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The following documents have been chiefly taken from the Registers of the Privy Council of Scotland, and the Records of the City of Edinburgh. A desire of becoming acquainted with the rights and privileges of the Officers of the Scottish Household, and, among those, of the Usher of the White Rod, first prompted a research into the ancient Records of Scotland, and the collection of a great mass of old documents. These, relative to the Coronations, Ridings of Parliament, Visits, Progresses, Marriages and Baptisms of our Scottish Kings, present a lively picture of the ancient manners, customs and ceremonies of our forefathers, and tend to elucidate the remote history of this ancient kingdom.

It has been thought advisable to publish extracts from some of the most curious and valuable of these documents; and, for this purpose, a large collection, carefully compared with the original records, has been arranged, and is nearly in a fit state for publication. To render the work complete, assistance has been asked, and kindly granted, by many of the most learned Antiquaries of our island, and documents have been examined in various parts of Scotland.

The visit of His Majesty George IV., to Edinburgh, has induced the Compiler to publish a specimen of the Work, confined to the Receptions of our Sovereigns, at Edinburgh, from the landing of Mary, Queen of Scots at Leith, in 1561, to the Welcome of King Chaters II. in 1650. He considers this a fit opportunity to give the public a knowledge of some of these documents, as, at this time, they will be peculiarly interesting. An account of the reception and progress of His Maresty on the present occasion, which, the Compiler anticipates, will equal in splendour, any of those of our ancient Kings, will form an appropriate Appendix to the Work.

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ROYAL RECEPTIONS

AT

EDINBURGH.

Mary, Queen of Scots.

NOTICES FROM THE RECORDS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, RE-LATIVE TO THE QUEEN'S RECEPTION.—1561.

August 26, 1561. *

THE quhilk day the Provost, Baillies, and Counsall, Banquet. and Dekynis findis gude that for the pleasour of our Soverane, and obtening of hir hienes favouris, ther be

- On this occasion the Queen "was attended on from Paris unto Ca- The Queene lis with manie noble men; namelie, hir six uncles, the Dukes of Guise was consulted into and Daumall, the cardinall of Lorraine and Guise, the grand prior, and Calist the marquesse Dalbeuf, also the Duke de Nemeurs, and other of hir friends and kinsmen.
- There were two gallies prepared, and certeine other ships to go with She taketh hir journie hir into Scotland, and there went with hir three of hir said vncles, the into Scotland. duke Daumall, the grand prior, and the marquesse Dalbeuf; also mon-

ane honorable banquet maid to the Princes hir graces cousingis upon Sonday nixt, and siclike, with all deligence, the triumphe to be maid of hir gracis entrie within this town, and for furnessing and payment herof, willis ane generall taxt to be rasit of the haill town, and thairfor requyris the saids Dekyns answer and consent to the said taxt, quha desyrit licence to convene thair craftis, and to report thair answer the morne.

Aug. 27.

The quhilk day the Provest, Baillies, Dene of Gild, Thesaurer, &c. being all togidder convenit in the Counsalhous, Archibald Douglas, provest, requyrit of the

arrived at Leith.

sieur Danuille, the constables sonne, and diuerse other. She arrived at Leith the twentith day of August, in the yeare of our Lord 1561, where she was honorablic received by the earle of Argile, the lord Erskin, the prior of saint Andrews, and of the burgesses of Edenburgh, and conneied Fr. Thin. to the abbeie of Holie rood house. For (as saith Buchanan) when some had spread abroad hir landing in Scotland, the nobilitie and others assembled out of all parts of the realme, as it were to a common spectacle.

Costlie jewels.

lib. 17.

"Being thus come out of France, she brought into Scotland manie rich and costlie jewels of golde worke, pretious stones, orient pearls, and such like, as excellent and faire as were to be found within Europe, with rich furniture of houshold, as hangings, carpets, counterpoints, and all other necessaries for the furnishing of hir princelie houses. The chiefest Hir hous- part of the hangings, and other furniture of houshold, was shipped at Rone, and arrived at Leith in the moneth of October next following. Holinshed's Chronicles.

saids dekynis thair answer concernyng the banquet and triumphe to be given this day, conforme to ye ordinance above written, quho desyrit Thomas Ewyne goldsmith, to be hard for thame and the haill craftis, to quhome they had gevin commission to report the said answer, and to speak for thame this day, quhilk at the desyre of the said Dekynis was acceptit be the said Provest, Baillies, and Counsale.

The quality day Thomas Ewene, deken of the goldsmiths, for himself, the remanent dekynis, and haill craftis, as procurators constitut be thame, answerand to the desyre of the act and propositioun maid yesterday be the Provest, bearing, that for the honour and plesour of our Soverane, it was thought gude that ane banquet sould be maid upon Sonday nixt to ye princes our said soveranis kinsmen, and siclike with all diligence the triumphe and propyne to be maid rady at her hienes entrie within this toun, and for the perfurnissing and furthsetting herof, thinks gude ane generall taxt be sett and collectit of ye haill nichtbouris. Thomas Ewyne, in name forsaid, ansucrand as said is, that rather or the querys grace be propyrit at this tyme, with ony propyne be one taxt quivile sall engender murmur, that rather the propyne be not given, and thairfor grantis nocht to the taxt, but rather quhat sal be del

bursit upon the banquet, triumphe, or propyne, be tane and upliftit of the readiest of the commoun gude: And gif ye commoun gude will not serve, fyndis that the commoun mylns or borrow landis sould be set in takis, fre male, or analiit to thame that will gif maist thairfor, at leist to ye availe of 2400 merks; And quhatever the chairges of ye said banquet, triumphe, or propyne will extend to above ye said 2400 merks, consentis ane taxt be set thairfor, and gif it wer 5000 merkis for the quenys grace honour, the craftis sall pay thair part thairof, and otherwayes thay will grant to na taxt, and heirupon the said Thomas askit instrumentis.

The samen day David Kynloch, dekin of ye baxtaris, desyris the commoun mylns to be sett in assedatioun to the craftis for certaine yeires, upon sic sowmes as thay could agrie, And thay sall furnis the haill charges of the triumphe, banquet, and propyne, and utherwayes grants to na taxt.

The samen day the Provest, Baillies, Dene of Gild, Thesaurer, and Counsall forsaid, fyndes it sal be voitit quhidder the saids chairges sal be upliftit be taxt or be setting or analeing of the commoun mylns and commoun landis, And requyris the saids Dekynis affirmative or negative to gyf thair votis, quhilk thay refusit other-

wayes nor according to thair protestation of befor; and the said Provest, Baillies, Counsale, and utheris above writtin being monyast in nowmer, fyndis the samen sould be votit, quhais votis being requyrit according to the commoun order, all in ane voice consentis and willis ane generale stent to be maid upoun all nychtbouris occupiaris within this burgh, merchants, craftis, and utheris. And sa sone as the comptis of the said banquet, triumphe, and propyne may be gottin in according to the samyn, the said extent to be set with diligence. And the saidis Dekynnis votis being requyrit as said is, disassentis as of befoir. And the said Thomas Ewyne, procurator forsaid, protestit that, in sa far as the said Deykinis consentit nocht to the said extent, that they sould nocht be haldin nor compellit to pay ony pairt becaus as he allegit na extent nor taxt within the burgh mycht be raisit by the awise of the craftis.

The samyn day, the Provost, Baillies, and Counsall, Bunquet. ordanis Louke Wilsoun, thesaurer, with all diligence possible, to mak preparation for the banquet and triumphe: and the expenssis debursit therupoun, sal be refoundit to him of the first of the taxt, or utherwise, the gude toun sall releif him thairof, at all hands, to quhom sal happin be dettoured therfor.

Aug. 28.

Liverays Officers.

Ordainis Louke Wilsoun, thesaurer, to deliver to every ane of the twelf serjands, the javillour and gild serjants, als mikle Franche blak as wil be every ane of thame ane coit, als mikle blak stemmyng as wil be every ane of thame ane pair of hois, and every ane of thame ane blak bonet, agane the tyme of the triumphe, and the samyn sal be allowit to him in his comptis.

Ordainis the said Thesaurer to furnis and deliver to Patrick Schang, wricht, and Walter Byning, tymmer, canves, and all uther necessaris convenient for the triumphis and farceis at the over Trone, Tolbuith, Croce, Salt Tron, and Nether-Bow, & the samyn sal be allowit.

Velvot gownis. The samyn day, the Provest, Baillies, and Counsale, ordanis Alexander Guthrie, commoun clerk, Louke Wilson, thesaurer, Mr James Watsoun, dene of gild, James Barroun, James Adamson, Alexa Park, James Jhonson of Kellobank, James Stevinson, Adam Stevinson, and Alexa Achisoun, every ane of thame to have and make ane goun of fine blak velvot, syde to thair feet, lynit with pann velvot, ane coit of blak velvot, ane doublat of crammosyne satyne, with velvot bonet and hois effeirand thairto; and thir tuelf to beir the pale

abone the Quenis Grace head, and nane utheris. And all the uther nychtbouris that sal be sene upon the gait to have syde gownis of fyne Franche blak sychtit, with pan velvet coittis of velvet and doublettes of sating; and every man to gang in his dew and gude ordour. And the serjandis to ordour the calsay, and to mak rowme for the nobilitie and nychtbouris forsaid. And siclike, that the young men of the toun devise for thameselfis sum braw abulyement of taffatie or other silk, and mak the convoy befoir the cairt triumphant.

Ordanis Louke Wilsoun, Thesaurer, James Adamsoun and Alexander Park, to pas to my Lord Earl of Mortoun and the Laird of Lethingtoun, and mak end and aggrie with them for thair Copburddis to be propynit to the Quenis Grace, and to be actit and cum gude for the prices and payment thairof, to be payit at sic dayis as they can agrie; and the said Provest, Baillies and Counsale, obligis thame to relief thame thairof.

Aug. 29.

The quhilk day, It is statut and ordanit be the Provest, Baillies, and Counsale, that proclamation be maid throw the town, be sound of bell, charging all maner of persons that hes furnist ony thing to the banquet and

triumph, that they produce and gif in thair comptis the morne anys on the day before the Counsale; and ordanis the said Counsale to be auditors thair of; & to allow & disallow, as they sall think gude on thair conscience.*

Sept. 3.

The quhilk day, the Provest, Baillies and Counsale, efter avisement with the lairge and great sowmes contenit
in the Comptis debursit upon the Banquet, Triumphe
and Propyne to the Quenis Grace, quhilk will extend to
the sowme of 4000 merks, or thairby, Ordanis conforme to the ordinance maid of before, that ane general extent be set and liftit of all the nychtbouris of this
burgh, bayth merchant and craftisman to the quantitie
of the said sowme of 4000 merks; and with all diligence, to be collectit and debursit for the relief of the
creditors furnissaris of the necessaris of the said Banquet, Triumphe and Propyne.

* On the 31st of August, 1561, the banquet was given; and on the 2d of September, the Queen made her public entry into the city; and remaining only a few days, set out on the 11th September, from Holyroodhouse to Linlithgow palace, in her progress to Stirling, Perth, Dundee, St Andrews and Falkland.—(Chalmers's Life of Queen Mary.)

The following Lines are extracted as a specimen of the Poetry of the olden time; and are not inapplicable to the purport of this work, as it was usual to welcome the arrival of great persons with poetic addresses:—

ane new zeir gift,

TO THE QUEENE MARY,
quhen scho come first kame, 1562.

Welcum, illustrat Ladye, and oure Quene;
Welcum oure lyone, with pe Flour-de-leee;
Welcum oure thrissill, wt pe Lorene grene;
Welcum oure rubent roiss, vpoun pe ryce;
Welcum oure jem and joyfull genetryce;
Welcum oure beill of Albion to beir;
Welcum oure plesand Princès, maist of pryce;
God gif he grace aganis his guid new-zeir.

Latt all thy scalme be now in reddines,
With constlie clething to decuir thy cores;
Zung gentilmen for dansing pame address,
With courtile indyes capiti in consorm;
Frak force gallandis for fulld genis enforce;
Enarmit knychtis at listle we schoold and speir,
To feeht in barrowis baye on fute and home,
Agane thy Grace gutt use guid-sum his zein.

This zeir salbe imbassatis heir belyffe, For mariage, frome princes, dukis, and kingis; This zeir, win thy regions sall aryfe,
Rowtis of the rankest pat in Europ ringis;
This zeir bay^t blythnes and abundance bringis
Naveis of schippis outthro^t the sea to sneir,
With riches, raymentis, and all royall thingis,
Agane thy Grace get ane gude-man pis zeir.

l'envoy.

Prudent, maist gent, tak tent, and prent be wordis
Intill this bill, with will thame still to face,
Quhilkis ar not skar, to bar on far fra bawrdis,
Bot leale, but feale, may haell, avaell thy Grace;
Sen lo, thow scho pis to, now do hes place,
Receive, [and] swaif, and haif, ingraif it heir:
This now, for prow, pat pow, sweit dow, may brace,
Lang space, with grace, solace, and peace, this zeir.

lectori.

Fresch, fulgent, flurist, fragmant flour, formeis,
Lantern to lufe, of ladeis lamp and lot,
Cherie maist chaist, chief charbucle and chois;
Smaill sweit smaragde, smelling but smit of smot;
Noblest nator, nurice to nurtour not,
This dull indyte, dulce, dowble, dasy deir,
Send be thy sempill servand SANDERIS SCOTT,
Greting grit God to grant thy Grace gude zeir.

[ALEXT. SCOTT.]

King James the Hirth.

DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE RECEPTION OF THE KING AT EDINBURGH, 1579.

I.—NOTICES FROM THE RECORDS OF THE TOWN-COUNCIL,
PREPARATORY TO THE KING'S RECEPTION.

Aug. 26, 1579.

The quhilk day, the provest Robert Kar, Robert Triumphe. Dik, and William Adamsoun, baillies, Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, Mr John Prestoun, James Ros, Alexander Clark, John Johnstoun, David Williamson, Thomas Aikinheid, and Adam Craig of the counsill; the Dekyns of the barbouris, skynneris, furrouris, cordineris, masonis, baxteris, tailzeouris, wobstaris, fleschouris, goldsmythis, hammermen, condiscendis and aggreis all in aine voce, preparatioun be maid for the Kingis triumphe, and to the expenssis to be maid theron, and

vpoun ane propyne to be maid to his Hienes at his heir cuming, and assigns the morn be sax houris to convene to this effect.

Aug. 27.

The samyn day, they all in ane voce condiscends unto ane extent of four thowsand punds to be raisit of all the nychtbouris of this brugh, alsweill craftismen as merchandis, for making of ane copburde of syluer ourgilt, to the Kingis Majestie, and uther triumphis, agane his cuming to this brugh.

Prestoun, Alexander Clark, Henry Nesbett, William Littyll, Mr Archibald Grahame, John Arnott, Nicoll Vduert, and Alexander King, for the merchantis partis, and for the craftis part, Robert Henrisonn, Michaell Gilbert, and Patrik Brown, to convene at twa houris efter none, and devyse the ordonr of the copburde and triumphe to the Kingis Majestie.

Aug. 30.

The quhilk day, William Adamsoun, Gilbert Dik, and Robert Kar, baillies, Lucas Wilsoun, dene of gild, Mr John Prestoun, William Littill, Alexander Clark, James Ros, John Roberts oun, Henry Charteris, John Johnstoun, and Thomas Aikinheid, of the counsall; Robert Henrisonn, Patrik Broun, and Michaell Gilbert, for the craftis, ordanis as of befoir, that are copburde of syluer ourgilt, of wecht vnderwrittin, be maid and prepaired with diligence, to the Kingis Majesties cuming to Edinburgh, viz.

Ane basene and ane lawer weyand sax scoir vnces, Twa flaketts of viij pundis weeht,

Sax coupis with coveris, everilk ane of four therof, to wey tuenty aucht vnces, and vther twa of tuenty four vnces the pece,

Four chandleris of sax scoir vaces,

Ane saltfalt of tuenty four vaces,

Ane trunchour of tuenty vaces,

Ane dozon of trunchouris at x vaces the pece,

Summa vj sax scoir vnces.

And this wark gevin, to be made rady with all diligence, to Eduard Hertt, Thomas Anand, George Hereot, Adam Craig and William Cokky, goldsnythis, and thay to work the samyn in sic decent and substantious maner as sal be thocht expedient be the visitouris and oversieris appoynted to the veseing therof of the tounis merk, and that the samyn to be compleit agane the day of nixt to cum. For the quhilkis causis the saidis Provest, Haillies, Counsell and Dekyns, ar bund to furneis to the saidis goldsmythis in dew tyme, sic sufficient wecht of sylver as

may best serve their turn, for the mair traistic outred therof; and the saidis goldsmythis to baif for the making and ourgilting of everilk once of the said wark, to be made be thame, fyve shillings Scotis at the complete ing of the said wark. And siclike ordanis the Baillies to provyde sylver, and upon the prices to be gevin therfoir the saidis Baillies to give thair obligationnis to thame quhome fra thay reseve the said sylver, and they to relieve therfor,

Sept. 4.

Visitors Maister

The samyn day ordanis Mr James Lowson, minister; of the Hie William Littill and John Johnstoun, to pas to the Hie Scule of this brugh, and vesie the maister of the Hie Scolis tragedies, to be maid be the bairnis * agane the Kingis heir cuming, and to repoirt.

Sept. 11.

Black Gownis.

The samyn day the Provest, Baillies, and Counsalf foirsaids, understanding the tyme of the Kingis Majesties entrie to approche, and to the effect for decoration of this burgh it behavis certain honest nychtbouris to be honestlie apparrellit in clothing; agane that tyme: Thairfoir, all in ane voce, they have concludit, statute & ordanit, that all sic of the merchants of this burgh

^{*} It will be recollected, that the King was at this period only thirteen years of age.

as ar extented to ten lib. or above, have everilk ane of thame ane goune of fyne blak chamlott of silk of cierge, barrit with velvous efferand to his substance. And all sic as ar extented aboue saxtene lib. to have thair gounis of the lyke stuff, the breistis thairof lynit with velvous and begaireit thairwith with coitis of velvous dames or satene; ilk persoun under the payne of tuenty pundis unforgevin, to be applyit to the common markis; and that they have the samyn in readynes within tuelf dayes nixt heirefter, under the payne of wairding. And the copy heirof to be delyverit to the Dekynis of Craftis for ordouring of the Craftis in lyke manner.

. . . Sept. 14.

The samyn day the Baillies and Counsall foirsaidis ordanis the Dene of Gild to mak are loft in the eist end of the kirk, and the expensis to be maid be him theron sal be allowit to him in his comptes.

Ordanis the Thesaurer to prepair dailis, sparris, and uther tymmer to be in readynes for upputting thairof in sic places as sal be thocht at the Kingis entrie, and the expensis sal be allowit.

Commandis and ordanis are goune of fyne blak be maid to Archibald Grahame, thair maisser, agane the

Kingis entrie, and the samyn to be begareit with two barris of velvous, and the breists thereof lynit with satene, ane doublet of blak satene, ane pair of blak hois begareit with velvot, and ane taffatie hatt or velvot bonett.

Commandis and ordainis, that everilk ane of the xiij officeria have, agane the Kingis Majesties entrie, ane lyvery, viz. thrie elais of blak Inglis stemmyng, to be thame hois, vj quarteris of Rowane canves, to be their doubletis, ilk ane of them, and threttyne shillings four pennies to furneis pasmentis, together with ane blak hat, and ane quhyte string, and the poirter of the Westpoirt siclyke, and siclike to pay for the making therof.

Paill of Purpour Velvout. Ordanis ane Paill of blew velvot of sevintene chois of purpour, and lynit within with reid tafatie, and the baillies to tak ordour anent the making therof, agence the Kingis entrie.

Ordanis Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, to cause weache the over and nether, to wyt, his and the laiche counsall hous, with calk, and the expenses sal be allowit to him in his comptes.

Triumphe. Ordanis Robert Henrison, chirurgeon, and Robert

Kar bailie, to speik the Frenche man, using William Stewart for his opinion in devyse of the triumphe agane the Kingis heir cuming.

Sept. 18.

The samyn day fyndis, that as the rest of the ordinar officers of this brugh ar ordanit to have an elething agains the Kingis Majesties heir earning, that according to the Baillies devyse, the touris sueschour to have ane in lyke maner.

Sept. 80.

The quhilk day Archibald Stewart, Provest; Robert Provestis Kar, Rychart Abercrumby, and Gilbert Dik, and William Adamsoun, baillies; Lucas Wilsoun, Dene of Gild; Androw Stevinsoum, thesaurer; James Ross, Mr Johne Prestoun, Alexander Uduert, Johne Robertsoun, David Williamsoun, Johne Johnsoun, Thomas Aikenheid, James Forman, Johne Wilky, Adam Craig, Edward Hert, William Littil, Henry Nesbet, of the Counsall, Ordanis and missive with all diligence to be sent to the Kingis Majestie, with the provests servand, to know his hienes mynde, quhither this toun sall meit him in armour or nocht, and Androw Stevinsoum to pay to him fourty shillings for making of his expensis to Lynlithqw and thither.

The samen day, the Provest, Baillies and Counsall foirsaids, ordanis William Adamsoun, and Rychart Abercrumby, baillies, and John Johnsoun of the Counsall; togyther with John Guthrie, clark, to pas down to Leith with all diligence possibill, and in the tounis name, as superiouris thairof, to desyre the inspectioun of thair chairge gevin to thame be the Kingis Majestie, to meet his hienes in arms, to quhome they give powar in their Quha, conforme to names protestations to mak, &c. thair permission, past doun, and inquyrit of Walter Cant, and John Thomsoun, baillies of the said toune of Leith, in presence of Mr John Prestoun, George Johnstoun, James Nicholl, James Prestoun, of the said toune of Edinburgh, Androw Logane, Thomas Smalum, John Lufe, Androw Lamb, John Williamsoun, in Leith; the command to be shawin to thame, quha answered they had nane in writt, bot be tong; and John Johnstoun, in name foirsaid as superiour, dischairgit thame to pas furth in armour, because the samyn was contrair the tennour of the proclamatioun, and na warrand was shawin, and protested, that in sa far as they shew na commissioun be writ, the gude toune, as superiouris, suld be free of the paynes contenit in the said proclamatioun maid on manonday last; and that they war culpable in disobedience, in sa far as afoir thair out-passing and putting thameselues in armour, they aduerteisit nocht the toune therof, and that therby the toune war harmeles and skaythles of the paynes contenit in the said proclamatioun, and that in sa far as they past fordwart, but thair command, thay war nocht to ansuer therfor, &c.

Oct. 2.

The quhilk day Archibald Stewart, provest; William commis-Adamsoun, Rychart Abircrumby, and Gilbert Dik, to pas to the baillies; Lucas Wilsoun, dene of gild; James Ros, Majestie thesaurer; William Littill, Henry Nesbett, James Abay. Ros, Henry Chairteris, John Robertson, John Johnsoun, James Forman, Thomas Aikenheid, and Adam Craig, of the counsall, and John Wilky; together with the deyknis of the barbouris, hammermen, fleschouris, cordineris, tailzeouris, maisonis, wobsteris, bonetmakeris, goldsmythis, skynneris, furrouris: Ordanis the provost, four baillies, Mr John Prestoun, and John Johnsoun, of the counsall, Robert Henrison, and Robert Abircrumby, for the deyknis, to pas down to the abay to the Kingis Majestie, to give ane ansuer to the propositionis of my Lord Rothes, and the provest of Dundie, anent the election of the Magistratis the yeir to come.

The samyn day ordanis Robert Kar and Gilbert Dik, baillies, together with Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, and Robert Henrisoun, chirurgeon, to tak ordour with wrychtis for upsetting of daillis and uther tymmer on the Nether bow, and uther places needfull, for decoring of the toune, agane the triumphe to be maid to the Kingis entres, and the expensis to be maid theron to be allowit.

Oct. 7.

The samyn day Ordanis every ane of the thretty twa honest nychtbouris of this brugh, comburgesses therof, efter mentionat, appoynted for bering of the Kingis Majesties paill, to be chairgit be the officeris to mak and prepair ane goune of fyne blak, barrit with welvous, lynit in the breistis with welvous, or gounis of fyne chamlott of silk, growgrane of silk or cierge, barrit with velvous, velvet coiles, or doubletis of saiten velvot, or dames tafetie hatis, and in sic uther decent apparrell as efferis; and that the samyn be ready within aucht dayes, and the baillies to tak visitatioun therof; ilk person under the payne of fourty merkis unforgevin; and the baillies to tak diligent laubouris to se the samyn be nocht omitted, and to uplift the said unlaw of the faillaris heirin but favouris.

Followis the names of the honest nychtbouris appoynted to beir the paill at the Kingis entrie to this burgh.

James Adamsoun John Moresonn William Adamsoun Johne Howesonn James Nicoll Richart Abircrumby Gilbert Dik William Hairvy Robert Kar William Nesbett Alexander Scott James Inglis William Mauld John Jhonnsoun Michaell Gilbert Robert Hereis Henry Chariteris Patrick Cochrain John Arnott Mark Kar Androw Sklater Robert Gourlay John Robertsoun Johnn Fairlie William Symsoun John Mayne John Wilky Francis Kynloche Mr Michaell Achesone Robert Abircrumby. Thomas Aikenheid

The samyn day ordanis Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, to by sa mekill calk as will spargan all the tolbuythis, and the expensis thairof sal be allowit to him in his comptes.

The samyn day it is statute be the bailies and counsall foirsaid, that all manner of persons hawand ony cruves for swyne at their stairis and syde wallis, forment the hie streit or common vennellis, and siclike that

hes myddingis and fulzie collected, or hes tar barrellis on the hie streitt, as alsua ony red stanys or tymmer on the said hie streit or common vennellis, remove the samyn therof incontinent betwix and Setterday nixt at seven, ilk persoun under the payne of fyve pundis, but favouris, Certefieand thame and they failzie, the said unlaw sal be uplifted, and thair persons put in waird, there to remaine on their awn expensis, ay and quhill the said vnlaw be payit, and farther induring the saidis Juges willis, for their contemptioun.

Oct. 8.

The samyn day the Baillies and counsall ordanis the four auld baillies, together with John Mayne, William Fairlie, and John Wilky, of the counsall, to tak ordour with the gilting of the copburde with expedition, and to prepair gold to that effect.

Oct. 14.

The samyn day ordanis the thesaurer, Androw Stevinson, to fie pynouris to schule in the muk outwith the West Port, be the advyse of William Littill, baillie, and the expensis to be allowit.

The samyn day ordanis proclamatiounis to be maid be sound of tabourin throw this burgh, commanding all the inhabitantis thereof to hing their stairis with tapestrie and ares warkis on Fryday nixt, and that nouther be nycht nor day ony fyre ballis, fyre arowis, or uther ingynes of fyre be castin be ony maner of personis heirefter, and for removing of red tymmer, suyne and beggeris of the toune, under the payne of puneshment of their personis at the will and discretion of the Jugis.

Oct. 16.

The quhilk day Alexander Clerk, provest, Henry Nesbett, William Littill, Robert Kar, and John Adamson, baillies, Lucas Wilson, dene of gild, Jame Ros, thesaurer, William Adamson, Gilbert Dik, John Johnsoun, John Mayne, James Formain, John Fischar, Rychart Abircrumby, John Wilky, of the counsall, together with the dekyns of the barbouris, baxteris, fleschouris, talizeouris, skynneris, furiouris, wobsteris, bonet-makeris, wrychtis, appoyntis auditouris to the comptes of the extraordinar expensis maid upoun the triumphe.

The samyn day ordanis the said the saurer to delyver to euery ane of the trumpetouris quhilk convoyit the Kingis Majestie the day of the triumphe, fourty shillings, making in the haill aucht pundis, and the samyn sall be allowit.

Black Gounis. The samyn day ordanis the baillies to put the act maid agains sic as sald have had the blak gounds to the Kingis triumphe to execution, and to uplift of the disobeyaris therof the unlaw contenit therin, with certification to thame, and they be negligent in this behalf, the samyn sal be tane of thamselves.

Oct. 29.

The samyn day, Ordanis the four men appoynted to oversie the gilting of the copborde, to assist Henry Nesbett, baillie, to mak the compte therof, with the makeris and gilderis thairof, and quhat beis found awand efter the futing of the compte, the baillies of the yier past to satisfie the saidis goldsmythis, with the rediest of the extent raisit upoun the nychtbouris of this brugh to that effect, resaving their acquittances of sa mekill as they sall resave.

The samyn day ordanis Robert Henrisoun, chirurgean, collectour of the craftis pairt of the extent of sax thowsand merkis, raisit upoun the haill inhabitantis of this brugh, for making of the expensis to the Kingis entrie, to delyver to Eduard Hertt, goldsmyth, the soume of fyve hundreth merkis of the rediest of the said extent, to be destributed be the said Eduard to him and the remanent goldsmythis, workares of the

copburde presented to the Kingis Majestie, and the said Eduard to be ansuerable to thame therfoir, and this precept sall be an sufficient warrand to the said Robert Henrisoun.

The samyn day ordanis William Adamsoun, baillie Violeris Sangsteris. the yeir past, to delyver to the violeris and sangsteris at the Kingis entrie abone the Over Bow, the soume of thre pundis for thair dayes wages thairof, thretty shillings to the violeris, and thretty shillings to the sangsteris, and the samyn sal be allowit to him in his comptes.

The samyn day ordanis Richart Abircrumby, baillie Halbert of the yeir past, to delyver to William Littill, baillie this yeir, the soume of sax pundis sax schillingis aucht penneis, debursit be him to nyntene men quha war keparis of the gait the day of the Kingis entrie to this brugh, with halbertis, and the samyn sal be allowit to him.

Nov. 26.

The quhilk day John Adamsoun, Robert Kar, Henry Nesbet, and William Litill, baillies, Lucas Wilson, dene of gild, Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, Robert Kar, Richart Abircrumby, Gilbert Dik, John Johnson, John Fishar, James Forman, Mr John Preston, John Mayne, John Wilky, and Eduard Hart, of the counsall, together with the deyken of the barbouris, fleshouris, goldsmythis, masonis, baxteris, taylzeouris, hammermen, wrychtis, bonnet makeris, wobsteris, being convenit in the counsall-hous, for resonyng upon the common effaires, nominatis and appoyntis auditouris to the comptes of the sylver debursit to the Kingis triumphe, and making of ane copburde overgilt, with all uther expensis, ordinar and extraordinar, the personis efter following quhome they ordane to be present, to convene in the over clerks chalmer, the morn, be twa houris efter none for heiring thereof. (Then follow the names.)

Dec. 2.

The samyn day ordanis ane act to be gevin to the officeris for chairging of the auditouris of the comptes of the expensis maid upoun the Kingis triumphe, to convene with the four baillies the morn be sax houris in the morning, for fynal ordour to be tane therin, ilk person under the payne of auchtene schillingis unforgevin.

Red. 17.

Adamson, William Littill, and Henry Nisbett, baillies;

Lucas Wilson, dene of gild; Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, Mr Johnn Preston, Gilbert Dik, William Adamsoun, James Forman, Eduard Hert, and John Wilkie, of the Counsell, Ordanis Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, to delyver to the said Alexander Clark, provest, ane hundreth and sax punds, for the expensis of ane bankett maid be him to the Kingis Majestie, and Lords of Secreit Counsall; and the samyn sall be allowit to him in his comptes.

11.—PROCLAMATION OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND ANENT KEEPING ORDER, 1579.

At Stirling, Sept. 22, 1579.

Forsameikle as the Kingis Majestie, being now in the fourtent yeir of his aige, and having acceptit the governament of his realme on his awin persoun, is now, be anise of his nobilitie and estaittis, to remove from Striuiling to his burgh of Edinburgh, divers of his nobilitie and utheris gude subjectis, being inquirit to attend upour his hienes convoy thither; amangis quhome, it is expedient that quietnes and gude ordour be keipit. Thairfoir, ordanis letteris to be direct to officiares of armes, shirreffis in that part, chargeing thame to pas to the mercat croces of the burrowis of

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Edinburgh, Striuiling, Linlythgw, and vtheris places neidfull, and thair, be oppin proclamatioun in his hienes name and authoritie, command and charge all and sindrie personis requirit to his hienes convoy, or that sall ony wayis approche within sex mylis to his persoun, in the tyme of his said removing, that they cum thairto in peciable manner, without ony gwnnis, fire-work, or vther armor, (their swirds and quhinzearis onlie exceptit), vnder the panis contenit in his hienes acts of parliament and of secreit counsale, aganis beiraris, weiraris, and schutteris with culveringis and daggis, and of incurring his Majesties heich displesour and indignation. Certificing thame, and they failyie, the saidis panis sal be execute youn thame without favor; And that the officiaris and Master of his hienes houshald, and all shirreffis stewartis, baillies, and thair deputis, provestis, Aldermen and baillies of burrowis, mak diligent serche and inquisitioun for the violataris and contravenaris of his hienes commandement; that thair persounis being apprehendit, may ressave present and indilayit puneisment for thair contempt, as be the saidis lawis and actis is appointit. And als to command and charge all and sindrie oistlaris, tavernaris, and vtheris personis that sall gif ludgeing, or ressave in thair houses ony personis, havaris of hagbuttis and pistollettis vpoun thame or in their cumpanyis, to gif present adverteis-

ment thairof to the magistratis of the town: That all persoumis, havaris of the saidis hagbuttis and pistolettis may be presentlie apprehendit, as they will ansuer vpon thair obedience, at thair vttermost charge and perrell, and vnder the pane of ten pundis, to be tane up without favour. And siclyk to command and charge all and sindrie his hienes liegis, that nane of thame tak vpoun hand, in thair cuming to his hienes court, or remaining thairst, or depairting thairs fra, to invaid or persew vtheris, outher for auld feid or new, in bodyis or guidis, or to mak provocatious of truble or displesour to utheris, in word, deid or countinance, vnder the pane of deid, with certificational and they failzie, the said pane of deid sal be execut vpoun thame. Provyding alwayis, that it sal be lauchfull to his Majesties domestique seruandis actuallie attending vpoun his hienes persoun, and the nobill men presentlie being in quarter with thair houshaldis, to beir, weir, and use armour, hagbuttis, or pistolletis, notwithstanding this present proclamatioun, or ony thing contenit thairin.

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III.—RECEPTION OF THE KING AT EDINBURGH, 1579.

" At the West Port of Edinburgh, he was ressavit be the Magistrats of the toun under a pompous payle of purple velvot. That port presentit unto him the wisdome of Solomon, as it is written in the third chapter of the first buik of the Kings: That is to say, King Solomon was representit with the twa women that contendit for the young chylde, and the servant that presentit -the sworde to the king with the chylde; and as he maid forder progres in the toun in the streat that ascendis to the castell, thair is ane ancient port, at the whilk hang a curious globe, that opnit artificiallie as the King came by, wharin was a young boy that discendit craftelie, presenting the keyis of the toun to his Majestie, that war all maid of fyne massie sylver, and thais war presentlie reseavit be ane of his honourable counsall. During this space Dame Music and hir scollars exercesit hir art with great melodie. Then, in his discence as he came fornent the hous of Justice, thair shew thaymeselfis unto him, four gallant verteous ladeyis, to wit, Peace, Justice, Plentie, and Policie, and aither of thayme had an oraison to his Majestie. Tharefter, as he came towart the cheif collegiall kirk, there Dame Religion shew hirself desyring his presence, whilk he

then obeyit be entring the kirk, whare the cheif preacher for that tyme maid a notable exhortation unto him, for the embraceing of Religion, and all her cardinall virtewis, and of all uther morall vertewis. Thereafter he came furth, and maid progres to the mercat croce, whare he beheld Bacchus with his magnifik liberalitie and plentie, distributing of his liquor to all passingers and behalders, in sic apperance as was pleasant to see. A litill beneth is a mercat place of salt, wharupon was erectit the genealogie of the Kings of Scotland, and a nomber of trumpets sounding melodiouslie, and crying with loud voyce, Wealfayre to the King. At the East Port was erectit the conjunction of the planets, as thay war in thair degreis and places, the tyme of his Majesteis happie nativitie, and the same vivelie representit be assistance of King Ptolomæ. And, withall, the haill streits war spred with flowres, and the forehowsis of the streits be the whilks the King passit, war all hung with magnifik tapestrie, with payntit historeis, and with the effegeis of noble men and wemen, and thus he past out of the toun of Edinburgh to his palice of Halyruidhous."*

^{*} MS. The Historie and Life of King James the Sext.—See MAIT-LAND's History of Edinburgh, p. \$7.

DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE PREPARATIONS FOR RECEIVING THE KING AND QUEEN AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE.

—1590.*

I.—LETTER FROM THE KING, FOR BRINGING HOME THE QUEEN IN SCOTCH SHIPS.

At Edinburgh, Oct. 11, 1589.

Forsamekle as the navy of Denmark, appointed for the convoy of the Quene, our Soverane Lordis dearest spous in this realme, hes bene lang stayed be sindry

- Majestic landit at Slaikray, on the coast of Norroway, quhair his Majestic remaining a great space, went up to Upalo, quhaire the Queine his bedfallow wes for the tyme, and come with great travell, baith upon sea and land, upon the 19 day of November therafter. And immediathe at his coming past in quietlie with buites and all to hir hienes. The rest of his company went to his awin ludging, takin aganis his coming. His Majestic myndit to give the Queine a kiss, efter the Scotis faschioun at meiting; quhilk sho refusit, as not being the forme of hir cuntric. Efter a few wordis prively spokin betuix his Majestic and hir, thair past familiaritic and kisses.
- "Upon the 23 day of November, 1589, the King and Queine wer meried in Upslo, be Mr David Lyndsay, minister at Leithe. The bancket wes maid efter the best forme they could for the tyme."—MS.

contrarious winds, and at last sindrie of thame fallin lek, in sic sort as thay ar not able to serve this season, hir Grace in the mean tyme remaining in Norroway, fra quhilk, God willing, his Majestie intendis to cause hir be conveyed hame be Scottis schippis, and to that effect, mon use the service of his loving and gude subjectis, the maisters and mariners of schippis on the south and north coistes of Fife, and vtheris townis and havynnis maist ewest. And therfoir, ordanis letteris to be direct, chargeing all and sindry the maisters and mariners of shippis and crayers accustomat to saill furth of the realme, inhabitantis of the burrowis, cieties, and towns of Montrois, Dunde, Sanctandrois, Carraill, Pettinweme, Anstruther, St Monanis, Dysert, Kircaldy, Kingorne, Brunt-Iland, Queinis ferry, Leyth, Fisherraw, and Prestoun, that they, and every ane of thame, weill bodin in feir of weir, and with twa monethis provisioun, and furnessing efter their cuming, Addres thame to be at Leyth upon the day of October instant, thair to pas on burde, and pas fordwart in his Hienes flott, as they sal be directit and commandit, and to remane during the said space, as thay will declair thair loving and gude affectioun to his Hienes service, and under the pane of tinsell of lyff, landis, and gudis.

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II.—NOTICES FROM THE RECORDS OF THE TOWN-COUNCIL, RELATIVE TO THE RECEPTION OF THE KING AND QUEEN.

Aug. 29, 1589.

The quhilk day the Counsall, with ane sufficient number of the nychtboures of this burgh being convenit, Comperit Sr Lues Bannatyne, Justice clerk, and Sr Robert Melvile, thesaurer deput to the kings majestie, and after dyvers ressonis and perswasienis gevin, desyret in name of his Majestie, that the guid toun wald, at the arryving of the Queyne, his graces darrest spous, accept the interteynement of hir grace and hir cumpany and tryne in the said toun of Leyth for ane certain space, qubilk suld nosht be lang, seeing his Majesties places of Halyruidhous wer nocht compleitt in the necessar reparaling thairof; with the quhilk, the said Provest, Baillies, and Counsall, Deykins of Crafts, and Michtbouris being avyset, fand it nocht meitt nor convenient to accept the said intertenement. Bot having respect to his Majesties honour and plesure, and to thair bundin dewtie, willinglie grantit to gif and bestow upoun his Majestie to that use, the sowm of fyve thowsand merks, and ordainet Jhonn Moresoun, thesaurer, to vplift and get the said sowm upoun annuell rent, fra sic as will gif the samyn, ay and quhile the samyn, with the byruns, be redemit be ane extent to be set to that effect; and ordainet the said sowm to be eiket to the nixt extent to be raysit upoun the inhabitants of this burgh, and oblist thame and their successouris, to releif the said thesaurer of the said principall sowme & annuell thairof.

Sep. 2.

The quhilk day Jhonn Arnott, Provest, the Baillies, Nichtbouris Dene of Gild, and maist part of the Counsall, being convenit at the desyre of the Kings Majestie, proponet be two of his Majesties masters of houshald, ordainet the Baillies to pas throw thair quarteris and borrow fra the honest nychtbouris therof, ane quantitie of the best sort of their naiperie to serve the strayngeris that sall arryve with the Quene, and the said Baillies to gif the nychtbouris thair awin tikket of ressait therof, with obligatious of restitutions, and the samyn resevet to delyver the said naiperie to Frances Galbrayth, his Graces pantrieman, & to tak the lyke band of him therupous, & the said Provest & Counsell oblist thame & their successouris to releif the said baillies of the premisses.

Nether bow.

The samin day, ordanis Jhonn Moresoun, thesaurer, to caus repair, with diligence, the Nether-Bow decent-lie, agains the Queynis entrie, and the expenses to be allowit in his compte.

Sept. 5.

Queynis entrie.

The samin day, understanding that it is fund guid be the Kings Majestie and secreit counsall, that the Queynis Majesties mareage sal be maid within this burgh, in the hie kirk therof, and swa it behoveth hir Graces entrie to be the samin day: Thairfoir, it is necessar that all the toun prepare and mak reddy all things concerning the triumph of hir said entrie, and ordanis Jhonn Moresoun, thesaurer, to mak and deburse the expenses thairof upoun the wallis, ports, croce, trone, and other convenient places, at the sycht of Androw Sclater, master of wark, with all payntings and other furnitoures, concerning the solemnities thairof, and alswa to caus by and make ane payl of velvot, with all necessars belonging therto, with the bybill and psalme buik, and William Fairly, baillie, to assist and tak the care heirof, and the expensis of the premissis sall be allowet to the said thesaurer in his compte.

Sept. 10.,;

Anent The samin day, fynds it expedient, that the Provest, the Quene Baillies and Counsal, accumpaneit with ane sufficient

number of honest men decently apparrellit conveneand meit the Queyne, and salute hir at hir landing, to be namet and electet be ilk baillie in his quarter, quhome thai ordour to mak the said nychtbouris forwayrnet heirof. As als, that thai inroll ane number quha sall Anent gownis be appoyntet to be cled in gownis at her entrie, and warne thame befor the counsall agane fryday nixt that thai may be ordanet and commandet to prepair thameselffis therfore.

The samin day, fynds it expedient, that ane fyre be Fyre on bigget and maid be the toun, upoun the hicht of Craig-galt. ingalt toward Leyth, at the arryving of the Queyne; and ordanis the thesaurer to caus the samyn be done. And the expensis thairof to be allowet in his compte.

The samin day, forswamekill as it is requisite, for the propyne honour of the toun, that sum honourabill propyne be queyne maid and gevin to the Queynis Grace at hir entrie, and knawand that the toun hes ane Jowell, of the Kings Majesties, quhich is ane taiblett of gold in ane caise with ane dyomond, and an emmerawld, lyand in the hands of Alexander Clerk of Balbyrnie, to the touns behuif, in plege of foure thowsand pund; as alswa vnderstands, that his Majestie, for to plesure the toun, is content that thai propyne hir Grace with the said Jowell: Thairfore thai haif thocht expedient to

reteir the said Jowell furth of the hands of the said Alexander Clark, and he delyuerand the samin to gif ane sufficient discharge theirof. And therafter to propyne the samin to his Majestie; and to repose themeselffs upon his Gracis guid will for the payment of the said sowme, for the quhilk the samin is layet in plege. And ordanis are sufficient warrand to be obtenit of his Grace, both for the toun, and for the said Alexander Clerk of the premisis.

Sep. 20, 1589.

Queynis entrie, paill, &c.

The quhilk day Jhonn Arnott, Provest, the Baillies, Dene of Gild, Thesaurer, and maist part of the counsall being convenit: In respect of the necessity for suddane preparatioun of all things to the Queynis entrie, gevis commissioun to thir personis, viz. the Dene of Gild, Eduard Mawchan, Androw Slater, Alexander Hunter, Johnn Watt, George Smyth, to convein daylie with the Provest and Baillies, to considder and conclude therupoun, bayth before noon and afternoon; and ordanis George Smyth, Jhonn Watt and James Barclay, to provyde fourty personis with halbertis, upoun the tours expensis, to await vpoun the nychtbouris, to be appoyntet for beyring of the Queynis paill. And therafter, thai nominat and electet thir persounis for beiring of the said paill, in the places following, to wit, Jhonn Adamsoun, James Adamsoun, William Adamsoun, Androw Sciater, Robert Ker, Jhonn Provand, for the first place; Nicoll Uddert, Henry Nesbett, William Naper, Eduard Mawchan, Alexander Naper, George Wawchop, for the secund; and Robert Henrie, Patrick Cochrane, James Irven, Jhonn St. Law, Mark Ker, Jhonn Dowgall, for the third place; and therafter, nominat Archibald Geddes and Robert Abircrummy, for the crafts, til see to the beiring of the said paill.

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The quhilk day Jhonn Arnott, Provest, the Baillies, Schip to Dene of Gild, Counsal, and Deykins of Crafts for the maist part beand convenit: It was declayret be my Lord Provest, that the Kings Majestie had earnestly desyret, that the toun of Leyth suld reik furth ane schip of the burthen 60 twnis or thairby, to pas to Norway with the rest of the schips appoyntet for hame bringing the Queyne: They being avysit heirwith, willinglie consentet and agreit thairto.

Oct. 15.

The quhilk day Jhonn Arnott, Provest, the Baillies, Schip to Norway, Dene of Gild, Counsall, and Deyknis of Crafts, for the xx men maist part, beand convenit at the requeist and desyre of the Kings Majestie, agreit and consentet to send and furness upour the touris chairgis, twenty men weell

cled and airmet, to pass in the tounis schip to Norway with the rest appoyntet to the hame brynging of the Queyne.

Oct. 24.

Proclamation, hoist-lers fast.

The samen day, Ordainis proclamation to be maid, commanding all hoistellares and staibleris to gif up ilk nicht, at evin, to the baillie of the quarter, in writ, the names of the personis that ludges and stabills with thame, under the payn of five pund. Sichk ordains proclamation to be maid, for observing the fast injoynet to be keepet ilk Sonday, quhill the Kingis Grace returns frae Norway.

Dec. 31.

The samin day, after compt and rekining maid with Robert Lwikup, skipper of the schip callit the quhilk wes frauchtet be the guid toun, to pas to Norway with the Kings Majestie, fynds that thair awcht to be payet to the said skipper, the sowm of sevin hunder and aucht merkis, quherof he resaved in hand, at his departing, thre hunder merkis. And siclyke fynds, that thair wes gevin to the men of weir, that suld haif past in the said schip, and for vivers, the sowme of foure hunder merkis, and for pulder nynétein pund sextein shilling, the haili chairges of the said

schip extending to quherof thair was borrowet fra Andro Mekill, of the money of the burrowis impositioun, the sowm of four hunder pund: Thairfor ordainis Jhonn Moresoun, thesaurer of the zeir past, of the reddiest of the commoun guid and extent sylver in his hands, to refound and pay the said soum of to the said skipper, to the said Androw Mekill, and utheris, advancers of ony pairt therof, quhilk sall be allowet in his comptis; and understanding that thair is ane barrel of the said puldir in place wyand, Thairfore ordainis the said thesaurer to resaive the sam and be comptabill therfor.

Mar. 18.

The quhilk day John Arnott provest, the baillies, dene of gild, Alex Naper, for the thesaurer, and M. Michael Chisholme, Thomas Fyschear, George Carkettill, John Moresoun, Rychert Doby, William Fairlie, Thomas Aikinheid, M. John Prestoun, Edward Galbrayth, the deyknis; John Bannatyne skynner, George Smyth, tailyeour, Thomas Dickson, furriour, James Henryson, chirurgeane, John Watt, smyth, of the counsall, and William Blythman, flescheour, John Borthwick, baxter, James Watson, cordiner, John Philp, wobster, John Hill, walker, Matho Davidson, honetmaker, of the remanent deyknis of crafts being

convenit, ane letter sent frome the Kings Majestie, direct out of Denmark, wes producet and red unto thame, quherin his Majestie desyret the guid town to send ships for his Majesties saif convoy hamewart; for obedience quherof, it was thocht expedient, and agreit be thame, That are commodious ship be hyret to that effect, upoun the towns charges, and that sho be well furnist with maryners and pylots, and dekkit with stremers, flags, anseyngyeis, and syde clayths, and givis commissions to William Fairlie, Thomas Aikinheid, Roger M'Nacht, William Naper, John Monesoun, Thomas Fyschear, to speir out the ship, speik the awners and skipper, and to agrie gif sho may be resonably had, and the dene of gild and M. Michaell Chisholme to prepair the dekking foresaid.

Mar. 20.

The quhilk day John Arnott, provest, the baillies, the thesaurer, william fairly, M. Michaell Chisholme, John Mosesoun, Rychert Deby, George Carkettill, Thomas Fyschear, Thomas Alkinheid, M. John Prestoun, Edward Galbrayth, the deyknis, George Hereott, goldanyth, Thomas Dicksoun, forrour, Thomas Henrysoun, chimmeters of the counsell, and Frances Mansoun, wiight, William Blythman, flescheour, John Bonthwick, beg-

ter, James Watson, cordiner, John Hill, walker, Matho Davidsour, bonetmaker, of the remanent devkins of crafts, appoynted, agreit, and fynallie endet with David Hutchesoun, maister and skipper of the ship called the Ayngell of Kirkcaldy, in maner, forme, and effect, as after followis, to witt: Forswamekill, as the said David has lattin, and be thir presents lats his said ship for frawcht, to the said provest, baillies, counsell, and deykins of crafts, fra the port and heaven of Leyth, to the port and heaven of Elsinore, or any other ports and heavins in Denmark, quher it sall happin our Somerane his darrest spous and cumpany to be for the tyme, and hame again to the said port of Leyth; and sall furneis his said ship with all necessars requisit in sic ane voyage, and specially with the number of twentyfoure personis, guid and habili and weill expert maryners, quhairof thair sall be sex at the least habill and qualefuit to be pylate upour any say coast of this realme, and with pulder, bullet, and manitioun, in sic number and quantitie as sall effeir for the honour of this burgh; and, at his arryvell to his Majestie, sall attend vpour his Grace, his spous, and cumpany, in remaining and returning, as his Majestie sall pleis direct and commend, or asyony of the said flow sail don and sail be reddivite depute and make will between this and the first day of Apryll nest, or somer, gif he sall be commandit

be the said provest and baillies, haivand sic ship weill adornet and paynted and dekket, and alswa furnist as said is; for the quhilk caus, the said provest, baillies, counsall, and deyknis, be thir presents, bynds and oblissis thame to pay to the said skipper, the sowm of five hunder pound money of this realme, monethlie, enduring the said skippers absence furth of the realme, in passing, remayning, and returning, and for ilk half moneth, owlk, or day, pro rata, effeirand to the said moneth, begynnand and comptand for the first day that he sall mak saill towards the parts foresaids, quherof they sall pay and advance vnto him ane moneths frawcht beforehand; And for observing and keeping of the premisses, bayth the saids parties become bund and oblist unto others; and this moneths pay they ordanit to be tayne of the Candilmes terme last of the reddiest of their commoun rent; And that the thesaurer mak the expences of the ornaments and anseyngyies of the ship to be always furthcumand to the town, and the saids expenses with the sowm foresaid to be allowed to the thesaurer in his compts.

Apr. 1, 1590.

Towns schipe. The samin day ordanis William Fairly and Patrik Sandelands to pas with William Fowler ower the watter

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to the towns ship, and to take the ornaments with thame, and to see that all be in reddynes and guid ordour.

Apr. 15.

The quhilk day John Arnott, provost, the baillies, Proclamadene of gild, thesourer, and counsall, for the maist part Beggers. beand convenit, forswamekill, as it is fund expedient be the Lords of Secreitt counsall, that all beggares be removet and haldin furth of the way, fra this tyme furth and thereafter, induring the remaining of the strayngers that sall repair within the samyn, in cumpany with his Majestie and his Graces dearest spous; and als, hes ordainet that all myddings and staynes be removet. and the streets and vennels kepit clene. Thairfore. ordanis proclamatioun to be maid, commanding, that all sort of beggaris, within 48 hours heirafter, depesche and remove thameselffis, swa that that be nocht fund beggand within this burgh, or betwix this and Leyth, or within Leyth or ony uther part within the liberty and jurisdictioun of this burgh, induring the space foresaid, with certification and thay failyie, thai sall be tayne and imprysonit, skurgeit, and utherwayes punist in their bodies, at the will of the Magistrats, and the same and an area will

Item, That all persouns purge and clenge the Middings. streits, calsayes, and gutteries, fornent thair awin

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housses to the mid channel, als weill in the hie gaitt as in vennelles, and that all red and staynes be removet, tayne, and haldin away, vnder the payne of fyve pund to be tayne of ilk persoun that failyies heirinto.

Bayne fyres. Item, That all inhabitants of this burgh, swa sone as the ships sall cum in sicht quherein his Majestie and darrest spous is into set furth bayne fyres fornent their housses ilk persoun vnder the payne of fyve pund but favour.

queynis The samin day, appoynts and ordainis to convene daylie at two houris with the baillies, the awld baillies, awld thesaures, George Heriott and James Henrysoun, to consult and conclude about the matter of the queynis entrie, givand thame full power and commissioun therto, as that myeht do thameselffis.

May 13.

The quhilk day, the Provest, Baillies, Dene of Gild, Thesaurer, and Counsall, being for the maist part convenit, hes thocht expedient, statute and ordainet, That all persons dwelland within this burgh be in reddynes, to do to the guid toun sic honour and service as that sall be commanded be the Provest and Baillies at this tyme of the Queynis Majesties entrie; and gif ony sall hap-

pin to refuis or disappoynt the toun, that thai sall pay ane unlaw of twenty pound, but favours, and sall be farther punist at the discretioun of the Magestrats.

May 21.

The quhilk day Jhonn Arnott, Provest, Henry Char-Dence Imbassateris, &c. being convenit in the Counsall at the requeist dours of the Kings Majestie, and for honour of the toun: It wes thocht and agreit to mak ane honorabill banket to the Dence Imbassadouris, and the famous persouns of thair company, quha arryvet furth of Denmark* with the

- "His Majestie, with the Quenis Grace, arryvit at Leith upon the morae at nycht, being the first of May 1590, and remanit in the Kingis work there till the sext day of the samyn moneth, that the palice of Haly-ruidhous wes maid rady. They were met command out of the beit be the Duik of Lennox, Lord Hamilton, Erle Bothwell, and a great number of the nobilitie, with sum honest men of Edinburgh.
- There come with the King and Queen's Majesties, the Admirall of Denmark, the Capten of Elsinburgh, with sundrie utheris, noblemen of the realme; and besydis that 30 or 40 personis, in golden chenyies of gud faschioun. The number of the haill trayne wes 224 personis, quhilkis wer all interteined be the King and noblemen of Scotland, and bancketted daylie. They wer 1200 merkis everie day for their furnischingis, during the types of their remaining.
- "Upon the nyntein day of May, the Quenis Grace maid entrie in Edinburgh, at the West Poirt, and was ressavit, efter a certane speiche in Latine, and delyverie of the keyis, as use is, and wes convoyed throw the haill tour, under a paill, to Halyruidhous. There wes 42 young men, all cled in quhite taffetie, and vissours, of black cullour, on their faces, lyk Mores, all full of gold chenyies, that dancit befoir hir Grace all the way."—MS.

King and Queynis Majesties, and this upoun the townis charges and expensis, to be maid in Thomas Aitchinsoun master of the cunvie hous lugeing at Todriks wynd fute, upon Sonday at evin next to cum; and for the making of the preparatioun and furnessing thairto, hes set doun and devyset the ordour following, to wit: that the thesaurer caus bye and lay in foure punsheons wyne, Jhonn Borthuik, baxter, to get foure bwnnis of beir, with foure gang of aill, and to furneis breid, Henry Charteris and Roger Macnacht to caus hing the hous with tapestrie, set the buirds, furmis, chandleris, and get flowres, Mr. Michaell Chisholme and William Fairlie to bye the meit, George Carkettill and Rychert Doby to provyde the cupbuirds and men to keip thame; and my Lord Provest was content to provyde naiprie, and twa dozen of greit veschell, and to avance ane hunder pund or mair, as thai sall haif ado.

May 29, 1590.

The samin day ordanis Jhonn Makmoran, thesaurer, to pay to the three score halberteris, quhilk was appointed to awaite upoun the Magistrats and Counsall, at the Queynis entrie the sowne of twenty pund. And als to agrie with the fydleris at the banket, and the samen sall be allowit in his compte.

DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE RECEP-TION OF THE KING—1617.

I.—Letter from his majesty to the privy council of scotland, anent the causis of his heircoming—dec. 15, 1616.*

JAMES R.

Richt trustie and right welbeloved cosen and counsallor and right trustie and welbeloved counsellours, We greet you well: It could not bot be verie grievous unto us, if the earnest desyre whiche we have long had to visite that our native and ancient kingdome of Scotland, sould be mett at our arrivall there with ane unwelcome coldnes of a nomber of our goode subjectis in that cuntrey, and that by the occasion of a prejudged opinion in manie of our peoples heartis, grounded upour

[•] It is to be regretted that the Volume of the Records of Privy Countif from which this Letter is taken is much obliterated in many parts, and has occasioned various blanks.

fals rumours ayther maliciouslie or foolischliespred anent the causes and erandes of our intentioun to repair thither at this tyme; We have therefore thought it verie convenient for preventing of this mistaking, to make by these presents are ingenuous and sincere professioun unto you of the motives induceing us to resolve upon our jorney thither at the tyme appointed.

First, Wee ar not achamed to confesse that wee have had these many yeiris a great and naturall longing to see our native soyle and place of our birth and breeding, and this salmonlyke instinct of ouris hes restleslie, both when wee wer awake and manie tymes in our sleip, so stirred up our thoghtis and bended our desyris to make a jornay thither, that wee can never rest satisfied till it sall pleas God that wee may accomplish it: And this we do upour our honour declair to be the maine and principall motive of our intended jorney.

 not utherwayes be redrest without our awne presence; and our next care salbe anie suche abuse or disordour (if wee sall find anie) as could not be so weele performed in our absence.

As for making anie alterations or reformations in the that government eyther ecclesiastical or civile. It is......will be glad that by our presence als manie thinges tending to

onlie you, who by your place ar best acquainted with our intentions unto all our other goode subjectis of whatsomever degree, to have that setled confidence in our honestie and discretioun, that wee will not so muche as wishe anie thing to be done there which sall not tend to the glorie of God and the weale of that commounwealth, and all our goode subjectis therein; As also there may be diverse thingis whiche although we might justlie wishe theme, yet may there be so manie impedimentis and lettis to crosse thame, that although in our conscience and honestie we might avow thame to be goode, yet in

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our discretioun wee wold be loth to trouble ourselfis and oure good subjectis with thame at this tyme, except they might as weill prove to the generall lyking and applause of our people as to the benefeit and weele of the common wealth.

Wee ar therefore hereby earnestlie to desyre you, that yee will not onlie for your owne partes harbour no prejudged conceipte of our intentioun upoun the grounds of these idill rumours, but also make this our sincere declaration come to the eares of our other goode subjectis, that wee may haif comforte of such a joyfull meiting there with our people, as wee for our part sall ever deserve.

To conclude, wee pray you to rest assured that our intentioun is so to behave our selfe the tyme of our being there, as everie one sall see that our care sall not be wanting to do as muche goode as wee can, and yet so to carie our selfe as our actions salbe accompanied with the applause and hearty consent of all our goode people: And these premisses most affectuouslie recommending to your speciall care, we bid you fairweele. Given at Newmarket, the 15th of December 1616.

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H.—Notices from the records of provide goungil, re-

Direction to the Burgh of Edinburgh anent Preparatiounis for His Majesties heircoming.— Dec. 24, 1616.**

Forsameikle as the Kingis Majestie oute of his tender and princelie love and regaird to this his native and

* Preparatory to the above direction, the Privy Council did on the 22d of May 1616, issue the following-" Warrand for repairing his Majesties houssis." " Forsameikle as the Kingis Majestie haueing resoluit to honour this his ancient kingdome with his royall presence, God willing, in the beginning of the nixt spring of the Sex Hundreth and Seveintene year of God, It is verie necessar and expedient for his Majesties contented receptionn, that his Majesties paliceis of Halirudhous and Falkland, and the Castell of Striviling be repairit, and all defectis therein mendit. Thairfoir the Lordis of Secret Counsall, gevis commissioun and warrand, be thir presents, to James Murray, master of his Majesties workis, to tak down the haill rooffe and thake of the ludgeing abone the vtter yett, callit the Chancellaries ludging, with sa meikle of the stane worke as is requisite, and to caus the same be buildit up, and perfyte of new, and to tak down to the ground the chalmer within the pallace of Halirudehous, callit the Mr Stewartis chalmer, and on nawayes to build up the same agane, in respect of the deformitie and disproportioun that it hes with the rest of the building thair. And to tak down the chalmer and garlie in Halirudhouse callit Sir Roger Ashtonis chalmer, and to build up the same of new, in a conancient kingdome, haueing thir mony yeires bigane had a grite and naturall longing to see the same, as being

venient forme. And to tak down the kitcheing in halirudhous, callit chancellair Maitlandis kitcheing in the end of the transe, callit the Dukis transe, bothe in the rooffe, jeistis, and walles, so far as is necessar, and to build up the same of new. And to tak down the toofalles in the baikehous yairde of Halyrudhous, and the haill dykis of the batkehous yairde, and not to big up the same agane, sua that of the yairde, ane perfyte cloise may be maid. And to tak down the said entree in the Castell of Striuiling betuix the utter yett and inner yett, with the little rowne on ether syde of the said entrie, and to bestow and imploy the staines and otheris materiallis therof on some otheris workis within the Castell. And to tak down the haill rooffe and thake of the Kingis kitchin in the said Castle, with samekle of the stane-worke therof as salbe requisite, and to builde up the same of new, and to tak down the Court kitcheing bewest the Kingis kitcheing, and the baikhous and pantrie within the said Castell, and to build up the same of new. And to tak down the thake of the toure above the inner yett, and to thake it of new agane. And to tak down the haill thake and rooffis of the King and Quenis galleries in Falkland, & to help the stane-work therof, and big ane barteseene about thame, and therk thame with lead. And to tak down the haill thake and samekle of the rooff, as is falters of the hail ludgeing of Falkland, and to streke out duris and wondois, and to repair, help and reforme the same as the sall think meet, and to thake the same of new yf neid beis-for doing quhairof thir presents salbe vato the said mais ter of worke ane warrand."

Besides this warrant for repairing the Palaces of Holyroodhouse and Palkland, and the Castle of Stirling, the following Trecharactions appear to deserve a place in this Collection:—

his netiue soile and place of his hirth, has resoluit. God willing, this approching sommer to accomplishe his in-

" Proclamatioun againis the slaying of his Majesties Buckis in Falkland, Jan. 14, 1617.

" Forsamekle as the Kingis Majestie hes gevin directioun and command to brek and mak oppin the park and dyke of his Majesties park of Falkland in some pairtis thairof, to the effect that the buckis and beastis within the same may sometymes raik furthe thairof, that so being acquentit with the voyde and oppin pairtis of the dykes, his Majestie, at his coming heir, God willing, to the hunting this approtcheing sommer, may haif the better occasioun of his sporte and gayme: And whereas his Majestie doubtis not bot that all honnest and dewtifull subjectis, oute of that reverent respect and regaird whilk thay carye to his Majestie, will forbeare to hunt or slay ony of the beastis that sall raik furthe of the said park this present yeir, or to do ony other thing whilk may be a latt and hinder to his Majesties sporte and gayme; yitt becaus it is lyke aneugh that some undeutifull personis, in contempt of his Majestie, and misregaird of his Majesties pleasor and contentment, will hunt or slay suche of the beastis of the said park as thay sall find straigling and raiking through the cuntrey. His Majestie, thairfoir, with aduise of the Lordis of his Secreit Counsall, ordanis letteris to be direct, to command, chairge, and inhibite all and sindrie his Majesties lieges and subjectis, of quhat estate, qualitie, degree, or conditioun socuir thay be, That nane of thame presoome nor tak upoun hand, to hurt or slay ony of the buckis or beastis that sall raik furthe of the said park this present yeir, vnder the panes following, to be incurrit be the persone or persones quhatsomever that sall violat or contraveene this present act and proclamation: That is to say, euerie Erll, fyve hundreth merkis; euerie Lord, foure hundreth merkis; enerie baron, three hundreth merkis; enery landit gentilman, one hundreth merkis; and euerie common man, fourty pundis; -Certitendit jorney heir, and to honor this kingdome with his royall presence, in the quhilk jorney his Majestie will be

ficing thame, that failyies or dois in the contrair, that the saidis panes sal be vpliftit of thame, and they sal be otherwayes punist in thair personis at the arbitrement of his Majesties Counsall." On the same day there is an "Agreement with the tennentis of the park of Haliruidhous"—
"That the said park may be keepit and hayned for the pasturing and feeding of some wedderis and otheris bestiall for the furnissing of his Majesties house," &c.

Proclamatioun anent the Ludgeings in the Cannogait, Feb. 13, 1617.

Forsameikle as the Magistratis of the Cannogait being commandit to gif in to the Lordis of Secreit Counsall ane roll of the haill ludgeing is and stablis within thair toun, to the effect the saidis Lordis might knowe and understand how mony of his Majesties tryne and followaris, as necessarlie mon be ludgeit neir his Majesties persone, dureing his aboade at Haliruidhous, might be commodiouslie accommodat in ludgeingis and stablis within the said Cannogait, The saidis Magistratis hes gevin in a roll of thair saidis ludgeingis and stablis, proporting and bearing that all thair ludgeings and stablis ar alreddy tane be noblemen, baronis, and gentlemen of this cuntrey, sua that thair is not ane free house in the Cannogait quhair ony of his Majesties tryne may be ludgeit, whilk being a matter verie offensive to his Majestie, and that can nowayis stand with his Majesties contentment, nor the credite of the cuntrey, that his Majesties propper dommestiques, and these who mon necessarlie attend his royall person, salbe conatrayned to seeke thair ludgeings in remote and far pairtis from his Majesties house and palice, to the disapointing and neglecting of his Majesties service; Thairfore the Lordis of Secreit Counsall hes thought meete to intimat and declare to all these who has tane or myndis to tak ludgeings and stablis in the Cannogait, that they will be frustrat and disappointit of

accompanyit with ditters of his nobilitie & counsell, & with some of the reverend clergie, besides agrite nomber

thair intentis, and that all the saidis ludgeing and stablis will be tane up and markit for his Majesties awne tryne and followaris, be his Majesties harbingeirs at their heir-coming; And ordanis lettres to be direct to mak publication heirof, be oppin proclamation, at the mercat croceis of Edinburgh and the Cannogait; and to warne all persons who hes tane or myndis to tak ludgeings or stablis in the Cannogait, that they provide thameselffis of ludgeings and stablis, otherwayes assureing thame that thay will be disapoint of thair intentis in the Cannogait, and that all the ludgeings and stablis thair will be markit and tane up for his Majesties tryne and followaris, as said is.

Proclamation aganis the slaughter of Murefoule-April 30, 1617.

Forsamekle as the Kingis Majesties awne earnest desire, and the necessair affairs of this estaite, having invited his Majestie thir mony yeiris bigane, to visite this his ancient and native kingdome; and his Majestie having now, by the favour of almightie God, almost accomplished his jornay and progress hither with most comfortable and happy succes, being honourablie accompanied with divers of the nobilitie, counsall, and otheris, his goode subjectis of the kingdome of England, it may fall oute, that during the tyme of his Majesties aboade in this cuntrey, his Majestie mon some tyme haif his recreatioun, exercise, and pastyme in the fields, and thairfore it is necessair That the murefoul, pairtridges, and pouttis, within ten myles of the placeis of his Majesties aboade heir, salbe preservit and cairfullie haynit for his Majesties pastyme and gayme; for whilk purpois, ordains lettres to be direct, to command, chairge, and inhibite all and sindrie his Majesties lieges and subjectis, be oppin proclamatioun at the mercat croce of Edinburgh, and otheris placeis neidfull, That nane

of other people of all rankis and qualities, from the king-dome of England. And whereas the place of his first rendezvous and langest aboade during his stay in this kingdome will be at his Majesties palace of Halirudhous, it will necessarlie fall oute that his nobilitie and gentrie, with the grittest pairt of his tryne and followaris (of whome thair will be a few nomber of personis of goode rank and qualitie), mon be ludgeit within the burgh of Edinburgh, the Cannogait, and suburbs of the said burgh, being the chief and principall toun of this kingdome, quhair his Majesties high and so-

of theme presoome, nor tak vpoun hand at ony tyme after the publicatioun heirof, to slay ony murefoull, pairtridgeis, or pouttis, within ten myles of the burgh of Edinburgh, and otheris pairtie of his Majesties aboade in this kingdome, during the tyme of his Majestics being within the same, vnder the pane of ane hundreth pundis, to be incurrit be energy persone or persones contraveening this present act, sa oft as thay sall failyee, quhilk failyee salbe tryed be oathe or be witness as accordis; And whairas the personis contraveening are not able to pay the said sowme, they salbe punist in their personis, by wairding and feiding vpon breade and watter at the arbitrement of his Majestles counsall; and to command and chairge all Magistrates to burgh and land, and all Justices of peace, every ane of thame, within thair awne boundis, to haif a speciall cair and regaird that this present act be preceislie keept, and that they appoint searcheouris and visitouris to try quhair and be whome the same is violet and brokin, and to notific their names to his Majesties thesaurair, or thesaurair-depute, to the effect the contravenaris may be callie and punist accordinglie.

ueraine courte of Parliament, his Majestles honnorable previe counsall; and the grand and learned senatouris of his colledge of Justice will ordinarlie sitt: The strangearis and otheris that ar to accompany his Majestie heir will be so much the more cairfull narrowlie to remarke vpoun and espy the carriage and conversatione of the inhabitantes of the said toun, forme of ther interteynment and ludgeing, and gif thair housis be : ! ... and their bedding and naprie clene and neate; and according as they sall find, they will mak reporte outher to the credite and . . . the reproche and scandall of this burgh. And seeing, &c. Thairfore the Lordis of Secreitt Counsall has commandit, and be thir presentis commandis and ordanis the provest and baillies of Edinburgh, with the concurrence of the baillies of the Cannogait, within the Cannogait, and of the baillies of the Potterrow and Weste Porte, within their boundis, to mak a perfyte survey of the haill ludgeingis, stabillis, within the said burght of Edinburgh, the Cannogait, Leythe Wynde, Pleasance, Potterraw, and Weste Porte, and to foirsee and prouide that thair be goode ludgeing is within the said is boundis for fyve thousand men and stablis for fyve thousand horse. And yf, by the said survey, they sall not find so manie good stabillie within the saidis boundis as will convenientlie serve for fyve thousand horse,

that they designe barnis to be stabillis, and caus haikis and mangeiris to be set up in thame. And in this accompt and nomber of men and horses for whome ludgeingis and stabillis are to be preparit, they ar all to be vnderstoode to be of his Majesties tryne and followaris come frome England, who mone be accommodate and easit in ludgeingis and stabillis afoir ony of this cuntrie people. And ordanis the saidis provest and baillies to mak a perfyte and cleir rolle of the haill ludgeingis and stabillis, and of the barnis to be appointit for stabillis within the saidis boundis, designing the particular placeis of the situatioun of the same, the names of the awnaris and possessouris thairof, the nomber of chalmers and beddis within every house, and how manie strangearis may be commodiouslie ludgeit in the same, and how mony horse enery one of the saidis stabillis will hold. And it is heirby recommendit unto the saidis Magistrats to see that the saidis ludgeingis be furnist with honnest and clene bedding, and weele weshin and weele smellit naprie, and otheris linningis, and with a sufficient nomber and quantitie of goode veshells, cleane and cleir, and of sufficient lairgenes. And likewayes, that they caus the tynneis courtis within the saidis boundis to be repairit, and that all thair stablairis be furnist with sufficiencie of corne, strae, and hay, Commanding alsua the

Magistratis of Edinburgh, the Cannogait, Potterraw, and West Porte, that every one of thaime, within thair awne boundis, haif a cair, and gif directioun for keeping of their strettis cleene, and that no filthe nor middingis be seen vpoun the same, and that no beggaris be seene within thair boundis; Commanding alsua the saidis Magistratis of the Cannogait, Potterraw, and West Porte, to gif their efauld and honnest concurrence, every ane of thame, within thair awne boundis, to the provest and baillies of Edinburgh, in euerie thing tending to the executioun of this commissioun and directioun, as thay will ansueir upoun their obedience, at their heichest perrell: Ordaining alsua the prouest and baillies of Edinburgh to mak thair reporte unto the saidis Lordis of their proceidingis in this bussynes and to present befoir the saidis Lordis the roll foirsaid of the ludgeing and stabillis within the saidis boundis, vooun the sixtene day of Januar, to the effect forder ordor may be tane heiranent, as apperteynis.

Act aganist beggaris, - Dec. 24, 1616.

Forsamekle as albeit thair hes bene divers actis of Parliament maid and publist heirtofoir aganis strong and idill personis beggaris, quhairby it is ordanit that every parochine sall intertene thair awne beggaris, and that nane be sufferit to wander athorte the cuntrey under certane paines mentionat and contenit in the saidis actis. Notwithstanding, it is of treuth, that grite nomberis of strong, sturdy, and idill beggaris and vagaboundis daylie travellis athorte the cuntrey, and from all partis of the cuntrey resortis to the burgh of Edinburgh, and to the Cannogait, and having thair resettis in sindrie pairtis ewest to this burgh of Edinburgh, quhair thay pas the tyme in all kynd of ryott, and filthie and beistlie litcherie and hooredome, to the offens and displeasor of God. Thay do lykewise importune his nobilitie, counsellouris, and otheris his Majesties goode subjectis with shamefull exclamationis and outcryis lyis upoun the streitis of the Cannogait, and betwix Leythe and Edinburgh; and it is lykeaneugh that when his Majestie comes to this cuntrey this next sommer, that they will follow his Majesties courte, to the grite discredite and disgrace of the cuntrey, without remeid be prouidit. Thairfore, the Lordis of Secreit Counsall ordanis lettres to be direct to command, charge, and inhibite all and sindrie strong, sturdie, and idill beggaris, be oppin proclamatioun at the mercat croceis of the heade burrowis of this realme, and otheris placeis neidfull, that nane of thame presoome nor tak vpoun hand to wander athorte the cuntrey.

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to contene thame within their awne parocheis, and on nawayes presoome to come furth thairof vnder the paines contenit in the actis of Parliament formerlie maid heiranent; and siclyke, to command, chairge, and inhibite all and sindrie his Majesties lieges, awnaris, heretouris, or lyferentaris of landis within the burgh of Edinburgh, Leyth, the Cannogait, the Weste Porte, Potterraw, Pleasance, Leyth Wynd, Sanctninians Raw, and otheris suburbs about this burgh, That thay nor nane of thame presoome nor tak upoun hand to lett ony housis to beggaris, nor to suffer ony beggaris to haif resett or remaining within the same, And siclyke to command, chairge, and inhibite all and sindrie his Majesties lieges and subjectis duelland within the boundis foirsaidis, and within the parocheis of Haliruidhous, Leythe, St Cuthbertis, Dudingstoun, Libertoun, Corstorphin, and Crammond, That nane of thame resett or huirde ony beggaris in thair housis, under the pane of tuentie pundis to be incurrit toties quoties, be every persone or personis, settaris of thair housis to beggaris, or ressettaris within thair housis of beggaris, Certifieing thame that sall failyie or do in the contrair, that thay salbe decernit to haif incurrit and to incur the said pane, and executioun sall pas aganis thame for payment thairof in forme as effeiris.*

A proclamation, similar to the above act against beggars, was published by the Privy Council on the 13th Feb. 1617.

III.—Extracts from the records of the town council of edinburgh, relative to the reception of the king, 1617.

Mar. 19, 1617.

The quhilk day, the Provest, Baillies, Deyne of Gild, Thesaurer, and Counsall being conveynit, nominatis David Aikenheid, deyne of gild, George Todrig, elder, Alexander Clerk, and Nicol Uduart, merchandis, Andro Scott, deakyne of the chirurgeanes, and Edwart Ker, tailyeour, to conveyne with the proveist, baillies, and thesaurer, and such of the counsell as sall or may be convenientlie had, and consult upone the common effairis, and the ordour to be observed for intertenement of his Majestie within this burgh, at his entrie within the same.

Apr. 2.

The quhilk day, the Provest, Baillies, Deyne of Gild, Thesaurer, and Counsall being conveynit, nominate and appoyntis Joseph Merjoribankis, baillie, to have cair to caus apperel ane boit with hir farniter for the Kingis transporting, and to aggrie thairment, and to mak his report therupone.

The quhilk day, the Proveist, Baillies, Deyne of Gild, Thesaurer, and Counsall being conveynit, hes thocht fit and expedient, that are number of the gravest most antient burgesses, and of best rank within this burgh, sall be warnit to attend his Majesties entrie within the samine, the 16th day of Maynixt, all apperellit in blak velvot, the are half in gownis faiced with blak velvot, and the uther half in partisanis, and that nane quhais names sal be inrollit, refuis to attend in maner prescryvit to him, or absent himself the said day, under the payne of ane hundreth pundis, to be payit to the thesaurer of the burgh in name of the guid toun.

Apr. 23.

Ordanis Johnne Byris, thesaurer, to caus to the fourtene officers, ilk man, ane leveray cotte, in sic forme as sal be prescryvit be the baillies, and als to Robert Stewart, maisser, ane goun of claith, with an stand of claith of figurit satine, with the haill furniter, and the expensis debursed thairupone sal be allowit to him in his comptis. Forsamekle as his Majestie, be his letter direct to the Lordis of his hienes Secreit Council, hes declairit that it is his will and plesour that ane harrang and speache be maid to him at his entrie within this burgh; thairfor the Counsall nominatis and electis Mr Johne Hay thair clerk deput, to make the said harrang, and ordainis him to provyde himselfe to that effect.

May 7.

The qubilk day, the Provest, Baillies, Deyne of Gild, Thesaurer, and Counsell being conveynit, ordanis and banquet to be maid to his Majestie and his nobles and companie, and Johnne Byris, thesaurer, to build ane banquating hous in the counsall hous yaird, for intertening his Majestie and his nobles, and ordanis Joseph Marjoribankis, baillie, George Todrig, alder, David Williamsonn, and Nicol Edward, merchands, and Edward Ker, tailycour, to assist him in the said wark, and the expensis debursit theirthrow sal be allowit to him in his comptis, togidder with the proffet of the samine.

Grantis and gives commissioun to Mr Johnne, Hay, thair clerk deput, to pas to Berwick to his Majestie, to know his Majesties will and plesour anent the maner of his ressait at his entrie within this brugh, and to give informationne to his Majestie of the order taking

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theranent be the guid toun, and ordanis the thesaurer to pay his expensis and the same salbe allowit to him in his comptis.

May 12.

. The quhilk day, Williame Nisbet of the Deyne, provest, &c. being conveynit, understanding that the Kingis Majestie at his first going to Ingland, was propynit be the haill tounis throw which his Majestie raid, with one coup with certaine quantity of gold, according to the estate and rank of the toun, and siclyk, that the same tounis at his Majesties down cumming, hes rememberit, his Majestic with the lyk propyne. to eschew any imputatioun of neglect of dewtie, this burgh being the heid and principall of this kingdome, hes thocht meet to propyne his Majestie at his entrie with ten thousand merkis, in dowble angells of gold, and to by ane gilt baissin of the grittest quantitie can be had, to put the same in, and ordanis the thesaurer to pay for the samine, and to borrow; the said soame upon proffeit, quhilk, with the proffeit, salbe allowit to him in his comptis.

HIA-RECEPTION OF THE KING AT EDINBUBGH. May 16, 1617.

The saxtene day of May 1617, The Kingis Majestie enterit at the Wast Poirt of Edinburgh, quhair the Provest, the foure Bailyeis, the haill counself of the toun, with ane hundreth honest men and mae, war all assemblit in blak gownes all lynit with plane velvet, and thair haill appairell war plane black velvet; At quhilk tyme first the Proveist William Nisbet maid ane harrand, welcuming his Majestie to his awin Citie, Thareafter the harand was maid be Mr John Hay in name of the haill citizens, And purse contening fyve hundreth double angellis laid in a silver basing double overgilt, was propynit to his Majestie, Quha with ane myld and gracions countenance resavit thayme with their propyne, come thatefler throw the Citie to the kirk, quhair ané sermone was maid be the Archebishope of St Androis, Spottiswood; Therefter come directlie down the streit towards his awin palice in Halyrudhous, being convoyit be the honest men of the toun to the corse callit St Johne's Croce, quhair be the drawing of ane sword his Majestie knychtit the Proveist. *

From a Volume of the Records of the High Court of Justiciary.

King Charles the First.

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DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE KING'S RECEPTION AT EDINBURGH, AND OF HIS CORONATION AT HOLYROODHOUSE, 1633.*

1. Extracts from the records of the town council, relative to his majesty's reception, 1628,—1633.

The Kings Letter for his coming down to receive the Crowns.—Jul. 14, 1628.

THE quhilk day the proveist, baillies, deyne of gild, thesaurer, counsall, and descones of craftis, being con-

* From the papers here printed it will be seen, that the King had intimated his intention of visiting the metropolis of Scotland in the month of July 1628, for the purpose (as his Majesty's letter expresses) of "re-

venit in counsall, the said proveist producit ane letter from his Majestie, direct to the proveist, baillies, and counsall of this burgh, anent his repairing to this burgh, of the dait the fyft of July instant, quhairof the tennor followes: Trustie and weillbelovit, we greit you weill; Whereas we intend very shortlie (God willing) to visit that oure ancient and native Kingdome, for receiving oure crowne, holding a Parliament in persone, and perfyting that great worke wherein we and oure commissioneris have much lawboured for the guid of all oure subjects there; and we being confident of your hairtie acceptance of oure persone, and princelie intentiones, as you and your predecessors had wont to doe unto oure Royall progenitors, Oure pleasure thairfor is, to give you notice of oure said resolution, quhairby you may the better provyde for oure entrie, coronatioun, and parliament, as you and your predecessors had wont to do, quhairof we will tak speciall notice, and remember the same at any of your occasiones heirefter, and so we bid you hairtilie

ceiving his crown, and holding a Parliament in person," and that the church of St Giles was the place then fixed upon by the Privy Council of Edinburgh, as "the most conspicuous place for that solemnity." This thist, however, did not take place till the month of June 1633, when the King made a public entry into the City, and was crowned at the Palace of Holymodhouse.

fairwell. Givin at oure Court at Quhythall, the first day of July 1628. Quhairwith thay being advysit, and finding it ane mater of importance, they ordane to seik out the registers against Wednisday next, anent the entrie of his Majesties father and grandmother, and present the same to the counsall, that such ordour may be taken as is most fit for the honor of the guid town and his Majesties service. *

* In the beginning of the preceding year the King wrote to the counsell, in the following terms, with a present of a sword and gown, to be worn by the Lord Provost. The act of council upon this letter is here given.

April 4, 1627.

The quhilk day David Aikenheid of Kilwyis, provost, David Ritchardsoun, Gilbert Acheson, Peter Blackburne, and William Brown, bailies, John Macaaght, deyne of gild, James Rae, thesaurer, Nicoll Udward, Patrick Ellis, William Reid, Archibald Tod, George Suitie, Johnne Smythe, William Geddes, Johne Rynd, merchandis, Williame Nemocke, tailyeor, togethir with the deykins of craftis, Thomas Quhitt, of the hammermen, Alexander Reid, of the goldsmyths, James Leslie, of the tailyeors, James Moubray, of the skynners, and Thomas Peacok; of the cordiners, of the counsall, being conveynit in counsall, competit Mr Johnne Hay, and producit his Majesties letter direct to the provost, bailfies, and counsall of this burgh, of the dait the 3d day of Marche 1627, quhilk they ordayine to be insert and registrat in their counsall bailties and fitturent recumentation, quharof the tennor followis. Sicompriser bailties, CEMARLIES R.

Trustic and wellbeloyit we greet you well; we have proposed, by the effectes, your affectioun to ours service, quhairef we will not be conseptil-

Jul. 17, 1628.

Anent his Majesties resait. The quhilk day David Aikenheid, proveist; Alexander Speir, George Suttie, Thomas Charteris, and Gilbert

full when furder occasion sall offer, wherby we may expres oure respect unto you. We have sent you a token of oure favour, a sword and gown, to be wome by your proveist, at such tymes, and in such mener, as wes appointed by ours late dear father. As you have begun to be cairfull in oure service, we doe not doubt bot you will, from tyme to tyme, continew to doe the lik. And, specialtie, in giving your best furtherance, in so far as you can convenientlie doe to Sir James Baillie of Lochend, knight, who is to advance divers grit soumes of money for oure important and urgoat service abroad. And, lykwayes, that you encourage oute remanant burrowes to doe the like, and to pay such pairt of the taxatiounes as ar to be payit by thame, with all convenient diligence that pessibil can be used; which recommending unto your serious caire, and which we will tak as acceptable service done by you unto us, we bid you fainsweill. From ours Court at Newmerket, the 3d of Marche 1627. And als the said Mr Johane product the sward sept he his Majestie, and deliverit the same in conneal, and thereupone tuike instrumentis. And the same wes delyvered to my Lord Proveist to be keeped be him to the tours use, and ordainis to advys agane Friday pixt onha sall heir, and onhen the samen sall begin to be horse before the proveist.

May 16, 1627.

The same day nominatis and electes Mr Alexander Fairlie to be sword beirer of this burgh, during the tounes will, wha compeirand, accepted the same, and gaine his aith, in communi forma, and grantis to him ane yeirlie stipend of two hundreth pundis, to be payit be four portiones, at four quarteris in the yeir beginnand the first termis payment at

Williamsoun, baillies, &c. being all conveynit in counsill, and haiffing consideratioun of his Majesties letter, and how necessar it is that the magistrattis of this burgh with uther auld magistrattis be in comelie and decent ordour for resaving his Majestié, ordainis that the proveist, baillies, gild and thesaurer, with their suld baillies, proveist, gild, and the saurer, to the number of twentie four, be apparelit in reid scarlet gownis at his Majesties entrie, and that thair names be sett down be the counsill and ordains the proveist, baillies, dein of gild, thesaurer, Johne Byiris, Patrick Eleis, Peter Blackburne, Alexander Clerk, Mungo Makcall, James Cochran, Archibald Hed, Nicell Udward, merchandis; Thomas Weir, peuterer, James Leislie, tailyeour, and Andro Scott, chirurgian, to sett down the haill project and form of his Majesties resaite, and quhat salbe done to him at his entrie with all the pageants and uther thinges necessarie for his Royall intertaynment, and appointes to meit at sevin hours in the morning, and at twa hours in the efternoone.

Lambes nixt, and ordanis the thesaurer present and his successors to pay the same to him, and the same salbe allowit to thame in their comptes.

The same day ordanis the proveist, baillies, devne of gild, thesaurer, and auld proveist, to wear scarlet gounes, according to the patent in all tyme cumming. And the proveist presentlie, upon Sunday nixt, to put on his robes, and weare theme publicatile, and the remanent to provyde themselfes betwixt and the fiftein day of July nixt, and ordainis the sword to be borne upon Sunday nixt.

Jul. 23, 1628.

Preparations for the Kings coming

The quhilk day David Aikenheid, proveist, Alexander Speir, George Suttie, Thomas Charteris, and Gilbert Williamesoun, baillies, &c. being conveynit in counsell for deliberating anent his Majesties entrie and maner thairof, ordaines the same to be done in the maist magnificent maner that can be devysit, and as salbe set doune be the proveist, baillies, counsal and utheris to be by them deputed; and forsameikle as the same, with the propyne to be given and banquet to be maid to his Majesties nobilitie and followaris, and utheris expensis incident to his Royall receptions, will extend to grit sowmer of money, quhilk the commone guid of this burgh is not able to beare, thairfor ordaines the same to be taken off the nichtbours of this burgh be extent; and becaus the said extent can nocht be presentlie set, nor yit be knawn quhat sowmes ar to be debursed, or quhat the expensis will extend to, ordaines the thesaurer to deburse such sowmes of money as sallbe thoght fitting, and ar to be expendit thairupon; and to that effect, ordaines moneyis to be borrowit upon proffeit for defraying of the saids chairgis, and quhatsomever is to be expendit therement, and for releiff of the saids sownes so to be borrowit, ordaines ane extent to be

set upon the neighbours of the burgh for relieff and repsyment of quhatsumevir sowness of money salbe expendit or employit be the thesaurer to that effect conforme to the compt to be given in be the thesaurer theranent and annuel rents of the same, and that be such proportiounes and pairts as salbe set down be the proveist, baillies, counsall, and descones of craftis of this burgh, and sal be fittest, als weill for releiff of the saids sownes of the common gude as for the ease of the neighboures.

The same day ordainis Mr Johne Hay to mak the speich or harrang to his Majestie at his entrie at the West-port, quhen the samen salbe, and ordainis Maister Alexander Guthrie and Maister Johne Hay to be clothed in gownis of figuret velvet.

July 26.

The quhilke day the proveist, baillies, dein of gild, Ringing thesaurer, counsall and decouns of craftis, being convenit in counsall, ordeines are pale to be maid to be carried above his Majesties heid, and to be caryed be the four baillies, deyne of gild and thesaurer.

The same day ordainis the sword bearer to be apperillit in the samen forme that umquhill Robert Stewart maisser was.

Nov. 21.

Anent his The quhilk day the provest, baillies, counsall and Majesties deacons of craftis being conveynit in counsall, appointes to advyse anent his Majesties entrie to this brugh, and haill thingis to be done thairanent, the provest, baillies, deyne of gild, treasurer, Johnne Byres, Peter Blackburne, George Suittie, Thomas Charteris, Alexander Speir, James Rae, Alexander Clerke, Mungo Makcall, James Cochran, Nicoll Udward, Joseph Marjoriebankis, Andro Scott, Thomas Weir, James Leslie, Laurence Cokburne, to meitt upone Tysday at nyne houres, and to report.

Feb. 25, 1629.

The quhilk day David Aikenheid, provest, &c. being convenit in counsell, forsameikle as the thesaurer, at command of the counsell, hes payit to John Burdoun, for his charges to London, ten punds Sterling, as also advanceit to him thrie score punds Sterling, for furneishing of the kingis banquett, quhilk is to be repayit to the thesaurer in maner contenit in

the articles and contract maid betwixt the said Johne and the said theasurer, and ordains the same to be allowet to him in his comptes.

Dec. 10, 1631.

The quhilk day, Alexander Clerke of Stentoun, Pro- Anent reveist William Dick, Robert Achesoun, & John Smith bail. the King. lies, being convenit, Wheras it being constantlie reported that his Majestie intends to visit this his ancient kingdome in the nixt spring, or sommer following, and the counsall considering that of before it was enacted, that his Majestie sould be ressaivet in the most magnificent forme that can be devysit, Thairfore appointes the provest, baillies, deyne of gild, thesaurer, Nicall Udward, Andro Simpsoun, Johnne Rynd, Johnne Macnacht, Mungo Makall, William Carnegye, and James Danielstoun, or any sevin of thame, to meitt, conveyne, consult, and deliberat anent all thinges requisit to be done at his Majesties entrie, coronatioun, and all other thinges that may concerne the same, and to sett down the same in writt, and to report to the counsall, and appointes Thomas Charteres to conveyne the rest twyse or thryse, or oftner in the weik, as occasion servės.

Jan. 11, 1633.

King's coming.

The quhilk day, Alexander Clerk of Stentoun, Provest Johnne Sinclare, William Gray, James Murray, and George Ballhe, baillies &c. with ane gritt number of uther honest nighboures, Johnne Maknaght, Willyame Reid, David Makeall, Gilbert Williamsour, and Alexander Dunielston merchandis, being convenit in counsell: Whereas it being impairtit to the counsail, that his Majesty hes renewed his former resolutionn for coming to this kingdome, which being likways comunicat to ane gritt number of the nighbours of best qualitie: Theirfore, after mature deliberatioun taken theranent, they all in one voice resolved, canchedit, and ordanit that his Majestie salbe resavit within this burgh, in the most magnificent manner that can be devysit, as salhe sett down be the Provest, Baillies, and Counsall and utheris to be deputed be theme; and forsameikle as the same, with the propyne to be givin and banquett to be maid to his Majestie, nobilitie and followers, and uther expenses incident to his royall receptioun, will extend to gritt sowmes of money, which the common guid of this burgh is not abill to beir: Thairfore, ordanis the same to be taiken of the nighboures of this burgh be extent; and becaus the said extent cannot be

presentlie sett, nor the soumes of money be knewin that ar to be debursed, nor quhat the expensis theirof will extend to: Thairfore ordanis the Thesaurer to deburse such soumes of money as salbe thocht fitting, and ar to be expendit in maner abonewritten: And ordanis moneyis to be borrowit be the thesaurer upon profeit, for defraying of the saids chargis, and what sumevir is to be expendit that way, and for relieff of the saids soumis to be borrowit, ordanis ane extent to be sett upon the nighboures of this burgh for relieff and repayment of whatsumevir soumes of money salbe expendit or employit be the thesaurer to that effect, conforme to the comptis to be givn in be the thesaurer theranent, and the annuelrents of the same, and that by such proportionnes and pairtis as salbe sett down be the Provest, Baillies, and Counsall, and Deacones of craftis of this burgh as salbe fittest both for thair releiff and the commoun guid and the ease of the nighbours.

Jan. 12.

The quhilk day the proveist, baillies, deyne of gild, thesaurer, counsall, and deykins of craftis being convenit in counsall, forsamikle as the said counsall haveing resolved for to mak all preparationnes that may tend to ane honorabill reception of his Majestie within this burgh, Thairfore, they appoint to consult and deliberat ther-

anent the proveist, baillies, deyn of gild, thesaurer, David Aikenheid, Thomas Charteres, Robert Achesoun, Johnne Smith, Joseph Marjoriebankes, Johnne Maknaught, James Cochran, Archibald Tod, Thomas Quhyte, James Danielstoun, and ordainis the saidis personnes to conveyne at all tymes requisite, and to appoint and tak ordour for the banquett, pages, and all uther thinges that may be incident to his Majesties receptioun.

Jan. 14.

The quhilk day Alexander Clerk of Stentoun, Provost, John Sincler, William Gray, James Murrey, and George Baillie, bailyies; being convenit in counsall, ratifies and approves the act of counsall maid the elevent of this instant anent his Majesties entrie, and soumes of money to be debursed thairupon, and releiff thairof be extent in all the heids, clauses, and circumstances thairof.

March 27,

Gild, Thesurer, Counsall and Deykens of craftis, being convenit in counsall, the counsall being myndit to intertain his Majesty with all the magnificence that lyes in thair power, Thairfore, they have concludit and resolved, that his Majesty sal be resaivit be such ane nomber of reid gownes, as they sall heirefter appoint.

April 5.

The quhilk day, the Provest, Baillies, Dean of Gild, Middings. Thesaurer, Counsall and Deykens of craftes, being convenit in counsall, finding the hie streettes and publict vennellis of this burgh to abound with all kynd of filth, to the reprotche of the toun, when strangeris does repair to the same, for remeid quhairof, it is statut and ordainit, that none presume nor tak upon hand to gather the said filth or middings in anie place, within this burgh, under the payne of Fyve pundis, and farder punishment of their personnes at the dis-And that all nichtbours cretioun of thair magistrattis. that sall have any filth or dirt to cast furth of thair houses, that they putt out the same before thair durris before sex houres in the morning ilk day, certifieng all such as sall cast furth any filth, after the said tyme, sall incurre ane unlaw of Fyve pundis toties quoties. And siclyke dischairges all persounes for casting out of thair drye saittes upon the hie streittes or vennellis, but that thai carye the same under nicht to remote and convenient places, out of the sicht of the people, under the payne of Fyve pundis, toties quoties. And ordaines this statute to be intimat throw this burgh, that nane pretend ignorance. nowers timerfore, they base conclude

The same day, forsamekle as it is statut and ordeynet that all the filth within the houses of this burgh be cast furth before sax houres in the morning, and that nane gather nor keip the same within anie plaice within this burgh. Thairfore ordainis the baillies to agree with some honest man, for keiping ane hors and kairt to goe through the town and taking up the filth cast furth of the housis of this burgh. As also because the said cairt cannot goe convenientlie through everie vennel. Thairfore ordaines other personnes to be appointed be the baillies to pas with quheill barrowes through the saids vennelles, and to catye the same to the foote or heid of the said closses, to be caryit away af the commoun streett, and the expenses debursit thereupone salbe allowit to theme in their comptes.

April 18.

The quhilk day Alexander Clerke of Stentoun, Provest, &c. being convenit in counsall, & the said counsall finding it expedient, that his Majestie sould not onlie be acquainted with the preparationnes maid and to be maid for his Majesties entrie to this toun, and his advyse to be craved anent such other thinges as wilbe incident theranent, but also to supplicat his Majestie anent all such thinges, as concernis the liberties and publict guid of this burgh. Thairfore, they have

elected and chosen, and electis and choises Maister Alexander Guthrie to be commissioner for thame, for passing to his Majestie anent the premisses, and ordainis the thesaurer to pay his chairges, and the same salbe allowit to him in his comptes, and ordainis these appointed for these affaires to sett down his instructionnis in all thinges. As: lykewayes ordainis ane commissions to be givin and sent to Sir Johnne Hay theranent, with ane letter desyring him to accept upone him the same, and if his plaice or uther occasionnes sall not suffer the same, that then his Lordship wald concurr with the said Maister Alexander in all thinges, and the provent and baillies to subserve the same, wherenent this presents salbe thair warrant.

Jun. 7.

The quality day, the Provest, Baillies, Deyne of Gild, Thesaucer, Compall, and Deykins of craftis, being convenit in counsell, ordanis James Lock, thesaurer, to pay to their four ordiner drummars, for their encounselgement and decorrement at his Majesties entrie and being here, the southe of ane hundreth markes, to be equallic dayydit amongst theme, and the same salbe allowit to the said thesaurer in his comptes.

Jul. 19.

The same day, for samekle as the Proveist, Baillies, & Counsall having convenit upon the twelft day of January last, with ane gritt nomber of the nighboures of this burgh of best qualitie, did resolve and ordayne his Majestie to be resaivit within this burgh in the most. magnificent and soleme maner could be devysit, and ordainit the Thesaurer to borrow such soumes of money for doeing thairof as he sould neid, as the act maid thareanent of the dait forsaid at more lenth beris. And the said Thesaurer haveing performit all and whatsumever was fund to be requisite, both for his Majesties receptioun, propyne, banquett, and ather thingis. prescryved to him, did advance, and upoune his owne credit, borrowed certain soumes of money, for repayment of ane pairt wherof, the said Thesaurer hes berrowit from Johnne Maknaght, the soume of four thousand merkis; from Maister Alexander Clerk, the soume of threttein thousand merkis, from Patrick Eleis, merchand, aught thousand merkis, from Robert Carnegye, ten thousand merkis, quherof the said Thesaurer grantit the resaitt from the particular persounes abonwrittin, And thairfor the said Proveist, Baillies, and Counsall, ordainis particular bands to be givin to the saidis persounes for thair saids soumes, to be payed

to theme at Martymes next, with the annuelrent for the same, and the Provest, Baillies, and Clerk to subscryve the same in thair names, with the which soumes, they ordaine the said thesaurer to be chairged in his comptes, and to be dischairged therwith againe, as givin out to the use foresaid, upon particular compt to be maid be him of the whole soumes of money bestowit be him upon his Majesties receptionne, propyne and banquet

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The quality day, the Baillies, Dene of Gild, Thesaurer, Counsill, and Deykins of craftis being convenit in counsill, ordanis James Loch, thesaurer, to pay to Stephan Tilliedass, musicioun, for setting and acting of the musick at Parnassus hill, and at his Majesties banquett, in satisfactioun of his paines, the hundreth merkis, and to Andro Sinclare, organist, for his paines and travellis in the same, and hundreth merkis, and the same sal be allowit to him in his comptes.

11.—ORDERS OF THE PRIVE COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND, RE-LATIVE TO THE KING'S RECEPTION.—1628—1683.

His Majesties rentis appoint to be imployed upour the repairing of his Majesties houses.

—July 17, 1628.

Forsameikill as the King's Majestie haveing by his letter directed to the Lords of his Privie Counsel, sign nified his Royall purpose and resolutioun, to honour this his ancient kingdome with his presence, God willing, in the month of September, now approaching, And whairs the honour and credite of the kingdome requires, that for his Majesteis contented receptions, his houses he renaired in that somelie and decent ordone. as the necessitie and conveniencie of the tyme will permitt, whiles workes will require present and readie money and daylie and weekelie debusements: Thairfoir, the saids Lords has concluded and ordained, and be this present act concludes and ordains, that the first and rediest of his Majesties moneyes, rents, and casualiteis of this kingdome sall be employed upon the necessar workes of the repairing of his Majesteis houses. And that these workes and the moneyes to be bestowed thairupoun, sall be preferred to all others payments whatsomever, Commanding heereby his Majesteis thesaurar, deputie-thesaurar and ressavers of his Majesteis rents, that they nor nane of thame answere nor make payment or delyverie of anie moneyes whatsomever to anie persoun or persouns, or to anie use, till first his Majesteis houses be repaired. Toward the reparatioun whairof, the saids Lords destinats the first and readiest of his Majesteis rents and casualiteis, notwithstanding of anie warrands or precepts to be directed in the contrare.

Warrand to the Thesaurair.

The Lords of Secret Counsell allowes his Majesteis thesaurar, to give licences for importing of ane hundreth and fiftie twnne of English beir, for furnishing of his Majesteis hous, provyding that the same be imported betuix and the tuentie-fourt day of August.

The Lords of Secreit Counsell ordains the clerk-register, Sir Henrie Wardlaw, to examine David Thomsoun his compt and charge for his Majesteis type vessell, and to considder and report what is wanting thairin, as alsua to sight his Majesteis wardrop, and to make a note of suche things as ar defective or wanting in the same.

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Direction to the Provest and Baillies of Edinburgh.

The whilk day, the proveist and bailleis of Edinburgh, comperand before his Majesteis Counsell, they were desired to advise with the counsell of thair toun, if moneyes might be had and lent upon good and sufficient securitie, for making a provisioun aganis his Majesteis heere comming, and to report the nixt counsell day.

Ane Missive ordanit to be written to his Majestie.

The whilk day it was thought meit, be the Lords of Privie Counsell, that are missive sould be writtin to his Majestie, and another to such of the nobilitie and counsell as ar with his Majestie, acquainting his Majestie and thame with the difficulteis and impediments, to have all preparations requisite, for the honour and credite of this kingdome, in readines aganis the appointed tyme of his Majesteis heere comming, and it was thought meit, that Mr Dauid Fullertour, sould be directed with all diligence to court with thir letters.

Warrand to the Lord Thesaurair.—July 18, 1628.

The Lords of Secreit Counsell, for the better disposing and ordouring of all things concerning his Majesties hous and equire aganis his Hienes heere cuming,

nominate and appoints the Erle of Mar, lord thesaurar. the Erle of Hadintoun, lond privie scale, if his health will permit, the Lord Erskine, the bishop of Dumblane, the clerk register, and Sir John Scot, and suche of thame as sall be present for the tyme, with Sir William Seatoun, Sir James Dundas, John Areskine, of Balgonie, Sir Henrie Wardlaw, and James Durhame of Pittarrow, Mr James Aittoun, and Mr John Drummond, to conveene and meete at suche tymes and plaices, and sua oft as they sall be wairned be the Lord Thesausair, or bethis directions. And at their meetings, to informe thameselfs, who served the late King at his being in this cuntrie, how manie of thamerar alyve, and who ar dead, and to deale with thame who ar alyve, to accept that same charge and service appour thame, wherein they servit his Majesteis leit father. And if they refine to place others in their rownes, and to appoint some to supplies the rowne of these who ar dead, and to prescryve rules, and to: give directious in all and everie thing concerning the provisioun and furnishing of his Majesteis hous.

Nomination of the maisters of Houshold.

The whilk day it is thought meet, that the Liord Colvill, the laird of Lochinvar, Harie Areskine, Sin William Seatoun, and Sir James Dundas, sall be maisters of houshold to his Majestie during his abode here.

Directioun to the Lyoun Herauld.

The Lords ordanis the lyoun herauld, who was present, to informe himselffe aganis Monday nixt, what hes beene the ancient forme of Coronatioun of the Kings of this kingdome, and to report the said day.

Proclamation aganis the slaughter of wylde foule.—July 21, 1628.

Forsameikill as the Kings Majestie has resolved, God willing, to repaire verie shortlie to this his ancient kingdome for some great and important effaires concerning his Majestie in honour and estait; And whairas the credite and reputation of the countrie requires that his Majestie and his trayne be weill and abundant-lie furnished with all kynde of wylde foule duiring the tyme of his abode heere yit the Lords of Secreit Counsell ar informed that thair is a verie great slaughter and destruction of the said wylde foule of all sorts, both young and old, throughout all the pairts of the kingdome; And if some course be not take for preventing and staying the forder destruction of the same, it is verie lykelie that few or name

will be had to furnishe his Majesteis hous the tyme of his heere being: Thairfoir the saids Lords ordains letters to be direct, To command, charge, and inhibite all and sindrie his Majesteis lieges and subjects, be opin proclamatious at the mercat croces of the heid burrowes of this kingdome, and others plaices needfull, that name of thame prescome, nor take vpoun hand, to take or slay anie powtes, or anie vther kynde of wylde foule, vntill the tyme of his Majesteis comming in this kingdome, vnder the paine of fortie punds, to be incurred be everie persoun and persouns contraveening, so oft as they sall happin to contraveene: As alsua, to command, charge, and inhibite all and sindrie his Majesteis lieges and subjects, that nane of them presoome nor take vpon hand, in this meane tyme, to buy nor eate anie kynde of powtes, or wylde foule, bot that they absteane thameselffes thairfra, to the intent the same may be the more abundant and plentifull the tyme of his Majesteis heere being, vnder the pane of twentie punds, to be incurred be everie persoun or persouns contraveening thir presents, so oft as they sall failyie, Certifeing thame that sall doe in the contrair of the premises, that the paines respective foresaids sall be inflicted vpoun thame without favour: And siclyke, to command and charge all and sindrie stewarts, provests, and bailleis, within burgh, that they and everie

ane of thame within the bounds of their severall offices and jurisdictions, have a specialic care and regaird to see thir presents observed in every point; and that they cans attend their mercats and see that no kynde of wylde foule, young nor old, be bought nor sauld within the same; And whair they sall happin to discover anie contraveening of thir presents, that they take special notice of thame, and punish thame according-lie; And that they notifie thair names to his Majesteis counsell, to the intent the paines forsaids may be uplifted of thame with rigour.

Extract of a letter from the Privy Council to the King.—July 24, 1628.

And tuicheing the tyme of your Majesteis most wished heere comming, It is resolved by the voyces of the whole table, that the end of the Spring will be fittest for that earand: All whilks submitting to your most judicious and royall consideratioun, and humblie beseeking your Majesteis to let us have the significatioun of your Majesteis royall pleasure heeranent with suche diligence as your Majesteis others effaires will permit, We pray, &c.—Halyruidhous, primo Augusti 1628. Subscribitur, Mar, Monteith, Hadinton, Winton, Perth, Lorne, Areskine, Dumblane, Sir Thomas Hoip, Hamiltoun, Sir Johne Scot.

Act in favours of the Provest and Baillies of Edinburgh anent the Kings Bark.—Dec. 11, 1628.

Anent the supplication presentit to the Lords of Secreit Counsale, be the provest and baillies of Edinburgh, Makand mention, that whair when our lait Soverane Lord come to this kingdome, they built ane bark for his Majesties transport betwix the ferry is. And it was our Soverane now present his pleasure, that they sould doe the lyke againe his Majesties heere cuming, whilk in all submissive and deutifull obedience, the saids supplicants ar willing to performe. Bot they are informed that thair is some other course intendit for his Majesties service in this point, whereunto (if so be his Majesties pleasure) they are willing in all humilitie to acquiesce. Humbly desyring tharfore, the said Lords to lat thayme know how to carie thameselfis in this matter, lyke as at mair lenth is contenit in the said supplication; quhairupoun Alexander, Erle of Linlithgow, Lord High Admirall of this kingdome, being heard, and he being demandit if he had anie purpose or intention to doe anie thing in this mater, he declaired that the charge of that bussines belonged unto him as his Majesties admirall, and that he would doe thairin that whilk to the deutie and credite of his place and charge apperteanned for his Majesties honnour and contentment. In respect of the whilk declaration made be the Lord Admirall, The Lords of Secreit Counsall exoners and releeves the saidis supplicants of all blame, cryme, and imputation, that may be imputed aganis thame, or layed to thair charge, for not preparing of ane bark for his Majesties transport betwix the ferryes, and declares thame to be fred and exonered thairof for ever.

Warrand for bigging up the east style of Haly-ruidhouse kirk-yaird.—Feb. 26, 1629.

Forsameikill as the Lords of Secreit Counsall, considering how that thir divers yeeres bygane, the people repairing to the burgh of Edinburgh, from Mussilburgh, Fisherraw, and other pairts in East Lothiane, hes maid thair ordinarie passage throw the kirk-yard of Halyruidhous, whilk they defyle with filth and otherwayis, especiallie at the verie side of the kirk, and direct under the windowes of his Majesties galrie of Halyruidhouse, whilk will be verie unseemlie to be sene be strangers the time of his Majesties heere being: Thairfore the saids Lords, upon the consideration foresaid, and upoun many othir good respects, hes thought meit and expedient, commanded and ordained, that the east style, leading to the church-yard of the

said kirk sall be closed and built up with stone and lyme, for restrayning of the passage of people throw the said kirk-yaird, whilk is no hie nor ordinarie way. Anent the closing and building up of the whilk style, this present act sall be unto these whome it concerns a sufficient warrand.

March 5, 1629.

The Lords of Secreit Counsell, remembring that the Admirall-Magistrats of the burgh of Edinburgh made offer to prepare a pinnace upoun their awin charges, for transporting of his Majestie to and fra Leith, Bruntilland, and Kinghorne; and that the Erle of Linlithgow, Lord Admirall, opposed the same, and undertooke the burden thairof as ane point proper to his charge; Thairfore the Lordis finds, that if his Majesties admirall has or will build a pinnace for that service, that he must doe it upon his awin charges, and that his Majesties coffers must not be burdeined thairwith.

Directious to the schireff of Edinburgh ament the Hiewayes.—March 26, 1629.

Forsameikill as the Kings Majestie is resolved, God willing, to homour this his ancient kingdome with his royall presence this present yeers, and for this effect has recommendit to the Lords of his Privie Counsell

withit present ordown land almosticing becgiving that the the respectation quality dis Majestie in to trayel, be made faire and passable for concheinand; otherwayes: -And whereas, the following out of this haseines hes - beene committed to some pregall persons of outboritie and place under his Majestie in eache, Shipsdome. The Lords of Secreit Counsell, theirfoir, hes made choise of the shireff principall of Edinburgh, and the econverner of other Justices of peach within the said shiredione; to survey the big way and passing bratiz -Edgebuckline bery, and the water of Admining and for des gariage that the the characteristic and caleging and ymending whithe carrier And, their birothin Lorde, of Segrait Counsell guilanie letterie to be direct changing Sie James McGill of Countenaidell shireff principal of Edinburgh, and Sir George Forrester of Corstorphine, conveener of the Justices of peace within the said shirefdome, to appoint some short day, where and when they, with some others of the Justices of peace mithin the said shirefilome, sall meit, and so caus ty--mous restning to be made voto thane for that effect; And that they ryde the commont his way and passage within the acide bounds throw the applicks his Majesthe in the payment lebusides what insire, theireforeids -minblement of the lattle is in the contract of the contract o Alternative desired and appropriate that they mand in the body and appropriate that they mand the body and appropriate the control of the con

the forme and ordour whilk they thinke fittest how the saids wayes may be repaired by the travellis and charges of the inhabitants within the nixt adjacent parishes; And that they appoint overseers to see that peace of service outred, appointing the same to be performed and perfytted betuix and the twentie day of Apryle; and that they compeir personallie before the Lords of his Mejesties Privie Counsell vpoun the fyftene day of Apryle nixt to come, and make a report of their dilizence in the premises, and of the chedience of the inhabitants within the saids bounds to their directjours, to the intent that if anie thing be then unperfyte, these who sall be found to be negligent may be consured and punished accordinglie, under the pane of rebellionn, and putting of thame to the home, with certificatioun, &c.

Anent the hie wayes within the bounds of the shirefdome of Edinburgh.—April 15, 1629.

Forsameikill as the Shireff of Edinburgh, and some of the Justices of peace within the said shirefdome, commissioners nominat be the Lords of Privie Counsell, for sighting of the hie wayes and passages within the bounds of the shirefdome of Edinburgh, throw the whilks his Majestia is to travell, and for causing the same to be enlarged and mandit; and made passable

for hors and coaches, they have verie codourlie and discreitlie proceedit in this busines, and hes while, proscryved and sett doun the forme and ordour how the saids wayed sall be enlarged and mended; as namelia, they have found that the his way betuin the Wakers hole at St. Ninians Raw, at Leith. Wynderfoote, sell be enlarged, helped, and mended, bothe inhabitanta of the paroching following; as is after dividit, viz. fix the east end of the lang gait to the Cout, Bridge, and fin the calsey end at the West Porte thairte, be the panochiners of St Cathberts, at the sight of the Laird of Braid and Sir Williame Nishitt; and his the Cowt Bifflige to the ferrie guit be west Coustorphine, be the parochins of Corstorphine, Crawmond, Hales, and Currie; at the sight of the lairds of Corstonshine, Culintoun, Gogar, and Graycruick; and fit the fewie gait to the water of Almound, be the parochins of Rathow, Kirknewtoun, Calder, and Kirklistoun, on the east side of the said water of Almound, quhilk lyes within this shirefdome, at the sight of Sir Johne Dalmahoy, Alexander Inglis of Rottonraw, and Johne Libbertoun, baillie of Kirknewtoun; and that the life way betuix Clockemylne and the Magdalene bridge is fitt to be 'helped and mended be the inhabitants of the parishes of Restairig, Duddingstouri, Inueresk, Libbertoun, and Newtoun, at the sight of Henrie Willitt, portioner of Restairig, Thomas Thomsonn of Duddingstonn, Hay of Montoun, James Rig of Carbarrie, and bailleis of Mussilburgh, personne thought fitt to be overseers of the said worker And they find it expedient, that the inhabitants within the painthes foresaids sould come to the requiring of the saids hie wayes furnished with materokes, gavelockes, hurlebenrowes, which harrowes, setuille, oreille, skulle, and uthere necessarie instrumentacità for impairing of the saids wayes; and that they sailed follow firth, performe, and fulfill suche ordour and injunctiouss as sall be sett down to theme therement be the saids overseers; As alsus, they find that the peece way betain the Corse Calsey, be north St Cuthberts kirk and the West Port of Edinburgh, sucht and sould be mendit be the burgh of Edinburgh, as in ane act made to this effect at lenth is conteanit. And whereas the saids commissioners hes tane so great panes and travellis in this bussines, and hes so wiselie and moderatlie prescryved and sett down the forme and ordonr how the saids passages and wayes sall be mendit and enlarged as said is Necessar it is that the course prescryved be thame be followed out be these whome it apperteanes; And thairfoir, ordains letteris to be direct, charging all and sindrie noblemen, banouse, and maschiners, unto whome the chappe of this service is injoyaned, that they and everic one of theme, for their swin pairts, doesnot performed that paint of deutie, in the said service whilk to the manappertenance, and whilk is injoyand wate theme product they make no shift, excuse, nor delay, more whatsomever cullour of pretext sa they and like and of theme will answere upon the contrarie, at their highest penals, and under the pass to be called personal and punished ed, in their personal and goods, at the administration his Majesties; counsell, sa his denote a failure Majesties; counsell, sa his denote a failure Majesties.

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ing) the nixt Sommer, to that our uncient kingdome, for receaving our Crown, and holding a Parliament there, having written unto you, that a speciall and timely care might be had for giving order to provide in generall for all things necessarie and decent for our receptioun and interteanement during our abode there. Bot becaus there be diverse things in particular, concerning our interteanement, whereof, in a peculiar maner, a speciall care sould be had by our Thesaurers, principall and deputie, upon whome we have now imposed a charge thereof, and that the tymely foreseing and provyding for the same, will require more then ane ordinar care and burdein: Our pleasure is, that frome tyme to tyme, as our saids officers or anie of thame sall have occasioun to require your advice and aide, you furthwith assist and concurre with theme, or anie of them in the speedie execution of what we have particularlie imposed upon thame, or in anie other thing you sall finde requisite for our service in that kynd. We bid you farewill from our Court at Whitehall, the 28th of duration in Posts within the si December, 1632.

Charges anept fed nolt.—Jan. 10, 1633.

Forsameekle as a littill before our Sourrane Lords derrest father of famous and blessed memorie, come to this kingdome in the 1617 peers of God, the Magis-

trats of the burrowes and touns particularlie underwrittin, undertook to cause feed and have in readines, the nomber of fed nolt underwrittin, aganis his Majesteis coming. They ar to say the burgh of Perth, sax score fed nolt. The burgh of Dundie, 300 fed nolt. burgh of Stirline, 20 ky, and 20 veillis. The citie of of Glasgow, 300 fed nolt. The citie of St Andrews, 60 fed nolt. The burgh of Couper 24 fed nolt. toun of Alloway, 30 fed nolt. The burgh of Dumfermeline, 7 fed nolt, 16 ky, 12 young oxen. The burgh of Inuerkeithing, 10 fed nolt. The burgh of Dysert, 12 fed nolt. The burgh of Pittenweme, 10 fed nolt. burgh of Anstruther Wester, 4 fed nolt. The burgh of Anstruther Easter, 12 fed nolt. The burgh of Monrose, 36 fed nolt. The citie of Brechin, 100 fed nolt. The burgh of Forfar, 20 fed nolt. Kyllimure, 32 fed nolt. The burgh of Linlithgow, 24 fed nolt, and 24 young oxen. The toun of Dalkeith, 20 fed nolt and ky. The toun of Mussilburgh, 12 fed nolt. The toun of Newbottill, 30 fed nolt. And the Justices of Peace, within the shirrefdome of Perth, sevinscore fed nolt. And whereas the Kingis Majestie is resolved, God willing, to satisfie the lang wishes of his good and loving subjects, this homeousing of this his anciene kingdome, with his revall presence this approaching springerthere the the lylic recessitio for

the credite and reputations of the hingdoine, and for hid: Majesteis contentell receptions linere, That sufficient provisious be made of all things necessar for the furnishing of his Majesteis hous and tryre. Thairfore ordanis letters to be direct, to command and charge the provest and baillers of the burrewes and tours, particularlie abonewrittin, To compeir be ane of their nomber, sufficientlie instructed, and Sir Patrick Ogilvie of Inchemartine, conveener of the Justices of Peace within the sherefdome of Perth, "To compeir personallie before the Lords of Printe Counsel, upon the 24 day of Januar instant, To resolve and assure the saids Lords what nomber of fed nolt they will undertake and promise to have in readinesse again his Majestais heere comming, under the pane of rebellious, &c. with certificatioun, &c.

Charges anent Lodgings.

Forsamcikle as the Kingis Majestic is resolved, God willing, to homour this his ancient kingdome with his royall presence, this approaching sommer. And whereas it imports verie muche to the honnour and credite of the kingdome, that his Majestics tryne and followers, among whome there will be a great nomber of the nobilitie, and of others persons of good ranke and qualitie of the kingdome of England, be commo-

diouslie and lunishmelle subgraduin all the tounes whereshild Majostie will reside for shootymes sail that these downs be weilt and sufficientlie furnished with all kynde off viscos and provisions for such and diares That thin ladgings bearlesse, hardsome, and nester That the badding and insperie the deeperand weill smalled: That the puter vessels be of spifficient largenessed That no alth nor middings be seene upon their right, and itshit one saggest he seems upon their bounds. And seeing his Majestic will honour the tours following; to wit, Edinburgh and the Cannogait, Linlithgow, Stirline, Dumfermline and Falkland, with his royall presence, And that, during his Majesties stay at Dunglas ane great part of his tryne and followers must be lodged in Dunbar and Haddington, and during his abode in Seaton, some of his tryne must be lodged at Tranent, Mussilburgh, and Dalkeith: Thairfoir it becomes thane tymouslie to foresee and to provide, that there be no enlaike of anie kynde of provisioun and furnishing in their tours, and that all things be so orderlie and handsomelie prepared and dressed within the same as may give his Majestie and histryne contentment. And, for this effect, ordanis letters to be direct, charging the proveists and baillies of the burrowes and tounes, particularlie above written, as alsua the baillies of Leith, West Port, and Potterraw, to compeir be

and of their anappr sufficientlie instructed for their tour, before the Lords of Privie Counsell, upon the 24 of Januar instant, and to bring and produce with theme and perfyte catalogue and roll of the hail lodgings and stables within their somes, and what nomber of nessons reveries ladging will commodiouslie and convenientie lodge, and what number of horses their stables will containe: And that the said catalogue and roll conteme: the names of the persons, awners of the saids lodgings and stables, and in what pasts of their towns the saids dedgings and stables or, and to underly suche forder order as sell be enjoyined unto theme both anent the keeping of their some cleans frome filth, and provyding the same sufficientlie with all kynds of furniture for men and hers; and anent such others things as sall be prescryved and enjoyned unto theme, vnder the pane of schellioun, &c. With certification, &c.

Charges aganis Persons dwelling in the Palaces of Halyrudhous, Linlithgow, Falkland, &c....

Jan. 31.

Forsameikle as it is verie necessar and expedient, for the better accommodating and loadging of his Majestic and his trune, in his Majestica awin housis of the cautes of Edinburgh and Stirline, and of his palaces of Lintitle.

gow, Falkland, Dumfermline, and Halyredhous, that all -persons who dwellis within the saids houssis, or possessis any roumis or chambers within the same, sall remove thameselfis their servants and goods furth thairof. and leave the same vaide and red, and delyver the keyes theirof to his Majesties thesaurer, or deputie thengurer or to the maister of his Majesties warkis, to the intent that all the saids houses may be readic and patent to his Majesties harbinger, and that he may designe and appoint the same to such of his Majestics trynnusche sell think meets Thanfor, ordanis letters toobe dissit, other ging all persons dwelling within any of his Majostian double formids, &c. to remove thameselfis, their servants, and proda forth thair of &c. Inc. turnique l'ece a so on l'exet al 1 militie e la success Proclamation anent Lodgings in the Canongait. Feb. 28; and amount to simple according

Forasmeikle as the Lords of Secreit Counsell ar informed, that the whole, or most pairt of the lodging and stables within the Cannogait ar alreadie tane up be some persones of this kingdome, so that suche of his Majesties tryne and followers as necessarilie must be lodged neare his Majesties published the his abode at Halyrudhous will not be commodicable at commodat in lodgings and stables within the said Cannogait, but will be constrained to seek their todgings in

remote and farr places from his Majesties hous and palace, to the disappointing and neglecting of his Majesties service, which will not onlie be offensive to his Majestie, but will be agrest discredit to the countrie, that his Majesties proper domesticks, who must necesaccidie attend his royall personn, sall be disappointed of their ladgings: Thanfoir the Lords of Secret Counsell has thought meit, heisby to intimat and declare, that all these who her tane, or myndes to take lodgings, and stables in the Cannoguit, that they will be frustrate and disappointed of their intents, and that all the saids lodgings and stables will be tane up and marked for his Majesties owne tryne and followers, be his Majesties harbingers, at their heere coming. ordains letters to be direct to mak publication hereof be open proclamatioun, at the mercat cross of Edinburgh, and the Cannogait, and to warne all persones who has tane or myndes to take lodgings and stables in the Canengait, that they provide thameselfles of lodgings and stables, otherwayes assuring thame that they will be disapprointed, and that the saids lodgings and stables will be tone up and marked for his Majesties trype and followers. errorg acousting robins in subjection of the contraction within the second Warrand to take the Heads aff the West Port.

—Mar. 14.

The Lords of Segreit Counsell, in regards of the soil lemniteis and showes qubilks ar to be made by the Magistrats of the burgh of Edinburgh, at the West-port of the said burgh; at his Majestics entrie within the same gives warrand and allowance be the presents to the propert and buillies of Edinburgh; to cause tak aff the hands to seems male factours whilks are set up upon the said West-part, quheramput this presents said be to thame are invarrantly.

Anent his Majesties entrie in Edupational and Cobonations, June 12, 1638, 37 Cro

The Lords of Secreit Counsell having taking to Grain considerations the forms and order fitting to be obtained at his Majestiss entrie within the burgh of Edin burgh, it is thought made that the Scottish nobilitie sall preceed and ryde immediather before his Majestie, and that the English mobilitie sall syde behind his Majestie, and that the nobilitie sall syde behind his Majestie, and that the nobilitie sall syde behind his Majestie, and that the nobilitie sall syde behind his Majestie, and that the nobilitie sall syde behind his Majestie, and that the nobilitie sall syde behind his Majestie, and that the Majestie without mixing with the gentrie, and that the Majestie of the syde in order without presse or confusioun.

The Lords thinke fit that his Majestie, about the west end of the long gait neere to St Cuthbert's church, sall take his great horse, whereupon he is to enter in the toun, and that the heretour and tennent of the ground sall be satisfied of the skaith whilk they sall susteane upon that occasioun.

That a sword be carried before his Majostic at his entrie within the toun, and that the same be delyvered be the Lord Chamberlane to such a mobleman as the King sall appoint for the carrying thair of

Anent the carrying of the canopie, the tyme of his Majesties Coronatioun, it is thought meit that there be ane list of twelffe noblemens sones presentit to his Majestie, to the intent his Majestie may out of these make choise of sax for the service foresaid.

It is thought meit, that the haill noblemen and bishops, with sax commissioners for the gentrie, and sax for the burrowes, sall, that morning of the coronations, goe to the Kings presence, and there make tender of their dewtie in name of the estaits, in the words set down in the books, of the coronations, quhilk speeche sall be delyvered be the Lord Chancellor.

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That his Majestie be consulted anent the order and place to be keeped be the Lords Chancellor and Constable in thair ryding, the time of the entrie, coronatioun, and parliament, as lykeways anent the place and order of ryding of the bishops the tymes foresaids.

Remitts to his Majestie who sall be almoner the day of the coronatioun.

That the honouris be carried be the same persons at the coronatioun who ar to carrie the same at the Parliament, to witt, the eldest in creation.

Remitts to his Majestie who sall carrie the spurres.

The apparrelling and disrobing of his Majestie, the day of the coronatioun, and during the action thereof, belongs to the Lord Chamberlane in the right of his office.

The girding of the King with the sword, as lykewayes the drawing of the sword perteanes to the Constable.

The presenting to his Majestie of the Temporal Lords, who ar to give thair oath, and kisse his Majesties cheeke, is dew to be done be the Constable.

June 13.

The Lords of Secreit Counsell ordanis, that no coaché enter within his Majesties court with more then foure horsis.

The Lords of Secreit Counsell ordanis and commands the Provest and Baillies of Edinburgh, to caus take down the gallowes and malefactor hanged thereon at the east end of the linkes.

The Lords thinkes it meit, that the Magistrats of Edinburgh, and the Erle of Roxburgh, as superiour of the Canongait, be required to provide sand in abundance for covering thair streits, As lykewayes, that they be remembered anent the extortioun of chamber maillis within thair bounds.

The Lords thinkes fit, that the trumpetters, the day of his Majesties entrie, meit his Majeste, and sound upon the linkes of Leith.

The Lords thinkes meit, that the gentlemen pensioners sall forbeare to ryde or attend his Majesteis person the tyme of his entrie and coronatioun.

Apud Dalkeith, 14th June 1633.

The whilk day the Kings Majestie, with the advice of the Lords of his Secreit Counsell, has thought meit and expedient, concluded and ordained, that, for his Majesties more statelie and orderlie entrie within the burgh of Edinburgh, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and others who by thair charge and place owes attendance at that action, sall convein and meit his Majestie upon the long gait, at one of the cloke in the afternoone, where they sall be marishalled and ranked according to thair dignitie and place, and sall ryde and accompanie his Majestie at his entrie within the said burgh, and conduct him to his palace of Halyrudhous, in the manner and order following, to witt, the Marques of Hamilton, as maister of the horses sall ryde a little behind his Majestie, leading ane horse of state; the Erle of Erroll, by his Majesties appointment sall receave from the Lord Chamberlane, ane shethed sword, which the said Erle sall carie immediatlie before his Majestie, and sall ryde upon the Chamberlane his right hand; nixt unto thame Lyoun king at armes, and such of his brethren as he sall make choise of; then the Ischer before him, the Almoner, and Master of Requeists; nixt to thame, the Lords Chancillor and

Thesaurer; then the twa Archbishops; nixt to thame, the Eries and Viscounts, then the Bishops, and last, the Lords. And that the toun of Edinburgh sall have a standing guaird upon either side of the streit; which sall not budge nor remove fra the tyme of his Majesties entering within the West Port, till he pas furth of the liberties of the said toun, and that the volly to be given be the Castell of Edinburgh sall begin, and be fullie delywered between the tyme of his Majesties entering upon the long gair, and his coming to the place appointed for taking of his great horse, whereupon he is to make his entrie within the said toun.

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III.—The Order of Kengs Charles entring edinburgh in stait, at the west porte, and his marche throughe the toune to halveudhous.—June 15, 1633.*

Squires.

Knights.

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Bischops in facte cloths of black velvatts viz. Dunkalden Alin in Aberdein's place being absent, Mauray, Dunklaints Cathhees, Orkusy.

Viscounts...

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| Annandaill | & | Seaforte, |
| Roxbrughe | & | Abercorne, |
| Kingorne | & | Wigtone, |
| Dumfermline | & | Perth, |
| Linlithgow | & | Wintone, |
| Casselis | & . | Egliptowne, |
| Buchane | & | Angus. |
| Archbisch | op of | Glasgow. |

Earl of Haddingtonin; Privic Scall.

Morton, Thesaurer.

Dapline, Chancellour.

Five Serjants at Arms, with ther gilded maisses.

[·] From a MS., Advocate's Library, in the hand-writing of Sir James Balfour.

Yorke, Hanteld of Incland.

Sir Sees Mondis, two and two.

Norrey, King of Armes of England.

Maister of Requirement

Two Gentlemen Ushers, and betwint them
Six Japans Balfour, Laren King of Armes.

Earl Marishall.

Duke of Lennox, Great Chamberlaine of Scotland, and of his Majestys Householde.

Earl of Erole Grate Constable of Scotland, bearing one shaithed sword, THE KINGS MAJESTIE,

On a greate horse, richlie furnished with caparisones, footcloth, and sadell, enthredered with pearle and panasches of roid and qubyte fethers.

The Marquis of Hamiltonne, Master of the Horse to his Majestie, on ane horse richlie furnished.

Then Four Gentlemen of the Equiry,

Leading ane horse of Stait, most richlie ordered.

Then followed the Englische, two and two, in order, on grate homes.

Gentlemen of his Majesties Privie Chamber, two and two, in order.

Earle of Suffolke, Captaine of the Pensioners. Gentlemen Pensioners, in order, with their staves. Earle of Holland, Captaine of the Guard.

Yeomen of the Guard, two and two, in order.

June 15, 1633.

Quhen His Majestic was entred the Long-way, and all his company and trains were commanded to march forward to the entrey of the towne, viz. the West Port, there are a grate contest betwixt the elder sonnes of Escles, and the Lords of Thetherent, ment the place of precedency. So that his Majestie was franch to stand will. The Lords Dalheith, Settone, Fleming, and Livingstonne, Binnings, the sidest sources of the Earls Morton, Wintoun, Wigtoun, Limithgow, and Haddingtone, wald nexte preceid and goe before the Lords of Pusliment, viz. Lindesay, Yester, Spynie, Burlie, and Wesses, and the remanent of them. The business being agitat in his Majesties presence, a longe type base sade, in presence of the Duck of Lemox, Marques of Hamiltoune, Lord Chancellour, Thomsurer, and Privic Seal and quholic remanent of the Scotts and English Nobilitie, His Sacred Majestie ordained the Lords Earles eldest sonnes, to prescid and take place before the Lords of Parliament in all places, and at all tymes helrafter, Parliaments and Generall Counsells only excepted.

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King Charles the Second.

NOTICES FROM THE RECORDS OF THE TOWN-COUNCIL, RE-LATIVE TO HIS MAJESTY'S WELCOME AND REGERTION.—— 1650.

July 5, 1650.

Thomsone, Robert Lackhart, baillies, &c. being convened in counsell, Appeyatis the baillie John Bynnie, Dean of Gild, George Suittie, James Ruchied, David Wilkie, Johnne Denham, James Eillies, James Borthuick, Gilbert Sommervell, and Michael Gibsone, to be a committee of the counsell to advyse upon the best way for peyment of the tounis proportioun of the fourscoir thousand merkis for the chairges of the Kings hous; As also, to advyse quhat is incumbent to be done at this tyme bettee good toun for welcomeing the Kings Majestie, and wpoun the best wey of defraying the expensis therof, and to report their epinions, and to convein the counsell extraordinarlie for that effect.

July 9. 1650.

The quhilk day, Sir James Stewart, provest, &c. being convened in counsell, appoyntis the provest and sex utheris of the counsell to be sent to the King to congratulat his Majesties arryvell, and invite him to this brugh, quherof four merchandis and twa craftes, and these persones to be chosen to morrow, And sieing the counsell finds it a necessitie that some considerable soume of money be advanced for defrayeing the expensis of the Kings comeing to this toun, Thairfoir doe appoynt that the counsell convein to morrow morneing tymeous, and that ilk baillie wairne the nighbouris in ther owen quarteris to be present at the counsell to advance with them upoun the best way for raiseing therof.

July 10, 1650.

The quhilk day, Sir James Stewart, provest, &c. toge-Consent of the nighbouris, Andro Sympsoun, nighbours &c. and many utheris being convened in counsell his Manageria, and taking to their serious consideratioun, That now the Kings Majestie being come to this kingdome by the good providence of God, throw many difficulties and dangeris, and haveing given all satisfactioun to the desyres of this kirk and kingdome for the good of reli-

gion and the peace and securitie of his kingdoms, That therfoir there lyeth upoun this citie a dewtie to congratulat his Majesties safe arryveall to this his auncient kingdome, and to invite his Majestie to this citie, and to welcome and resave his Majestie quhen he sall be pleased to come to the same with all honorabill solemnities can be thoght upoun; that no dewtie, honor, nor testimonie of respect, loyaltie, or affectioun, may be wanting to his Majestie, quhich wes done to any of his predecessors. And the wholl nighbouris conceiving themselfis bund in dewtie to contribute to the uttermost of their estates, quhat sall be necessarie or fitting to testifie thair loyaltie, affectioun, and cordiall respects to his Majestie, and that in such maner as sall be most for the credite and honor of this his Majesties auncient and metropolitane citie, did most unanimouslie and cheirfullie refer to the counsell to determine, in their wisdome, the manner of his Majesties invitatioun, receptioun and welcome, with all solemnities and honorarie acknowledgments necessarie, and the soumes of money to be bestowed, expendit, and debursit therupoun, with the way and maner how the samen soumes sall be raised and repayed, consenting to the borrowing of such soumes of money as the Counsell sall find necessarie for the purposes afoirsaid. Quherupoun the counsell, efter mature deliberatioun, finding it ne-

esserie for the honor of this brush, that a certaine southe of money be borrowed for the honorabill ends afoirsaid, and resolving to keep within the chairges expendit in former tymes upon the dyk occasions, in respect of the present burdens lying upoun the brush, and upon the wholl kingdome, doe conclude and determine, that the wholl expensis towards the Kings hoperabili invitatioun, receptious, and welcome, sall not exceld fysic thousand merkis. And nichk, the nichbourishesoir named, understanding the necessitie of hustening the perfyting of the fortifications of Leith for the weilfare of this brugh and this part of the kingdome, in respect of the approch of the Sectarian armie to this kingdome, doe consent to the borrowing of fiften hundreth pund Sterling, for compleiting of the saids fortificatiounis: And finallie, the nighbouris being informed that the reparatioun of the castle, and uther necessaries for the publict service, there will be a necessitie of present advance of a considerable part of the tounes proportioun of the fourscoir of thousand merkis imposed upoun the burrowis, in lieu of their proportioun of the levie of horse, extending the said proportioun to the soume of twentie eight thousand aught hundreth merkis, quhick is to be payed be the nighbouris in the maner accustomed in former levies; Thairfor, they also consent to the borrowing of such partia of the

said twentic eight thousand aught hundreth merkis, as the committee of estates urge, to be payed and advanced presentlie, in respect they fear the said soums will not be gotten in tymeouslie from the nichbouris: All quich being seriously considered be the Counsell, Thairfoir, with consent as is afoirsaid, they doe appoynt the thessurer to borrow money for the severall ends and uses befoirmentionat, and that the Lord Provest, Raillies, Dean of Gild, Theseurer, and commoun Clerk, subscrive hands in name of the good team therupous, Quineraneat their presents sail be their warsand.

The same day electis Sir James Stewart, Lord Provest, Robert Fowlis, Robert Lockhart, Baillies, James Rucheid, David Wilkie, merchandis, James Borthwick, and Gilbert Sommervell, of the counsell, to goe in commissioun to his Majestie at Falkland, and to congratulat his Majesties comeing, and to invite him to this burgh, Quheranent thir presents sall be their warrand.

July 31.

The same day the Counsell being informed that the Kings Majestic haveing come laitlie to Leith unexpectedlie, is advised to remove from thence, for the saftie of his Royall persone, in respect of the nairnes of the epemie to that place. Whairfoir they appoynt the

Baillie John Binnie and Robert Lockhart to goe to Leith, and be advice of Mr Robert Dowglas, and others of our ministers, to learne if his Majestie intendis to come to this toun befoir his pairting from this syde of the watter. And quhen his Majestie sall come to this toun, ordaines the soume of twentie thousand merkis to be given be the Provest to his Majestie at the Port, as a testimonie of their humble respects and loyall affectioun to his Majestie, and of ther reddines to offer up their lyfis and fortounes for his Majesties service, in the preservatious of religious, king, and kingdome, and ordaines the thesaurer to have the said soume in reddines out of the first end of the money borrowed fra the nighbouris, and that he prepaire all uther things necessarie for his Majestie's honorabill welcome and receptioun in this brugh quhen he comes, as can be done upoun this present unexpected occasioun, Quhereanent thir presents sall be to him a sufficient warrand.

Aug. 7.

The same day ordaines the thesaurer, John Liddell, to pay to William Shaw, merchand, four hunder threttie thrie pund sexten shilling aught penyes, for the expensis of the desert bestowed upon his Majestie, on Fryday last, the second of this instant, conforme to the accompt therof, Quhereanent thir presents sall be his warrand.