene, declairing that the Generall Affemblie did recommend that his Hebrew Grammar should be received and perused for the increafe of the first language. The Affemblie thairfoir appoints Mr. Patrik Gillespie, minister at Kirkcaldie, to signifie vnto the said Mr. John quhat number of thes bookes he shall send, that everie minister within the province may have on of them for his use.

Supplication to the Parliament.—The Affemblie finding how restles the indevores of the commone enemies are, at this tyme, to work a division and rapture betuixt the two vnited nationes, in one voyce did agree, that a Supplication should be sent from this present Affemblie vnto the ensewing meeting of the Estates of Parliament, to encourage thair honors, and stirr vp thair cair, for preserving that bliffed vnione; and appoints Mrs. Andro Bennet, David Forret, Frederick Carmichael, Walter Bruce, ministers, Colernie, Randerftoun, Inchdernie, Fordell younger, ruling elderes, to goe and attend the first fitting downe of the Parliament, to present the said Supplication; the tenor whairof followes.

TO THE HIGH AND HONORABLE COURT OF PARLIAMENT, THE HUMBLE PETITIONE OF THE
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFF AT COUPER, CONVENED THE EIGHT DAY OF OCTOBER 1646.

IT is not vnknown to your Honors, that the solemne and sacred tye betuixt thes kingdomes, so hapilie vnited through the blissing of God vpon your endevores, hath beene the eye soare of the enemies of the cause of God, being the greatest obstructione of all the designes against

the worke of Reformatione ; and that whiche hath not bene preserved without many sufferings and much expence off blood, being the avowed quarrellis of the barbarous rebellis, exercising such vnspeakable crueltie and inhumanitie vpon the Lords people, whair of non have shared more deeplie then this province, which we mention for no other end, then that your Honoures may know wee doe not repent our sufferings so long as wee may enjoy the fruits of the Gospell, and this blissed worke of Reformatione, and sie your Honoris, with all the godlie in thes kingdomes, stronglie vnited in the Lord against the commonemie, but shall yit be readie (through Godis assistance) to lay out our sellffes in doing or suffering for the caus of God, as you, in your wisdom and zeale, shall prescrite to vs.

May it thairfor pleais your Honouris, to take vnto your gravest consideratione, the deepe sense whiche your petitioners have of the invetirat malice and restles endeavoris of the commonemie, and disaffected partie within our owne bowells, tending to the wakening and violatione of that blissed vnione, togither with humble desire, that, as thair hath bene nothing more befor your eyes then the preservatione of that sacred tye, soe the same mynd may eminentlie shyne foorth in all your Honouris proceedings in this exigent, that the hopes of the Malignant partie may be finallie blastit, and the desires off al the godlie in thes kingdomes satisfied, with such ane rich blessing as wee pray for, and promise vnto our sellffes from your Honours meiting at this tyme.

Kirk of Camron.—The Affemblie, finding that the kirk of Camron is now erected by the Estates of Parliament, to be a diffin& parroche from the parroche of St. Andrewes in all tyme coming, have thairfor apointed the inhabitants of the said parroche to have the benefittes of the kirk of Camron, and apoints the minifters of the kirk of St. Andrewes to refuse them the said benefittes.

St. Ninians.—The Affemblie aproves the adjoyning of the towne and landis of St. Ninians [St. Minans] to the kirk of Abercrombie ; and ordaines the Presbyterie of St. Andrewes to deale with the Commiffion for plantatione of kirkes for thair ratificatione.

Of such who debaris themselfes from the Communion.—The Affemblie recommends ane a& in thair booke, making mentione of fuche who refuse to be reconciled befor the Communion, (and so debarring themselfes from the Communion,) that thes should give signes of repentance publiklie befor the congregation. The Affemblie ordaines this a& to be put in practife through the province.

Dancing referred.—It is referred to the enfewing Generall Affemblie, the grosse abuse of lascivious mixt dancing.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE AT DUNFERMLINE, APRILE 6, 1647.

[Mr. Walter Greig chosen Moderator.]

Parroch of Newbrough.—Anent a reference of the Presbyterie of Couper, What shalbe the censure of the most parte of the parroche of Newbrough, for converfing with Andro Anderfone, ane excommunicate perfone? The Affemblie ordaines, that thei be cited befoir the Presbyterie, that thair thei may receive thair sentence, viz. that the severall Elderis, knowen to have converfed with the faid excommunicate perfone, shall make thair publick repentance in the face of the congregacione, vpon a Lords day. Lykwayes, the Affemblie ordaines a solemne fast and humiliatione to be kept that day, that the rest of the parochiners foirfaid may mourne for so great ane offence.

Fornication referred.—It is referred to the enfewing Generall Affemblie to determine, whither trelapfe or quadrulapfe in fornication shall fatiffie as adulterers, becaus of the frequencie of fornicationes.

Aprile 8, Sefs. 5.

The brethreene appointed to mak the draught of ane Act concerning the sanctificatione of the Sabbath, gave in the same, which, being redd and considered, wes voyced and approven by the Affemblie; the tenor whairof follows :

Act for sanctification of the Sabbath.—The Affemblie confidiring the great profanatione of the Lords day, (notwithstanding of former actes made against the profaners thairrof,) think fitt to require the severall Presbytries to be cairfull in putting former actes made thairanent in executione: As also, doe judge it necessarrie to make particular enumeration of such profanationes as are most common within the bounds of this province, not exprest in former actes; such as goeing about ane civile bufines abroad in other congregaciones, or at home in thair owne, vpon the Lords day; the setting of horses for hyre, or travelling homeward with the horses that have beene hyred; the going to taverns or aillhouses, befoir or efter sermons, within the boundis or places of peoples ordinarie

refidence, and for all others, the drinking of that whiche is beyond necessarīe refreshment; the mispending of tyme largelie, fitting and tipping beyond the tyme necessarīe for refreshment, whiche tyme is not to be for ordinarie more then half ane hour, and whair thair is any more then ordinarie occasion, not to exceed ane hour, and this to strick against the felleres of the drink alweell as the buyeres thair of, in maner foirsaid; the vageing abroad, fitting or walking idle vpon the streetes and feildes, quhairby the sanctifying of the Lordis day in families is vtterlie neglected, and the occasion of idle and wordlie conference foftred. And ordaines the transgressores, in maner foirsaid, to be censured in maner following, viz. for the first fault to be conveened befor the Session, and confes thair fault; for the second, before the congregatione; and for the thrid, beydes ane other publick rebuiking of them, to be suspndit from the Lords Supper, ay and while they give testimonie of thair reformatione to the minister and session.

The Assemblic ordaines ministers in thair severall charges to take the best courses thei can for restraining the running vp and downe of litle ones and young children vpon the Lords day, in the tyme of, or efter sermons, and that parents and masters be vrged to keepe them within doores. Also, magistrates vould be intreated to put in executione any civile aetes that are against yeirlie and weiklie mercates on Monoday or Saturday, according to the laudable practise of Magistrates in other provinces.

Overtures anent Schooles.—The brethreene appointed to give in overtures for promoveing of schooles, gave them in, whiche were approven; the tenor whair of followes.

1. For effectual training vp of childrene at schooles, first, that ministers in thair doctrine pres frequetlie the duetie of parents to traine vp thair childrene at schooles.

2. Second, that ministeres, in the course of visiting families, take vp a compleit roll of childrene above fyve, and vnder ten yeeres of age.

3. Thrid, that parents frequetlie be exhorted, in the course of visitatione, to send childrene to schooles vpon thair owne charges, iff thei be able, and, whair thei are not able to intertaine them, that the Session provyde for the best remedie; and, incaise of flaknes, that the parents of the one and the other conditione be threatned with proceses.

4. That maisters of schooles be charged to give notice to the minister or Session, from tyme to tyme, of the withdrawing of any childrene put to schooles, befor thair proficiencie, and that vnder paine of cenfure as the Session think fitt.

5. That ministeres doe frequentlie visit the schooles, and take tryall if the number of childrene put to schooles be according to the roll taken vp in visiting families; and fuchlyke the tryall of maisteres diligence and paines vpon the poore ones.

6. That maisteres of families be exhorted to vse meanes for learning thair servants to reid.

Fast, 3 Wensday of June nixtocome.—The Assenblie, confidering that thair is great increafe of drunkennes and fwearing, and other scandelous offences, within this province, and that thair is much neglect among eldires in delateing offenderes of that kynd, whairthrough thei was unconfured, doe thairfoir appoint a solemne fast and humiliacion to be kept within this province vpon the thrid Wensday of June nixtocome, for averting the Lordis wrathe provoked by thes finnes; and doe require ministeres in thair doctrine on that day to pres vpon elderes thair duties, and to put them in mynde of the oath of God that is vpon them, for faithfulness in thair callings, and to take them publickly sworne, who have not given thair oath, befor the congregacione.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFE, HOLDINE AT KIRKALDIE,
THE FYFT OF OCTOBER, 1647.

[Mr. Robert Traill chosen Moderator, and Walter Dalgleishe, clerk of the regalitie of Dunfermline, elected clerk to the Synod.]

Act anent the satisfacione of Expectantis.—The questione being proponed to the Synod concerning the satisfacione of Expectantis falline in fornication, the Assenblie ordaines ther cenfur to be as followes, viz. That he come first befor the Presbytrie quher the fault wes committit, and ther mak declaracione of his repentance; then be remitted to the Session quher he re-fidis, for declairing of his repentance in the publick place; and, eftir he

hes fittine ther tuo Sabbathis, he fhall againe come to the Presbytrie to sho yet farder the fence of his guyltines, and his sorrow for it. And then, gif the Presbytrie be fatiffeit with his repentance, he fhall be receavit the thrid Sabbath.

Act anent swearers and obfcean fpeakers.—As alfo, the Synod does ordaine in all the kirks of this province, minifteris and Seffiones fhall appoynt tuo elderis, quho may, vpoun everie mercat day, tak notice of thefe quho fhall be fund fuearing or vttering any obfcean fpeiches. And that they fhall crave help of the civill magiftrat to concur with them as fhall be neidfull; and that they dilaitt to the Seffioune futch as fhall be fund guyltie.

Mr. Harie Couper and Mungo Diddingftoune.—Anent the fupplications given in be Mr. Harie Couper and Mungo Diddingftoune, to be receavit in the bofome of the Kirk; the faid Mungo, having given evident fignes of his vnfained repentance for his vyle and vnhaired of fornicatioun, is remitted to his awine Seffioune. The faid Mr. Harie Couper is referrit to his awine Presbetrie.

The Act againft Sir James Scott ordained to be expunged.—Quharas ther wes ane a&t of the Provinciaill Affemblic at Cuper, anno 1646, O&ttober 6, *Sefs. 2, poft meridiem*, depofing Sir James Scot from his office of elderfhip, for the reafones contenit in the faid a&t, the Affemblic having receavit his Declaratioun, the tenor quherof followes:—“ I am heartillie forry that any expreffione proceeding from me hes beine offenfue to the reverend Synod of Fyffe, quhilk, I am perfuadit, if it had beine takine in the fenfe that I meant, wold not haue given offence. And, for cleiring of the matter, I declair this wes my meaning, and ftill is, That I did not afcryve prayer vnto phantafie and memorie as principall cauffis, (feing the Spirit of God is author of prayer); bot I conceive them to be naturall faculties, quich being illuminat by Godis Spirit, therby one is maid mor fit to pray. (*Sic sub.*) J. SCOTT.”—Appoynts the faid a&t of the daitt foirfaid to be expunged.

Mortification of Mr. Harie Smyths ftipend.—Anent the mortification of ane ftipend to Mr. Harie Smyth, minifter at Baith, ilk feveral Presbytrie within the faid Synod ar content to contribute as followes, viz. The Presbyterie of St. Androis four hundreth pundis, the Presbyterie of Cuper tua

hundreth and fiftie pundis, the Presbyterie of Kirkaldie thrie hundreth pundis, and the Presbyterie of Dunfermling, tuo hundreth and fiftie pundis. Approvine, and recomendit to the severall Presbyteries.¹

The Presbyterie of Dunfermling removit, wer also approvine ; onlie it wes recomendit to them that fornicatoris ther fitting vpon the place of repentance vpon weik dayes fould not be allowit in stead of Sabboth dayes. As lykwayes, Mr. Harie Smyth, minifter at Baith, wes defyrit to look narrowlie to on of his parochinaris, quho is reportit to be now and then at the putting of violent hand to himself, and requyre the affittance of vther bretheren for that effect.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HAULDINE AT ST. ANDROIS,
THE 4 APRILE, 1648.

The roll of the ministeris and rewling elderis of this Assambleie ar cited according to the ordour, quhose names followes :

THE PRESBITERIE OF SAINCT ANDROIS.

Sainct Androis.	Mr. Robert Blair.	
	Mr. Samuell Rutherford.	
	Mr. James Wood.	James Suord.
	Mr. Andro Honyman.	
	Doctour Colvill.	
Sainct Leonardis.	Mr. Walter Comrie.	Mr. David Neave.
Camroun.	Mr. George Nairne.	Jno. Martine of Lathone.
Dyninnow.	Mr. Johne Hairt.	The Laird of Kinnaldie.
Kingisbarnes.	Mr. James Bruce.	Laird of Pitmillie.
Kilrinnie.	Mr. Robert Bennet.	Sir James Lumisdenn.
Craill.	Mr. James Shairp.	Mr. Johne Lindsay of Wormfton.
Auftruther Eifter.	Mr. Coline Adame.	William Blak.

¹ Baith had been disjoined from Aberdour.

Anfruther Westir.	Mr. David Guthrie.	Peiter Olyphant.
Pittinweim.	Mr. Johne Melvill.	Johne Keith.
Abercrumbie.	Mr. Robert Wilkie.	Johne Ireland.
Carnbie.	Mr. Harie Rymour.	Laird of Moncreiff.
Kilconquhair.	Mr. David Forrett.	Laird of Kilbrekmonth.
Elie.	Mr. Robert Traill.	Laird of Sanfuird.
Newbirne.	Mr. George Hamiltone.	Laird of Auchmutie, yr.
Largo.	Mr. James M'Gill.	Laird of Lundie.
Kembok.	Mr. George Barone.	
Forgoune.	Mr. Alex. Weddirburne.	Dav. Balfour of Sandfuird.
Ferrieportnacraig.	Mr. Thomas Wood.	
Leucharis.	Mr. Patrik Skougall.	Johne Meldrum.

THE PRESBITERIE OF COUPER.

Couper.	Mr. David Dalgleifhe.	Carslogie elder.
Dairfie.	Mr. David Raitt.	Kembok elder.
Syrufs.	Mr. William Row.	Robert Bennet younger.
Cults.	Mr. Johne Alexander.	William Dawzell.
Ketle.	Mr. Johne Ramfay.	
Falkland.	Mr. William Leivingftone.	Lachreifs younger.
Stramiglo.	Mr. Johne Murray.	Balcanquell.
Auchtermuchtie.	Mr. James Martine.	Gen. Maj. Leflie of Myres.
Culleffie.	Mr. Johne Litaljohne.	Jas. Lindfay of Kilquhis.
Monymaill.	Mr. David Orme.	The Laird of Mount.
Ebdie.	Mr. Alexander Balfour.	The Laird of Aytoun.
Newburgh.	Mr. Laurence Olyphant.	Andro Anderfone.
Flifk.	Mr. Johne M'Gill, elder.	Laird of Creich.
Creich.	Mr. Andro Bennet.	Robert Williamfone.
Dunboig.	Mr. Johne M'Gill, younger.	Thomas Bowman.
Balmerinoch.	Mr. Walter Greig.	Andro Condie.
Kilmanie.	Mr. George Thomfone.	Gen.-Major Lumifdenn.
Logie.	Mr. Johne Durie.	Williame Bell.
Munfie.	Mr. James Weddirburne.	Johne Ferrie.

THE PRESBITERIE OF DUNFERMLINE.

Dunfermling.	{ Mr. Robert Kay.	The Laird of Balmule.
	{ Mr. William Olyphant.	
Baith.	Mr. Harie Smyth.	Andro Betfone.
Aberdour.	Mr. Robert Bruce.	David Stevinfone.
Dalgatie.	Mr. Andro Donaldfone.	Sir Johne Erkkyne.
Innerkeithing.	Mr. Walter Bruce.	Robert Brown.
Torrieburne.	Mr. James Sibbald.	
Culrois.	Mr. Johne Duncane.	Johne Mastertone.
Carnock.	Mr. George Belfrag.	Robert Creiche.
Saling.	Mr. William Mershell.	
Cleifche.	Mr. James Carmichall.	Andro Hendirfone.
Kinrofe.	Mr. George Coldine.	Wm. Shaw of Lathangie.
Orwell.	Mr. Patrik Geddie.	

THE PRESBITERIE OF KIRKALDIE.

Kirkaldie.	Mr. James Symfone.	
Kingorne.	Mr. Johne Moncreiff.	Johne Bofuall.
Bruntiland.		
Auchtertuill.	Mr. Joshua Meldrum.	Halzeardis, younger.
Auchterderay.	Mr. Johne Chalmeris.	James Tod.
Kinglaffie.	Mr. Thomas Melvill.	Pitzocher.
Ballingrie.	Mr. Robert Bruce.	Patrik Greig.
Portmook.	Mr. George Ogilvie.	Kirknes.
Leflie.	Mr. Thomas Black.	George Thomfone.
Markinch.	Mr. Frederick Carmichaell.	David Landallis.
Kennowie.	Mr. Thomas Hoig.	Williame Miller.
Scuny.	Mr. Alexander Moncreiff.	
Weyms.	Mr. Harie Wilkie.	David Broune.
Dyfert.	{ Mr. Williame Nairne.	
	{ Mr. James Wilfone.	Archibald Halket.

[Mr. Johne Moncreiff chofen Moderator.]

Profanatioun of the Lordis day.—Concerning the reference anent the profanatioun of the Lordis day by feing of fheareris thervpoun, the Affemblic expectis the diligence of the Commiffione of the Kirk theranent, to quhom the famyne was remittit; as alfo, defyres the Commiffioneris of the feverall Prefbyteries of the province, to recomend to the faid Commiffione of the Kirk, that the reiding of warnings for removing of tennentis, inhibitiones for teyndis, and vtheris of that natur, may be put af the Lordis day, and that the Commiffione of the Kirk may deal with the Parliament theranent.

Commiffioneris for the change of Mercattis.—The Affemblic, taking to ther confideratioun that the A&ts of Parliament concerning the change of mercattis, both anniverfary and weiklie, from Saterdag and Moneday to fome vther dayes in the weik, for the mor religious obfervatioun of the Sabboth, ar not put to executione in manie partis of this province, they therfor ordaine that the feverall Seffiones and Prefbyteries *refpectiuè*, fhall vfe exact diligence ffor effectuating therof; ffirst, by ferious recommending it to the feverall brughis and villages within ther boundis, and incais of ther refuifall or vnneceffer delay, to vfe fome legall way by advyce of the Advocat of the Kirk, how they may be compellit therto.

Colleague for Mr. Johne Duncane.—Concerning the fetling of ane colleague to Mr. Johne Duncane in the parochie of Culros, report being made be the faid Mr. Johne, that ane competent provifione wes fetlit for the faid colleague, and that they wer vpoun the choyfe of ane fitt man for the charge, the Affemblic recomendis the cair heirof to the Prefbiterie, and fpéciallie to the faid Mr. Johne, that the famyne may be put to ane poynt againft the nixt Affemblic.

Bonfyres vpoun fuperftitious nights.—Concerning the kindling of bonfyres vpoun fuperftitious nightis, viz. Midfomer and Alhallowmes, the Affemblic ordaines, that the feverall Prefbytries tak exact notice of abufes in that kynd within ther boundis; and that the feverall heretouris, and in ther abfence the principall tennentis, with the concurrence of the Elderis in eache parochie, cairfullie obferve delinquentis, that they may be cenfured according to the A&ts of the Kirk.

6 Aprilis, Sefs. 5, postmeridiem.

Causēs of a Fast.—The Assemblie, finding it necessar in this exigence of tyme, that a solemne day of humiliatioun be appoyntit throw the severall kirkis of this province, they appoint Mrs. Samuell Rutherford, David Forret, and Walter Greig, ministeris, to condiscend vpoun the Causēs. Quha, having removit themselves, did present to this Assemblie the Causēs following :

Causēs of a Fast through the province of Fyffe.

1. The great abounding of loofnes, profanitie, and grose ignorance of God, and the extreame securitie and hardnes of heart, notwithstanding of the ritche mercie and goodnes of God, in vouchasing the means of grace so plentifully, and so manifest evidences of the heavie displeasour and wrath of God, especially against this part of the land.

2. In many societies, familieis, and particular perſones, not so much as a forme of religione, and, in the far greatest part, litle or nothing of the power of godlines, but a meer formalitie in secreit, domestick, and publick dewties.

3. A dispying, hating, and mocking of the power of godlines.

4. A generall declyning and defectione from our former zeall in the mater of religione, covenant, and work of reformatioun, palpable discernable in many ministeris of all rankis, in nobles, gentlemen, burrowes, comunes, particularlie in ministeris, quherof too manie ar disaffected to the cause of God, as appearis by ther cariage in the publick judicatures, manie carles, and not spirituall, in going about ther dewties of ther ministeriall functione, some scandalous and offensive.

5. The great corruptione creipt generallie into the judicatures of the land, be reasone of divers perſounes therein evidentlie disaffected to the cause of God ; quherof some have bein opine enemies, otheris secreit vndermyners.

6. The vnwillingnes and want of zeall in elderis, in not dilating and repressing the abominable provocatiouns of fuearing, cursing, rotten communicatioun, Sabbath breaking, and vncleannes, throw the not executing of the lawes, civill and ecclesiasticall, maid for that effect, notwithstanding

of our manie profeffit folemne fafts of old and of late, for thefe and the lyk fcandalous finnes.

7. We ar humblie to intreat the Majeftie of God, that he wold gratiouſlie be pleaſed to change the heart of the King, and mak him a heartie favourer of religione, and the cauſe of God, to purge out the corruptiones of the judicatoris of the kingdome, and to fhynv poun the determinationis of State and Church; that futch courſes may be refolved vpoun as may eſtabliſh Religione, promote the endis of the Covenant, and preſerve Monarchie in the perſone of the King and his poſteritie.

Quhilk being read and confiderit, wer vnanimouſlie approvine, and the firſt Thurſday of May, being the fourt therof, appoyntit for that effect.

Chapmen.—The Aſſembly recomendis to the ſeverall Preſbyteries, that chapmen be oblidged to adher ſo to ſome certaine congregatioun, that they be examined and comunicat ther, and be able to bring from thence teſtimoniallis.

Mr. Zacharie Boydis Pſalmes.—Concerning the deſyre of the Comiſſione of the Kirk for reviving of Mr. Zacharie Boydis Pſalmes and Spirituall Songs, the Aſſembly hes put it in the handis of the miniſteris of St. Androis, and maifteris of the New Colledge, quha ar appoyntit to revife the ſame, and report ther diligence to the nixt Synod.¹

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FIFTE, HAULDIN AT COUPER THE
17 DAY OF OCTOBER, 1648.

Mr. Samuel Rutherford choſen Moderator.

Superſtitious fyres.—The Aſſembly ordanis that intimatioun be made

¹ Mr. Zachary Boyd, miniſter of the Barony pariſh of Glasgow, whoſe numerous poetical works on ſcriptural ſubjects are well known to the literary antiquary, prepared a metrical verſion of the Pſalms, which was publiſhed at Glasgow in 1646, under the title of “THE PſALMES OF DAVID IN MEETER, BY MR. ZACHARY BOYD, PREACHER OF GODS WORD.” Mr. Boyd having deſigned this work for the uſe of the Church of Scotland, it was ſubmitted to the reviſal and ſanction of the Generall Aſſembly, and the different Preſbyteries; but, although by no means deſtitute of merit, the metrical verſion by Rous was adopted by the Church in 1650, and any other diſcharged from being uſed in divine worſhip.

of the aēt againſt ſuperſtitious fyris, the Sabbath befor Midfomer evin and Hallow evin, (as they call them;) and that the nixt Prefbitrie day, efter aither of the ſaidis dayes, the Moderator of ilk Prefbitrie crave ac-compt of all the brethren quho hes failzeit againſt theſe actis, that he may be preſentlie cenſured.

Committee appointit for tryall of Mr. Walter Bruce.—The Committie, appointit be this Affemblie, for confidering Mr. Walter Bruce his proces, reportit, that having viewed the proceedings of the late committie at Dal-gatie, appointit be the former Affemblie thairanent, do find, that the mat-ter is not as yit rype for this Affemblie; as alfo, that having callit vpoun Mr. Walter and inquyrit of him, quhither as yit he wold acknowledge the wordis alledgit ſpokin by him in his fermone, viz. “ That the ſpirit of godlines in thir tymes was ane falt humour aryſing fra the melt trubling the ſtomack, and aſcending to the head, whilk maid a craking of the braine,” he did ſtill ſtand to the denyall thairof, both in wordis and fence: Thairfoir thinks fitt, (gif the Affemblie ſhall ſo judge,) that thair be ane new committee appointit to go on with the proces betuixt and the nixt Affemblie. Vpon the whilk report, the Affemblie dois appoint the per-ſonis following, viz. Mrs. Samuell Rutherford, John Moncreiff, Fredrick Carmichaell, John Duncane, James Sibbald, Walter Greig, George Thom-ſone, James Wood, Dauid Forrett, Alexander Moncreiff, James Wilſone, miniſteris; rewling Elderis, the Lairdis of Creich, Fenyis, Auchmowtie younger, Kinraig, and Finmonth; to meitt at Kirkcaldie the firſt Tyifday of December nixt enſewing, with continewatioun of dayis, and that they, or any fevin of them, ſhall have full power to juge and determine the hail buſines, as they ſhall find caus.

Mr. Walter Bruce and Mr. Williame Merſchell.—Lykas, the Affemblie having heard ſome ſcandalous reportis of the ſaid Mr. Walter, as one that vſes fuearing, and hes not preachit againſt the late vnlawfull Ingagement; as alfo, having hard that Mr. Williame Merſchell, miniſter at Sawling, dois vſe fuearing, and hes bein alfo in his preaching ſilent againis the ſaid Ingagement, and ſcandalouſlie converſit with Malignants; appoints the foirnमित perſonis to cognoſce, juge, and determine vpoun theſe matteris alfo; and for that effect, ordains the Prefbitrie of Dunfermline to mak

ferious inquisition and tryall concerning the former scandalous reports of the saids Mr. Walter and Mr. Williame respectiue.

Zacharie M'Callum.—Mr. James Wood having representit a desyre to the Assembly for mantainance of ane boy, callit Zacharie M'Callum, having the Erish tongue, at the gramour scooll of St. Androis, for the space of ane year, untill he be readie for the Colledge; the said desyre was grantit.

Letter to the Commissioun of the Generall Assembly read and approvyn.—The draucht of the Letter, appointed to be drawin vp to the Commissioun of the Generall Assembly, being publi&lie read, was vnanimoussly approvyn, and appointed to be presentit be Mr. Samuell Rutherford, minister, and James Suord rewling elder, to the Commissioun of the Kirk, with the first convenience; the tennor quherof followis :

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN,

AMONG the manie and great mercies which our Lord had, from tyme to tyme, manifestit towards his Church in this land, wee cannot but acknowledge this a verie singulare on, neuer to be forgottin by any of ws, or of the people of God, that, in a tyme of such difficulties and dangeris as this Church hes bein involved in of late, he hes bein pleased to make yow, who wer set vpoun the watch tower, so providentlie to forsie, and faithfullie to gine warning of the dangeris to people of all ranks and places; and that he hes also givin so eminent and glorious testimonie to your pains and labours for his awne glorie, and saftie of his poor Church, by terrible things in richteousnes against the dyspyseris of his counsell holdin furth by yow. Wee are confident, without all dowbtting, that yow are sensible of the great ingagement heirby layd vpoun yow not to wearie in such weill doing, bot more and more, in the nicht of the power of the Lord, to improue the trust committit to yow, as to prevent and obviat in your way all plottis and designis that men, who will not sie the Lords hand quhen it is lifted vp aganist them, may yit contryve and pursue against the caus of God in these kingdomes. So also to take ordour with such men, especiallie in the functioun of the holie ministerie, as may be fund, in the tyme of the late lamentable defectioun and euill cowrses, to haue bein complying with, or acting in divisive way for justifying and advancing thair of, of which sort wee ar greived that so manie are liklie to be fund in the land, though with all divine dispensatioun is to be adored which hes suffred them to vent them selfis at such a tyme that they might be manifested that they have not bein all of ws. Wee have bein now some dayes heiring, and since our meitting heir, more fullie and certainlie informit, that in our neighbouring province of Perth verie manie brethren at and about the tyme of the late Generall Assembly, in sundrie clandestine meittings, drawin vp paperis tending to complyanee with the late sinfull Ingagement, which they purposed to have givin into the Assembly: Whairvpoun wee did enter vpoun ane vnpartiall shearch and tryall of all these of our owne province that wer present;

posing euerie man verie solemnlie, least any such euill work sould be found among ws also. Bot (blissed be God) have fund non at all, which wee thought fitt to communicat to your worships then rather to stop the mouthis of such as may be readie, for their awne ends, to cast aspersionis of this kynd vpoun any in our province. Nevirtheles, accompting ourselfis as memberis of the bodie much ínteressit and concernit in the weillfair of the whole Church, wee thought it incumbent to ws now assemblit togidder, to signifie vnto you our deip sence of such courses in vtheris, and our desyre that ye wold, with all possible diligence and zeall, go about to discover and tak ordour with them according as the importance of the matter requyris. Trewlie wee cannot bot say, that in our judgement quhoeuer they be, they have not onlie contravenit the faithfull proceedings of the late Commissioun of the Church, so vnanimouslie approvin be the Generall Assemblie, bot also verie grivouslie violated our Solemne Covenants, and endeavourit a most dangerous rent and shisme in the Kirk of God. Bot knowing that your Worships are able to sie more thairin nor we possible cane, wee craue pardoun for suggesting so much. And committing yow, with your counsellis, vnto the directioun and prospering blissing of the Lords spirit, restis

Your loving Brethren,

(*Sic Sub.*)

MR. SAMUELL RUTHERFURD, *Moderatour.*

COUPER, 18 October, 1648.

Questionis proponit to this Assemblie.—The Assemblie being certainlie informed that thair hes bein some supplicationis and paperis, tending to compli-
 yance with the late finfull Ingagement, contrair to the proceedings of the late Commiffioun of the Church, have bein drawne vp and subferyuit in and about the late Generall Assemblie by manie ministeris in fundrie Presbyteries of this kingdome, to be givin in to the Generall Assemblie; and hearing of furmifes, that some brethren of this province had hand in paperis of that kynd, thought it necessaríe that all and euerie ane of the memberis of this present Assemblie sould be solemnlie pofit vpoun these questionis following, viz.

1. Quither any paper, supplicatioun, or purpose, concerning the common caus and late Ingagement, drawin vp or ventit be quhatsumeuer perfonis, was presentit or communicat to yow without the knowledge or consent of the Presbitries and judicatories of the Church respec&tiuè quhair ye are?

2. Quither euer ye heard of any fuch supplicatioun, paper, or purpose, going throw the cuntry?

3. Quither euir ye consentit to or subferyuit any fuch fupplicatioun or purpose ?

4. Quither ye was at any meitting at Edinburgh, or els quhair, aither with Statis men or vtheris, advyfyng or confulting about matteris of the late Ingagement and publi&t caus, prejudiciall to the refolutionis of the Commiffioun of the Kirk, or without the knowledge of the publi&t Judicatories of the Kirk quher ye are refpectiue ?

5. Quither ye know any that hes subferyuit the late Band of the Parliament, or hes givin counfell or consent thairto, within the province of Fyff ?

Which being accordinglie done, euery one present in the Affemblic did purge them felfis concerning euery ane of the articles for thair awne pairt : Only fome declairit, that they could not fay bot fome of thair parochinars might have subferyuit the Band of the Parliament, wha wer weill enough knowne to all. And Mr. Patrik Skougall declairit, as to the fecond article, that quhill he was at Edinburgh the tyme of the Generall Affemblic, Mr. Alexander Keith, minifter at Strabrek, in difcours with him, proponit this queftioun to him, Quhat gif thair fould be ane fupplicatioun of minifteris for better correſpondence betuixt the Kirk and State ? That he anfuerit to the faid Mr. Alexander, that it wold be a diuifue motioun, and vnlawfull ; and that heiron no farder difcourſe paft betuixt them anent that matter.

Mr. David Raitt.—Report being maid of ſome ſcandalous wordis vttered by Mr. David Rait, in ane prayer at Falkland, in relation to the late finfull Ingagement, viz. theſe, “ Lord preferue Our Armie that is gone in to England, from doing any thing againſt the Covenant.” And Mr. David being poſit heirvpoun, declaird, by ſolemne proteſtation, that he neuer callit it Our armie, bot That armie ; and that his intention, in the reſt of the wordis, was no other bot that God wold refrain thair power from doing miſcheiff. Vpoun which declaratioun of Mr. David, and withall, the teſtimonie of his brethren of his honeſtie in the publi&t caus, the Affemblic acquieſſed, only admoniſhing him to be more circumſpect in his wordis both in preaching and praying heirefter.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FIFE, HELD AT DUNFERMLINE
THE THIRD DAY OF APRIL, 1649.

[Mr. George Hamiltoun chosen Moderator.]

Actis for restraining of the profanation of the Lordis day.—The Assembly, for restraining of the profanation of the Lordis day, by hyreris, carieris, and vtheris, ordains that pairt of the act maid thairanent, at Dunfermline in Aprile 1647, to be cairfullie put in executioun, with this additioun, that jorneyis on the Satturday be so contrivit that thair be na necessitie of returning on the Sabbath. And recommendis the executioun heirof to all magistratis of burghis and vtheris concernit thairin. And that carieris be appointtit to produce thair testimoniallis quhair they restit on the Sabbath, according to the act of the late Generall Assembly.

Colleague for Mr. John Duncan settled.—Anent ane colleague for Mr. John Duncan, minister at Culros, the parochin of Culros hes obeyed the ordinance of the Assembly thairanent.¹

Zacharie M'Callum.—Anent Zacharie M'Callum, it is ordinit, that for euerie kirk within the province thair be payit fortie shillings for his maintenance, and the proportioun of the difference of the kirk is referrit to the severall Presbitries.

April 4, Sefs. 3, antemeridie.

Yule day.—The Assembly appointis the severall Presbitries to enquire in thair boundis, quhat superstition is vsed in observing of Yuile day, and accordingly to censure the samen; and to advyse what effectuell course may be taken for suppressing thairof in tym coming.

Superstitious going to wellis.—The Assembly, being informit that some went superstitionlie to wellis denominat from Saintis, ordains Presbitries to tak notice thairof, and to censure these that are guiltie of that falt.

Reference anent witchcraft.—It is also referrit to the Generall Assembly, quhither persons dilattit for witchcraft, and not purgit, may be admittit to the benefitt of the Kirk.

¹ Mr. Robert Edmiston appears in the Roll of the following Synod as the colleague of Mr. Duncan.

Meafoun word.—The Affemblic referris the reference from the Presbitrie of Dunfermline, concerning the Meafoun word, and thair oathis of fecricie thairanent, to the Generall Affemblic.

The brether nominat to affist in the chufing of Regentis.—The Presbitrie buik of St. Androis fein and approvin. Thair being presentit to this Affemblic ane aēt from the vifitoris of the Vniverfitie of St. Androis, datit in Januarij 1649, concerning the ellectioun of the minifteris to affist in the chufing of Regentis in the Colledges of Philofophie thair, the number not exceiding ffye, and the quorum thrie; do heirby appoint and ordaine thair reverend brether, Mrs. Robert Blair, James Sharpe, Alexander Moncreiff, Walter Greig, William Oliphant, minifteris, to joyne with the minifteris [maifteris?] of the Colledge quher the Regent fall happen to vaik, for tryall of the testimoniallis, literatur, and converfatioun of the intrant, conforme to the aēt, and this commiffioun to continew for a yeir.

Letter from Ferny to be anfuerit.—The Affemblic, having receauit ane letter from the Laird of Ferny requyring for a lift of Malignantis affifting to the late finfull Engagement, referris the anfuer thair of to the difcretioun of the feveral Presbitries, and ordains a letter to be writtin from the Synod to the Laird of Fernie to that effect.

Anent help for bringing witches to confeffion.—The baillies of Innerkeithing defyrous for help in examining and bringing witches to confeffion, the Synod recommendis this to the Presbitrie of Dunfermline.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FIFFE HALDIN AT KIRKCALDIE, THE
TUENTIE FYFT DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1649.

[Mr. John M'Gill chofen Moderator.]

Provisioun of kirkis and scollis.—The Affemblic having enquiryt the feveral Presbitries, quhat diligence they have vfed anent the provisioun of kirkis and scollis, anfueris as followis, viz. The Presbitrie of Dunfermline hes alreadie plantit thairis, except ane or tuo, quhilk they intend, God willing, to plant at the nixt vifitatioun of thair kirkis: The Presbitries of Sainctandrois and Kirkcaldie hes alreadie done thair diligence in

that point. And the Affemblic recomendis to the Presbitrie of Couper to provyde for thair scollis, conforme to the actis of the Generall Affemblic maid thairanent.

Purging of Sessjonis from ignorant and scandalous personis, and superstitious observeris of Yule day, etc.—The Affemblic still recomendis to the severall Presbitries, to think vpon the most effectuell way for purging of Sessjonis from ignorant and scandalous personis; and to censure these in thair boundis that observis Yule day, and gois superstitiouslie to wellis denominat from Saincts; and to advyse quhat effectuell course may be taken for suppreffing thair of in tym comming.

Act in favouris of David Balfour.—The Affemblic having feriouslie considerit the petition given in be David Balfour, quho had bein detained long in captivitie, and had servit ffyve voyages in the Turkis gallies at Argeiris, ffor quhois releiff the Parliament ordained a contributioun to be collectit; in obedience quhair of, the province of Ffyffe did contribute ane certaine sowe of money, and pat the samen in the handis of Mr. John Moncreiff, minister at Kingorne, and Mr. Robert Cuninghame of Woodfeild, burges thair; and the Affemblic, considering that it hes pleasit God in his providence to bring the said David home to his dwelling place; and finding that he hes onlie obtainit fridome to his persone, bot is still in a verie distrest conditioun; the Affemblic considering that charitable dealling of the Thrie Lowdians to Mr. Alexander Riddoch and his brother, who were in his companie at that tyme, and thair los far inferiour to his; doe thairfoir appointt and ordaine the whole superplus of the contributioun receavit be the foirsaidis personis, (exceptand the ranfome of Claws Pitcleine,) ffor the quhilk the said Mr. Robert hes geven band, and some more releiff to the reliet of vmquhile Adame Greig, on of the said captives, (according to the discretioun of the Presbitrie of Kirkcaldie), to be delyverit to the said David Balfour.

Act for Civill Magistratis.—The Affemblic recomendis to the severall Presbitries to have a civill magistrat in ilk parochin to put thair actis to executioun.

Elspeth Seath suspect of Witchcraft.—The Presbitrie of Cuper are ordained to vse all meanis to try Elspeth Seath, fufpect of witchcraft.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FIFFE HAULDIN AT ST. ANDROIS,
THE SECOND DAY OF APRILE, 1650.

[Mr. Fredrick Carmichaell chosen Moderator.]

Baith provydit.—The Presbitrie of Dunfermline declairis, that the kirk of Baith is provydit of ane stipend.

It being also regraittit to the Synode that drinkeris and fueareris, obtinat personis transgrefouris in refusing to work on Yule day, wer not dewlie cenfurit, the Assembly appoints thair reverend brethren Mrs. Colin Adame, Johne M'Gill younger, Alexander Moncreiff, Kenneth Logie, ministeris; the Laird of Moncreiff, rewling elder, and the correspondent of Perth,¹ to represent thair ovirtures concerning these particularis to the next Seffioun.

Lady Abircrombies chyld.—Thair being a reference from the Presbitrie of St. Andros concerning the baptizing the Lady Abircrombies chyld, the Provincially grantis the chyld fall be baptized, supposing that my Lord Abircrombie adhearis to his former letter writtin to the last Synode, yet so that they doe not heirby cleir hir of that scandall.

Elspeth Seath.—The Assembly ordains the Presbitrie of Couper in thair severall pulpets, to desyre all that hes any dilationis to give in against Elspeth Seath, suspect of witchcraft, to declair the same.

Anent the discoverie and censure of intemperat drinking and suearing.—
1. That everie parochie be divydit in severall quarteris, and each elder his owne quarter, over which he is to have speciall inspectioun, and that everie elder visit his quarter once everie month at least, according to the act of the Generall Assembly 1649, and in thair visitatioun tak notice of all disorderlie walkeris, especiallie negle&touris of Gods worship in thair families, fueareris, haunteris of aill houfes, especiallie at vnseasonable tymes, and long fitteris thair, and drinkeris of healthis; and that he dilate these to the Seffioun.

2. That the Act of the Provincially Assembly concerning drunkennes, suearing etc., be revived, and againe publickly read in churches, togidder with the late Act of Parliament against drunkennes.

¹ Mr. William Bell, minister at Dron.

3. That everie Seffion day the minifter enquire feriouſlie at the elderis if they, or ony of them, have taken notice of anie guiltie of fuearing, drunkennes, vnreaſonable haunting of aill houſes, and long fitting thair. He is alſo to be frequent in mynding the elderis of thair dewtie, and the accompt they are to mak to God in thair diſcharge of it.

4. That everie Seffion buik bear the miniſteris diligence in inquiring concerning theſe things at every Seffion; and that this, and the wholl ordour of the Seffion may be better knowne, everie Seffion is to ſend in thair regiſter to the Preſbitrie tuentie dayis befor every Synodall Affembly, and the Preſbitrie to examine the buiks.

5. That felleris of aill to theſe quho are drunk, or vnreaſonable and exceſſive in drinking, fall fall vnder the ſame cenſure with the drinkeris.

6. That miniſteris aud Seffionis vſe diligence in dealling with gentlemen and heretouris for crecting the civill Judicatorie appointed by A& of Parliament in everie parioche, and that the executioun of the A& of Parliament at Perth be vrged; which diligence everie Seffion buik is to bear, and Preſbitries to anfuer and give accompt to the nixt Synode for all the diligence of all paroches in thair boundis in this matter.

Anent promiſcuous dancing.—1. That the A& of Affembly be publi&lie read in all churches quhair yet it is not read.

That the elderis of the quarter quhair the brydale is, tak notice of perſonis tranſgreſſing the ſaid a&, and dilate them to the Seffion; and the Seffion are to call ſuch perſonis befor them, and rebuik them for the firſt, and gif they be fund againe, to advyſe with the Preſbitrie anent the cenſure, as it is referrit to them by the Generall Affembly.

Report.—Ane ſupplicatioun being given in be the huſbands and children of ſome wemen dilatit for witchcraft within the toun of Dyfert, the Synode appointis Mrs. Johne Duncan, James Sibbald, Walter Bruce, Colin Adame, and George Nairne, to conſider of it, and report thair judgement to the nixt Seffion.

Tryall of Expectants.—The Affembly conſidering that many Expectants comes to noblemen and gentlemens houſes within this province, and vſes familie worſhip thair, without acquainting the Preſbitries thairwith;

thairfoir dois appoint, according to former a&ctis, that everie Presbitrie tak notice of everie intrant in that kynd, and try thair qualificatioun, and also to look exactlie to thair cariage in the places they come to.

3 Aprilis, Sefs. 4, post meridiem.

Anent the erecting of a Presbitrie in Kinros.—A supplicatioun being geven in be the Lordis of Burghlie, Balvaird, the Lairdis of Adie, Arnot, Kirknes, and fundrie vther considerable perfonis, continit in the supplicatioun, anent the erecting of a Presbitrie in Kinros, the Assemblie appointtis a comittee to perambulat the boundis, and to report the necessitie thairof to the nixt ensufing Generall Assemblie.

Anent recommendationis.—The Assemblie, regraitting that they are ovir burdenit with recommendationis for charitie to distrest perfonis be the Generall Assemblie, desyris that the Generall Assemblie wold be more spairing thairin in tyme coming.

Anent personis suspect of witchcraft.—The Committee appointtit for giveing thair judgement anent these that wer dilatit for witchcraft in Dyfert, advyses the Presbitrie of Kirkcaldie to deall with the Counsell of Dyfert for obtaining a commiffioun to put the supplicantis to ane assyffe.

Presbitrie of Dunfermline approven.—The Presbitrie of Dunfermline, being removit for censure, are approven. And becaus some informatioun was given to the Synode anent some superstitious rites vfit in the buriall of the late Laird of Fordell, the Presbitrie of Dunfermline are ordinit to inquyre thairanent. As also, desyris them to have a cair of the provisioun of the kirks of Sawling and Cleishe.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HAULDIN AT COUPER THE
15 SEPTEMBER, 1650.¹

[Mr. James Wood chofen Moderator.]

At Couper, 15 October, 1650. Sefs. 3, post meridiem.

Letter to his Majestie.—The Assemblie ordains thair reverend brethren,

¹ The Assemblie was adjourned to the 15th October, and thence to the 5th November.

Mrs. Andro Honyman, Hary Rymour, Williame Olyphant, Walter Greig, George Ogilvie, Andro Bennett, Daud Forrett, ministers, Sir James Melvil, and Mr. Robert Honeyman, rewling elders, to meit with the Moderatour for drawing of ane Letter to his Majestie, anent his late escape to the Malignants.

October 16.—The Letter writtin to his Majestie read publi&lie, and approvin ; and ordains ther reverend brethren Mrs. Andro Bennet, and Patrik Skougall, and Sir James Melvill, rewling elder, to present the samyne the morne, being the 17 October. And siclyke, to speak with the Erle of Weyms anent his salt pans, gif they can meit with him at Perth.

November 6.—Mr. Patrik Scougall reportit, that he and Mr. Laurence Oliphant delyverit the Letter to his Majestie, quhilk wes verie graioufflie acceptit of be his Hienes, with great thanks to the Affemblic ; and a. earnest defyre to pray for him nevir to fall in the lyke escape in joyning to the Malignants.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, MET AT DUNFERMLINE THE
FIRST OF APRYLE 1651.¹

[Mr. Johne Duncane chofen Moderatour.]

Change of mercats.—The Moderatour of Couper reports, that Auchtermuchtie and Falkland hes changit thair mercattis.

Hospitall of St. Leonards.—Ane supplicatioun being presentit be James Espline, eleemosinar of the hospitall of Sain& Leonards, situat befyde the burgh of Dunfermline, for himself, and in name of the widowes thair of, defyring the charitie of the severall Presbitreis for reedifeing of the said hospitall ; the Affemblic recomends him to the charitie of the severall Presbitreis.

Conference with scrupling brethren.—The Affemblic recomends to the severall Presbitreis to deall in conference with thair scrupling and dissenting brethren in all meiknes.

¹ This Assemblie was adjourned to meet at Kirkaldy on the 7 May.

AT KIRKALDIE, 7 MAII 1651.

Anent the conference that wes recomendit at the laft Seffion of the Synode, to be had with thair brethren anent thair diffenting from publi&t refolutions, the feverall Presbitreis being callit vpoun, did mak report as followes: Kirkaldie reports they mett, bot had done nothing as yitt. Dunfermline reports they mett and conferrit, but the conference wes not clofit. Sain&tandros reports they had onlie on brother that diffentit; and the conference wes appoyntit, bot, the brother being feik, it held not. Couper reports they had onlie one brother that diffentit, and that they had not mett.

Overtures.—The Committee appoyntit to confider of Overtures how Presbitreis fall carry themselffs towards breethren that goes not along with the publi&t courfe of the Kirk, gave in the report of thair diligence, quhilk wes publi&lie read, and condiscendit to. The Overtures followes:

1. The Synode warnes the brethren, as regarding the authoritie of the Synode to defyre thair help for clearing thair iudgment before they declare or refolve peremptourlie, to informe thair people vtherwayes then according to the publi&t refolutioun of the fupreme judicatories of the Kirk.

2. That the feverall Presbitreis doe with diligence goe about the conference with fcrupling brethren, whither thair fcruples be concerning the publi&t refolutioun of the Kirk, or thair papers be, for profequuting the famyne; and that brethren be dealt with all meiknes of wifdom, with dew advyfdnes and deliberatioun.

3. That the feverall Presbitreis, efter conference, tak fome effectuell courfis for caufing to be read in all the congregatiouns the publi&t papers enjoynt by the commiffioun of the Generall Affemblic.

4. That brethren be exhorted, in the name of the Lord, to forbear hencefurth, in thair do&trine to the people, to preach contrair to the refolutions of the publi&t judicareis, and thair conclufions for defence of the land; and gif any fall contravein, that they be admonifhit be the Presbitreis; and gif efter admonitioun they continow, that they be referrit by the Presbitreis to the Generall Affemblic.

5. That the severall Presbitreis tak notice of any brethren quho ather have, or shall, vnder pretence of speaking for publiēt resolution, reflect vpon any of the former proceedings and principles of this Kirk in relation to the work of reformatioun; or shall vse any speeches, which are apt to be mistaken and abused by profane ones against trew godlines and godlie perones, which doe favour of malignancie.

6. That according to the acts of the Generall Assemblie, Presbitreis tak speciall notice of all expectants, gentlemens chaplaines, or these quhom they employ in going before thair familie in the worship of God, and of all pedagogues in thair bounds, trying both thair abilitie and thair integritie, [and to] censure such of them who salbe fund detractors of the publiēt proceedings of the Church.

7. That Seffions and Presbitreis try thair severall elderfchips, and efter paines taken to informe thair elders anent publiēt resolutions, admonish and rebuik any quho salbe fund venting dissafectionis, practising to the hinderance of the publiēt coursis for defence of the land.

Mr. David Dalgleische.—The Synode recomends to the Presbitrie of Couper the tryall of these words, vsit be Mr. David Dalgleische in publiēt, wiz. ‘Blissing of God for defeating the West-cuntrie armie;’ Item, ‘Men can fight with men, bot quha can fight with triking harlotts?’

THE PROVINCIALLE ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HAULDINE AT SAINCTANDROIS
THE 8 OF APRYLE 1652.¹

[Mr. James Wood chofen Moderator.]

The Synode does appoynt the ministers of St. Androis, and Mrs. of Divinitie, with Mrs. David Forrett, Walter Comrie, and Patrik Skougall, ministers, to draw up a short and plaine explicatioun of these particular heads of divinitie, presentit to the Synode in the forenoon, conteining the principall arguments for the treuth, and anfuers to the principall objections of the adversaries against the samyne.

Letter from Mr. Robert Douglas.—The coppie of ane letter from Mr.

¹ No meeting of the Synod appears to have been held in Autumn 1651.

Robert Douglas and Mr. Andro Kerr, daitit Tour of London, 6 Apryle 1652, anent Trochrigs works, remittit to the confideratioun of a committee.

Examination of the Presbitrie Buiks continewit.—The Provinciall Affemblie being fenfible of the great neceffitie that all means lawfull be vfit for healling the divifions that ar in this Kirk, and thairvpon, being maift willing to doe any thing, faving the prefervation of the government of the Kirk, quhich any way in appearence feim to be ane obftruction of vnion, refolves to forbear at this tym the examinatioun of the Presbitrie buiks, until the nixt meiting of the Synode; with all declaring, that they doe approve and adhere to the conftitution of the late Generall Affemblie, begun at St. Androis and continewit at Dundie, as a lawfull conftitute Affemblie of this Kirk.

Dissenters.—Mrs. Samuell [Rutherford,] Alexander Moncreiff, George Nairne, and William Olyphant, diffents heirfra, and defyrs thair diffent to be markit. Mr. John M'Gill, younger, diffents vpon the grund quhairin he diffentit fra the A&t of the Generall Affemblie, daitit at Couper the day of

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF FIFE, HAULDIN AT KIRKALDIE THE
28 SEPTEMBER 1652.

[Mr. David Forret, Moderator.]

Supplicatioun Peeter Kennidy.—The Synod having receavit ane fuppliation from Peeter Kennidy, ane blind fchooler in Dunfermling, defyring thair chiritie for his intertainment and learning at one of the Colledges of Sain&androis; the Synode hes condifcendit to give to him ffourtie fhillings out of everie kirk of the province ovirhead; and appoynts thair reverend brethren following, to receive the faid collectioun, viz. for Dunfermline Presbitrie, the minifters thair of; ffor St. Androis, Mr. Andro Honyman; ffor Couper, Mr. George Thomfone; and ffor Kirkaldie, Mr. Kenneth Logie.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HAULDIN AT KIRKALDIE
THE . . DAY OF APRYLE, 1655.¹

[Mr. James Wood, Moderator.]

July 5. Sess. 4.

Causēs of a folemne humiliatioun and fast to be kept the 22 of July in all the congregatiouns of the province of Fyffe.

1. The great and generall contempt of the grace of the gofpell; the conversatioun of many of the professors not being as becometh the gofpell.

2. The sad afflictioun of the reformat Churches abroad, and the great danger of the trew religioun establischt among us.

3. The increas of poperie in severall pairts of the land, and the coming in of seducers to draw away vnstable foules from the treuth of the gofpell.

4. The many abominable finnes, as contempt and mocking of pietie, gros vncleannes, intemperance, breach of Sabbath, fueiring, iniustice, murmuring against God, abounding, quhill wee are vnder the Lords afflicting hand.

5. The iudgment-lyke vnseasonableness of the yeir.

THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HAULDIN AT SAINTANDROIS
26 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1655.

[Mr. Andro Honyman, Moderator.]

Promiscuous dancing.—The double of the Synods act anent promiscuous dancing, to be sent to the severall Presbitries, and recommends to the Presbitries to fie it put in executioun.

Anent marriage of wemen quhois men hes bein amiffing.—The Presbitrie of Couper having sought advyce, Quhat they fould doe in the cais of thes wemen quhois husbands hes been amiffing since Dunbar or Worster, de-

¹ This meeting was adjourned till July 3, to meet at Cuper. The previous minutes of meetings from 1652 contain nothing of general interest.

fyring to be mariet with other men? The Synode thinks, that minifters fould not proceed to marie wemen in that cais without produ&ctioun of clear evidences of thair husbands death, or the fentence of the civile judge competent in fuch caiffis.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE, HAULDIN AT KIRKALDIE THE
LAST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1656.

[Mr. Robert Bennett, Moderatour.]

[Mr. Johne Edmeftoun, minifter at Kilmadock, correfpondent from Perthfhire.]

Supplicatioun Kingorne.—Thair being prefentit to the Synode, ane reference from the Prefbitrie of Kirkaldie, togidder with ane fupplicatioun from the Toun counfele and Kirk feffion of Kingorne, anent the great prejudice the faid Toun hed fuftenit by the late ftorme in demolifching the harbours, both in thair Toun and Petticur, and lykwyes in breaking in vpon thair kirk-zaird dyks, to the hazarding of the los and vndermyning of thair Kirk; the Synode finding the famyne to be treuth, and taking it to thair ferious confideratioun, vpon verie good ground, did vnanimoufflie recommend to the feverall Prefbitries within the province of Fyffe, to contribute for the fame.

Anent thefe that are fallen to Anabaptifme.—Quhairas, thair wes ane reference from the Prefbitrie of Couper to the Synode for advyce, Quhat cours fould be taken with fuch as are fallen away to Anabaptifme? the Synode advyfes Mr. Johne Makgill younger, in quhos congregatioun they are, to proceed with them according to the ordour of the Church in fuch caiffis.

THE PROVINCIALL ASSEMBLIE OF FYFFE METT AT SAINCTANDRO,
7 APRYLE 1657.

The Roll of the Minifters and Rewling Elders are cittit according to the ordour, quhos names followes :

THE PRESBITRIE OF ST. ANDRO.

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Camroun.	Mr. Alexander Wilfoun.	David Balfoure, ab.						
Dyninnow.	Mr. Alex. Wduart [Ed- ward.]	MartineCorftorphine, ab.						
Kingisbarnes.	Mr. James Bruce.	Johne Brig, ab.						
Kilrinny.	Mr. Robert Bennett.	James Broun.						
Craill.	Mr. James Sharp.							
Anfruther-Eifter.	Mr. Colin Adame.	Johne Lyndfay.						
Anfruther-Weft.	Mr. David Guthrie.	Johne Livingftoun.						
Pittenweime.	Mr. George Hamiltoun.	George Smyth.						
Abercrombie.	Mr. Robert Wilkie.							
Carnbie.	Mr. Hary Rymour.	Johne Hendirfone.						
Kilconquhair.	Mr. David Forrett.	Kinraig.						
Ellie.	Mr. Robert Weyms.	William Peirfoun.						
Newburne.								
Largo.	Mr. James M'Gill.	George Mowtray.						
Kembok.	Mr. Johne Wardlaw.	Laird of Brathanes.						
Forgoun.	Mr. Alex. Wedderburne.	Johne Wilfone.						
Ferrieportnacraig.	Mr. William Vilant.	Hary Paterfone.						
Leuchars.	Mr. Patrik Skougall.	Johne Meldrum.						

THE PRESBITRIE OF COUPER.

Couper.	Mr. John M'Gill younger.	
Dairfie.	Mr. David Raitt, ab. feik.	
Syrus.	Mr. William Row.	William Melvill.

Cults.	Mr. George Difchingtoun.	William Daw.
Ketles.	Mr. John Ramfay.	Ramorny.
Falkland.	Mr. Willian Livingftoun.	Johne Bell.
Stramiglo.	Mr. John Rig.	Corftoun.
Auchtermuchtie.	Mr. James Martine.	David Arnott.
Culeffie.	Mr. Johne Litljohne.	
Monymaill.	Mr. David Orme.	Rankellour.
Abdie.	Mr. Alexander Balfoure.	Woodmilne.
Newburgh.	Mr. Laurence Olyphant.	George Orme.
Flikk.	Mr. Johnne M'Gill elder.	
Dunboig.		
Creigh.	Mr. Johne Alexander.	George Stirk.
Balmerino.	Mr. Walter Greig.	
Kilmanie.	Mr. George Thomfoun.	William Myles.
Logie.	Mr. Harie Pitcairne.	William Bell.
Munfie.	Mr. James Wedderburne.	James Hedrig.

THE PRESBITRIE OF KIRKALDIE.

Kirkaldie Toun.	{ Mr. James Symfone. Mr. Kenneth Logie.	} David Fergufone.
Landwart thairof.	Mr. Pat. Weyms, ab. feik.	
Auchtirderay.	Mr. Johne Chalmers.	George Brig.
Kingorne.	Mr. Joshua Meldrum.	Robert Cuninghame.
Bruntiland.	Mr. George Nairne.	
Auchtirtule.	Mr. Andro Walker.	David Betfoun.
Kinglaffie.	Mr. Thomas Melvill.	Caskeberrian.
Ballingrie.	Mr. Robert Bruce.	James Scrymgour.
Portmoig.	Mr. George Ogilvie.	Robert Ogilvie.
Leffie.	Mr. Thomas Blak.	Thomas Robertfone.
Markinch.	Mr. Fredrik Carmichall.	
Kennowie.	Mr. Robert Merffer.	
Skuny.	Mr. Alexander Moncreiff.	
Weyms.	Mr. Harie Wilkie.	Walter Nairne.

Dyfart.	{ Mr. James Wilfone.
	{ Mr. Robert Honyman.

THE PRESBITRIE OF DUNFERMLINE.

Dunfermline.	{ Mr. Robert Kay.	William Walker.
	{ Mr. William Olyphant.	
Baith.	Mr. Hary Smyth.	John M ^e Ke.
Aberdour.	Mr. Robert Bruce.	
Dalgatie.	Mr. Andro Donaldfone.	Robert Anderfone.
Innerkething.	Mr. Walter Bruce.	Robert Cant.
Torriebarne.	Mr. James Sibbald.	
Culrofs.	{ Mr. Robert Edmestoun.	William Bruce.
	{ Mr. Mathew Flemyng.	
Carnok.	Mr. George Belfrage.	
Sawline.	Mr. James Olyphant.	
Cleifche.	Mr. James Halkftoun.	John Symfone.
Kinrofs.	Mr. George Colden.	John Steidman.
Wruell.	Mr. Johne Gray.	

[Mr. James Wood chofen Moderator.]

[Mr. James Grahme, minifter at Glendovan, correspondent for Perth-shyre, and Mr. Johne Raitt, minifter, for Angus and Mearns.]

Petitioun for St. Androis.—A petitioun presentit by the Magiftratis of Sain&andros in name of the whole inhabitantis of the cittie, defyryng a recomendatioun for a charitable affiftance from the kirks of this province, towards the repairing of thair harbour and ftone bridge, ruined by the ftorme in winter 1655.

Pittenweyme.—Ane vther petitioun from the toun of Pittenweyme, defyryng a recomendatioun for the lyke charitable affiftance towards the reparatioun of thair harbour, ruined by the faid ftorme.

Ferrie Portnacraig.—Ane vther petitioun from the toun of Ferrie Portnacraig, ffor charitable affiftance for helping them to the raifing vp of some

ffence to preserve thair toun from the invndatioun of the sea, by which ane great pairt of the said toun is in hazard to be waschin away.

Anent Anabaptists.—The Presbitrie of Couper having representit to the Synod, that some Anabaptists in the parochie of Couper, sumtymes memberis of the said parochie, being oftymes callit, according to the ordour of the former Provinciall, to appear before the said Presbitrie, at last appearit; bot still deteining and avowing thair errours: And that heirvpon some brethren wer appoyntit by the Presbitrie to confer with them, quho severall tymes did confer with them, till, at last, they refused conference altogether. And the Presbitrie, requiring advyce fra the Synode, quhat further could be done in ordour to reclaime the saidis persones, the Synode, also finding, vpon enquiry maid to the brethren of the said Presbitrie, that these persones vses diligence to seduce vtheris into the same errour, thinks fitt and recomends to the Presbitrie of Couper, that they shall yit call the persones forsaidis to further conference; and they refusing, to proceed against them to the highest ecclesiastick censure, according to the ordour and steps of procedour vsuall in this Church.

Presbitrie of Couper removit for censure.—The Presbitrie of Couper being removit for censure, and callit in againe, it wes recomendit to them, first, that they should have a care of thair Register.¹

Maters recommendit to them.—Secondlie, that they will endeavour by all meanes ane peaciable cariage of thair affairs, and to shun by all means entering of protestatiouns about maters of smaller importance, quhairin thair is difference of judgement amongst them. And that, for interteining of kyndlines amongst them, they will tak thair refreshment togidder the day of thair Presbiteriall meiting efter the dissolving thairof. Thridlie, that in regaird it is reportit to the Synode, that thair brother Mr. David Orme is somequhat diftra&tit in his calling, by labouring of land without his parochie, that they will mak enquiry gif thair be any such thing, and report thair diligence to the next Synode. In cæteris, approvin.

¹ It was found that the Register of Cupar “is writtin with verie small writt, that it is hardlie legible, with base ink for the most pairt, and without a competent margine, and in verie many places interlyned; quhilk last cannot but render a register suspect, and weaken the faith of it.”

ST. ANDROIS, NOVEMBER 18, 1662.

According to the appointment of the Lord Archbishop and Synod, the Committee appointed to receive and visit the Presbitrie and Synodal Buiks within the Diocy, mett, viz. the Archdean, who moderated in the meeting, Dr. Colvill, Dr. Comrie, Mrs. Alexander Balfour, Silvester Lamie, Robert Eduard, George Ogilvie, Alexander Eduard. A letter of excuse from Mr. John Barclay, another from Mr. George Pittillok.

Books presented.—Presbitrie book of Dunfermline, 2 vol. from 15 . . to 1661; Presbitrie of Mernes, in 2 vol. from 1624 to 1661; Synodal Book of Angus and Merns, 1 vol. fra 1639 to 165.; Presbitrie of Dundee, 2 vol. fra 1597 to 1660; Presbitrie of Arbroth, 3 vol. from 1639 to 1661; Presbitrie of Forfar, 1 vol. from 1650 to 1660; Presbitrie of Kirkcaldy, 1 vol. from 1630 to 1653; Presbitrie of Cuper, 1 vol. fra 1646 to 1660; Synodal book of Fyff, 2 vol. fra 1639 to 1660; Presbitrie of Perth, 2 vol. the 1 fra 1618 to 1647, the next fra 1647 to 1661.

Ther was a letter from the Bishop of Dunkell presented to the Committee, shewing, that he had spoken with the Archbishop anent the Presbitrie book of Megil. The Committee, advyng what was fittest to be done in that which was committed to them, thought fitt, feing ther wer several books not yet sent in, to adjourn ther meeting.

ST. ANDROIS, 27 OCTOBER 1663.

Against the profanation of the Sabbath.—The Archbishop and Synod, hearing of the gryt profanation of the Sabbath, by peoples travelling on the Lords day, doe appoint each minister in his several charge, to look more narrowlie to this, and especially, that ministers in burghs deal with the magistrats for restraining that sin.

ST. ANDROIS, 5 APRIL 1664.

Mr. H. Rymor and G. Baverich depofed.—Mr. Hary Rymor at Carnbie, and Mr. George Baverich at Carnok, having been at the last Synod suf-

pendit from their ministry, according to the law, and no application being made by them to the Lord Archbishop or Synod, the Lord Archbishop and Synod, finding the law clear, as also their contravention to the same, do depose them from the function of the holy ministry; and the intimation of this sentence is to be made to them as the Lord Archbishop sees opportunity.

Anent the maintenance of Vniuersities.—The Lord Archbishop did communicate to the brethren of the Synod his Majesty's letter to the Bishops, anent the additional provision to the maintenance of Vniuersities, allowit to them by the act of the late Parliament; wherein his Majesty seriouſlie recommends to the Bishops that they may labour in their several Synods that the foresaid act may be made effectual for such a pious end. In order wherunto it is appointed, that the Moderators of the several Exercises send in to the Lord Archbishop, between this and the 1st of August, the valuation of the several stipends and vicarrages, subscribed by the ministers of the several parishes; and it is thought most equitable that the chalde of victuall, enduring these years mentioned in the act, be valued at an hundred marks.

ST. ANDROIS, 5 OCTOBER, 1664.

Maintenance for Minister of Arngosk.—The Bishop¹ and Synod being informed of the mean provision of Mr. George Moncreiff, minister at Arngosk, that it is but 350 merks, and knowing the difficultie how he may be helpt, doe recommend his case to the Lords of the Commission for plantation of kirks for augmentation.

Bridge of Dey.—The Bishop and Synod leaves the collection for the bridge of Dey to the Lord Archbishop at his return.

ST. ANDROIS, OCTOBER 5, 1665.

Robert Small.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod, taking to their consideration that reference concerning Robert Small, and finding that the

¹ Andrew, Bishop of Orkney, presided at this meeting in absence of the Archbishop.

brethren of Megil had done nothing in it, appoint that the brethren of Dunfermlin, and whosoever els have anie evidence of divination or vnlawful meanes of healing difeases, and finding that which is losed or stollen, used be that man, that they fend them to the brethren of Megil between this and the nixt Synod; as also, that the people who seek to him in these vnlawful wayes, be challengit be their ministers, and censured accordinglye.

Anent schole masters pædagogues, etc.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod appoint, that the Presbitries put in execution that former act relating to schole masters, chaplaines, and pædagogues, that none be admittit to officiat within their bounds bot these who are warranted be my Lord Archbishops license.

Harbour of Kilburn.—The supplication of David Boil of Kilburn, for charitable contribution for the reparation of the harbour of Kilburn, is delayit to the nixt Synod.

ST. ANDROIS, APRIL 25, 1666.

Robert Small.—As concerning that reference relating to Robert Smal, the brethren appointed to conferr with him, viz. Mrs. Walter Bruce, Robert Honiman, John Auchinlek, and David Patoun, reported that by his own confeffion, they find him guiltie of drunkennes, of prevarication, and of pretending skill in divining wher stollen goods are to be found, although reallie he hath none, and of abusing of the name of God in his papirs given out for finding of these stollen goods; and finds him sensible of his sin, and forrie for it, promising, throw God's grace, never to do the like againe. The Lord Archbishop and Synod appoint, that he appear before some congregation within the Presbitry of Megil, confes his sin, and professe his repentance for it, and engadge himself to doe no more so; and this be intimate to all the congregations within the Presbitry: which the said Robert acquiesced vnto, and promised to do, whenever he should be appointed be the Presbitry of Megil.

Anent John Auchterlonie, adulterer.—As for that woman wha lay in adultery with John Auchterlonie, and was deprehendit in the bed with him, the woman being in firmance in Arbroth, the brethren ar appointed to

goe on agains her with the hieft cenfures of the Kirk ; and the man being in the hand of the Magiftrates of Dundee, the brethren of that Prefbitry are to fpeak the magiftrates, that he be lookt vnto as one guiltie of fuch a fin ought to be.

If ther be anie perfone inclining to Poperie or Quakerifm they ar to be delated to the Lord Archbifhop, that a courfe may be taken with them.

Moderators are to take notice of the vniformity of minifters in their praftife of caufing the Creed to be recited at baptifmes, and of finging of the Doxologie, and of making ufe of the Lords Prayer in publik.

ST. ANDROIS, OCTOBER 3, 1666.

John Auchterlony, adulterer.—The brethren of Arbroth declared, that the woman with whom John Auchterlonie fell in adultery, was fent away to Barbadoes.

ST. ANDROIS, 1 OCTOBER, 1667.

The register of minifters ftipends, etc.—The Lord Archbifhop and Synod appoint, that the rights of minifters ftipends, the condition of ther manfes, free or affected with burden ; alfo, that all mortifications (within the refpectiue parifhes) whither to kirks, fchools, or hospitals, and the provifion of the burfars of Theologie, be regiftrat in a particular book within each Prefbitrie ; which book is to be brought to the next Synod be the feveral Moderators. Alfo they appoint that the burfars of Theologie ftay at leaft fix months in the New Colledge every year, and that minifters be careful to pay them in due tyme ; which payment is to be noted in the Prefbitry book.

The Minifter of Fettereffo is appointed to go on with the cenfures of the Kirk agains the Quakers within his parioch, and that he cite them ; and if they be not reclaimed, that he proceed to the higheft cenfures of the Kirk in due manner.

Communion.—The Lord Archbifhop and Synod appoint that the Communion be given in each church at leaft once in the year, at a con-

venient time about the end of March, or in April; and this is to be markit in the Presbitry book.

ST. ANDROIS, 1 APRIL 1668.

Depofition of Mr. George Dishington.—The Lord Archbishop declaired, that he had fent the fentence of depofition to Mr. George Dishingtoun, according to the a&t of the former Synod.

Depofition of Mr. Robert Edmiftoun.—The Lord Archbishop declaired, that he had kept a vifitation at Dunfermling, and that he had, upon good grounds, depofed Mr. Robert Edmiftoun, minifter at Culros. As for Mafter Mathew Fleeming, his colleige, the Archbishop delayit to proceed agains him, feing ther wer fome hopes of gaining him; and for that end Mrs. Walter Bruce, William Peirfon, John Shaw, ar appointed to tell him that he is noticed that he hes not ioyned with his brethren of the Presbitry.

ST. ANDREWS, 21 APRIL 1669.

Quakers in Mernes.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod being informit that in the Merns, in the parifh of Fettereffo, ar kept feveral conventicles, and that fome of thes perfons interrupt fome minifters in the time of publik worship, and that they ſpeak reproachfullie of minifters, the paftors ther ar advifed to be diligent in watching over ther flocks, and guarding them agains thes errors, and wait till a courſe be taken be the magiftrat with theſe diforderly perfons.

Supplication of the burgh of Kirkcaldie.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod taking to ther confideration the fupplication of the magiftrats and toun counfell of the burgh of Kirkcaldie, for a colle&tion to the building of a new harbour of the faid burgh, which work was interrupted throw the troubles of the time; they grant the faid fupplication, provyding the petitioners find fecurity that what money is colle&ted for that end, and deliverit to them, fall be expendit on the faid work; and appoint that all the minifters within the dioces colle&ct for the faid harbour as foon as conveniently they may.

That ministers preach twife each Sabbath.—The Moderators are to enquire of all ministers within ther bounds, if they preach twife everie Sabbath, and if they ordinarlie keep home.

ST. ANDROIS, 6 OCTOBER 1669.

Collection for Cupar.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod having a supplication befor them from the toun of Cupar, presented befor them, wherin they supplicat, that a charitable contribution may be granted vnto them, throughout all the parish churches of the dioces, in regard that upon the . . day of April last, a fire brake out accidentallie in the said toun, about one after midnight, and destroyit about 20 considerable families, quyte ruined ther whole houses, and brought the saids persons to great straits; therfor, the saids petitioners having obtained an act of his Majesties Secret Counfel, for a voluntar contribution to the supplie of the saids persons, throughout all the touns and parishes of the shires of Fife, the three Lowthians, Merce, Perth, and Angus, the Lord Archbishop and Synod, considering the premiffes, appoint that a charitable contribution be collected throughout all the parish churches within the dioces of St. Androis, and that between this and Candlemes nixt that collection be gone about and endit: Provyding alway, that the magistrats of Cupar appoint faithful and honest men to receive the same from the severall Moderators of the Presbitries, and to see that the same be faithfullie distribut to the persons damnified be that fire, at the sight of the Magistrats and Ministers, as they will be answerable to the Lords of his Majesties Secret Council.

Contribution for toun of Kilmarnock.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod having a supplication presented befor them from the inhabitants of the toun of Kilmarnock, that wheras upon the 22 May 1668, the whole toun was burnt into ashes by a violent fire that broke out accidentallie, and about 120 families wer cast out of all habitation, and brought to povertie and beggarie: whervpon the petitioners, having presented ther deplorable condition to the Lords of his Majesties Privie Council, had an act of the saids Lords in ther favours, recommending them to the Archbishop and Bishops for a charitable contribution toward ther releif. The Lord Arch-

bishop and Synod, taking the petition to their consideration, do appoint all ministers within this diocese to go about the said collection immediately after they have collected for Cupar.

ST. ANDROIS, 13 APRIL 1670.

Collection for the Incorporation of the Scotese at London.—The Lord Archbishop represented to the Synod, that the Commissioner his grace, fitting in Parliament, showed the expedience of a charitable collection to be gathered throughout this whole kingdom, in favours of the Incorporation erected in London, for relief of Scotsmen there brought low and impoverished. The Archbishop and Synod judge this most reasonable, and think that it should be collected by ministers in burghs at peoples houses, and that ministers in landward should go to gentlemen's houses and get their collection, and that it be written down in a book what each person gives.

Collection for Dundee.—[Anent] the act of Parliament in favours of the burgh of Dundee, for a voluntary contribution to the repairing of their harbor, and graving of ships, through the great storme in October 1668, the Archbishop and Synod resolve to take this to their consideration, and to appoint a time for that collection.

ST. ANDROIS, 5 OCTOBER 1670.

Persons marrying disorderlie.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod, being informed that some persons go to the Border and marry there, contemning the order of the Church, judge that they should be delated to the civil magistrat, that they may be fined according to law; and that they be put to a publick declaration of their repentance, and be suspended from the sacrament for violating of the order of the Church; and that ministers be careful to give in the names of such persons at the next meeting of the Synod, and what they have done in their censure.

ST. ANDROIS, 3 MARCH, 1671.

Supplication of Dundee, Killynny, St. Minnace.—The supplication of

the burghs of Dundee, Kilrynnie, and St. Minnace, for contributions to the repairing of ther harbours, are to be taken into confideration in due tyme.

Act againſt withdrawing from publik ordinance, ſpeciallie of baptiſm.—Among the many finful diſtempers which ar ſo prevalent in theſe times, there is none more apt and powerful to cauſe a decay of godlines, and to hinder the growth and advancement therof, then a voluntar and vnneceſſary ſeceſſion from the Communion of the Church, in the publik and viſible ſervice of God, and the violation and diſturbance of peace and order; and becauſe this ſo hurtful and pernicious ſin is become ſo powerful in many as to cauſe them withdraw not only from the publik Aſſembly, wher God is worſhipped in treuth and purity, bot obſtinately to withdraw ther children from the benefit of baptiſme; wherby, under pretext of ſcruple and tendernes of conſcience, they giue ſad evidences of a high contempt of the ordinances of Chriſt, and of the authoritie and conſtitution of this Church, by renouncing all communion therwith: Therfor, for the preventing of a ſin ſo deſtructive to pietie and loue, and for the vindication of the authority of the Church, it is appointed and ordained by the Archbiſhop and Synod, that all perſons who perſiſt in ther wilful ſeparation from the ordinances of Chriſt, in the publik and allowed Aſſemblies of this Church, and reſuſe to bring ther children to be baptiſed by the orderlie and approven miniſters therof, that they be proceedit againſt with the hieft cenſures of Church, if, after all meanes uſed for ther reclaiming, they continue ſtill ſtubborn and contumacious.

ST. ANDROIS, 9 OCTOBER 1672.

William Spark.—Anent William Spark quaker, in the parioch of Dunotter, the moderator of Merns declairit, that ther was no hope of gaining him, and that the proceſs againſt him was at a cloſe. Alſo he ſhew that Quakeriſm is not ſpredding in ther fields. The Lord Archbiſhop and Synod think that the pronouncing of the ſentence againſt him is to be delayit.

Laird of Gormock.—Anent the Laird of Gormock younger, the Lord Archbiſhop and Synod think that his proces is to be continued in the caſe it is in, ſeing that the old lady and the reſt of this familie keep the Church.

Chaplaines and Scholemasters.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod, being informed that severall chaplaines and scholemasters, disaffected to the government of the Church, doe, by ther lecturing and conventieling, alienat severall persons from that peacable submiffion to ther pastors, and the attendance on the publik worship of God, as becometh them; therfor the Lord Archbishop and Synod appoint that the severall Presbitries take notice of such persons, and that they give in ther names at the nixt Synod, that none officiat in such stations without licence.

ST. ANDROIS, APRIL 29, 1674.

Representation of the grivances of the Kirk to the Lords of the Secret Council.—The Lord Archbishop and brethren of the privie conference, considering the encrease of the many disorders under which the Church, particularly in this diocefs, does sadly labour, did appoint some of ther number to confider the best expedient for the remedy and redrefs of the same: Therefore, after serious and mature deliberation, did judge that a representation of the evill of these disorders unto the Lords of his Majesties Privie Council, by the mediation of the Lord Archbishop, would be the most proper and effectual mean that yet hath been used for the cure of them: Which Overtures were given in and accepted be the conference to be considered be the Synod, which, being severall times read, were unanimously approven, and ordained to be put in forme, and delivered into the Lord Archbishop his hand. The tenour whereof followes:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

WE have always judged it not only our great duty, but also our chief joy and confidence, in all the changes of time, to approve ourselves unto God, in a faithfull discharge of the ministry of his Son, committed unto us; and though the worke and service of the Gospell hath no need of the countenance and favour of men when God is pleased by himself to make it honourable and successfull, yet we have accounted the patrocinie and protection which we enjoy, by the authority and goodness of our gracious Sovereign, to be one of the greatest comforts of our life, and the best security we haue amongst men of our Ministry, and of the rights and priviledges of Religion; which blessing as we desire to value and acknowledge according to the great worth and merite of it, so we have endeavoured, in the stations wherein we are placed, to witness and expresse the same in all places, and at all times, when and where we had oppor-

tunitie. In this comportment, under the serenitie and sweetness of his Majesties gracious protection, we have lived to our very great contentment and encouragement in the service of the Gospell ; till of late, some persons of implacable enmity against the order and peace of this Church, (the roughness and rancour of whose spirit does contemne all the lenities that are used for the smoothing and sweetening of it), have presumed to abuse the mercy and indulgence of our Sovereign, unto the acting of als high insolencies against the worship and publick service of God his ministers who serve at his altar, and the discipline he hes instituted for the discourtenance and overthrow of vice, and for keeping his Church in purity and peace, as ever have been suffered by any who have lived under the direction of so wholesom and good laws, and the bounty and mercy of so gracious a Prince. If it had been our own and personal concernment which only is violated by these disorders, we are taught, by the laws and example of our blessed Saviour, in humbleness and silent possession of our souls, to endure them ; but seing it is visible to all, but to those who will not see, that the desigñ of these actings is not so much against our persons and private interests, (whose meanness may be security enough against the envy and pride of any), as against our ministry, and the worke of the Gospell in our hands, against our subjection unto the present government of the Church, and the chief rulers thereof, against our obedience unto the Laws of the kingdom, which condemne the disloyall practises of bygone times, which these who hate us have espoused to themselves as undisputable principles of zeal and affection to God and his truth.

The state of things being thus in the time, we could not be patient of the affronts done to our holy office, and of the invasion made upon our rights, as the lawfull ministeris of this Church, without making our just resentments known to those honourable persons whose office and inclinations (we are confident) does oblige unto a perfect abhorrence of all such irregular abuses, and does make them prompt and ready to hear our just complaints, and do what in their wisdom they judge most necessary and seasonable for the speedy and effectuall removing, or at least for hindring the further spreading of the evils we complain of. And because we cannot approach these noble persons, who are to hear and cognosee upon the truth and importance of these things we are grieved with, by the mediation of one more nearly concerned in us, and more affectionate toward the interest of Religion in this Church than your Lordships self, we have been bold to open our hearts unto your Grace, in an enumeration of some of these enormities which will prove infalliblie the just reason that we have to complain, ou purpose that your Grace may communicate the same to their Lordships. And we do hereby humbly entreat your Grace, according to the eminencie of your place and office in the Church, for the sake of Jesus, whose servants and ministers we are, and in pitie to this poor and distressed Church, that your Lordship would be pleased to present in our name this our complaint unto the Lords of his Majesties Privie Council, that they may move for the redress of these evils which press us so sore, what way their Lordships thinks most proper, and most likly to take effect.

These iniquities and abuses are especially these following :

First, The growth and encrease of Popery by the diligence and boldness of traffiqueing Papists, to the seducing ignorant and unstable people unto idolatry and superstition ; together with the defection of some unto Quakerism.

Secondly, The open and almost avowed contempt that is cast upon the publick and solempne worship of God, by deserting the publick assemblies of the Church established by law for the service of God, not onlie through a simple and negative secession from the communion of this Church, but also by a frequent and open assembling together of multitudes in the fields and private houses, in a direct and stated opposition unto the lawful assemblies of this Church. It is also aggravated by severall disorderly clandestine marriages; likeas by the impudent and wilfull refusall of delinquents to submit unto the just censures of this Church, for scandalous miscarriages, condemned by the Word of God and laws of this kingdom; by the licentiousness of persons openly profane, which may and are encouraged by this example; by the unheard of intrusion into, and invading the pulpits of the godly and orderly ministers of this Church; and by the barbarous profanation of places dedicate to the service of God.

Thirdly, The open and ordinary profanation of the Lords day by persons, who, pretending necessary dispatch of business, do cause great disturbance in the several parishes through which the common road lyeth, by threatning and forcing hirers of horse, boatmen, and other people, to serve their wordly lusts and designs. As also, by the travelling of multitudes of people on the Lords day to Conventicles at a great distance.

This being the sad posture the state and affairs that this Church, and that part of it wherein we labour, is in, we could no longer forbear from craving the assistance which the law of God does allow us, and benevolence and fatherly care of our gracious Sovereign does invite and command us to call for as often as we stand in need, and do hereby, and by your Graces mediation and earnest intercession, beg that the Lords of his Majesties Privie Council would be pleased to examine the truth of the particulars above mentioned, and proceed accordingly against the course and torrent of these abuses, as they in wisdom judge most convenient, to remove the danger that the Protestant religion is in, of being, as it were, a deluge of error, schism, profanity, and atheism; and to vindicate the authority and honour of our Ministry from the fury and barbarity of those whose actings declare them implacable toward our persons, and irreconciliable unto the peace and order of this Church, that we may be encouraged in our stations, so to behave in all the conduct of our affairs, as it may never repent his Majestie or their Lordships of the favour and protection they have graciously granted unto us, and the afflicted Church whereof we are ministers and members.

ST. ANDREWS, APRIL 14, 1675.

The minister of Monifuith declared, that if Communion cups, stoups, bafin, and communion cloaths, mortified be the Lady of Grange, be not secured, he will pursue the Laird of Grange before the civil judge. ¹

¹ Jean Auchterlony, Lady of Grange, mortified £100 Scots yearly “for the schole maister, poor scholars, and other poor of the parish of Monifuith; beside which, the said Lady of Grange did also mortifie and dedicat for the use of the parish, two large siluer cups, tuo tinne basins, tuo large tinne stoups, and linnen cloaths for the comely administration of the sacrament of the Lords Supper.”

Mr. John Rait, minister at Innerkillar, representing to the Synod the condition of the fabrick of that church, how it wanted a bell, and seats for the peoples accommodation, and that there was no better way for the repairing thereof then to divide the church among the heretors, that every one may have his own proportional place and room to be repaired and maintained according to their severall divisions; and that it was most expedient that the Presbitry of Arbroth should be assistant in the dividing of the foresaid church: Therefore it is appointed, and power given to the Presbitry of Arbroth to meet at the church of Innerkilor upon Mr. John Rait's advertisement, at any time betuixt this and the next Synod, and there, with consent of the heretours, to divide the fabrick of the foresaid church amongst them, that the edifice may be repaired, a bell provided, and convenient desks and seats set up for the accommodation of the people.

ST. ANDROIS, 5 APRIL 1676.

Act against Separatists.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod finding that, after all tender and fair means that have been used to prevent and redress the horrid disorders that have entered into this Church, that several persons, in despite of all the patience and forbearance that hath been used towards them, have proceeded to that height of contumacie and contempt of the government and ministrie of this Church, as either not to baptise, or to procure disorderlie baptisme to their children, and have obtained marriages from persons that are professit enemies to the peace and order of this Church; Therfor, the Lord Archbishop and Synod do appoint the ministers in whose parioches thes persons, who are thus guiltie, are found, to delate them to the Presbitrie, and that the Presbitrie instantly proceed against them in order to the highest censure of the Church. And also, that all these who are constant or custumarie withdrawers from the publick ordinances or worship of God in their own parioches, and who, after all fair meanes used for their reclaiming, continue contumacious to the order and disciplin of this Church, that the Presbitrie proceed against them in order to the highest censures of the Church; and record their diligence heirin in the Presbitrie book, that the visitors may report the same to the

Lord Archbishop and Sinod, that they iudge heirof as they think expedient; and if ane brother obey not this a&t, his name is to be delated to the Lord Archbishop and Sinod.

Privie censure.—The Lord Archbishop and Sinod taking to their consideration, that the privie censure in Presbitries may be gone about too overlie, therfor they haue appointed, that, on the day of privie censure, these following interrogatories sal be gravelie and feriously proposed to everie minister. 1. If he be diligent in prayer and reading of the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge therof, and serve for purifying the heart, and inkindling in the soul a holie zeal and diligence in his employment, and for right ordering of his conversation. 2. If he use all faithful diligence to disentangle himself of euerie thing which vnfit him for the discharge of his ministrie, speciallie from exceffiue wordlie cares and distractive employments. 3. If he so order his familie and euerie person therein, as much as in him lyes, as that they may be exemplar to such as behold ther conversation. 4. If he mantein and set forward, as much as lyes in him, quyetnes, peace, and loue among his brethren and al people, speciallie among them who ar committed to his charge. Each minister being thus interrogat, and removed thereafter, the Moderator fall ask the rest of the Presbitrie, if anie thing be knowen to anie of them of the brother or brethren removed, which they think fitt to be imparted to the Presbitrie: And heir he is to enquire anent the giving of the Communion. After this the Moderator is, in a few words, to exhort all to faithfulness and diligence in all the parts of ther office, and that they be so faithful and freindlie one to another as to admonish one another when they see caus, and that whan they meet with such freedome they thankfullie and kindly accept of it from one another, and that they lay hold on all occasions to excite one another to zeal, faithfulness, and diligence: This is to be done ferioufflie.

ST. ANDREWS, THE 25 OF APRIL 1677.

Act for trying of candidats and intrants to the ministrie.—My Lord Archbishop and Synod, confidering the prejudice that may and doth redound

to the Church, by the ignorance and insufficiency of severall young men, that enter upon their tryals in order to their being licentiat to be preachers, and thereupon seeking to obtaine a settlement in the ministry, doe, for the preventing hereof in tyme coming, appoint, that no young man shall be admitted to tryall in any Presbitry of this diocess, unless he produce a certificat from the Professors of Divinity in the respective Univerfities of the kingdome, of their having studied therein, and given some specimen of their proficiency accordinglie. And further, concerning the same persons, it is ordered by my Lord Archbishop and Synod, that after the finishing of their tryals, before they obtaine the Presbetryes testimony thereof, they shall, in the face of the Presbetry, own and acknowledge the established government of the Church, by Archbishops and Bishops, and promise their obedience and submission thereto; which declaration shall be insert in the Presbetry books, and signed by them.

ST. ANDREWS, 21 APRILL 1680.

The Brethreene one the other fyde of Tay, being enquired about their procedure with those who had not the benefit of the King's Indulgence, and yet lived disorderlie, gave an account, that there were but few such in their bounds. The Bishop and Synod appoint theme to take notice of anie such amongst theme, and to be readie with informations to the Archbishop whene called; the like was defyred of all the rest of the brethreene.

Who haue collected for the mariners of Innerkeithing in Turkish slaverie, are ordered to deliver the same.

ST. ANDREWS, 13 OCTOBER 1680.

The Archbishop and Synod being deeplie sensible of the great discouragement the orderlie and orthodox ministers labour under, by reasone of the manie vagrant conventicle preachers and others, that in certaine places of this diocess, especiallie in Fife, doe keep wecklie preachings in the houses, to the great disturbance of the peace and unitie of the congregations where they resid, and the next adjacent; therfor its thought fitt that

the Moderators of the severall Presbitries should give into the clerk of the Synod, a list of the names of all such, whither itinerant or settled, that his Grace may make use thereof as he shall find expedient.

ST. ANDREWS, APRILL, 1681.

The Archbishop having received and heard the petitione of Mr. Walter Birnie, a preacher of the Gospell, and considered his necessitous conditione, hauing a familie, and being obliedged to keep a fervant to read to him, he himself wanting the use of his eys from his childhood, and not hauing anie visible way for his owne or their maintenance, save by the charitable contributions of the ministers of the Gospell: Therfor its ordered, that euerie minister within this diocefs shall, out of the poors money or otherwise, as they shall think fitt, allow him fourteene shillings Scots, and deliver the same to the Moderator of the Presbitry to be given to him at everie Synod.

ST. ANDREWS, OCTOBER 4, 1683.

The Brethren of the severall Presbytries, according to the appointment of the last Synod, gaue in a list of the phanaticks and papists within ther bounds.

The Archbishop and Synod having heard ane act of his Majesties Council in fauors of Mr. William Geddes, late minister at Urquhart, for printing of two books, the one, Ane Historical Memorial containing the most remarkable occurrences and periods of the histories of Scripture, the Univerfal Historie of the 4 Monarchies, the Scotish, English, French, and Turkish histories; the other is called, The Saints Recreation. And considering that his Majesties Councill, upon report of a committee, appointed for revising the same, hath judged them worthie to be published, and usefull for the advancement of pietie and learning; and what ane inconsiderable rate they may [be] had for, if money were presentlie advanced for his assistance in printing of them, doe therfor recommend the said Mr. William Geddes his advertisment to the severall Presbyteries

be read the first meeting after the Synod, that eurie brother may advance his dollor or fywe shillings, for his encouragement, and subscribe the said advertifment.

The Archbifhop and Synod, being informed that feveral of the brethren, contrare to the laws and lawdable cuftomes of our Kirk, doe take upon them to gratifie the humors, and comply with the defires of fome perfones, both to baptife and marie priuatlie, not in the kirk, but in priuat houfes, therefore they ftri&tlie order, that none within this Dioceffe fhall prefume to marie without warrant from our Ordinarie, or baptife without apparent neceffitie, any perfon or perfones of what degree or qualitie foever, in priuat houfes. And knowing what may be the dangerous confequence of fuch irregular pra&tifes, doe heerby certifie all the contraveeners of this prefent appointment, that they will be proceeded againft with cenfures according to ther difobediencie.

ST. ANDREWS, APRILE 1684.

Prayer had.—Many of the brethren of the Prefbytries of Fyfe, haveing reprented to the Synod, that notwithstanding a lift of diforderlie perfons was given up by them, according to the A&t of Parliament in O&tober laft, yet, in many of their parifhes, nothing has been done as to the executione of the law for reducing of thefe recufants unto the obedience of the Kirk, whereby the Minifters hands are weakened, the recufants hardened in their obftinacie, and others, who, through vigorous executione of the law againft them, had externallie, at leaft, conformed to the order of the Kirk, and yeilded obedience to the laws of the kingdome, have turned as diforderlie and loofe as ever. The Synod, confidering this grievous complaint of fo many from all quarters, do recommend the fame to the Archbifhop, and appoints that all concerned fhould, affoon as poffible they can, as they tender the peace of the Kirk and fucceffe of their miniftrie, give up lifts both of the one and of the other, that he may represent the fame to his Majefties Councell.

ST. ANDREWS, OCTOBER 1684.

The Archbifhop and Synod recommends feriouflic a book latelie put

out by Mr. James Kaneries to the severall Presbyteries, that everie brother may have one of them.¹

ST. ANDREWS, OCTOBER 7 AND 8, 1685.

Balbirnie Bridge.—The Lord Archbishop and Synod having seen and considered the order and warrant granted by the Committie of his Majesties Privie Councill, for a voluntar contribution towards the building of a ston bridge upon that part of the water of Leven, called Balbirny bridge, furth of the shyres of Fyfe, Perth, Edenburgh, Angus, Kinrofs, Lanreck, and Kincarden, did recommend the same to the severall brethren of this diocie concerned in the said shyres, to goe about the collection of the said voluntar contribution so soon as ever the said order shall come to them in print.

ST. ANDREWS, OCTOBER 6, 1686.

Slanderers, October 14.—All the Members of the Synod ar appointed to be most cairful of observing and preaching upon the 14th day of October, the anniverfarie solemnitie of his sacred Majesties nativitie; and punctualie to obey the act of his Majesties most honourable Privie Councill against slanderers and leeing makers, (the printed copies wherof wer distribut to all the brethren;) and that in privat, as weel as in publik, they forbear all maner of reflections, or any other expressions which may give anie shadow of offence to authoritie, as they'l be answerable.

ST. ANDREWS, OCTOBER 5, 1687.

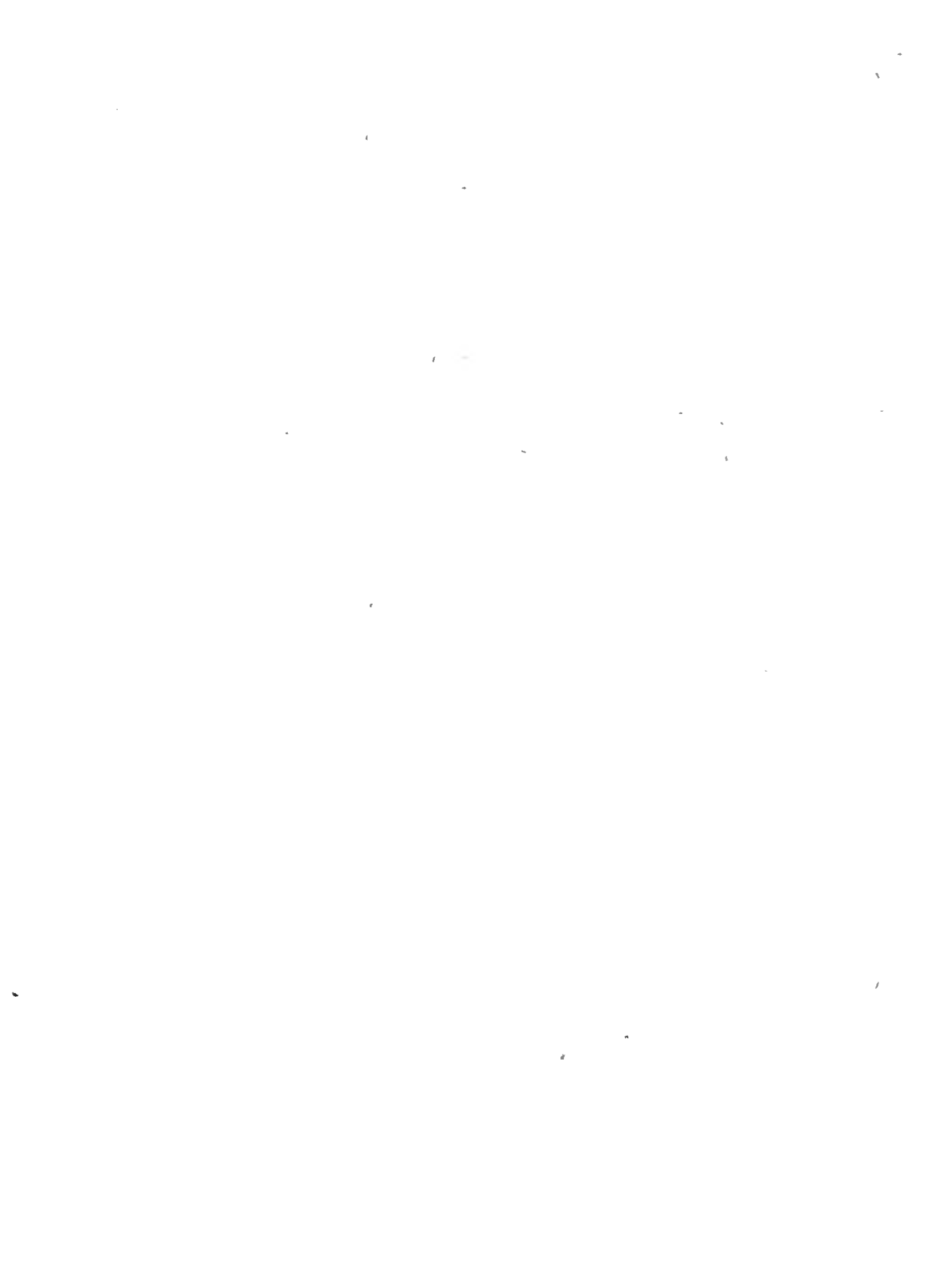
The Synod did appoint the former acts anent the voluntary contributions, appointed by the Kings Councill, for the Bridges of Balbirny and

¹ This book by Canaries, afterwards minister of Selkirk, was a Treatise of the sufficient Manifestation of the Will of God in all ages, 8vo. Edin. 1684. It appears from the Minutes of the Presbytery of St. Andrews, that Canaries, who had apostatized to the Popish religion, solemnly abjured that faith at a public meeting held for the purpose at St. Andrews, on the 25 January 1682.

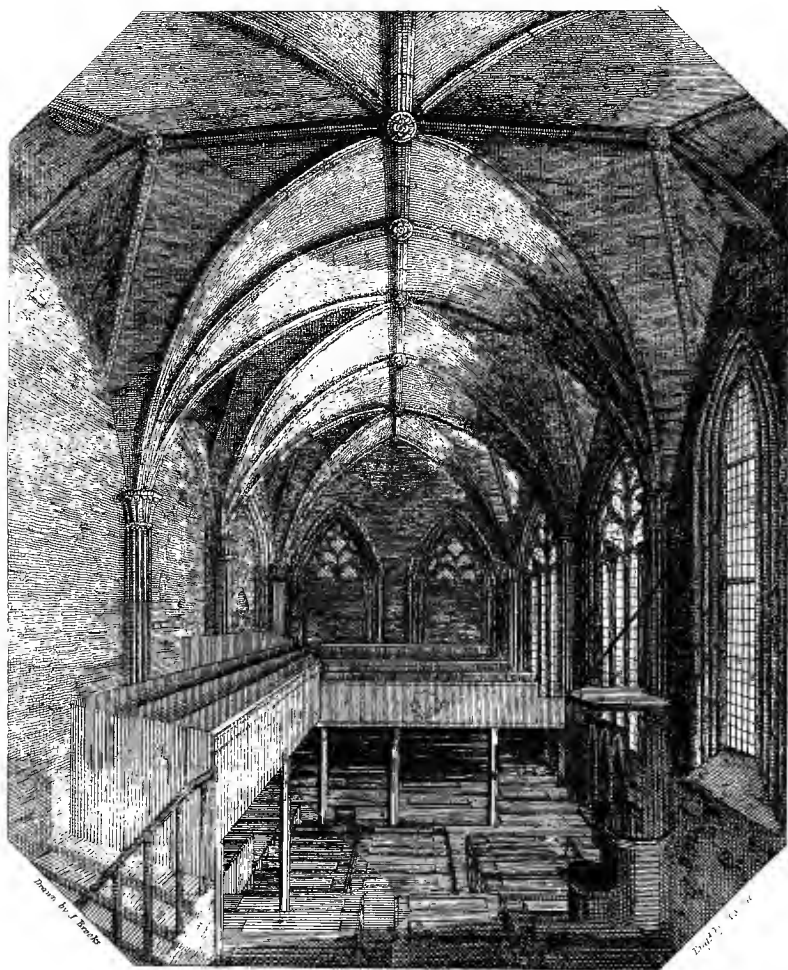
Newmiln, the toun of Newburgh, and the pier of Anfruther-Eaftar, to be put in execution, and that thefe that have not collected them yet, collect and pay them to the collectors.

Drs. James Weems, rector of the Univerfity, Richard Waddel, archdeacon of St. Andrews, Alexander Skeen, proveft of the Old College, John Nicolfon, minifter of Errol, John Hay, minifter att Falkland, Mrs John Blair, minifter at Kilfpindie, and Hary Chryftie, minifter at Kinrofs, appointed to vifit the church of Auhtirderan.

APPENDIX.







INSIDE VIEW of the CHURCH of ST. MONANCE.



APPENDIX.

CATALOGUE OF THE MINISTERS IN THE SYNOD OF FIFE FROM THE REFORMATION IN 1560, TO THE YEAR 1700.

PRESBYTERY OF ST. ANDREWS.

ABERCROMBIE, OR ST. MONANCE.¹

- Mr. John Fergufon, *reader*, (1563.)
Mr. Thomas Young, *reader*, (1567.)
Mr. James Melvill, *ad.* Nov. 1586. (*See ANSTRUTHER WESTER.*)
Mr. Alex. Forfyth, *ad.* 1593; went to England 1604.
Mr. Daniel Wilkie, *ad.* Nov. 1605; demitted 1628.
Mr. Robert Wilkie, *ad.* Dec. 15, 1628; conformed to Presbytery 1638;
died March 1663.
Mr. James Rattray, *ad.* July 26, 1664; deposed for not taking the Teft, 1682.
Mr. Andrew Burnet, *ad.* May 24, 1682; outed 1689.
Mr. Walter Wilfon, *ad.* 17th Dec. 1689; *tr.* to Kilconquhar, Dec. 3, 1701.

¹ In 1646, the Synod dismembered the town and lands of St. Monance from the parish of Kilconquhar, and united them to Abercrombie. But as the kirk of St. Monance was "most capable to containe the whole parish, and because the grytest number of the parishioners dwell neerest to that kirk, and for other reasons convinced in the supplication given in to the Presbytrie for that effect," divine worship was ordained to be performed therein in future.

ANSTRUTHER EASTER.¹

Mr. Colin Adams, *tr.* from Kilrennie, Nov. 1641; deposed 1662.

Mr. Edward Thomfon, *ad.* November 14, 1677.

Mr. William Moncrieff, *ad.* Aug. 5, 1686; demitted 1689.

Mr. William Wardrop, *ad.* 1691.

ANSTRUTHER WESTER.

Mr. William Clerk, (1567); died Feb. 1583-4.

Mr. Robert Wood, from 1584 to 1586.

Mr. James Melvill, *ad.* November 1586.²

Mr. Robert Durie, *ad.* 1588; banished by King James 1606; died at Leyden in 1616.

Mr. John Fairfoul, *ad.* 1613; died 1625.

Mr. George Dewar, *tr.* from St. Andrews 1626; conformed to Presbytery 1638; deposed Nov. 21, 1641.

Vacant from 1641 to 1645.

Mr. David Guthrie, *ad.* July 23, 1645; deposed 1665.

Mr. Alex. Leslie, *ad.* January, 1666; *tr.* to Ceres, 1667.

Mr. David Taylor, *ad.* May 13, 1668.

Mr. Thomas Auchinleck, *ad.* ; outed 1689.

Vacant from 1689 to 1695.

Mr. Thomas Black, *ad.* May 1, 1695; died 1702.

¹ In 1641, the town and barony of Anstruther-Easter were disjoined from the parish of Kilrennie, and erected into a separate charge, by the authority of Parliament.

² Mr. James Melvill had also the charge of the kirks of Abercrombie, Kilrennie, and Pittenweem; but shortly after his admission, he procured their erection into separate parishes, and betook himself to the charge of Kilrennie, in October 1590, where he officiated till 1606. In that year, he was called by King James to London, and was afterwards warded in Berwick for his opposition to Episcopacy, where he died in 1614.

CAMERON.

Mr. George Nairne, *ad.* May 6, 1646; *tr.* to Bruntifland 1649.¹

Mr. Alexander Wilfon, *ad.* April 24, 1650; deposed 1662.

Mr. James Williamfon, *ad.* June 24, 1668.

Mr. Andrew Flooker, *ad.* Jan. 30, 1678; ousted 1689.

Mr. Alexander Wilfon restored 1689.

Mr. John Oliphant, *ad.* Dec. 13, 1694.

CARNBEE.

Mr. David Spens, (1567); died 1576.

Mr. George Durie, (1572.)

Mr. Thomas Wood, *ad.* November 7, 1576.

Mr. William Laing, (1582.)

Mr. Andrew Hunter, (Feb. 9. 1586-7); *tr.* to Newburn 1589.

Mr. David Mernes, *ad.* Jan. 1589-90; (alive 1635.)

Mr. John Mernes, *ad.* April 1639; deposed Jan. 6, 1642.

Mr. Harie Rymour, *ad.* April 24, 1644; deposed 1664. Alive at the Revolution.

Mr. Andrew Bruce, *ad.* Sept. 27, 1664; *tr.* to Pittenweem July 9, 1677.

Mr. James Gairns or Gairdner, *tr.* from Balmerino, Sept. 16, 1678.

Mr. Alex. Lundie, *tr.* from Orwell April 27, 1681, (*tr.* to Cupar 1682?)

Mr. John Falconer, *ad.* May 23, 1683; ousted 1689.²

Mr. Harie Rymour restored 1689; died 1697.

Mr. John Arthur, helper to Mr. Rymour 1690; *tr.* to Elie 1692.

Mr. Robert Fairweather, *A. and S.* to Mr. Rymour, Oct. 5, 1693; *tr.* to Craill 1701.

¹ Mr. George Nairn was the first minister of Cameron. This parish, before 1592, formed part of the landward of the parish of St. Andrews, from which it was disjoined in that year by act of Parliament, though the act does not appear to have been carried into effect till 1646. See page 146, 150.

² Consecrated a non-juring Bishop in 1709, and died in 1728.

CRAILL.

- Mr. John Melvill, 1560.
 Mr. Thomas Kynneir, (1568.)
 Mr. Patrick Mortoun, *vicar*, (1576); deposed 1590.
 Mr. John Admeftoun, *vicar, ad.* April 1581, demitted 1586.
 Mr. Henry Leich, *ad.* 1586; *tr.* to Auchtermuchty in 1593.
 Mr. Andrew Moncreiff, *Parson* of Craill,¹ *tr.* from Kilconquhar in 1593; died July 29, 1596.
 Mr. Andrew Duncan, *ad.* Sept. 1597; banished by King James in 1606; though not formally deposed till 1619.
 Mr. William Murray,² *ad.* 1598; deposed October 1624.
 Dr. John Douglas *ad.* 1624; died 1635.
 Mr. George Halyburton *ad.* 1635; outed 1638.
 Mr. Arthur Myrton *ad.* 1640; died 1645.
 Mr. John Hart *A. and S.* to Mr. Myrton, 1643; *tr.* to Deninno 1646.
 Mr. James Sharp, *ad.* Jan. 27, 1648; loofed from Crail to be third master of St. Mary's College, January 16, 1661; consecrated Archbishop of St. Andrews, Dec. 15, 1661.
 Dr. Alex. Edward, *tr.* from Deninno Aug. 5, 1663; died May 7, 1684.
 Mr. Alexander Leslie, *tr.* from Ceres Oct. 22, 1684; outed 1690.
 Mr. William Hardie, *ad.* Sept. 23, 1690; *tr.* to St. Andrews 1701.
 Mr. Robert Fairweather, *tr.* from Carnbee 1701.

DENINNO.

- Mr. David Guild, (1567.)
 Mr. Thomas Broun, *parson* of Dinninow, (1574.)

¹ Mr. Andrew Duncan, and Mr. William Murray were colleague ministers of Crail; prior to Sept. 1600, Mr. Murray acted only as assistant.

² When the church of Crail was dissolved by Parliament from the Monastery of Haddington in 1594, its revenues were divided into three parts, the first to the minister "that sall serve the cure at the said parochie kirk of Carraill, quha salbe called the *Person* thereof;" and the other two parts for sustaining bursars at the Colleges of St. Andrews and Edinburgh.

- Mr. David Martyn, *ad.* April 1591.
 Mr. William Erfkine, *ad.* 1597.
 Mr. David Forret, (1639); *tr.* to Forgan, 1640.
 Mr. James Wood, *ad.* 1641; made 3d master of the New College, 1645.
 Mr. John Hart, *tr.* from Crail, Dec. 30, 1646; *tr.* to Dunkeld in 1650.
 Mr. Alexander Edward, *ad.* Oct. 13, 1652; conf. to Episcopacy 1662; *tr.*
 to Crail, 1663.
 Mr. William Moore, *ad.* Nov. 11, 1663; *tr.* to St. Andrews, July 1664.
 Mr. John Barelay, *ad.* Dec. 15, 1664; *tr.* to Kettle, July 1667.
 Mr. Paul Methven, *ad.* Nov. 20, 1667; *tr.* to
 Mr. Andrew Auchinleck, *ad.* April 3, 1672.
 Mr. William Wood, *ad.* 1683; depofed May 2, 1693.
 Vacant from 1693 to 1697.
 Mr. James Knox, *ad.* Sept 2, 1697.

ELIE.¹

- Mr. Robert Traill, *ad.* 1640; *tr.* to Edinburgh, 1648.
 Mr. Robert Weems, *ad.* Aug. 16, 1649; depofed 1665.
 Mr. Alexander Wilfon, *ad.* May 8, 1678; outed 1689.
 Mr. John Arthur, *tr.* from Carnbee 1692; died 1699.
 Mr. John Chalmers, *ad.* 1701.

FERRY-PORT-ON-CRAIG.²

- Mr. John McBirny, *ad.* May 10, 1604; *tr.* to Aberdeen 1605.
 Mr. Simeon Durie, *ad.* 1606; *tr.* to Forgan in 1609.

¹ The burgh of Elie was disjoined by the Synod from the parish of Kilconquhar, and erected into a separate charge in April 1639. Sir William Scott of Ardros bequeathed 5000 merks for erecting the church and manse; and his son, William Scott, afterwards mortified a stipend for the minister. This erection was ratified by Parliament in 1641.

² This parish formed part of Leuchars, from which it was disjoined in 1602, by the Presbytery and Synod. In 1606, an act of Parliament was passed for erecting the parish of new.

- Mr. James Jarden, *ad.* Nov. 1609 ; *tr.* to Longforgan in January 1615.
 Mr. Samuel Cuninghame, *ad.* 1616 ; conformed to Presb. 1638 ; died 1641.
 Mr. Andrew Honyman, A. and S. 1640 ; *tr.* to St. Andrews, 1642.
 Mr. Thomas Wood, *ad.* May 1, 1644 ; demitted, May 2, 1649.
 Mr. John Rig, *ad.* Jan. 15, 1651 ; *tr.* to Strathmiglo, 1655.
 Mr. William Vilant, *ad.* May 21, 1656 ; depofed 1662.¹
 Vacant from 1662 to 1666.
 Mr. Robert White, *tr.* from Inchtute, May 24, 1666 ; outed 1689.
 Mr. William Vilant, reftored 1690 ; made Principal of the New College,
 1691.
 Mr. William Kemp, *ad.* 1692.
 Vacant from 1693 to 1697.
 Mr. Patrick Tullideph, *ad.* May 4, 1697 ; died 1709.

FORGAN, OR ST. FILLANS.

- Mr. John Ure, *minifter*, (1567.) See Leuchars.
 Mr. Andrew Bennet, *vicar*, 1573.
 Mr. Robert Buchanan, *ad.* March 1590 ; *tr.* to Ceres in June 1599.
 Mr. William Marche, Regent in St. Leonard's College, *ad.* Auguft 1599 ;
 died 1606.
 Mr. David Lindfay, *tr.* from St. Andrews 1606 ; *tr.* to Leith 1609.
 Mr. Simeon Durie *tr.* from Ferryportoncraig 1609 ; *tr.* to Arbroath 1628.
 Mr. Henry Scrimgeour *ad.* 1628.
 Mr. David Forret, *tr.* from Deninno 1640 ; *tr.* to Kilconquhar May 27, 1646.
 Mr. Alexander Wederburn, *ad.* Feb. 10, 1647 ; depofed 1665.²
 Mr. John Alexander, *ad.* Aug. 20, 1665.
 Mr. William Scot, *ad.* Aug. 12, 1674.
 Mr. Alexander Sharp, *ad.* Jan. 16, 1678.
 Mr. James Strahan, *ad.* Sept. 25, 1678 ; outed 1689.
 Mr. Hugh Kemp *ad.* 1690 ; *tr.* to Dunfermline May 1701.

¹ Mr. Vilant was *indulged* at the vacant church of Cambusnethan in 1669.

² He afterwards accepted the *indulgence* and preached at Kilmarnock.

KEMBACK.

Mr. William Ramfay, (1566); died 1570.

Mr. James Martyne, (1567.)

Mr. David Monypenny, (1594.)

Mr. George Nairn, *ad.* December 1596; *tr.* to Kennoway in 1604.

Mr. David Monypennie, restored 1604;¹ deposed for fornication Oct. 7, 1617.

Dr. David Monro, 1618; *tr.* to Kilconquhar 1628.

Mr. John Barron, *ad.* 1628; conformed to Presb. 1638; demitted 1648.

Mr. David Patton, *ad.* July 11, 1648; *tr.* to Kettins June 19, 1650.

Vacant from 1650 to 1656.

Mr. John Wardlaw, *ad.* July 2, 1656; deposed 1662.

Mr. Robert Glafford, *ad.* Sept 7, 1664;¹ *tr.* to Kilmanie 1667.

Mr. John Christifone, June 30, 1669.

Mr. George Landells, *ad.* June 4, 1674; *tr.* to Cupar 1682.

Mr. Alexander Edward, *ad.* Feb. 22, 1682; ousted 1689.

Vacant from 1689 to 1700.

Mr. Alexander Anderfon, *ad.* 1700.

KILCONQUHAR.

Mr. Alexander Spence, (1565.)

Mr. George Leslie, *ad.* Aug. 24, 1568.

Mr. David Spens, (1574.)

Mr. William Ballendene, *vicar*, (1577.)

Mr. Andrew Moncreiff, *tr.* from Largo 1590; *tr.* to Crail in 1593.

Mr. John Rutherford, *ad.* July 1594; removed in 1603.²

¹ Mr. David Monypennie, as one of the masters of St. Salvator's College, was *ex officio* parson of Kemback. He appears to have resigned the office in 1595, when Mr. George Nairne was admitted minister. On Mr. Nairne's translation to Kennoway in 1604, the parishioners of Kemback petitioned the Presbytery to have Mr. Monypennie again for their minister, who accordingly resumed the charge.

² Mr. Rutherford had been deposed by the Presbytery in July 1596, but was restored to his charge by King James in June 1597. He afterwards "renounced the ministerie and took him to be a mediciner."—*Melville's Diary*.

- Mr. John Carmichael, *tr.* from Newburn Aug. 11, 1603; died in 1622.
 Mr. Harie Rollock, *ad.* 1623.
 Dr. David Monro, *tr.* from Kemback 1628; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died Dec. 1645.
 Mr. David Forrett, *tr.* from Forgan May 27, 1646; conformed to Episcopacy 1662; died Feb. 26, 1672.
 Mr. William Hay, *ad.* Nov. 19, 1673; *tr.* to Perth, March 1684.¹
 Mr. Alexander Hay, *ad.* Sept. 24, 1684; outed 1589.
 Vacant from 1689 to 1691.
 Mr. James Drummond, *ad.* June 25, 1691; died Sept. 29, 1699.
 Vacant from Sept. 1699 to Dec. 1701.
 Mr. Walter Wilfon, *tr.* from Abercrombie, Dec. 3, 1701.

KILRENNIE.

- Mr. John Anfruther, *reader*, 1567. See ANSTRUTHER WESTER.
 Mr. James Melvill, *ad.* Nov. 1586; died 1614.
 Mr. John Dykis, *tr.* from Newburn in 1614;² died 1634.
 Mr. Colin Adams, *ad.* 1634; *tr.* to Anfruther Easter, Nov. 1641.
 Mr. Robert Bennet, *ad.* March 23, 1642; deposed 1665.
 Mr. Andrew Bruce, *yo. ad.* June 14, 1665.
 Dr. John Wood, *ad.* Nov. 8, 1671; demitted Oct. 1698.
 Mr. Robert Cleland, *tr.* from Newburn 1700.

KINGSBARNs.³

- Mr. James Bruce, *ad.* 1630; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died May 26, 1662.
 Mr. George Patullo, *tr.* from Newtyle, Sept. 24, 1663.

¹ Consecrated Bishop of Moray anno 1688, and suffered the common fate of his order at the Revolution.

² Mr. John Dykes, was admitted "fellow laborer" with Mr. James Melvill in 1596, but was translated to Newburn in 1604.

³ Kingsbarns was originally part of the parish of Crail, from which it was disjoined in 1631, by an Act of the Commission of Teinds.

Mr. Gilbert Simfon, *ad.* Jan. 3, 1678; died 1700.¹
 Mr. Joseph Pitcairn, *tr.* from Newburgh July 8, 1701.

LARGO.²

Mr. Thomas Jamefon (1567.)
 Mr. Alexander Wood, before 1576.
 Mr. Andrew Moncreiff, (Feb. 1586–7;) *tr.* to Kilconquhar 1590.
 Mr. John Auchinleck, *ad.* 1592.
 Mr. Andrew Auchinleck, *ad.* 1615; conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.*
 to Dundee 1642.
 Mr. James Macgill, *ad.* March 28, 1644; deposed 1665.
 Mr. John Auchinleck, *tr.* from Newburn Dec. 1, 1665; ousted 1689.
 Mr. James Macgill, restored 1689; died 1690.
 Mr. William Moncreiff, *ad.* 1691.

LEUCHARS.

Mr. John Ure,³ (1567.)
 John Flescheour, *reader*, (1574.)

¹ Mr. Simson continued in his charge after the Revolution, but was not connected with the Presbytery.

² In 1564, the General Assembly appointed Mr. Robert Montgomerie, minister of Cupar, to supply Largo every Sabbath, and the school-master of Cupar to read and exhort in his absence.

³ The kirk of Forgan was also in Mr. Ure's charge. He was one of the conventual brethren of the priory of St. Andrews at the Reformation. Mr. Ure, as understanding the "Irish tongue" or Gaelic, was, at the request of the Earl of Menteith, appointed minister at Menteith by the General Assembly 1564.—*Keith's History*.—But he appears not to have accepted, for the Editor has seen from authentic documents, that he was minister of this parish in 1595. It appears from Spottiswoode, that in 1591, "there happened a great division and hot contention in the Presbytery of St. Andrews, as to planting the church of Leuchars." The Presbytery divided and met separately, each division electing a minister for Leuchars. The Synod of Fife appointed some of the ministers of Lothian to bring them to an agreement; but after two days reasoning, the mediators finding no other means of settling the question annulled both elections; "and for eschewing such contentions thereafter, they did appoint the Presbytery to be divided into two, a part to sit in Cupar, and the rest to abide in St. Andrews."

- Mr. John Kynneir, *ad.* helper to Mr. Ure, June 1593; died 1612.
 Mr. Alexander Henderfon, *ad.* 1612; *tr.* to Edinburgh Nov. 1638.
 Mr. Eleazor Borthwick, *ad.* 1640; went to England in 1641.
 Mr. Patrick Scougall, *tr.* from Darfie April 2, 1645; *tr.* to Saltoun, 1658.¹
 Mr. John Middleton, *ad.* Dec. 4, 1661; *tr.* to Markinch, 1684.
 Mr. Robert Lundie, *ad.* 1684; outed 1689.
 Vacant from 1689 to 1695.
 Mr. George Gordon, *ad.* July 3, 1695; died 1706.

NEWBURN.

- Mr. George Lundie, (1567.)
 Mr. Andrew Hunter, *tr.* from Carnbee 1589; suspended April 25, 1594.
 Mr. John Carmichael, *ad.* 1594; *tr.* to Kilconquhar 1603.
 Mr. John Dykis, *ad.* October 1604; *tr.* to Kilrennie 1614.
 Mr. Ephraim Melvill, *ad.* 1614; *tr.* to Pittenweem, 1617.
 Mr. John Forret, *ad.* 1618; demitted 1628.
 Mr. George Hamilton, *ad.* 1628; conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to Pittenweem, Feb. 1650.
 Vacant from 1650 to 1653.
 Mr. Robert Honyman, *ad.* April 27, 1653; *tr.* to Dyfart March 1657.
 Mr. George Hamilton, *yo., ad.* Feb. 16, 1659; deposed 1662.
 Mr. John Auchinleck, *tr.* from Inchtire Sept. 30, 1663; *tr.* to Largo Dec. 1, 1665.
 Mr. William Ogilvie, *ad.* March 14, 1666.
 Mr. William Sym, *ad.* September 17, 1679.
 Mr. Andrew Youngfon, *ad.* August 16, 1682.
 Mr. James Hay, *ad.* September 16, 1685; outed 1690.
 Vacant from 1690 to 1692.
 Mr. George Hamilton, restored 1692; made Principal of St. Leonards College, Feb. 26, 1696.

¹ Afterwards consecrated Bishop of Aberdeen, (1664.) He was son to Sir John Scougall of that ilk, and was a man of great worth. He died much esteemed on 16th February 1682.—
Keith's Scottish Bishops.

Mr. Robert Cleland, *ad.* July 22, 1696; *tr.* to Kilrennie 1700.
 Mr. Arthur Fairfoul, *ad.* 1701; died 1704.

PITTENWEEM.

Mr. James Melvill, *ad.* Nov. 1586. See ANSTRUTHER WESTER.
 Mr. Nicol Dalgleith, *ad.* 1588.
 Mr. Roger Melvill, *ad.* helper to Mr. Dalgleith, Nov. 3, 1603.
 Mr. John Durie, *ad.* April 1613; *tr.* to Logie 1614.
 Vacant from 1614 to 1617.
 Mr. Ephraim Melvill, *tr.* from Newburn 1617; died 1629.
 Mr. John Melvill, *ad.* 1629; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1649.
 Mr. Geo. Hamilton, *tr.* from Newburn Feb. 27, 1650; deposed 1662.

Mr. Andrew Bruce, *tr.* from Carnbee July 19, 1677; deposed 1690.
 Mr. Patrick Couper, *ad.* 1692.

ST. ANDREWS.—1ST MINISTER.

Mr. Christopher Goodman, *ad.* 1560; resigned and went to England, 1565.
 Mr. Robert Hamilton, *ad.* 1565; died 1581.
 Mr. Robert Pont, *ad.* 1582; resigned and returned to St. Cuthberts, 1583.
 Mr. John Rutherford, *ad.* 1584.
 Mr. Robert Wilkie, *ad.* June 30, 1586; made Principal of St. Leonards,
 May 21, 1589.
 Mr. David Black, *ad.* Nov. 11, 1590; deposed by King James, 1597; *ad.*
 to Arbirlot May 1598; died 1603.
 Mr. George Gladstones, *tr.* from Arbirlot, July 11, 1597; created Bishop
 of Caithness, 1600, and Archbishop of St. Andrews, 1606.¹
 Mr. Alex. Gladstones, *Archdean*, *ad.* 1612; deposed Nov. 21, 1638.

¹ Archbishop Gladstones continued to officiate as Archdean till 1612, when the Archdeanery was separated from the Archbishoprick, and conferred on his son. The title of *Archdean* was assumed by the first minister during Episcopacy; but the Presbyterian ministers declined the title, although they enjoyed the benefice.

- Mr. Robert Blair, *tr.* from Ayr, O&. 1639; deposed 1662; died 1666.
 Mr. Andrew Honyman, *ad.* O&. 2, 1662; created Bishop of Orkney, April 11, 1664; died 1676.
 Mr. Alexander Young, *tr.* from Cramond, Sept. 28, 1665; made Bishop of Edinburgh 1671; and of Ross 1679.
 Dr. Andrew Bruce, *ad.* Jan. 1673; created Bishop of Dunkeld, 1680.
 Dr. William Moore, *ad.* O&. 1680; died 26th March, 1684.
 Dr. Richard Waddel, *tr.* from Glasgow, July 1684; ejected 1689.
 Mr. James Rymer, *ad.* Sept. 1689; died 1691.
 Mr. Thomas Forrester, *tr.* from Killearn, May 1692; became Principal of St. Mary's College, Jan. 1698.
 Mr. John Anderson, *tr.* from St. Cuthberts, May 1699; died Feb. 1712.

ST. ANDREWS.—2D MINISTER.

- Mr. John Auchinleck, 1590.
 Mr. Robert Wallace, *ad.* May 9, 1593; deposed by King James, 1597.
 Mr. David Lindsay, *ad.* Aug. 17, 1597; *tr.* to Forgan 1606.
 Mr. Joshua Durie, *ad.* 1609, *tr.* to Inverkeillor, October 1613.
 Dr. David Barclay, *ad.* 1614; deposed for nonconformity to the Articles of Perth, 1620.
 Mr. John Douglas, *ad.* 1621; to 1623.
 Mr. George Dewar, *ad.* 1624; *tr.* to Anstruther-Wester 1625.
 Dr. George Wishart, *tr.* from Monifieth, 1626; deposed 1638.¹
 Vacant from 1638 to 1642.
 Mr. Andrew Honyman, *tr.* from Ferryportonraig, 1642; became Archdean, O&. 1662.
 Mr. William Moore, *tr.* from Deninno, July 15, 1664; became Archdean, 1680.
 Dr. Robert Honyman, *tr.* from Cupar, April 1681; died 1686.
 Mr. John Wood, *ad.* Nov. 9, 1686; deposed 1689.
 Vacant from 1690 to 1697.

¹ After the Restoration he became Bishop of Edinburgh.

Mr. Alexander Shields, *ad.* Sept. 15, 1697; went to Darien 1700.

Mr. William Hardie, *tr.* from Craill, May 1, 1701.

ST. LEONARDS.¹

Mr. Robert Wilkie, Principal, *ad.* Minister 1589; died 1611.

Dr. Peter Bruce, *ad.* Principal and Minister 1611; died 1630.

Dr. Andrew Bruce, *ad.* Principal and Minister 1630; resigned the ministry in 1644, but continued Principal till his death in 1647.

Mr. Walter Comrie, *ad.* Minister 1644; made Professor of Divinity in St. Mary's College 1662.

Dr. James Weymfs, *ad.* Principal and Minister Dec. 21, 1662; died 1691.

Mr. William Tullideph, Principal and Minister, *tr.* from Weems 1692; died 1695.

Mr. George Hamilton, *ad.* Principal and Minister, *tr.* from Newburn Feb. 1696; *tr.* to Edinburgh Jan. 1697.

Mr. John Anderson, Principal and Minister, *tr.* from Leslie Sept. 1, 1697; died 1708.

ST. MARY'S OR NEW COLLEGE.²

Principal.

John Douglas, *ad.* 1547, and continued to 1572, when he became Archbishop of St. Andrews.

Mr. Robert Hamilton, *ad.* 1574; deprived about 1580, and died April 16, 1581.

Mr. Andrew Melville, *ad.* in December 1580; removed from Scotland by King James in 1606, and went to Sedan, where he died in 1622.

Dr. Robert Howie, *tr.* from Dundee 1607; died 1643.

¹ From the period of the Reformation, until 1589, the parishioners of St. Leonards were placed under the charge of the minister of St. Andrews.

² The Principal and Masters of St. Mary's College appear to have been members of Presbytery. It may be observed, that for a considerable time after the Reformation, Professors of Theology, although not placed ministers, were admitted as members of Church Courts.

- Mr. Samuel Rutherford, *ad.* 1644; died March 29, 1661.
 Dr. Alexander Colville, *ad.* 1662; died Jan. 1666.
 Dr. Walter Comrie, *ad.* October 23, 1666.
 Dr. James Lorimer, *ad.* 1688; died in 1690.
 Mr. William Vilant, *ad.* 1691; died Nov. 1692.
 Mr. Alexander Pitcairn, *ad.* January 19, 1693; died Sept. 1695.
 Mr. Thomas Forrester, *ad.* 1698; died 1706.

2d Master, or Professor of Divinity.

- Mr. James Lawfon, *ad.* Feb. 3, 1568–9.
 Mr. Robert Hamilton, *ad.* May 1569.
 Mr. Archibald Hamilton, *ad.* 1575.
 Mr. James Melville, *ad.* 1582; *tr.* to Anstruther Wester, Nov. 1586.
 Mr. John Johnston, *ad.* 1598.
 Dr. James Blair, *ad.* 1615.
 Dr. Patrick Melville, *ad.* 1623.
 Mr. Samuel Rutherford, *ad.* 1639; afterwards Principal.
 Dr. Alexander Colville, *ad.* 1642; afterwards Principal.
 Dr. Walter Comrie, *ad.* 1662; afterwards Principal.
 Mr. James Tyrie, *ad.* 1667.
 Dr. Andrew Bruce, *ad.* 1671.
 Mr. David Falconer, *ad.* 1673.
 Dr. Alexander Monro, *ad.* 1682; *tr.* to Principality of Edinburgh College
 Dec. 9, 1685.
 Dr. James Lorimer, *ad.* 1687; afterwards Principal.
 Vacant from 1688 to 1699.
 Mr. James Haddow, *tr.* from Cupar 1699.

3d Master, or Professor of Ecclesiastical History.

- Mr. Archibald Hamilton, *ad.* 1569.
 Mr. Alexander Hamilton, *ad.* 1575.
 Mr. John Hamilton, *ad.*

- Mr. John Robertson, *ad.* 1580.
 Mr. John Caldeleuch, *ad.* 1585; *tr.* to Abdie 1599.
 Mr. Patrick Melville, *ad.* 1599.
 Dr. James Wedderburn, *ad.* 1623.
 Mr. Patrick Panter, *ad.* 1628; deposed 1638.
 Mr. James Wood, *tr.* from Deninno July 9, 1645; made Principal of St. Salvator's College in 1657.
 Mr. James Sharp, *ad.* 1660.
 Mr. Walter Comrie, *ad.* 1661; *tr.* to 2d Mafter 1662.¹

ST. SALVATORS OR OLD COLLEGE.²

- Mr. John Rutherford, *ad.* 1560.
 Mr. William Ramfay, (1566.)
 Mr. James Martin, *ad.* 1570; demitted in 1623.
 Mr. George Martin, *ad.* 1624; conformed to Presb. 1638; died 1645.
 Mr. John Barron, *ad.* 1646; demitted 1649.
 Vacant from 1649 to 1657?
 Mr. James Wood, *tr.* from St. Mary's College, 1657; deposed 1663; died 1664.
 Mr. George Wemyfs, *tr.* from St. Leonards College Nov. 1, 1664.
 Mr. George Patullo, *ad.* 1677.
 Mr. Alexander Skeen, *ad.* 1680; ejected in 1691.
 Vacant from 1691 to 1694.
 Mr. Alexander Monroe, *ad.* 1694.
 Mr. Robert Ramfay, *ad.* 1698.

¹ The Third Master's place, from want of funds, was vacant from 1662 to 1708.

² The Provest or Principal of St. Salvator's College, was, during the latter part of the 16th Century, *ex officio* parson of Cults, which parish, after 1692, lay in the Presbytery of Cupar. But in April 1611, the Diocesan Synod declared, "that the Provest of the Awld College sal, fra this tyme foorth, be of the Exerceis of St. Androis."

PRESBYTERY OF CUPAR.

ABDIE.

Mr. William Simfoun, (1564.)

William Glen, *reader*, 1576.

Mr. Alexander Scrogy, (1589.)

Mr. John Caldcleugh, *ad.* 1599; died 1622.

Mr. Andrew Murray, *ad.* O&. 1622; outed 1638.¹

Mr. Alexander Balfour, 1639; conformed to Episcopacy 1662.

Mr. William Arnot, *ad.* ; outed 1689.

Mr. John Carfon, *ad.* 1691.

AUCHTERMUCHTY.

Alexander Fairney, *reader*, 1567.

Sir William Scot of Balweary, *vicar, ad.* ; died 1575.

George Leflie, *vicar, ad.* June 2, 1575.

Mr. Henry Leech, *tr.* from Crail 1593; died 1614.

Mr. James Bennet, *ad.* 1615; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died about 1640.

Mr. James Martin, *tr.* from Cults 1641; conformed to Episcopacy 1662; *tr.* to Ballingray Dec. 1669.

Mr. James Dempster, *ad.* 1670; outed 1690.²

Mr. Alexander Glafs, *ad.* 1691; *tr.* to Kinlevin 1700.

¹ Mr. Andrew Murray was a person of eminence in the Church, and a great favourite of Charles the 1st., at whose coronation he was knighted, and afterwards (1641) created Lord Balvaird. In 1642 he succeeded to the title and estates of Starmont, and died in 1644.

² On 19th April 1698, the Presbytery complains, that Mr. Dempster "conveens people from several congregations, baptizeth, marrieth, and giveth the communion within their bounds."—*Presb. Records.*

BALMERINO.

- Mr. Archibald Keith, *ad.* 1560.¹
 Mr. Patrick Auchinleck, (1571.)
 Mr. Thomas Douglas of Stanipethe, *ad.* March 1580-1; alive 1626.
 Mr. Walter Greig, *ad.* *A.* and *S.* to Mr. Douglas ; conformed to
 Presbytery 1638, and to Episcopacy 1662; died Jan. 31, 1672.
 Mr. Andrew Bruce, *ad.* May 1, 1673.
 Mr. James Gairns or Gairdner, *ad.* 1676; *tr.* to Carnbee Sept. 16, 1678.
 Mr. George Hay, *ad.* 1678.
 Mr. John Auchterlony, *ad.* ; outed 1689.²
 Mr. Andrew Bowie, *ad.* 1690; *tr.* to Ceres August 1692.
 Vacant from 1692 to 1696.
 Mr. James Hay, *ad.* May 7, 1696.

CERES.

- Mr. Patrick Constan, or Adamson, (1563;) created Archbishop of St.
 Andrews 1576.
 Mr. William Lang or Laing, (1567.)
 Mr. Thomas Buchanan, *ad.* April 1, 1578; died April 1599.
 Mr. Robert Buchanan, *tr.* from Forgan 1599; died 1617.
 Mr. David Kynneir, *ad.* 1618; died 1623.
 Mr. Walter Buchanan, *ad.* 1624; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1642.
 Mr. William Row, *ad.* 1644; depofed 1665.
 Mr. Alexander Leslie, *tr.* from Anfruther-Wester 1667; *tr.* to Craill 1684.
 Mr. William Row, restored 1689, but superannuated.
 Mr. Andrew Bowie *A.* and *S.* to Mr. Row, *tr.* from Balmerrino 1692; *tr.*
 to North Leith, March 23, 1697.
 Mr. Thomas Haliburton, *ad.* May 1, 1700.

¹ The kirks of Balmerino and Logie were served by Mr. Keith, who was, on the 29th December 1562, decerned by the General Assembly to be translated from those kirks to a place with a more abundant stipend.

² He was afterwards minister of Fordon in the Mearns.

COLLESSIE.

- Mr. Alexander Jarden, (1567.) See MONIMAIL.
 John Wobster, *reader*, 1567.
 Mr. Thomas Scott, *ad.* ; died 1586.
 Mr. Henry Balfour, *ad.* August 1586; inhibited by the Presbytery from
 preaching, on account of his weakness and great age, 1627; died 1629.
 Mr. John Moncreiff, *A. and S. ad.* 1627; conformed to Presbytery 1638;
tr. to Kinghorn 1639.
 Mr. John Litlejohn, *ad.* 1640.
 Mr. John Ogilvie, (1677;) outed 1689.
 Vacant from 1689 to 1696.
 Mr. William Pitcairn, *ad.* September 9, 1696.

CREICH.

- Mr. Thomas Drummond, (1563.) See FLISK.
 James Cavie, *reader*, 1567.
 Mr. Robert Paterfon, (1567.)
 Mr. Andrew Bennet, *ad.* Feb. 1583-4; *tr.* to Monimail 1585.
 Mr. John Killoch, *vicar, ad.* Aug. 1585.
 Mr. Thomas Baxter, *ad.* 1590.
 Mr. Alexander Strachan, (1604;) banished by King James 1606.
 Mr. David Kinnear, (1617.)
 Mr. Andrew Bennet, *yo. ad.* 1617; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1651.
 Vacant from 1651 to 1654.
 Mr. John Alexander, *tr.* from Cults Dec. 28, 1654; conformed to Epif-
 copacy 1662.
 Mr. James Seaton, *ad.* ; outed 1689.
 Vacant from 1689 to 1693.
 Mr. John Law, *ad.* December 28, 1693; died June 9, 1694.
 Mr. David Pitcairn, *ad.* August 27, 1695; *tr.* to Forres 1700.¹
 Mr. James Henry, *ad.* 1702.

¹ Mr. Pitcairn appears not to have gone to his charge at Forres, but to Holland.

CULTS.

- Mr. John Balfour, (1560.)¹
 Mr. John Rutherford, *ad.* 1563; died 1577.
 David Frifell, *exhorter*, 1567.
 Mr. James Martin, (1590.)²
 Mr. James Martin, *ad.* ; conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to
 Auchtermuchty 1641.
 Mr. William Glafford, *ad.* 1641.
 Mr. John Alexander, *ad.* 1643; *tr.* to Creich 1654.
 Vacant from 1654 to 1656.
 Mr. George Dishington, *ad.* May 1, 1656; deposed by the Synod 1668.
 Mr. John Keir, *ad.* ; outed 1689.
 Vacant from 1689 to 1692.
 Mr. Alexander Wilfon, *ad.* 1692; died 1697.
 Mr. Thomas Birrell, *ad.* May 11, 1699.

CUPAR.³—(1ST MINISTER.)

- Mr. Robert Montgomerie, (1564.)
 Mr. Alexander Spens, *tr.* from Kilconquhar 1566? died Nov. 1568.
 Mr. Robert Wilkie, *ad.* 1568.
 Mr. Robert Flefcheour, *vicar*, *ad.* April 6, 1671-2.
 Mr. Adam Mitchell, (1573); alive 1616.
 Mr. William Scott, (1602); conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1642.

¹ He was removed by the General Assembly on 25th June 1563, as having usurped the Ministry, and being unqualified, and Mr. John Rutherford appointed in his place.—*Keith's Hist.*

² Mr. Martin was admitted Provost of St. Salvator's College in 1570, and was *ex officio* minister of Cults. He was succeeded by Mr. George Martin in the Provostry in 1623. Whether he died at that time is unknown, but it is certain that a Mr. James Martin was minister of Cults in 1611 & 1639 (*see pp. 33 & 116.*) who was translated to Auchtermuchty in 1641, and thence to Ballingray in 1669. It is inconsistent with chronology to suppose that the Provost of 1570 was the minister of 1669; although there is little doubt that he was the minister of 1590.

³ Cupar and Moonsie were at this time united in one charge. The neighbouring parish of St. Michaels of Tarvit was united to Cupar in 1618.

Mr. David Dalgleish, *ad.* 1642; died 1651.

Vacant from 1651 to 1654.

Mr. John Makgill, *tr.* from Dunbog Dec. 14, 1654; outed 1662.¹

Mr. Robert Honyman, *tr.* from Dyfart Aug. 6, 1663; *tr.* to 2d charge of St. Andrews, April 1681.

Mr. George Landells; *tr.* from Kemback, 1682; died 1685.

Vacant from 1685 to 1689.

Mr. Thomas Arnot, *ad.* 1689; died 1694.

Mr. James Haddow, *ad.* 1694; made Prof. of Divinity in the New Coll. April 1699.

Mr. William Dick, *tr.* from Forgandenny, 1702.

CUPAR.—(2d MINISTER.)

Mr. David Dalgleish,² (1625); conformed to Presbytery 1638; became 1st Minister 1642.

Vacant from 1642 to 1658.

Mr. Thomas Arnot, *ad.* June 11, 1658; deposed 1662.³

Mr. William Wilfon, *ad.* Sept. 28, 1665; deposed Aug. 29, 1689.

Mr. James Haddow, *ad.* 1692; became 1st Minister 1694.

Vacant from 1694 to 1698.

Mr. William Greenlees, *ad.* May 4, 1698; *tr.* to Ceres 1712.

DAIRSIE.

Mr. Peter Ramfay, (1567.)

Mr. John Williamfon, *vicar*, *ad.* Nov. 24, 1577.

Mr. James Yuill, (1590); died 1610.

Mr. Makgill went to France in 1663, and studied medicine. He returned "graduat doctor of phisike; he came home in a gray sute, but went abroad in black apparell." He purchased the estate of Kemback in 1667, and from him the present family of Makgill of Kemback are descended.—*Lamont's Diary.*

² The church of Cupar was made collegiate about 1625, and Mr. David Dalgleish was appointed 2d minister.

³ Mr. Arnot was alive at the Revolution, and took the charge of the 1st minister.

- Mr. John Rutherford, *ad.* Feb. 1611; *tr.* to Monifuith 1626.
 Mr. Patrick Scowgall, (1636); *tr.* to Leuchars, 1645.
 Mr. David Raitt, *tr.* from Newburgh 1645; conformed to Episcopacy
 1662; *tr.* to Kinnaird 1664.
 Mr. George Patterfon, *ad.* 1665; outed 1689.
 Vacant from 1689 to 1696.
 Mr. Andrew Geddie, March 3, 1696.
 Vacant October 1703.

DUNBOG.

- Mr. William Simfoun, (1564.)
 Robert Williamfon, *reader*, 1567. See FLISK.
 Mr. Robert Paterfoun, *vicar*, *ad.* Sept. 2, 1570.
 Mr. William Thomfon, *vicar*, *ad.* April 18, 1575.
 Mr. Thomas Baxter, (Jan. 1589-90); died 1641.
 Mr. William Leviftoun, *A.* and *S.* to Mr. Baxter, (1639); *tr.* to Falk-
 land 1645.
 Mr. John Makgill, *yo. ad.* 1646; *tr.* to Cupar December 14, 1654.
 Vacant from 1654 to 1657.
 Mr. William Tullideph, Regent in St. Salvator's College, *ad.* July 30, 1657;
 depofed 1662.¹
 Mr. Alexander Martin, *ad.* 1664; died 1665.
 Mr. Alexander Auchinleck, *ad.* Sept. 13, 1666; outed 1689.
 Vacant from 1689 to 1698.
 Mr. George Anderfon, *tr.* from Logie July 12, 1698.

FALKLAND, OR KILGOUR.²

- Mr. William Braidfuit, (1567.)
 Mr. Alexander Muir, (1574.)

¹ Mr. Tullideph was *indulged* in 1669, and allowed to preach at Kilbirnie.

² The ancient name of this parish was Kilgour. Its modern name was given in consequence of the church having been removed from Kilgour to Falkland.

- Mr. David Couper, *vicar*, *ad.* 1574.
 Mr. Adam Bannatyne.
 Mr. William Cranfton, *ad.* Nov. 27, 1589.
 Mr. James Pitcairn, (1611;) demitted 1624.
 Mr. William Shetho or Shidow, *ad.* 1624; depofed for immorality O&ober
 7, 1635.
 Mr. William Barclay, *ad.* 1635; depofed for malignancy 1644.
 Mr. William Leviftoun, *tr.* from Dunbog 1646; conformed to Epifcocracy
 1662.
 Mr. William Barclay, (reftored 1664); died about 1671.
 Mr. John Hay, (1673); outed 1689.
 Mr. Henry Hamilton, *ad.* 1690.
 Mr. John Forreft, *ad.* 1691.
 Mr. William Selkrig, *ad.* 1692; died 1701.

FLISK.

- Mr. James Balfour, “ perfoune of Flik” 1561.¹
 Mr. Robert Paterfon, (1567.)²
 Mr. Peter Watfon, (1586.)
 Mr. John Wemyfs, *ad.* September 1590; became Principal of St. Leo-
 nard’s College in 1592.
 Mr. John Makgill, (1613); conformed to Prefbytery 1638; died March
 22, 1659.
 Mr. William Myles, *ad.* May 3, 1660; conformed to Epifcocracy 1662;
 died 1694.
 Vacant from 1694 to 1697.
 Mr. William Thomfon, *ad.* May 6, 1697.

¹ He was Lord President of the Court of Session, and is stigmatised by Dr. Robertson as
 “ the most corrupt man of his age.”

² Mr. Paterson had also the charge of the kirks of Dunbog and Creich, where *Readers*
 officiated.

KINGS KETTLE, OR LATHRISK.¹

- Mr. Alexander Mure, *exhorter*, (1567.)
 Mr. John Balfour, *vicar*, *ad.* 1573.
 Mr. William Cranftoun, *ad.* Nov. 1589.²
 Mr. James Pitcairn, *ad.* ; demitted in 1623.
 Mr. William Cranfton, *ad.* Dec. 1623; demitted 1626.
 Mr. Robert Cranfton, *ad.* 1626; *tr.* to Sconie 1632.
 Mr. John Ramfay, *ad.* 1633; conformed to Presbytery 1638, and to Episcopacy 1662; died 1667.
 Mr. John Ramfay, *tr.* from Dennino July 1667; outed 1689.
 Mr. James Pitcairn, *tr.* from Burntifland, 1691.

KILMANY.

- Mr. William Ramfay (1565.)
 Mr. James Forfyth, *ad.* Sept. 24, 1571.
 Mr. Robert Heindschalls, or Infchaw, (1574.)
 Mr. John Sharpe, (1604,) banished by King James, 1606.³
 Vacant in 1608.
 Mr. James Thomfon (1611,) conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1646.
 Mr. George Thomfon, *A.* and *S.* 1639; died Nov. 1661.
 Mr. Thomas Kinninmouth, *ad.* Aug. 20, 1663; *tr.* to Dunfermline, 1666.
 Mr. Robert Glafford, *tr.* from Kemback 1667; *tr.* to Auchterderran, 1689.
 Vacant from 1689 to 1692.

¹ The name of this Parish was anciently *Lathrisk*, from a place near the west end of the Parish where the church formerly stood. In the beginning of the Seventeenth Century the church was removed to the village of Kettle, since which time the parish took its present name.

² Mr. William Cranston was appointed to Lathrisk in 1589. Whether he resigned and afterwards resumed the charge is unknown; but it appears from the *Register of Presentations to Benefices*, that a Mr. William Cranston was appointed minister at Lathrisk Dec. 30, 1623, on the translation of Mr. James Pitcairn the last minister.

³ He went to France, where he was Professor of Theology at Die in Dauphine; returned to Scotland in 1640, and was made Professor of Theology at Edinburgh. He was the author of several learned works. He died about 1646.

MOONSIE OR AUCHTERMOONSIE.

- William Greg, *reader*, *ad.* 1576. See CUPAR.
 Mr. James Wedderburn, *ad.* 1625; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died
 May 1661.
 Mr. James Wedderburn, *yo. A. and S.* Sept. 2, 1659; deposed 1662.
 Mr. James Forfyth, (1664.)
 Mr. David Bayne, (1675.)
 Mr. James Rofs, *ad.* ; outed 1689.
 Mr. Samuel Nairne, *ad.* 1690; *tr.* to Errol, 1692.
 Mr. Andrew Young, *ad.* Nov. 21, 1693; died 1699.
 Mr. William Myles, *ad.* Sept. 12, 1700.

NEWBURGH.¹

- Mr. James Leflie, *ad.* Oct. 1622; died 1630.
 Mr. David Orme, *ad.* 1631; conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to Mony-
 mail 1641.
 Mr. David Raitt, *ad.* 1642; *tr.* to Dairfie 1645.
 Mr. Laurence Oliphant, *ad.* 1646; conformed to Episcopacy 1662.
 Mr. Robert Bayne, *ad.* April 11, 1672; died June 1684.
 Mr. William Grant, *ad.* Aug. 27, 1685; outed 1690; died 1696.
 Vacant from 1690 to 1698.
 Mr. Thomas Ferney, *ad.* Feb. 16, 1698; died May 1699.
 Mr. Joseph Pitcairn, *ad.* May 7, 1700.

STRATHMIGLO.

- Mr. George Leflie, (1560.)²
 Mr. William Braidfruit, (1567.)
 Mr. Alexander Muir, (1574.)

¹ The parish of Newburgh formed part of that of Abdie previous to 1622, when the Synod separated the burgh from the *Landwart*, and erected it into a distinct charge. The erection, however, does not appear to have been ratified by Parliament till 1633.

² Mr. Leslie had also the charge of Auchtermuchty.

Mr. James Balcanqual, (October 1589); died 1653.

Mr. John Moncrieff, (1633.)

Mr. John Morray, *ad.* ; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died Jan. 1655.

Mr. John Rig, *tr.* from Ferrieportoncraig Sept. 20, 1655; conformed to Episcopacy 1662.

Mr. David Barclay, *ad.* ; outed 1689.

Mr. Alexander Auchmoutie, *ad.* 1690; died 1695.

Mr. Thomas Black, *ad.* Sept. 12, 1695; *tr.* to Weems O&. 1697.

Mr. George Gillespie, *ad.* May 10, 1699.

PRESBYTERY OF KIRKALDY.

ABBOTSHALL.

Mr. Patrick Weyms, *ad.* Nov. 4, 1650; depofed 1662; died 1667.¹

Mr. John Bowes, *ad.* ; depofed Sept. 4, 1690.

Mr. Alexander Frafer, *ad.* January 5, 1692; died 1697.

Mr. Patrick Melvill, *ad.* September 29, 1699.

AUCHTERDERRAN.

Mr. George Bofwell, (1567); alive 1583.

Mr. John Chalmers, (1612); conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1642.

¹ Abbotshall was the *landwart* part of the parish of Kirkaldy, from which it was dismembered, and erected into a separate charge in 1650. Mr. Weyms was the first minister, and was depofed at the restoration of Episcopacy. He afterwards purchased the estate of Gladney in Fife.

Mr. James Martin, *tr.* from Auchtermuchty Dec. 1669.

Mr. Henry Malcolm, *ad.* ; outed 1689.

Vacant from 1689 to 1702.

Mr. Andrew Wardroper, *tr.* from Kirkaldie April 30, 1702.

BURNTISLAND.¹

Mr. Andrew Lamb, (1590;) *tr.* to Leith 1602; afterwards Bishop of Brechin 1606.

Mr. William Watfon, 1606; *tr.* to Markinch 1616.

Dr. John Mitchelfon;² *tr.* from Markinch 1616; deposed Feb. 7, 1639.

Mr. Andrew Leslie, *ad.* January 30, 1640; died 1643.

Mr. John Smith, *tr.* from Leslie, October 18, 1643; *tr.* to Edinburgh 1648.

Mr. George Nairne, *tr.* from Cameron August 15, 1649; deposed 1662; died 1670.

Mr. George Johnston, *ad.* ; outed 1688; formally deposed Nov. 20, 1691.

Mr. James Pitcairn, *ad.* 1688; *tr.* to

Mr. James Inglis, *tr.* from St. Martins August 15, 1693; deposed for error in doctrine 1699.

Mr. John Cleghorn, *ad.* May 7, 1701.

DYSERT.—1ST MINISTER.

Mr. Andrew Forrefter, (1567.)

Mr. Robert Danielfton, *ad.* ; died 1573.

Mr. George Scot, *ad.* May 25, 1574; died 1582.

Mr. John Young, *ad.* October 25, 1582; died 1584.

Mr. Thomas Wood, *ad.* November 1584.

Mr. William Murray, *ad.* March, 1584-5.³

¹ In 1567 Burntisland, formerly called Wester Kinghorn, as part of the cure of Mr. Thomas Biggar, minister at Easter Kinghorn, was under the charge of Mr. John Brown, exhorter. It was erected into a separate parish before 1606.

² He wrote a Defence of Kneeling at the Communion, octavo, London, 1620.

³ Mr. Murray was the father of William first Earl of Dysart.—*Wood's Peerage.*

- Mr. William Nairne,¹ *ad.* 1619 ; conformed to Presbytery 1638 ; died January 1653.
- Mr. James Wilfon, *ad.* 1653 ; deposed 1661.
- Mr. John Robertfon, *tr.* from Kirkaldie Oct. 29, 1661 ; *tr.* to Edinburgh Nov. 1662.
- Mr. John Anderfon, *ad.* Feb. 1664 ; retained his charge after the Revolution, and died in 1707.

DYSERT.—2D MINISTER.

- Mr. Thomas Hogg,² *ad.* 1616 ; deposed for contumacy, April 1620.
- Mr. William Spittal, *ad.* 1626 ; demitted 1635.
- Mr. Mungo Law, *ad.* 1636 ; conformed to Presbytery 1638 ; *tr.* to Edinburgh 1644.³
- Mr. James Wilfon, *ad.* 1644 ; admitted to the 1st charge 1653.
- Mr. James Blair, *ad.* April 1655 ; died Oct. 21, 1655.
- Mr. Robert Honyman, *tr.* from Newburn March 1657 ; conformed to Episcopacy 1662 ; *tr.* to Cupar Aug. 6, 1663.
- Vacant from 1663 to 1669.
- Mr. Robert Lundin, *ad.* Sept. 1669.
- Mr. James Arbuthnot, *ad.* 1686 ; outed 1689.
- Mr. Andrew Wedderburn, *ad.* 1688 ; died 1694.
- Vacant from 1694 to 1699.
- Mr. David Low, *ad.* Sept. 13, 1699 ; died 1703.

KENNOWAY.

- Mr. John Symfon, (1567.) ;⁴ died 1582.

¹ He was the author of "The Pearle of Prayers."

² Although Mr. Hogg appears as 2d minister in 1616, that charge was not instituted till 1625, (see p. 104), to which Mr. Spittal was admitted in April 1627. Mr. Hogg was afterwards minister of Kennoway.

³ He was one of the six ministers who protested against the surrender of Edinburgh Castle, and died a prisoner in England in 1660.

⁴ Mr. Symson had also Scoonie under his charge ; and Mr. Alexander Sauchy officiated as *vicar* at Kennoway.

- Mr. Alexander Sauchy, *vicar*, *ad.* 1574; died 1575.
 Mr. Robert Wood, *ad.* Dec. 4, 1582.
 Mr. William Scot, (1602).
 Mr. George Nairne, *tr.* from Kemback 1604; died 1610.
 Mr. James Symfon, *ad.* Aug. 20, 1611; *tr.* to Kirkaldy 1627.
 Mr. Frederick Carmichaell, *tr.* from Kirkaldie 1627; conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to Markinch June 11, 1640.
 Mr. Thomas Hogg, *ad.* June 25, 1640; died June 21, 1652.
 Mr. Robert Mercer, *ad.* Jan. 27, 1653; conformed to Episcopacy 1662.
 Mr. George Chalmers, *ad.* ; outed 1689.
 Mr. Thomas Ruffell, *ad.* October 8, 1690.

KINGHORN.

- Mr. David Wood, *ad.* 1561.¹
 Mr. Thomas Biggar, *ad.* July 18, 1570.
 Mr. Robert Rait, *reader*, (1576.)
 Mr. John Scrimgeour, (1615;) depofed 1620.
 Mr. Alexander Scrimgeour, *ad.* 1620; outed 1639.
 Mr. John Moncreiff, *tr.* from Colleffie, Dec. 12, 1639; died 1650.
 Mr. Jofua Meldrum, *tr.* from Auchtertool June 26, 1651; conformed to Episcopacy 1662; *tr.* to Edinburgh Nov. 5, 1662.
 Dr. Gilbert Lyon, *ad.* May 20, 1663; died 1685.
 Mr. Patrick Lyon, *ad.* 1686; fufpended by the Presbytery Sept. 1690.²

KINGLASSIE.

- Mr. David Stirk, *reader*, *ad.* 1567. See MARKINCH.

¹ Mr. David was required by the Superintendent of Fife (January 1562), "to ask forgiveness on his knees from John Brown, reidar in Kinghorn, for calling him hypocrite, rascally knave, idolator, and massmonger, and to confess his fault before the congregation of Kinghorn, and then to be deprived of his ministry for some time, at the discretion of the Superintendent." — *Wodrow's Bio. Coll.* printed by the MAITLAND CLUB, p. 461.

² Mr. Lyon retained his charge after the Revolution.

Mr. John Rynd, *exhorter*, *ad.* Feb. 5, 1570-1.
 Mr. Mathew Valange, *ad.* ; died 1571.
 Mr. George Ramfay, *ad.* 1572; died 1611.
 Mr. James Wilfon, *ad.* 1611; died 1630.
 Mr. Thomas Melvill, "brother to the Laird of Raith," *ad.* Dec. 16, 1630;
 conformed to Presbytery 1638.

Mr. Alexander Monro, *tr.* from Dunfermline 1676; *tr.* to Weems .
 Mr. David Bean, *ad.* ; demitted October 9, 1690.
 Mr. Robert Elliot, *tr.* from Linton in Tweedale Sept. 4, 1691; died 1704.

KIRKALDIE.

Mr. George Scot, (1567;) *tr.* to Dyfart 1574.
 Mr. James Moutray, *vicar*, demitted 1575.
 Mr. Stephen Wilfon, *vicar*, *ad.* May 1576.
 Mr. John Mitchelfon, (1611.)¹
 Mr. John Gillespie, *ad.* 1614; *tr.* to 1626.
 Mr. Frederick Carmichael, appointed April 21, 1627; *tr.* to Kennoway
 August 1627.
 Mr. James Symfon. *tr.* from Kennoway August 1627; conformed to
 Presbytery 1638; died 1665.²
 Mr. George Ogilvie, *tr.* from Portmoak 1665; died 1676.
 Mr. James Williamfon, *ad.* ; outed 1688; and formally deposed by
 the Synod July 22, 1690.
 Mr. Robert Rule, *ad.* July 24, 1688; *tr.* to Stirling April 1693.
 Vacant from 1693 to 1697.
 Mr. Archibald Riddell, *tr.* from Weems May 1697; *tr.* to Edinburgh 1702.
 Mr. John Wilfon, *tr.* from Portmoak 1702; *tr.* to North Leith .

¹ Mr. Mitchelson was at the same time minister of Markinch, to which parish alone he betook himself in 1614.

² He died in January 1665, "a man of full days, and who had good skill of herbs."—*Lamont's Diary*.

KIRKALDIE.—2D MINISTER.

Mr. Robert Dowglas, (1630); conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to Edinburgh 1641.¹

Mr. Patrick Gillespie, *ad.* April 14, 1642; *tr.* to Glasgow 1648.²

Mr. Kenneth Logie, *ad.* Feb. 1650; died Dec. 1669.

Mr. John Robertfon, *ad.* Dec. 1658; *tr.* to Dyfart 1661.

Mr. Ludovick Gordon, *ad.* ; outed 1688.

Mr. Andrew Wardroper, *ad.* June 30, 1692; *tr.* to Ballingray April 30, 1702.

LESLIE.

Andrew Angus, *reader*, 1574. See MARKINCH.

Mr. Thomas Putie, (1611;) conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1641.

Mr. John Smyth, *A.* and *S.* to Mr. Putie, *ad.* Dec. 11, 1634; conformed to Presbytery 1638; *tr.* to Burntisland 1643.

Mr. Thomas Black, *ad.* 1645; outed in 1663.

Mr. William Mitchell, *ad.* 1688; *tr.* to Dundee Feb. 19, 1691.

Mr. John Anderfon, *ad.* June 30, 1691; *tr.* to St. Leonards Sept. 1, 1697.

Mr. John Shaw, *tr.* from Newtoun Nov. 9, 1698; *tr.* to South Leith 1708.

MARKINCH.

Mr. Peter Watfon, (1567.)³

Mr. John Mitchelfon, (1611);⁴ *tr.* to Burntisland 1615.

¹ At the Coronation of Charles the 2d at Scone, Mr. Douglas preached, and conducted the religious part of that ceremony.

² He was at the same time Principal of the University, but was ejected at the Restoration. He died about 1670.

³ Mr. Watson had also charge of the kirks of Kinglassie, Leslie, and Portmoak, where readers officiated. In the beginning of the seventeenth Century, the small parsonage of Kirkforthar was annexed to this parish.

⁴ Mr. Mitchelson had at the same time charge of the church of Kirkaldie.

- Mr. William Watfon, *ad.* March 1616 ; died 1619.
 Mr. Andrew Lawmonth, *ad.* 1619 ; depofed Feb. 7, 1639.
 Mr. Frederick Carmichaell, *tr.* from Kennoway, June 11, 1641 ; died May 3, 1667.
 Mr. John Ramfay, *tr.* from Scoonie, May 6, 1668.
 Dr. John Middleton, *ad.* 1684 ; demitted 1695.
 Vacant from 1695 to 1697.
 Mr. William Mackie, *tr.* from Portmoak, 1697 ; died 1699.
 Mr. Jofeph Drew, *tr.* from New Monkland, April 30, 1701 ; *tr.* to the Principality of St. Leonards College, 1708.

PORTMOAK.

- Mr. John Rynd, *exhorter*, *ad.* 1567. See MARKINCH.
 Mr. Robert Winrame, *ad.* ; did 1573.
 Mr. Henry Forfyth, *vicar*, *ad.* 1574.
 Mr. John Wilkie, (1611) ; died 1632.
 Mr. Harie Wilkie, *ad.* Feb. 25, 1633 ; conformed to Prefbytery 1638 ; *tr.* to Weems Nov. 30, 1642.
 Mr. George Ogilvie, *ad.* Sept. 13, 1643 ; conformed to Epifcopacy 1662 ; *tr.* to Kirkaldie in 1665.
 Mr. Walter Bruce, *ad.* 1666.
 Mr. John Bruce, (1669 ;) outed 1688 ; but formally depofed Sept. 4, 1690 ; died 1695.
 Mr. William Mackie, *ad.* 1688 ; *tr.* to Markinch 1697.
 Mr. John Wilfon, *ad.* Nov. 24, 1698 ; *tr.* to Kirkaldie, 1702.

SCOONIE.

- Mr. John Symfon, (1567.) See KENNOWAY.
 Mr. Allan Lawmonth, (1585) ; died 1632.
 Mr. Thomas Lawmonth, Affiftant to his father, May 1614.
 Mr. Walter Lawmonth, do. Oct. 27, 1627 ; *tr.* to Scone 1631.
 Mr. Robert Cranftoun, *tr.* from Kettle 1632 ; conformed to Prefbytery 1638 ; died 1643.

- Mr. Alexander Moncreiff, *ad.* September 26, 1643; deposed 1662.
 Mr. John Ramfay, *ad.* Aug. 14, 1662; *tr.* to Markinch, May 6, 1668.
 Mr. Robert Wood, *ad.* Nov. 18, 1669.
 Mr. John Blair, *ad.* .¹

WEEMS.

- Mr. Andrew Forrester, (1567.)
 Mr. John Tullais, (1586,) alive 1619.
 Mr. Patrick Mearns, *ad.* Sept. 8, 1636; deposed 1638.
 Mr. George Gillefpie, *ad.* April 26, 1638.
 Mr. Harie Wilkie, *tr.* from Portmoak, Nov. 30, 1642; conformed to
 Episcopacy 1662; died Oct. 7, 1664.
 Mr. James Nairne, *ad.* May 1665.
 Mr. Alexander Monro, *tr.* from Kinglaffie ; *tr.* to St. Andrews .
 Mr. Alexander Scares, ; outed 1688.
 Mr. William Tullideph, *ad.* 1688; made Principal of St. Leonards, 1691.
 Mr. Archibald Riddel, *ad.* Sept. 28, 1691; *tr.* to Kirkaldie, May 20, 1697.
 Mr. Thomas Black, *tr.* from Strathmiglo, Oct. 14, 1697; *tr.* to Perth, April
 1698.
 Mr. James Grierfon, *ad.* Sept. 22, 1698; *tr.* to Edinburgh, 1710.

PRESBYTERY OF DUNFERMLINE.

ABERDOUR.

- Mr. John Ramfay, *ad.* 1560 to the kirks of Aberdour and Torrie.
 Mr. Peter Blaikwood, (1567;) *tr.* to Aberdeen, 1586.²

¹ Mr. Blair continued minister after the Revolution, although not in communion with the Presbytery.

² Mr. Blaikwood appears to have had the kirks of Carnock, Saline, Aberdour, Auchtertool, and Dalgetie, in his charge. He was assisted by "John Paterson, reidare at Dalgetie and Aberdour, and Mr. John Fairfull, and Mr. Walter Balcanquell, exhorters."

- Mr. Andrew Kirk, *ad.* May 1587.
 Mr. Patrick Carmichael, *ad.* 1606.
 Mr. William Patton, *ad.* ; died 1634.
 Mr. Walter Stewart, *ad.* 1635; *tr.* to the Provostry of Orkney 1636.
 Mr. Robert Bruce, *ad.* 1637; conformed to Presbytery 1638, and to Episcopacy 1662; died 1667.
 Mr. Thomas Litfter, *tr.* from Auchtertool, Sept. 16, 1668.
 Mr. Robert Johnston *ad.* ; outed 1689.
 Vacant from 1689 to 1697.
 Mr. David Cummine, *ad.* February 24, 1697; died 1701.
 Mr. Alexander Scot, *ad.* September 24, 1702.

BEATH.

- Mr. Alexander Stewin, *reader*, 1569.
 Mr. Harie Smyth, *ad.* 1644;¹ conformed to Episcopacy 1662.
 Mr. George Gray, *ad.* ; demitted 1690.
 Mr. Alexander Steedman, *ad.* June 9, 1691.

CARNOCK.

- Rychart Broun, *reader*, (1567.)
 Mr. Peter Blaikwood, *ad.* 1571; *tr.* to Aberdeen, 1586.
 Mr. James Stewart, *ad.* 1586; *tr.* to Saline, May 1587.
 Mr. John Row, *ad.* 1592; continued to 1646.
 Mr. George Belfrage, *ad.* June 2, 1647; deposed July 1664.
 Mr. John Schaw, late minister at Kells, *ad.* Feb. 1, 1665; *tr.* to Kinnaird in 1679?
 Mr. Thomas Marshall, *ad.* 1679; outed 1689.
 Vacant from 1689 to 1694.
 Mr. William Innes, *ad.* Oct. 18, 1693; *tr.* to Thurso 1697.
 Mr. James Hog, *ad.* August 23, 1699; continued to 1734.

¹ Beath was united with Aberdour and Dalgetie in one charge till 1643, when it was erected into a separate parish, of which Mr. Harie Smyth was the first minister. His stipend was contributed by the different Presbyteries. See p. 154.

CLEISH.

Mr. John Anderfon, *reader*, 1567.

Mr. John Henderfon, *vicar, ad.* April 30, 1575 ; died 1581.

Mr. William Lumfden, *ad.* ; died 1586.

Mr. Edmond Myles, who was admitted *vicar* in 1582, and *minister* Sept. 1586 ; demitted 1634.

Mr. James Carmichaell, *ad.* 1634 ; conformed to Presbytery 1638 ; demitted O&T. 17, 1649.

Mr. James Hackfoun or Halkerfton, *ad.* July 8, 1651 ; conformed to Episcopacy 1662.

Mr. William Hackfoun, *ad.* ; demitted 1690.

Mr. Thomas James, *ad.* 1691 ; demitted July 6, 1698.¹ .

Vacant from 1695 to 1700.

Mr. John Gib, *tr.* from Muckart, March 31, 1701.

CULROSS.—1ST MINISTER.

Mr. John Dykes,² (1567) ; confined by order of King James 1607.

Mr. Robert Colvill, *ad.* ; died 1630.

Mr. John Duncan, *ad.* 1631 ; conformed to Presbytery 1638 ; died 1655.

Mr. Robert Edmiftoun, *ad.* July 2, 1649, helper to Mr. Duncan ; depofed November 27, 1667.

Mr. Robert Wright, *ad.* 1662 ; outed 1689.

Mr. James Frazer of Brae, *ad.* 1689 ; died 1699.

CULROSS.—2D MINISTER.

Mr. Mathew Fleming, *ad.* Dec. 24, 1656.

Mr. Alexander Young, ; outed 1689.

¹ Mr. James was appointed minister of the Scottish African Company, and died on his passage to Darien in 1699.

² Mr. Dykes had also the parishes of Tulliallan and Clackmannan under his charge. He was assisted by "Walter Myllar, exhortar," and "Robert Maxwell, reidare."

Vacant from 1689 to 1698.

Mr. George Mair, *ad.* September 2, 1698.

DALGETIE.

John Paterfon, *reader*, 1567. See ABERDOUR.

John Brounhill, *reader*, 1574.

Mr. Alexander Stephen, *vicar, ad.* June 14, 1575.

Mr. Andrew Donaldson,¹ 1644; outed 1664; alive at the Revolution.

Mr. John Corfar, late minister of Leith, *ad.* January 27, 1669, and continued to 1680.

Mr. John Lumfdaine, *ad.* 1680, and continued to 1687.

Mr. George Gray, *ad.* 1687; outed 1688.

Mr. Andrew Donaldson, restored 1688; died 1695.

Mr. Archibald Campbell, *ad.* Aug. 27, 1696, and continued to 1717.

DUNFERMLINE.—1ST MINISTER.

Mr. David Fergufon, *ad.* 1560; died 1598.

Mr. John Fairfull, *ad.* about 1598; (alive 1609.)

Mr. Andrew Forrefter, *ad.* about 1598; demitted 1615; and was afterwards minister of Collace 1619.

Mr. John Murray, *ad.* 1615; deposed for nonconformity to the Articles of Perth 1622; died 1632.

Mr. Harie Macgill, *ad.* 1622; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1642.

Mr. Robert Kay, *ad.* 15 Jan. 1645; conformed to Episcopacy 1662; demitted November 1665.

Dr. William Pierfon, *tr.* from Pailley; *ad.* Jan. 17, 1666; *tr.* to Stirling 1676.

Mr. Alexander Dunbar, *ad.* October 19, 1676; died March 22, 1678.

Mr. Robert Norie, *ad.* Sept. 18, 1678; *tr.* to Dundee 1686.

Mr. James Grahame, *ad.* 1687; deposed by the Synod June 1701, but continued to officiate till 1710, when he died.

¹ Dalgety was erected into a separate parish in 1643, to which Mr. Donaldson was admitted minister. See p. 127.

DUNFERMLINE.—2D MINISTER.

Mr. Samuel Row, *ad.* 1638.¹

Mr. William Oliphant, *ad.* 15 Jan. 1645; died July 1662.

Mr. Thomas Kinninmonth, *tr.* from Kilmany July 8, 1666; *tr.* to Auchterderan 1668.

Vacant from 1668 to 1673.

Mr. Alexander Monro, *ad.* April 7, 1673; *tr.* to Kinglaffie 1676.

Mr. John Balneves, *ad.* Nov. 8, 1676; *tr.* to Dumbarrie 1680.

Mr. Simon Couper, *ad.* May 17, 1681; deposed by the Presbytery Dec. 28, 1693, but continued to officiate till 1710.

Mr. John Gray, *tr.* from Orwell 1688.

Mr. William Gullane, *ad.* Aug. 24, 1692; *tr.* to Ladykirk Nov. 1694.

Vacant from 1695 to 1701.

Mr. Hugh Kemp, *tr.* from Forgan May 1, 1701; *tr.* to Carnbee 1705.

INVERKEITHING.²

Mr. John Huchefon, (1569)

Mr. John Burn, *reader* at Rosfyth, *ad.* Nov. 1570; died 1611.

Mr. Robert Roch, *ad.* July 30, 1611; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1640.

Mr. Walter Bruce, *ad.* 1641; conformed to Episcopacy 1662.

Mr. David Lauder, (1677.)

Mr. Alexander Irvine, ; outed 1689.

Mr. Robert Hodge, *ad.* Nov. 22, 1688; died 1691.

Mr. Samuel Charters, *ad.* August 25, 1692.

KINROSS.

Mr. James Dowie, (1567.)³

¹ Mr. Row was merely assistant to Mr. Macgill; the parish of Dunfermline was only made collegiate in 1645, when Mr. Kay and Mr. Oliphant were admitted to the charge of the parish on the same day.

² The west part of this parish was formerly the separate Parish of Rosyth.

³ Mr. Dowie had also in his cure the kirks of Orwell and Ballingray, where Mr. Walter Balfour and Mr. Alexander Wardlaw officiated as *exhorters*.

Mr. John Coldin or Cowdon, (1607); conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1640.

Mr. George Coldin, *ad.* 1641; died April 1665.

Mr. James Forfyth, *tr.* from Monzie Nov. 22, 1665.

Mr. Henrie Chrifite, (1682); outed 1689.¹

Mr. William Spence, (1689).

Vacant from 1690 to 1699.

Mr. Robert M'Gill, *ad.* April 27, 1699.

MUCKART.

Mr. Alexander Fotheringhame, *ad.* 1615; conformed to Presbytery 1638.²

ORWELL.

Mr. Walter Balfour, *exhorter*, 1567.

See KINROSS.

Thomas Broun, *reader*, 1574.

Mr. Patrick Geddie, (1614); conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1656.

Mr. John Gray, *A.* and *S.* to Mr. Geddie, *ad.* March 20, 1650; outed 1662; was alive at the Revolution.

Mr. Alexander Malcolm, *ad.* July 29, 1663.

Mr. Alexander Shaw, *ad.* May 17, 1665.

Mr. Alexander Lundie, ; *tr.* to Carnbee, April 27, 1681.

Mr. Charles M'Kinnon, *ad.* 1681; outed 1688.

Mr. John Gray, reftored 1688; but loofed from the charge by the Synod and *tr.* to Dunfermline 1688.

Mr. Andrew Thomfon, *ad.* Sept. 27, 1688.

¹ Consecrated a non-juring Bishop in 1709, and died in 1718.

² In October 1632, Mr. Fotheringhame was ordained by the Diocesan Synod "in al tym cumming, to resort to the Presbytrie of Dunfermling as a member theirof in al things, and not to the Presbytrie of Auchterarder." But in October 1639, the parish was rejoined to that Presbytery.

SALINE.

- James Blaikwood, *exhorter*, *ad.* Dec. 25, 1567; *tr.* to Sanquhar 1575.
 Mr. Peter Blaikwood, *ad.* June 29, 1568. See ABERDOUR.
 Mr. James Stenart, *ad.* May 1587.
 Mr. William Marshall, ; conformed to Presbytery 1638; died 1649.
 Mr. James Oliphant, *ad.* Oct. 14, 1650; died Feb. 1658.
 Mr. John Anderfon, *ad.* Sept. 28, 1659; conformed to Episcopacy 1662.
 Mr. James Lindfay, *ad.* March 29, 1664.
 Mr. John Johnston, *ad.* ; deposed at the Revolution.
 Vacant from 1690 to 1695.
 Mr. John Wylie, *ad.* December 31, 1695; *tr.* to Clackmannan, 1700.
 Mr. Patrick Plenderleith, *ad.* September 19, 1701.

TORRYBURN.

- Mr. John Huchefon, (1569.)¹
 William Lawfon, *reader*, 1574.
 Mr. William Home, *ad.* ; died 1616.
 Mr. Robert Thomson, *ad.* August 1616; died September 1628.
 Mr. James Sibbald, *ad.* 1629; conformed to Presbytery 1638, and to
 Episcopacy 1662; died May 1667.
 Mr. James Aird, *ad.* July 15, 1668; outed 1690.
 Vacant from 1690 to 1695.
 Mr. Allan Logan, *ad.* July 24, 1695.

¹The parish of Crombie was also in Mr. Hutcheson's charge, and was united to Torryburn previously to 1622.

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